



WALSH-VAN DYKE SYSTEM

Accurate planning of work that is more complex and wearying than ever faced by an Oregon legislature, consumed the first four weeks of the present session.

Everything is now set for rapid strides.

Senate President William E. Walsh and Speaker of the House Frank J. VanDyke have done signal jobs in systematizing the voluminous labors confronting the legislators.

In the ways and means committee alone there are 26,000 budget items on which decisions must be made. Many of them require days of research and hours of study and discussion.

Slash and screen as they will these committees are barely holding their own in keeping the budget on an even keel. Provoking deficiencies caused by zooming food costs and operating expenses during the past two years are blanking out gains being made by the economic efforts of the committees.

Here are some of the kibitzers that are bothering legislators: First is the \$38 million deficit in the budget.

A \$55 million bonus program for veterans of foreign wars.

The board of higher education wants \$22 million.

State department of education asks for a \$95 annual levy for each child on the school roll census, which would raise an approximated \$15 million a year.

BUDGET BUSTERS

Why a budget if you can fudge it? The biennial cost of maintaining a state budget department is \$60,011.

How much is a budget worth if it is generally ignored?

Alex Gibson, chairman of the ways and means sub-committee, and Henry Semon, chairman of the house ways and means committee, are critical of deficiency spending beyond the provisions of the budget by state depart-

ments and institutions.

"As every session of the legislature we return to find that a great deal more money has been spent than that contained in the budget," said Gibson.

Semon feel that the heads of institutions and other state officials should 'live within their budget.' Both legislators favor setting up an adequacy emergency fund to be dispersed by the emergency board and restricted to budget figures, unless authorized by the board.

HIGHWAY CRIME CHART

An average of 112 arrests a day were made the past year by state police for violations of Oregon motor vehicle code. The 41,814 arrests resulted in fines totaling \$346,534.61 and jail sentences of 26,099 days with \$30,004.04 of the fines remitted and 10,414 days of the sentences suspended. There were 837 drunken drivers arrested who received sentences totaling 732 days and fines approximating \$85,104.37. An average of 24 out of 25 persons arrested for drunken driving were found guilty.

Having overloads, improper loads and no log hauling permits caused the arrest of 2319 persons who were fined a total of \$46,583.24 and 69½ days in jail.

SNIPING AT GREYHOUNDS

Racing greyhounds are the target of H.B.221 that would eliminate the bulk of the state's revenues for fairs. The greyhounds have furnished 83.49% or \$3,336,338.34 of all moneys received by the state under the pari-mutuel act. The Portland Meadows, Oregon state fair, Multnomah and all other county fairs have produced only 16.23% or \$654,275 from the ponies. No plan has been offered that would replace the half million dollars pair into the state coffers by the greyhounds.

LIBERALS EXHALE

Young liberals are making quite a splash in Salem. Rep. Howard V. Morgan, new deal democrat, is a son-in-law of ex-Sen. Harry Corbett, staunch republican. Phil Dreyer, another new deal democrat, helped do research for President Truman's campaign speeches. Sen. Bob Holmes of Clatsop is well-known radio exec. who sends station KAST play-by-play legislative doings. Sen. Ben Musa of The Dalles, was head of young democrats in Portland—then he moved to Columbia Gorge. Sen. Dick Neuberger and wife have an article jointly in Feb. Liberty

about Gretchen Frazer, famous N.W. skier, with Mrs. Neuberger doing the photography. Sen. Jack Bain of Portland is brother-in-law of Lt. Gov. Vic Meyers of Washington, who has set new record up north by being elected to five successive terms.

When walking after dark, wear or carry something white. In this state, 14 pedestrians are killed wearing dark clothing for every one in light clothing.

Weather Report

For the past week, ending on Sunday:			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
Feb. 7	42	34	.65
Feb. 8	47	35	.41
Feb. 9	46	42	1.02
Feb. 10	48	42	1.34
Feb. 11	44	31	.11
Feb. 12	46	29	T
Feb. 13	47	28
Total rain for week	3.53		

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LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weidemann, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ed F. Ackley, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Carpenterville, and Pete Lesmeister, were present, Saturday night at Gasquet camp, for the Kiwanis party, put on by Crescent City Kiwanis club. On their return they were present at the Rotary Benefit dance for the Brookings and Harbor ambulance, at Harbor Grange.

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