

# WADE REPORTS... JAYWALKERS CANNOT WIN CAPITAL PARADE

## FLOOD OF NEW BILLS

The more authoritative estimates are that this session of the Legislature will have a record number of bills, probably 20 per cent more than last session. Conservative predictions are from 1200 to 1400. Last Friday was the last day for introduction of bills in the House unless the bill has the approval of the Rules Committee of the House. There were 69 bills tossed into the hopper last Friday. Among bills recently introduced were measures to—

Raise the basic school support from \$80 to \$90 per school census child. The extra cost for the next biennium would be \$9,000,000 as estimated by Cecil Posey of OEA. Provide an oil and gas severance tax including certain minerals; 3 per cent on oil and gas and 2 per cent on minerals. Appropriate \$205,000 for a new memorial and museum building at Champoug State Park.

Create a bigger State Highway Commission with one member to represent the motel business.

Reduce the non-resident state hunting license fee from \$35 to \$10. California is said to be enacting similar legislation.

Require county assessors to appraise new houses and other buildings within six months after they are built.

Remove the \$20,000 limit on damages for wrongful death in court cases.

Put the public utilities commissioner rule between competing gas pipeline companies which want to serve the same communities.

Ask the state to appropriate \$10,000 to finance the 1956 national convention of the Veterans of World War I in Portland.

Remove log truck laws requiring them to stop at grade crossings as unexpected stops can be as hazardous as crossing the track.

Allow cities under 1,000 population to use their cut of state gas tax funds for any road they see fit.

## Twenty-Two Die In Jan. Accidents

Twenty-two persons died in Oregon traffic accidents in January, according to a tentative count released Friday by Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery. The toll is subject to upward revision, Newbery said, if delayed reports are received or if persons now listed as injured should later die. The final count for January of 1953 was 22.

January normally produces one of the lower death counts of each year, Newbery said, but the state has yet to match the post-war low achieved in January of 1949 when 13 traffic deaths were recorded.

1954's traffic deaths are now set at 420, the secretary reported, as compared with 390 in 1953.

The two worst months last year were February when 45 persons died and December with 52 deaths. It was the second worst December on record, topped only by December of 1946 when the count reached 56.

Classes and offers three plans, the first two deemed too costly for a state the size of Oregon, the third entails a gradual adjustment to cost an estimated \$345,000 the first two years.

The complex report and the suspense of awaiting the action of the Legislature has left state workers in a double dither. JAYWALKERS CANNOT WIN.

A "jaywalker" cannot collect damages for injuries sustained when struck by a motor vehicle, according to an opinion made by the Oregon Supreme Court Wednesday. A taxi-driver was struck by a taxicab while "jaywalking" across the street from the scene of an automobile accident in Portland.

Justice William C. Perry who wrote the opinion said, "We are of the opinion that, where the statute or city ordinance is designed for the prevention of the very accident which occurred and the evidence shows that the occurrence could not have happened except for the violation of the express conditions of the ordinance, recovery must be denied."

## UNSCRAMBLE STATE SALARIES

State workers have been in something more than a dither over the outcome of an ability evaluation and salary adjustment survey ever since Barrington's Associates, Inc., N. Y. was given the \$50,000 commission last August by the Legislative Interim Committee on Public Employees Retirement.

The final review of the 77-page report was given to the committee last Friday. Barrington's recommendation is that they be employed as consultants for five years at \$10,000 a year while the new plan is put into operation.

The report segregates the state's 17,000 employees into 23

## County Deputy Attends Grange Meeting

Fred Adams of Ophir, Curry County Grange Deputy and Mrs. Adams attended the meeting of Chetco Grange Friday evening. Mr. Adams spoke on the proposed Columbia Interstate power compact for seven Pacific Northwest states which is expected to come up at this session of the Oregon Legislature. This proposed compact is opposed by the Oregon State Grange following a meeting of 175 Grange leaders from throughout the state held at Portland the middle of January.

Six members were initiated in the 3rd and 4th degrees by the ladies degree team. It was reported that nineteen members of Chetco Grange attended the meeting of Lake Earl Grange at Fort Dick the night before and had a very enjoyable time.

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## Del Norte County Pioneer Succumbs

Mrs. Sarah Eddie Westbrook, 90, of Smith River, passed away Thursday, Feb. 3rd at Seaside Hospital where she had been confined for two months.

She was born in Missouri, August 27, 1864 and came to Del Norte County when two years old living most of her life at Smith River.

She was the widow of the late William Westbrook, and has made her home at the pioneer Westbrook mansion overlooking the town. She was a member of the Methodist church and past president of the Ladies Aid Society, and a charter member of the Smith River Women's club, and she took active part in church and

## Cub Scouts Observe 45th Anniversary

The Cub Scout den, of which Mrs. Becker is den mother, observed the 45th anniversary of Scouting by attending the services of the Brookings Presbyterian Church Sunday, Feb. 6 in a body. The boys wore their uniforms and sat in a body with their den mother.

## community affairs.


Her life work was devoted to giving a helping hand to those in need. She was talented in music, art and her oil paintings are now among the possessions of her friends and family. She was affectionally known to her friends, as 'Aunt Eddie.'

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from the Smith River Methodist church with Rev. James Shelton officiating. Sacred selection "In the Garden" and "Abide with Me" were sung by Mrs. Carol Stanbrough, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Annette Bigler. Interment was beside her husband in the family plot in the Smith River cemetery, under direction of Wier's Mortu-

ary Chapel. Many beautiful flowers at the grave were a lovely benediction on the life of the departed one.

Survivors are a son, Clarence Westbrook of Smith River; a brother Fred Haight, Smith River, six sisters, Mrs. Froma Hursh, Mrs. Laura Cassidy, Portland, Mrs. Letsy Becksted, Carpinteria, Calif.; Mrs. Lydia Packard, Vancouver, Wash. Mrs. Ada Hursh, and Mrs. Henrietta Woodruff, Smith River; six grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, and other close relations living in California, Oregon and Washington.

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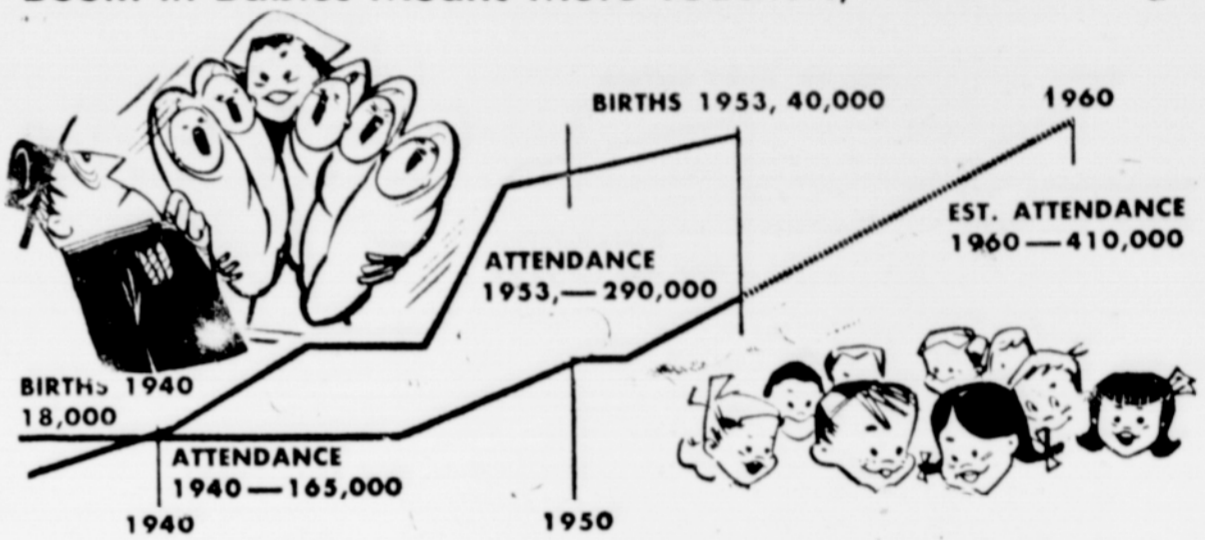
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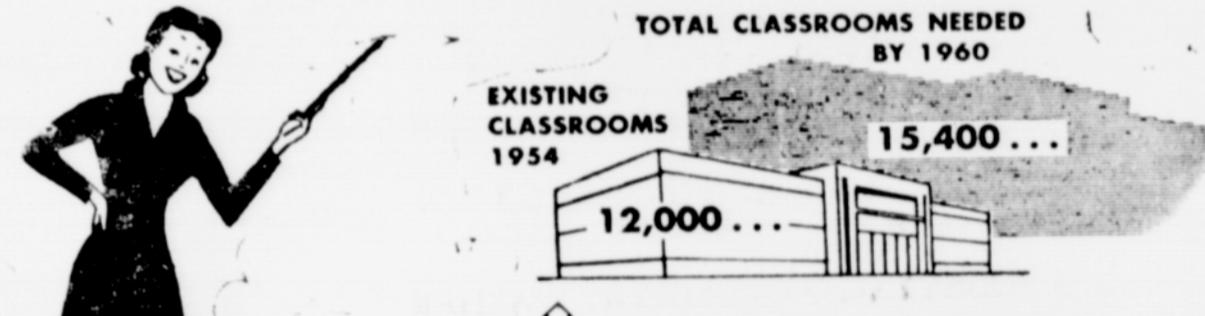
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## Boom in Babies Means More Teachers, More Buildings



These charts are based on material contained in a 16-page booklet, "Better Schools—Your Best Investment," just published by the Oregon Education Association. The above chart illustrates two facts of major importance to Oregon schools: That the birth rate in Oregon has been increasing rapidly since World War II and is still rising, climbing to a new high of 40,000 babies in 1953; and that school enrollments will continue to rise for many years. Average daily attendance is expected to increase from 290,000 in 1953-54 to about 410,000 in 1960.



School building needs are illustrated by this graph, which shows that by 1960, 3,400 new classrooms will be needed in addition to the 12,000 elementary and high school classrooms existing in 1954. Estimated cost of this new construction, including sites, major renovations and additions, will come to about \$100,000,000—or \$20,000,000 a year for the next five years.

More teachers are badly needed by Oregon schools. Illustration at the left shows that Oregon teacher training institutions turned out only one-third of estimated requirements during the 1953-54 school year. Remaining teachers had to be obtained from other states, or in many cases teachers were hired who did not meet normal certification standards.

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## COFFEE CAKE AT ITS BEST



After Pop has left for work and the youngsters have been packed off to school, it's time for Mom to relax (or perhaps recuperate) over a second cup of coffee. Sometimes if the beginning of the day has been too rough, she'll even invite a neighbor friend in to join her in the morning ritual. And, of course, for such occasions that second cup of coffee always tastes better when accompanied by some breakfast cake such as the one which features the cereal, Grape-Nuts. Here, then, is a delicious morning treat with a crunchy topping that is certain to become an immediate favorite with everyone.

### CRISPY CEREAL COFFEE CAKE

1 cup sifted flour	1 egg, unbeaten
1 1/2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder	5 tablespoons milk
1/4 teaspoon salt	1/2 cup light brown sugar, firmly packed
3 tablespoons butter or other shortening	3 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup sugar	1 tablespoon butter or margarine
	1/2 cup wheat and barley kernels

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cream shortening, add sugar gradually, creaming well. Add egg and beat until light and fluffy. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition. Turn into greased 9x9x2-inch pan. Sieve brown sugar, add flour and mix. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Add cereal and mix well. Sprinkle over cake batter. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 25 minutes, or until done. Serve warm.

### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Swiftly Gets Slowed Down

Swiftly Fisher has a short temper and really hit the roof when he got a parking ticket last week. He wasn't near a by-lane or too far from the curb. There was a big sign saying "ONE HOUR PARKING" and he'd only been gone twenty minutes.

Running to Traffic Court, where Hack Miller was on duty, Swiftly hollered how he hadn't done anything wrong... how he is the most law-abiding driver in town.

But Hack examined the ticket, and smiled. "Slow down, friend," he said. "You're not guilty—ex-

cept of making a big fuss over nothing. This ticket came from some kid's policeman playout!"

From where I sit, jumping to conclusions can make anyone appear silly. Another way to look foolish is to make a quick decision on a question of personal preference. For instance, I like a glass of beer occasionally. You may be a butt-lick man. But neither of us ought to "lay down the law" about the other's choice.

*Joe Marsh*

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