

Finance Issues Get Spotlight; Progress Seen

Session Ahead of Usual Schedule but Major Tasks Are Ahead

Relief, Taxation, Power and School Reforms Among Problems

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
The 40th legislative session, two-thirds of the way to the 40-day limit set for legislative pay by the constitution, ahead of schedule on routine bills and in step with former sessions in leaving until the closing weeks the major legislation which must be passed.

Have Lead Roles On Major Issues



Above, Sen. Dean Walker who is taking an important part in efforts to solve Oregon's financial problems as chairman of the senate ways and means committee. Below, Sen. George Chaney, chairman of the senate special institutions committee which has been considering proposed reforms in the parole system.

State May Take Treasury's Probe

Governor Will Ask Special Prosecutor for Local Shortage Charge

Acting on a request from District Attorney Lyle J. Page, Governor Charles A. Sprague Saturday afternoon announced that he would ask Attorney General I. M. Van Winkle Monday morning to name a special prosecutor to carry on the current investigation of the office of the Marion county treasurer.

7 Negro Children Victims of Fire

WEST POINT, Va., Feb. 4.—(AP)—Seven children of a negro couple whose 11th child was but two hours old were burned to death when fire destroyed a frame dwelling in nearby King and Queen county tonight.

Bonville Administrator Is Reported Doing Well

ROCHESTER, Minn., Feb. 4.—(AP)—The Mayo clinic said today that J. D. Ross, Bonville dam administrator, was "doing very well" after an operation Friday for removal of an intestinal lesion.

Aumville Tops County Towns In Year's Property Tax Levy

Aumville will have the highest total property tax levy among Marion county's 15 incorporated cities and towns this year and Sublimity the lowest, excluding West Woodburn, which has no active government.

Freeze Lessons Peaked Flood Ohio Valley

Reported Victims of Cold Weather in South, East

5000 Families Declared Homeless in Ohio's High Water Area
(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)
Freezing temperatures in the Ohio valley lessened the immediate threat of serious flood last night as sub-freezing weather and windstorms in the south and east left at least 20 dead.

Federal Judge Is Wired to Return Connecticut Jurist Bound for South America Is Wanted for Quiz

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—A radiogram went out from the department of justice today to Federal Judge Edwin S. Thomas of Connecticut, South America bound on the grade liner Santa Barbara, ordering his "immediate return" to the United States for questioning before two federal grand juries.

Albany Resident Severely Injured

John Sturtevant May Die; Man Missing in Auto Crash on Highway
ALBANY, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The mysterious disappearance of one man, the probable fatal injury of another and less serious injury of two other persons resulted today from a double wreck on the Pacific highway three miles north of here.

South Polar Land Claimed for US

Willamina Talked As Plant's Site

WILLAMINA, Ore., Feb. 4.—(AP)—O. C. Yocom, Willamina contractor, said today the Olympia Veneer company, Olympia, Wash., was planning to construct a plant here at a cost of \$500,000.

Central Point Lad Critically Injured

MEDFORD, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Richard Walter Holt, 11, of Central Point, lies in a local hospital in a critical condition from injuries sustained when he was struck by an auto the state police aver was driven by William P. Grimes, 19, of Central Point. No charges have been preferred against Grimes and he is not being held. The accident occurred at a Central Point street intersection Friday night.

Wife of Veteran Jurist Dies Here

Mrs. Mattie E. Bean, wife of Justice Henry J. Bean of the state supreme court, died at the residence, 765 North Capitol street, Saturday night. Mrs. Bean had been a resident of Salem since 1911 when her husband, previously a legislator, county judge and circuit judge of Umatilla county, was elevated to the supreme bench.

Albany Woman Is Dead; Poison Tablets Blamed

ALBANY, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. T. A. Edholm, 40, died in a hospital today after attendants said she had taken four poison tablets at her home here.

Spain Peace Try Reported

Collapsing Walls Kill Eight Firemen; First Bodies Found



After 26 hours of digging in smoke-blackened ruins, searchers late Saturday found bodies of some of the eight firemen killed Friday when a five-story building in Syracuse, N.Y., collapsed while they were fighting a fire on the third floor. This picture was snapped just as the front wall collapsed into the street.—AP Telemat.

Parliament Is Closed Due to Bombing Terror

Evidence of Plots to Blast Buckingham, Windsor Castle, Commons and Bank of England Claimed Found in Belfast Raid

LONDON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The houses of parliament were closed to the public today for the first time since the world war as a precaution while Britain sought to suppress the wave of terrorism attributed to the outlawed Irish republican army.

Plan Called Cure For Unemployment

Welfare Federation Argues for \$30-\$60 Pensions in House Hearing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee heard the General Welfare Federation's plan for \$30 to \$60 pensions for the aged extolled today as a means of eliminating all unemployment.

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TVA and Utilities Reach Agreements

Authority Will Purchase Tennessee Corporation Electric Properties
NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—(AP)—An eventual chapter in the long and bitter feud between the new deal and the nation's utilities was brought to a dramatic end today with announcement of an amicable arrangement under which TVA will purchase all electrical properties of Commonwealth and Southern corporation in Tennessee.

Hint Incendiarism In Portland Fire

PORTLAND, Feb. 4.—(AP)—Fire investigators, working on a theory of incendiarism, hunted a firebug tonight as the possible cause of a blaze which caused an estimated loss of \$8,000 early today in the unused warehouse of the Portland Cordage company at 1336 N. W. Northrup street and sickened some 25 firemen.

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