

Oregon Has 11,326 on List Of Pensioners

There are 11,326 persons in Oregon now receiving payments approximately \$213,334 a month, under provisions of the old age and survivors insurance program of the social security act, E. W. Tallman, regional representative of the old age and survivors insurance bureau, informed the legislature Monday.

Governor Approves Bill Giving Service Men Time to Vote

A bill by Rep. John Steelhammer, Marion county, providing that independent candidates for office must file with the secretary of state 84 days prior to the general election, was signed Monday by Gov. Snell.

Further provision is made in the measure that portraits of candidates for the voters' pamphlet shall be uniform and that such portraits shall not be more than five years old.

Officials said the legislation was designed to provide sufficient time to send out and return ballots used in soldier voting.

The governor also signed a house bill changing the title of the deputy secretary of state to assistant secretary of state and increasing the salary of the office from \$4200 to \$4800 a year.

Noted Pianist To Lecture

Alfred Mivovitch, noted pianist and music educator will be heard in two lectures at Willamette university music hall on February 26 and 27. He has appeared in many of the leading colleges and universities throughout the east and middle west.

The evening of February 26 will include a lecture and a master class with Salem students and musicians serving as players. February 27 Mr. Mivovitch will lecture on the topic "Chopin, the Man and His Music," which he will also give at Juilliard.

Purvines Hosts On Monday

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph E. Purvine invited a few friends to an informal gathering Monday night at their Fairmount Hill residence.

Guests called between 5:30 and 7:30 o'clock. An arrangement of early spring flowers were arranged on the serving table and about the rooms.

Chadwick chapter, Order of the Eastern Star will meet in regular session on Tuesday night at Masonic temple. A social hour will follow the meeting.

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Firemen's Pension Bill Gets Over First Hurdle in House After Prolonged Debate, 37-21

The perennial firemen's pension bill went through the house of the 43rd legislative assembly Monday by a vote of 37 to 21 after prolonged argument.

Principal objection was voiced by Rep. Robert Duniway, Portland, who said there was no adequate provision to safeguard a \$312,000 fund which would be drawn on the general fund every two years, and complained that the measure was not properly drawn.

Similar bills have been up in the legislature before, and in one instance a firemen's pension measure got by both houses and was vetoed.

The current proposal now goes to the senate. It is in two sections.

The volunteer firemen's compensation fund would be made up by contributions of \$2 a year for each volunteer by the municipality or other agency; \$1 a year by the fireman, and 10 per cent of the tax on fire insurance premiums collected by the state. The fund would be built up for one year before benefits would be paid, for retirement, injuries, medical care, widows and other dependents.

The paid volunteer firemen's compensation and retirement fund would be established by contribution of 50 per cent of the tax on fire insurance premiums; 4 per cent of the salary of each fireman, and an amount from the municipality equal to 4 per cent of each fireman's salary.

The vote: Aye—Adams, Bain, Barry, Bengtson, Bennett, Brady, Bull, Callaway, Chadwick, Chase, Chindgren, Dickson, Ellis, Erwin, Frisbie, Gleason, Greenwood, Hall, Harvey, Helberg, Hendricks, Earl Hill, W. T. Johnson, Jones, Landon, Lieualten, Lindberg, Loneragan, Meyers, Morse, Peterson, Pier, Poole, Snellstrom, Wells, Joe Wilson, Manley Wilson—37.
No—Balderee, Condit, Duniway, Francis, French, Gile, Heisler, Hesse, Carl Hill, Himelwright, J. O.

In the House

Bills passed Monday:
HB 18—Regulating salaries of county judges.
HB 132—Relating to salary and mileage of county surveyors of certain counties.

HB 307—To provide workmen's compensation and retirement benefits to volunteer and paid firemen and their widows and orphans; providing a saving clause and providing an effective date when the act shall become operative for volunteer firemen.

HB 277—To add a new section to chapter 7, title 41, O.C.L.A., to be known as section 41-706a, so as to authorize savings and loan associations to make loans to veterans of World War II, for which there is a commitment to insure or guarantee by the state or the United States or any instrumentality of either; and declaring an emergency.

HB 231—To provide for an additional circuit judge in the 2d judicial district.
HB 276—To authorize any city which has or attains a population of 100,000 or more inhabitants to establish a pension system for its officers and employees.

HB 304—To authorize county commissioners in certain counties that have 100,000 inhabitants or more to retire aged and infirm employees and to provide pensions.
HB 342—By committee on military affairs and post-war planning—To provide that war veterans shall have preference in public employment.

HB 306—To create in each county of the state of Oregon having more than 250,000 inhabitants the office of registrar of elections; prescribing the duties of such office, the manner of appointment thereto and fixing the salary therefor.
HB 356—Relating to the killing of sealions.
HB 384 (Sub for HB 184)—Relating to the fees to be paid the corporation commissioner on presentation of articles of incorporation.
HB 365 (Sub for HB 230)—To transfer certain judicial business from county courts to circuit courts in certain counties.
HB 378 (Sub for HB 295)—Relating to the registration and licensing of motor vehicles.
SB 18—Relating to registration of births.

Repassed with senate amendments: HB 21, 37, 141, 142, 145.
New bills introduced:
HB 380 (Sub for HB 292)—By Balderee, Bengtson and Senator Moser and Newberry—To provide for transfer from county to circuit courts all jurisdiction, authority, power, functions and duties in probate matters in every judicial district comprising two counties of less than 100,000 population and more than 52,000 population.

Committee Disagrees On Slot Machine Reports; Vote Today

A bill (HB 293) by Rep. John Steelhammer, Salem, which would require law enforcement officers to make weekly reports to the governor of any coin-in-slot machines on which state taxes have not been paid, came out of the house judiciary committee Monday with a majority recommending that it do not pass.

Steelhammer will seek to substitute his minority "do pass" report for the majority report at a special order of business at 10:30 a.m. today.

Vote Refuses Delay In Acting on Bill for Direct Appropriation

The house vote of 34 to 23 Monday declined to table Sen. Merle Chessman's bill to put the fish commission on a basis of appropriation from the general fund.

Sports anglers sought to delay consideration of the bill while they mustered support for a measure to set nets out of coastal streams and reduce commercial fishing seasons in those streams.

Vote on Registrar Measure in House

The vote on the Multnomah county measure providing for a new registrar of voters (see page 1) was:

Aye—Balderee, Barry, Chadwick, Chase, Chindgren, Condit, Dickson, Duniway, Ellis, Francis, French, Frisbie, Gile, Greenwood, Hall, Harvey, Heisler, Helberg, Hesse, Carl Hill, Earl Hill, W. T. Johnson, Lage, Landon, Lieualten, Lindberg, Loneragan, Meyers, Morse, Peterson, Pier, Snellstrom, Snyder, Staples, Steelhammer, Thomas, Van Dyke, Wells, Joe Wilson, Speaker Marsh—40.

No—Adams, Bain, Bangston, Bennett, Brady, Bull, Callaway, Erwin, Gleason, Hendricks, Himelwright, J. O. Johnson, Jones, Morse, Niskanen, Poole, Semon, Manley Wilson—18.
Excused—Allen, Kimberling.

CANE BILL TABLED

The senate committee on roads and highways Monday voted to table the bill by Rep. Phil Brady of Portland providing that only blind persons may carry white canes and specifying a fine of not to exceed \$100 for any motorist who fails to come to a complete stop at an intersection where a person with a cane is crossing.

In the Senate

Introduced in the senate:
SB 234—To regulate shad fishing.
SB 237—Corrective; relating to workmen's compensation benefits to widows and orphans.
SB 238—Providing for regulation of manufacture and distribution of economic poisons.
HB 227, 231, 276, 304, 18, 138 and 207.
Read for second time and sent to committee: SB 233-235 inclusive; HB 15, 52, 190, 297, 321, 358, 359, 360.

Calendared for final action today: SB 190, HB 118 amended; SB 73—Brought in with "do not pass" recommendation, special order of business at 2:15 p.m.
Calendared for final action Wednesday: SB 3—amended.

Passed Monday:
SB 304—To provide for relief of Jessie Ryckman, widow of longtime employe of state game commission.
SB 9—Would exempt from state income tax declarations any report on annuities until money equal to amount invested has been drawn.
SB 216—Would permit mutual fire insurance companies to move principal offices by following certain procedures.
HB 256—Would authorize certain changes in operation of real estate commission.
HB 257—Would put real estate commission offices on fiscal rather than calendar year.
Re-referred to committee from calendar: HB 289, 87 and 179.

Annuity Tax Bill Approved By Senate

By a vote of 19-10, after almost an hour's debate, the senate Monday passed a bill by Sen. Lew Wallace, Multnomah county, designed to exempt from income taxes any annuity payment until such time as annuitant has received the amount of his investment.

Today annuitants are required to report as part of their gross income, for both state and federal taxing purposes, three per cent of the monies they receive from annuities, which, Wallace declared Monday, eventually amounts to triple taxation. Taxes are paid on the money as it is earned, the annuity policy is taxed when it is purchased, and again as the owner receives the income from it.

Sen. George Winslow of Tillamook county, leading the fight against the measure, declared that investors who put their money in buildings pay income taxes on the earnings of such structures, that the 3 per cent figure has been selected by both state and federal government as representing the portion of the investment's earnings the annuitant is receiving along with the repayment of his capital, and that no one knows just what investments under such a law might be labeled "annuities."

Dean Walker, senator from Polk county, joined the opposition, "reluctantly" he declared.

Three of the house bills on Monday's senate calendar went back to committee for correction, at least two of them for removal of what Sen. W. H. Strayer terms "the nefarious and or" phrase the senate has tried to delete from every statute amended and every bill passed this session.

Those three would permit public utilities to set up within their operating expenses funds for employes' pensions (SB 265); would require fidelity bonds of state employes in certain cases (HB 87), and would provide for termination of the effect of filing conditional sales contracts of personal property (HB 179).

House bill 179, passed by the senate last Friday, would penalize the lenient creditor, would endanger the holdings of many persons now absent in the armed services who are not in position to collect payments due them and would encourage purchasers of properties to "get by" without paying for fixtures for which they justly owe, Sen. Frank Hilton of Multnomah county declared.

He indicated he would not oppose the measure if the statute of limitations it places upon such sales contract were arranged to run six or 10 years instead of three.

City Regulation Of Taxicabs Within 3 Miles Favored

The senate roads and highways committee Monday voted to report out favorably a bill by Sen. Coe McKenna, Multnomah county, giving cities authority to regulate the operation of taxicabs within a three mile radius of their boundaries.

Under the existing law commercial motor vehicles operating wholly within cities or within a radius of three miles of their boundaries are subject to the rules and regulations of the public utilities commissioner.

Permissive Measure For Portland Passes

The house Monday passed and sent to the senate measure designed to clear the way for voters' approval of a pension system for Portland city employes and authorize Multnomah county commissioners to retire aged or infirm employes, who have served 15 years, at not less than \$37.50 a month.

Veterans Preference Bill Passes House

The house Monday passed unanimously and sent to the senate a bill giving veterans preference in public employment.

It reads: "In every department and upon all public work of the state of Oregon, and of any county, city, town, municipal corporation or other political subdivision thereof, war veterans shall be preferred for appointment and employment; providing that such veterans possess a business capacity necessary to discharge the duties of the position."

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Oregon Solons To Ask Funds For Cemetery

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. (AP)—The Oregon congressional delegation will attempt to have the senate authorize funds for a national cemetery in Portland, Ore.

Rep. Angell (R-Ore) told reporters the request will be made despite refusal of a house appropriations committee to include an appropriation in the war department functions bill.

Angell said the army had already described as "exceptionally fine" a cemetery site which the Oregon legislature recently decided to purchase for the state.

The house action had been based on the president's statement of 1941, Angell said, in which Roosevelt approved the bill to establish the Portland cemetery but would not approve the federal funds to purchase the site.

The Oregon delegation will ask the senate for \$650,000 to landscape the property and build roads and a custodians' quarters now that the state has acquired the land. The government, Angell said, already has authority to accept the land for a national cemetery.

Committee Named To Coordinate Bill

Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem Monday objected to a senate amendment, deleting the emergency clause of his bill to end the requirement that county courts and commissions must appoint to legislative vacancies a member of the same party as this predecessor. Speaker Eugene E. Marsh appointed Steelhammer and Rep. Robert E. Duniway, Portland, were named on the conference committee.

FORMER CLERK HONORED

W. F. Drager, chief of clerk of the house for many years, and Mrs. Drager were felicitated by house resolution, unanimously adopted, during a visit Monday. They came from Portland for the session.

Three Burn To Death in Seattle Fire

SEATTLE, Feb. 19. (AP)—Pfc. Raymond Rignell was united in death tonight with the boyhood "buddy" he located here Saturday night after 2½ years in the army which took him through the invasion of France.

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Roberts Extension Unit Affiliates With World Group

ROBERTS—Due to high water the Home Extension unit met at the grange hall instead of with Mrs. R. D. Davenport.

Marjorie Tye, home demonstration agent, demonstrated "Making Ourselves Fit With Vitamin C." Miss Tye was assisted by Mrs. H. R. Woodburn and served 19 including the staff.

It was decided to continue the local unit, affiliating with the Associated Women of the World. Mrs. Harvey Schubel was appointed chairman.

The dressmaking school under the supervision of the Home Extension unit, will be held at the grange hall, March 7, 8, 9 and 10. The next meeting of the unit will be March 16 with Mrs. R. D. Davenport. The subject will be "Household Aids" and will be given by Mrs. E. L. Crawley and Mrs. L. Newton, project helpers.

Measure Would Let Fire Association Move

The bill which would permit the Farmers' and Hop Growers' Fire Relief associations of Butteville to move their head offices to Woodburn was halfway through the 43rd legislature today. It was passed unanimously by the senate Monday. The bill (SB 216), introduced by Sen. Frederick Lamport and John Carson of Marion county, would permit mutual fire

"We Must Rescue That Term 'Rugged Individual,'" Judge Rossman Tells Salem C of C

"We must rescue that term 'rugged individual'—make it once again the ideal of American life . . . the man who seeks to make his country stronger and better than he found it." This was the challenge issued Monday by Oregon Supreme Court Justice George Rossman as he addressed Salem Chamber of Commerce on "Washington and Today."

George Washington was a man of property largely because he worked hard and invested wisely, the speaker said. The father of a democracy, he found the idea of the government engaging in manufacturing "inexpedient." Today the United States owns millions of dollars' worth of corporations not only manufacturing but transporting and marketing, Rossman pointed out.

Not all of this change has come in one regime or under one political party, he said, citing the Panama railroad acquisition in the days of Theodore Roosevelt.

Founded on the doctrine of the separation of powers, this nation as a government owns and operates businesses which the supreme court declares are yet separate entities to be conducted by their officers and not those elected by the people, Rossman said.

The writers of the constitution knew bureaucracy at it best as it existed in Europe. They weighed its efficiency against the desirable qualities of democracy and chose the doctrine of separation of powers, the speaker pointed out.

Between 1933 and 1942, while congress was enacting 4300 laws, there were issued in this country 3565 executive laws. Having issued such laws, the bureaucrat exchanges the solon's toga for the place of the executive and prosecutes those who have violated his orders. Then, sitting as judge, he determines the guilt or innocence and the penalty, Rossman declared.

Monitor Club Women Meet

MONITOR—Mrs. Ray Bessy entertained the Oak Lawn Woman's club Wednesday at a Valentine party. A no host dinner was served at noon. During the afternoon an exchange of silent friend gifts. Twelve members were present.

The Elliot Prairie Ladies Aid met Thursday for an afternoon meeting to quilt. Six members were present.

The Rebecca's met at the hall Wednesday for the bi-monthly business meeting.

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