

## Cost of Law-Making Up in '47; Groups Urge Action on Bills

Oregon state departments began a post-legislature week Monday in the wake of the long legislative session which ended early Sunday and began counting its cost and appraising its effect on state operations.

Gov. Earl Snell, tired by the strain of the session, took the day away from his office. He was expected back today to dispose of the many last-minute bills which still require his signature to become law.

Cost of the 83-day session was unofficially estimated at nearly \$400,000. Of this, it was confirmed Monday by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., \$161,671 represents wages and salaries paid to the 261 legislature employees, most of whom worked full time. Farrell compared this with the \$115,633 paid to employees of the 1945 session. Employees were paid on a daily basis, their time figured to include Sundays and other days the legislature did not meet.

No bills were reported out of the governor's office yesterday. Among unsigned bills is an appropriation of \$620,000 to remodel and operate as a state vocational school the Klamath Falls marine barracks. The governor's office reported yesterday that many letters from veterans have arrived urging Gov. Snell to sign into law the measure.

Meanwhile, word from Portland indicated yesterday that a state Grange and Farmers union-sponsored campaign, opened Monday in an attempt to invoke a referendum on senate bill 99. That bill, passed over Gov. Snell's veto last month, "permits power companies to arbitrarily appropriate basic water rights, according to the opposition's statement issued yesterday.

It will take 12,000 voters' signatures to get the measure on the ballot in May, 1948, for a popular vote.

## Marion Solons Take Active Session Roles

Marion county's legislators held prominent positions in the biennial assembly which ended Saturday, both in regard to important bills and committee assignments.

In the senate, the name of Sen. Allan Carson showed as author or co-author of 21 bills—the largest number for any solon. He was also chairman of the state affairs committee, vice chairman of the committee on commerce and navigation, and a member of the committees on banking, federal relations, military affairs and revision of laws.

Sen. Douglas McKay, author or co-author of 15 bills, was chairman of the roads and highways committee, vice chairman of the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry, and a member of the committees on engrossed and enrolled bills, labor and industries, military affairs and municipal affairs.

In the house, the name of Rep. Paul Hendricks appeared on 20 bills. Rep. W. W. Chadwick on 18, Rep. Frank Doerfler on six and Rep. Douglas Yeater on four. Chadwick was chairman of the committee on local government and served on the ways and means and labor-industries committees.

Hendricks was vice chairman of the military and veterans' affairs committee, and served on the revision of laws and state affairs committees.

Doerfler was on the committees on agriculture, food and livestock, and social welfare. Yeater was on the committees on financial institutions, game, utilities, and medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

Rep. Giles French of Moro and

Frank Van Dyke of Medford had their names on the most house bills—29 and 27 respectively.

### Legislature's Final Day

A. A. Gueffroy, house committee-room clerk, stepped into the job of Reading Clerk Richard Wilson, while Wilson took time off to get married, and emerged with laurels. He recorded only one vote the wrong way on the roll calls.

Named to the state emergency board by Senate President Marshall Cornett was Sen. Carl Engdahl. Speaker John Hall appointed Rep. Robert C. Gile and Jack Greenwood to the same board.

## Programs Varied For Observance Of Army Week

Army week observance in Salem this week is taking the form of talks at service clubs, films and programs at veterans organizations and church services.

Marion county chapter of the Reserve Officers association has obtained participation by many groups. Some churches will have special services Sunday and others during the week.

Tonight at the Eagles hall an 11-minute film, "Your Army Today," will be shown by reserve officers following lodge meeting.

Before the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday, Edwin Houser of the local reserve officers association appeared in behalf of army week. He noted that this nation's wartime armies always have been "nurtured by the community," and urged his listeners to give special consideration this week to the national defense program.

## Charge Follows Chase in Auto

Charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, Rex A. Layton, 1935 Center st., pleaded innocent in justice court Monday and trial was set for April 22. He posted \$375 bail. Layton was arrested at his home Sunday morning by a sheriff's deputy. His license number had been traced after an earlier chase in which Deputy Sheriff William DeVall had attempted to overtake Layton.

DeVall said he sighted the Layton car about 1:30 a.m. and gave chase north on Capitol street and sired it to the curb at Market and Baker streets. When he attempted to put handcuffs on Layton, DeVall said, Layton's car suddenly started forward, knocking the deputy to the ground.

## Reserve Unit Seeking Site

Salem's unit of the naval electronics battalion to operate in the Seattle district awaits only the obtaining of a location in or near Salem to begin training locally. "Two or three tons" of radar and other equipment will be shipped to Salem by the navy as soon as a site for it is available, members were informed last night by Comdr. E. A. Meola, local chairman.

About 30 already have joined the unit, membership in which is open to all navy reservists. Meetings have been called for 8 p.m. on each of the next two Mondays in the YMCA.

## Response to Seal Sale Shows Rise

A total of \$17,753 was realized from the last Christmas seal sale sponsored by the Marion County Public Health association, a 9 per cent increase over the 1945 sale, the association announced at an executive meeting Monday noon.

Meeting under the direction of Tinkham Gilbert, association president, the committee also revealed that more than 8,000 were X-rayed by the mobile units touring the county in mid-March. About 3,500 were X-rayed in the 1946 program, Mrs. Ruby Bunnell, executive secretary of the county public health association, said.

## CPA Permits 2 Buildings

Approval of two proposed Salem business expansions was given in Portland yesterday when civilian production administration awarded permits to Homer Goulet for a \$3,200 building to house a hop processing machine and to the Western Paper Converting Co. to build a \$3,450 machine shop.

Also approved was a \$3,000 restaurant project for J. H. Becker of Woodburn. The CPA denied an application for a \$3,000 office building by M. Cramer of Salem. Associated Press reported.

## Corvallis 'Safe' City

Corvallis and LaGrande are the only Oregon cities in the 5,000-10,000 population group placed this year on the National Safety council honor roll for having no traffic fatalities in 1946. Over the nation

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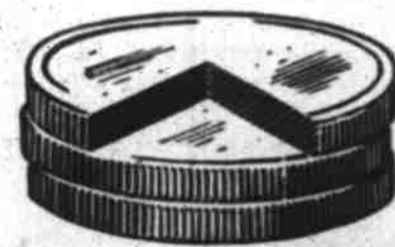


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The reasons for this low return are not hard to find. Since 1939 railroad wages have increased 52 1/10% and the prices of fuel, materials and supplies have gone up 61 1/10%.

But freight rates have just recently been increased an average of only 17 1/10%—a year after the effective date of the last big wage increase.

### What About This Year?

It is estimated that the return for 1947, even with the recent freight rate increase, will be only about half the 6% minimum return required to provide the improvements and service needed. This will be because of increased costs of materials and supplies; because certain wage increases granted in 1946 were in effect

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