

Firemen's Bill Passes Senate

Plan Optional With Local Voters; Three Finance Methods Set Up

By a vote of 17 to 13, the senate late Wednesday passed a bill authorizing voluntary establishment of pension systems for members of paid and volunteer fire companies in incorporated towns and cities and rural fire districts.

The measure was introduced by Sen. Dorothy McCullough Lee, Multnomah county, and others. It would require residents of fire districts to approve or reject the plan.

A three-way plan of financing the pension system is proposed. A tax of not more than three per cent on the gross premiums of policies sold in the district would be levied.

From one to four per cent of the salaries of firemen would be deducted and placed in the pension fund.

The fire district, in turn, would appropriate an amount equal to the salary reduction from the general fund.

Sen. Lee declared that the bill was fair and would not prove a burden either to the taxpayers or the beneficiaries.

Declared Unsound

The measure was branded unsound by Sen. Lew Wallace, Multnomah county. "If this bill is approved there will be taxation without representation," he said.

The bill was defended by Senator Thomas R. Mahoney, Multnomah county, who said it merely amplified the home rule.

Sen. W. E. Burke declared the bill as another move to take hard-earned money from the public.

"It would be better for this legislature to enact legislation assisting the aged than to pass bills of this character," Senator Burke said.

Voting for the bill were Senators Baletine, Best, Booth, Childs, Clark, A. Dickson, W. Dickson, Eays, Ellis, Francisco, Kenia, Lee, McKay, Stadelman, Wiperman.

The house of representatives some days ago introduced a bill proposing a compulsory firemen's pension program.

Miner-Fishermen Dispute Settled

Josephine and Curry county members of the legislature Wednesday tentatively agreed on a compromise measure which they said would go a long way toward solving the dispute between Rogue River miners and fishermen.

The bill probably will be introduced in the senate today by Senator George H. Chaney, Coos county, and Representative Roy E. Carter, Gold Beach. It provides for a coordination board to prevent miners from interfering with fishermen from April 15 to November 1. Miners who have settling pools or who dig less than five yards a day would not be subject to the provisions of the measure.

Members of the board would include the state engineer and the chairman of the state mining board and the state game commission.

Federal Payment To County Asked

Sen. Douglas McKay of Salem introduced Wednesday a memorial urging congress to enact legislation paying to Lincoln county an amount of money equivalent to the taxes it would have received from lands of the United States Spruce corporation during the years 1919 to 1922, inclusive, had they not been federally owned.

The memorial set forth that the spruce company had disposed of large tracts of these lands to private persons.

Senator McKay estimated that the tracts contained approximately 12,000 acres.

ASCAP Executive Hits at Measure

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—E. C. Mills, New York, executive of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, expressed thanks on his arrival tonight to opponents of the defeated senate bill which would have required copyright fees to list with the secretary of state all musical compositions together with the names of authors.

"This bill," he said, "seeks to harass and hamper the divided and limited forces of composers and authors that they will find themselves helpless to protect their rights which are respected in every civilized country of the world," he said.

Linn Sheriff and Clerk Exonerated

The senate Wednesday passed a bill by Sen. Joel C. Root, Linn county, exonerating the sheriff, tax collector and county clerk of any liability in case public funds are lost through bank failure.

The measure related particularly to a situation in Albany resulting from the failure of the old First National bank.

Music Copyright Bill Reconsidering Refused

The senate Wednesday refused to reconsider a bill by Sen. Frank M. Francisco, which would have required copyright fees to list with the secretary of state all musical compositions under their control together with the names of authors. The vote was 15 to 14.

Heavy Snow Hits Midwest Areas



The weather bureau calculated a heavy snowstorm which struck Iowa and almost completely covered these automobiles was the heaviest in the state's history. The grumbings of walk-shoveling householders were offset by the cheers of farmers.—AP Teletext.

House Bills Senate Bills

PASSED BY HOUSE

HB 198, by Farrell—Relating to disposition of fees for inspection of motor vehicles.

HB 249, by Snyder and Newbury—Relating to absent voter's ballots.

HB 349, by irrigation—To permit irrigation districts to collect assessments at district office.

HB 398, by alcoholic control—To regulate manufacture, importation and sale of natural and fortified wine.

HB 442, by Naah and Herman—To prohibit livestock running at large on state highways.

HB 460, by highways—Relating to exceptions from obedience to traffic regulations.

HB 471, by highways—Relating to traffic control signals.

HB 491, by French—Relating to chattel mortgages and liens.

HB 503, by joint ways and means—Appropriation for Oregon Pioneer association.

HB 504, by ways and means—Appropriation for Oregon National Guard.

HB 505, by ways and means—To provide additional funds for Doernbecher hospital.

HB 506, by ways and means—Appropriation for emergency board.

HB 507, by ways and means—To authorize destruction of documents damaged in fire which destroyed old capital.

PASSED IN SENATE

SB 166, by Naah—Relating to fishing on Yaquina bay.

Consolidation and Tax Bills Slated

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giving equal educational opportunities to children.

Sen. Harry Kenia (R-Portland) said he would introduce today a bill establishing the Kansas legislative plan, which provides for an 11-member bi-partisan legislative interim council which would draw up legislative programs before each session.

The council would be composed of five representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, five senators appointed by the president of the senate, and one member selected by the governor. Members of the council would be appointed prior to adjournment of the 1939 legislative session.

The president of the senate, speaker of the house and governor would be ex-officio members of the council.

Party representation of legislators on the council would be in proportion to the general relative number of members of political parties in each house.

A resolution with similar intent to expedite legislation was introduced in the house. It would require the legislature to meet 30 days after the general election to organize, after which the ways and means committee would begin its arduous duties in advance of the general session so that adjournment would not be delayed while waiting for appropriation bills.

Cardinals Voting On Pontiff Today

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seemed to veer toward Pacelli, who was secretary of state under Pius XI, as the conclave opened.

There were predictions among Italian that Pacelli would get more than 30 votes on the first ballot, but it was impossible to find a basis for such forecasts.

Forty-two votes are necessary for election, a two-third majority being required.

Arrested Flaxman Asks Book Probe

EUGENE, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—A suit demanding the appointment of a referee to examine the books of the Oregon Fiber Flax association was filed today by L. M. Webb, superintendent of the Springfield plant, who was arrested a few days ago on a charge of larceny by bail.

Webb was alleged to have sold flax seed and kept the proceeds but he claimed the seed belonged to him. Besides the examination, he also asked for judgment for all sums due him less rental value for the use of the association's equipment in cleaning the seed.

Wedding Business Remains in Slump

PORTLAND, March 1.—(AP)—The near-boycott of Oregon by brides and bridegrooms that followed enactment of the new marriage law has ended, but the marriage business is still in a slump.

The Multnomah county clerk announced today marriage licenses are down about 30 per cent for January and February. A total of 139 were issued compared with 212 for the same months last year.

Eastern Oregon Death Is Laid to Freezing

LAKEVIEW, March 1.—(AP)—Death from freezing after becoming exhausted was the verdict brought in today by a coroner's jury investigating the death of George I. Medroll, 56, on a little-used forest road yesterday.

Wine Standard Bill Approved

House Votes Authority to State Commission on Wine Sales

While the farmers' wine control bill rested in an apparently unfriendly senate committee, the house of representatives Wednesday approved unanimously a similar house bill which would give the liquor control commission authority to require that fortified wines sold in Oregon meet government standards as to fortifying brandies, and to decrease the alcohol content from 22 per cent to 19 per cent by volume.

Sale of out-of-state natural and fortified wines would be confined to liquor stores by the bill previously passed.

Mrs. William Munroe (D-Hood River), who objected to the first bill as likely to cause California to retaliate against Oregon farm products, said objections were eliminated by the second measure which would "do away with the dumping of cheap wines in Oregon."

Rep. John Hall (R-Portland) said the bill would "cure the fortified wine evil by raising the standard."

Wine Bill Argued At Public Hearing

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and urged passage of this legislation to improve it.

The committee also held a hearing on HB 355 which would require private clubs to maintain dining rooms in order to serve drinks. W. W. Winters, chief enforcement officer of the liquor control commission, said many flagrant violations were occurring in these clubs, but Norman Thompson, proprietor of the Western Athletic club, said this bill in attempting to eliminate objectionable clubs would put the legitimate ones out of business.

The Multnomah county delegation held a public hearing on two bills by Rep. Robert Farrell and others calling for creating of a tax supervisory commission in Multnomah county. Rep. C. C. Chapman and Chester Moores, representing the Portland Realty board, said principal objection came from the Portland city council. Earl Riley, city commissioner, in opposing the bills said a similar proposal had been rejected by the voters of Portland in 1932.

School Boardmen Want Settlement

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"about an open session" for further discussion of the superintendent problem.

"Why do you keep it secret any more?" Bradford asked.

Saying "I wouldn't want to express myself," Director Percy A. Cupper remarked that "we've got to sit down with the thing and think it all out." He defended the board's executive session last week but said he thought the matter should now have to be discussed openly and soon.

The board will meet the night of March 10 to open bids on furnace wood for next winter but probably will not take up the superintendency issue at that time. The next regular session will take place March 14.

Ask Investigation Of Retired Court

GRANTS PASS, March 1.—(AP)—More than 200 residents of Josephine county presented a petition today to the county court urging an investigation of alleged irregularities in the county court that retired last December.

Circuit Judge W. A. Johnson said he and Commissioners Pichard McMilligan and John Valen would take no part in the proposed inquiry but would hand the petitions to the district attorney. Members of the retiring court were Grant W. Matthews, judge, and H. S. Morgan and C. W. Martin, commissioners.

Campbell Absent, Hearing Blocked

FOREST GROVE, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—A state unemployment compensation commission hearing testing the seasonal status of logging in this area was unexpectedly recessed today because a state commission attorney was unable to appear.

The Trullis had purchased railway tickets to Minot, N. D., and were boarding the train for there when apprehended at Westacree.

Pioneer Newsmen Dies in Olympia

OLYMPIA, March 1.—(AP)—James H. Brown, 69, pioneer Olympia newspaper and insurance man, died suddenly today of pneumonia.

Brown was connected with several newspapers during his life including The Seattle Times, The Tacoma Ledger, Spokesman-Review, Butte Evening News and The Morning Olympian. He served 40 years as state legislative representative for the The Argus, Seattle trade magazine.

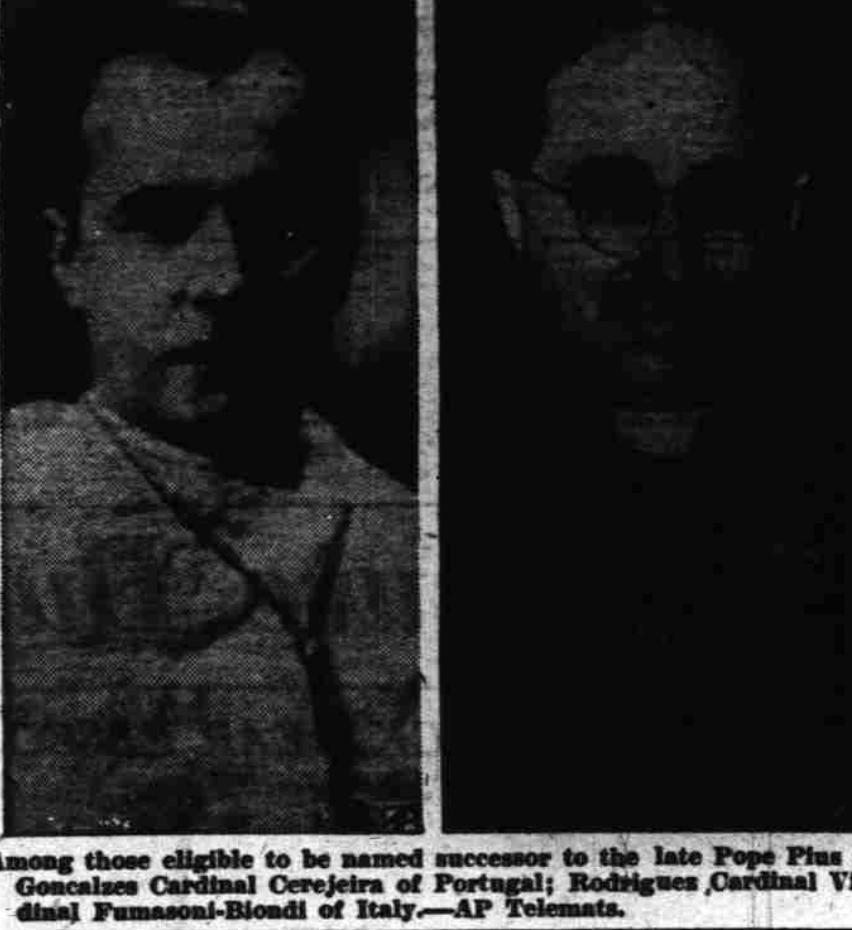
He was born in Salem, Ore., in 1870 and came to Olympia the same year with his parents.

Coast Dairy Company Reports Profit Growth

LOS ANGELES, March 1.—(AP)—Western Dairies, Inc., today reported net profits of \$402,527 for the year ended Dec. 31, last, as compared with \$301,016 in the preceding year.

The company operates in California, Oregon and Washington.

Some Additional Papal Possibilities



Among those eligible to be named successor to the late Pope Pius XI are these cardinals, left to right: Goncalves Cardinal Cerejeira of Portugal; Rodrigues Cardinal Villeneuve of Canada, and Pietro Cardinal Fumasoni-Biondi of Italy.—AP Teletext.

Committee Votes Institution Funds

Tentative Approval Given TB Hospital Expenses; Prison Fund Cut

The joint ways and means committee tentatively agreed Wednesday to vote out favorably a bill carrying an appropriation of \$220,954 for equipping and operating the new state tuberculosis hospital now under construction in Portland.

The measure, as originally introduced, provided for an appropriation of \$269,000, but this was reduced by the committee.

The committee also approved a bill appropriating \$55,000 for the operation of the new state parole system in Oregon. The operating staff will include a chief state parole officer at a salary of \$4000 a year, four assistant parole officers and two stenographers.

Prison Appropriation Passed

Approval also was given a bill carrying an appropriation of \$580,980 for the state penitentiary. The penitentiary had requested an appropriation of \$923,860.

Other appropriations voted at Wednesday's meeting of the committee included \$127,300 for a state training school for boys, \$2450 for a poultry exhibit at the world's poultry congress and \$5000 to create a government subdivision to be known as a soil conservation district.

The committee increased the biennial appropriation for the control of Bang's disease from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

Portland Council Okehs Townsend

PORTLAND, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—Endorsement of the Townsend old age pension plan came today from the city council on a 4-1 vote with Commissioner Ormond Bear dissenting. The council qualified its endorsement to the measure now before congress.

A packed audience cheered the action, which was taken on the ground that the plan was the hope of prosperity for the country in light of the assertion that all other such plans have failed. Mayor Joseph Carson was among those voting approval.

Daughter Is Born To Nippon Rulers

TOKYO, March 2.—(AP)—The imperial household announced today that a daughter was born to Emperor Nagako at 3:35 p. m. yesterday.

The baby was the seventh child of Emperor Hirohito and her imperial highness, who is 26 years old. Only six of the children are still alive, however. The second, Princess Hisa, died in 1928 when she was one year old.

Modern science and ancient ritual had mingled closely in the elaborate preparations for the birth. Late last September, the imperial household department formally announced to the nation that a baby was expected.

Immediately thereafter thousands of Japanese began making pilgrimages to Tokyo to bow at the palace gates.

Truitts Indicted By Federal Jury

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Truitt, arrested in Wenatche, Wash., by the sheriff there and Postal Inspector S. G. Schwartz of Salem for taking WPA checks out of a mailbox at 110 Division street, were indicted by the federal grand jury in Portland Tuesday, and probably will come before the court for arraignment in a week or 10 days.

The Truitts' 14-month-old child is being cared for by a welfare home pending outcome of the case.

The Truitts had purchased railway tickets to Minot, N. D., and were boarding the train for there when apprehended at Westacree.

Two Autoists Die In East of State

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—An automobile skidding on a curve a half mile north of Island City carried a young man and woman to their deaths last night.

The victims were Juanita Barnes, 26, of Elgin, and Claren Rollins, 25, of Imbler.

The jolting car hurled Rollins over a fence and into a tree, killing him almost instantly. Miss Barnes, also pitched from the machine, succumbed a short time after the crash.

Harvey Conkita, 25, of Imbler escaped with a dislocated hip.

Valley Power Line Job Gets Underway Monday

YANCOUVER, Wash., March 1.—(AP)—Bonnevile transmission line construction from the dam here and from here to Eugene, Ore., will get into high gear Monday, the local WEA office said today.

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Motor Inspection Program Favored

Portland System Would Be Applied to State in Bill Past Senate

Extension of the motor vehicle inspection program now in operation in Portland to the rest of the state was approved when the senate passed Wednesday, 23 to 6, a bill by Sen. Charles Clark and others.

There would be not less than one nor more than two inspections annually at a cost of 50 cents each, the program to start in 1940.

"This measure is in the interest of both the motor vehicle owner and the pedestrian," Sen. Clark said. "Compulsory inspections are to come sooner or later."

Sen. Lyman Ross opposed the measure, saying it "apparently was designed in the interest of the motor vehicle dealers and garage owners."

Garage Interest Denied

Sen. Douglas McKay replied that neither garage owners nor the motor vehicle dealers had sponsored the measure.

Accomplishments of the Portland motor vehicle testing station were reviewed briefly by Sen. Lew Wallace. He said the law had reduced materially the number of traffic deaths there in the past two years.

Sen. Dean Walker said the measure would penalize many workers who depended on old and somewhat antiquated automobiles for transportation.

Eays' Bill Defeated

The senate defeated 14 to 14, a bill by Sen. George T. Eays providing that persons who lose money in gambling games may sue for double the amount lost. Half of the amount recovered would go into the state irremediable school fund.

Sen. Ashby Dickson, Multnomah county, said he feared that the Eays' bill would conflict with a measure previously passed by the senate holding property owners liable for gambling losses.

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, author of that bill, said it probably would be defeated in the house due to activities of the gamblers.

A measure by Sen. Harry Kenia relating to the jury system in Multnomah county was sent back to the judiciary committee for further consideration. Under this measure jurors would be drawn from the registration lists.

Farm Credit Loan Report Is Filed

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—The farm credit administration told congress that at the end of 1938 there were 13,536 farm mortgage loans totaling \$37,098,687 outstanding in Oregon.

Federal farm banks and the land bank commissioner held a total of 1,076,814 mortgages, securing loans totaling \$2,735,074,803, on last December 31. A year earlier there were 1,081,067 loans aggregating \$2,848,951,000.

11,624 Loans Closed

The FCA received \$5,719 applications for a total of \$231,940,746 last year, and closed 11,624 loans amounting to \$80,813,517.

Oregon farmers filed 986 applications for \$4,937,320, of which the banks and the commissioner approved \$34 for \$1,579,550.

Of the \$366 unpaid bank loans outstanding in Oregon, the FCA reported 7,040, or 84.1 per cent, showed all matured installments paid in full, while 1,319 or 15.3 per cent were classified as delinquent. Extensions were granted on 7, or 0.1 per cent.

607 Farms Acquired

The state had 5,170 land bank commissioner loans outstanding, of which 4,017 or 77.7 per cent had all matured installments paid in full, and 1,153 or 22.3 per cent were delinquent.

Foreclosures last year were not reported by states, but the Spokane Land bank serving the district in which Oregon is located, acquired 667 farms representing an investment of \$2,431,106.

The FCA said the land banks owned either outright or subject to redemption, 344 farms in Oregon at the end of 1938. They represented an FCA investment of \$1,697,225.

Senate Takes up Foreign Matters

WASHINGTON, March 1.—(AP)—Senate heard a heated assertion today that the nation would be "shocked and stunned" to learn what President Roosevelt secretly told a senate committee about defense and foreign policy.

The statement was made by Senator Lundeen (PL-Minn) in the midst of a boiling debate on the recent sale of American war planes to France, and was one of many developments produced during the day by the current controversy over rearmament and foreign affairs.

Elsewhere:

The house appropriations committee approved a bill providing \$499,857,326 for the war department in the fiscal year beginning July 1. It included funds for 784 fighting planes, a part of the administration rearmament program.

To the surprise of some members of congress, it was revealed that Maj. Gen. H. H. Arnold, chief of the army air corps, had told the house committee that at present the army has but 879 fighting planes in actual service.

Senator Chavez (D-NM) demanded that the United States follow the lead of Great Britain and France and recognize the Franco regime in Spain, lest this country offend the Latin-American countries.

Senators McNary (R-Ore) and Lodge (R-Mass) proposed that foreign nations supply this country with raw materials, necessary in war and not produced here, as payment upon their debts to the United States.

The dispute over the navy's proposal that a seaplane base be established on the far and tiny island of Guam was revived by a decision of the senate navy committee to conduct hearings on a general naval air base bill, which includes an item for that project.

State Picket Law Involved in Case

COQUILLE, March 1.—(AP)—Circuit Judge J. T. Brand will hear an action under Oregon's new picket regulation law Friday when he considers the Tri-State Construction company's suit for an injunction against the building trades council.

The company asked the withdrawal of pickets from a FWA grade school construction job. The firm, operating an open shop, asserted no labor dispute existed.

The council established a picket line after claiming wages were under the scale for common labor.

Eugene Teamster To Plead Today

EUGENE, Ore., March 1.—(AP)—Charged with perjury, Hugh Reynolds, former printer and later secretary of the AFL local of the Teamsters' union here, was arraigned in circuit court today and will enter a plea tomorrow.

Reynolds was arrested in Portland on an indictment based upon testimony given in his trial here last year in which he was charged with breaking windows during the labor disturbances in the fall of 1937.

Polk Association Herds Top State

CORVALLIS, March 1.—(AP)—The herds of the Polk County Dairy association topped the field in average of milk and butterfat produced during January, the Oregon Dairy Herd association disclosed today.

The Linn-Benton association was second, Yamhill county and Washington county associations third and fourth.

The 799 cows of the Polk group tested averaged 670 pounds of milk and 33.35 pounds of butterfat for the period.

Springlike Signs Seen As March Makes Debut

PORTLAND, March 1.—(AP)—Both the lamb and the lion romped in Oregon today as March made its annual debut. Although there was fog and rain in the Willamette valley, the smell of spring was in the air. The lion ranged along the coast where storm warnings were posted for small craft.

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