

# 23 Out of 30 in State Senate 'Experienced'

By Wendell Webb  
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Oregon's 1949 state senate won't be quite so "green" as its house of representatives. Of the 30 members, 18 have been senators previously and 5 have served in the house. The other seven are newcomers to the legislature.

The five who formerly were in the house are Richard Neuberger and Jack Bain, of Portland; Vernon Bull, LaGrande, all democrats, and William McAllister, Medford, who was speaker of the house in 1945, and Marie E. Wilcox, Grants Pass, both republicans.

There will be 20 republicans and 10 democrats—compared with a 28 to 2 count at the last session. Mrs. Wilcox will be the only woman in the senate.

Attorneys predominate in the senate with 12. Four senators could be classified as farmers, three as merchants and two as publishers. Others include a radioman, writer, druggist, accountant, housewife, car dealer, railroad man, club owner and mining man.

"Dean" of the senate in years of service is Dean Walker, Independence republican, who faces his eighth session. Rex Ellis, Clatsop republican, will be in his seventh, and Howard Belton, Canby republican, and Thomas Mahoney, Portland democrat, will be serving their sixth.

President is expected to be William Walsh, Coos Bay, who will be in his fifth session. The senate president, who is tantamount to a lieutenant governor, usually is chosen at a caucus the night preceding the initial senate meeting and ratified on the floor the next day. Walsh already has enough pledges to make the race appear closed and preclude a formal battle for the post.

## Tax Program Simplified by Farmers Union

Ronald E. Jones, president of the Oregon State Farmers union, said Friday that efforts to make Oregon's financial problems appear complicated merely confuse the taxpayers, and that the Farmers union is now proposing a simple tax program which has been discussed before various groups by its state secretary, Representative Lyle Thomas of Polk county.

The Farmers union program contemplates amendments by the legislature of the income tax laws, making all income tax revenues available for general fund purposes.

"It is foolish to talk of a prospective state deficit," Jones said, "as long as unusable income tax revenues continue to pile up." He said it was estimated by the state tax commission that income revenue from the corporate excise tax and the personal income tax will amount to about \$88 million during the next biennium, and that all of this amount will not be required to offset the state property tax under the 6 per cent limitation.

"Unless the proposed amend-

# Oregon's 1949 State Senate

The way members will be seated (bottom row directly in front of rostrum)

(“r” indicates republican, “d” democrat; figure in-dicates which session this will be—1st, 2nd, etc.)



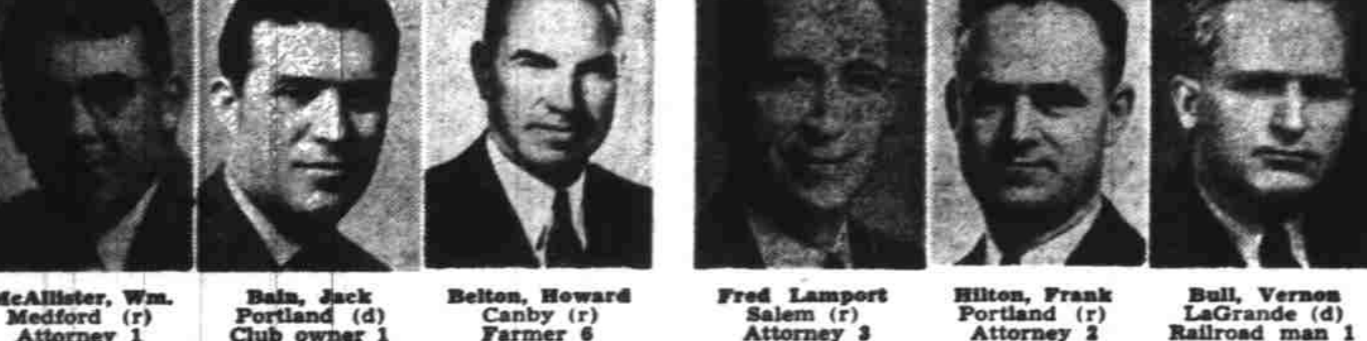
Walsh, William Coos Bay (r) Attorney 8; Holmes, Robert Gearhart (d) Radioman 1; Rand, Irving Portland (r) Attorney 4; Dunn, Austin Baker (d) Attorney 2; Fliegel, Austin Portland (d) Attorney 1; Neuberger, R. L. Portland (d) Writer 1



Lynch, Jack Portland (r) Druggist 3; Gardner, Russell Newport (d) Merchant 1; Maza, Ben The Dalles (d) Accountant 1; Thompson, Orval Albany (d) Attorney 2; Smith, Elmo E. Ontario (r) Publisher 1; Wilcox, Marie E. Grants Pass (r) Housewife 1



Marsh, Eugene McMinnville (r) Attorney 2; Hardie, Stewart Condon (r) Publisher 1; Hitchcock, Phil Klamath Falls (r) Merchant 1; Parkinson, Thos. Roseburg (r) Grocer 4; Chase, Truman Eugene (r) Farmer 2; Gibson, Angus Junction City (r) Car dealer 4



McAllister, Wm. Medford (r) Attorney 1; Bala, Jack Portland (d) Club owner 1; Belton, Howard Canby (r) Farmer 6; Fred Lampert Salem (r) Attorney 3; Hilton, Frank Portland (r) Attorney 2; Bull, Vernon LaGrande (d) Railroad man 1



Mahoney, Thomas Hillsboro (r) Attorney 6; Patterson, Paul Hillsboro (r) Attorney 2; Walker, Dean W. Independence (r) Hop grower 8; Carson, Allan Salem (r) Attorney 2; Ellis, Rex Pendleton (r) Mining man 7; Engdahl, Carl Pendleton (r) Rancher 3

ments which the Farmers union is backing are enacted, surplus funds will continue to pile up. We therefore propose to make it usable by amending the income tax laws.

"We also propose in our tax program the repeal of the present rebate law, the so-called 'Walker plan', under which the state tax commission is empowered to reduce income levies," Jones said.

"We do not believe the surplus income taxes which have accumulated in the state treasury should

## Yuletide Mail Heaviest Ever

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25—(AP)—Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson said today that from a mailing standpoint, this was the biggest Christmas season ever. Although final figures have not been compiled, spot reports from all sections of the country indicate the breaking of all previous records for the number of postal items handled, and the gross poundage. This applies to both the domestic and international postal services.

The post office, which has a regular force of 490,000 persons, hired an extra 300,000 to help handle the volume.

# AFL 'Declares War' on CIO In Washington

SEATTLE, Dec. 25—(AP)—The Washington State Federation of Labor Friday issued a "declaration of war" against CIO unions as an aftermath of an AFL tie-up of Puget Sound ports.

AFL checkers and foremen walked off the jobs in Seattle Tuesday, protesting asserted beatings of their members. They claimed that the beatings stemmed from the fact that AFL longshoremen worked in Tacoma, where they have jurisdiction, while CIO longshoremen tied up other major West Coast ports during the recent maritime strike.

Delegates of the Washington State Federation of Labor met here today to discuss the dispute. Evan M. (Ed) Weston, Federation president, declared after the meeting: "Our AFL waterfront unions have been pushed around long enough. We are just not going to stand for this any longer."

"You can call it a declaration of war."

CIO heads have denied that their members had anything to do with the claimed beatings.

# Jefferson Church Club Has Party

JEFFERSON—The Social Hour club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Floyd Coldiron last Thursday with a 1 o'clock luncheon followed by a business meeting and exchange of gifts. Sixteen members were present. Guests were Mrs. Maggie Quigley, Mrs. John Reiley of Crabtree and Patty Johnston of Sweet Home. The club will meet on January 13 at the home of Mrs. Virgil Rothrock in Albany.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dillon and son, Mrs. Jessie Devaney of Estacada, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Devaney and family were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Max Devaney.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vasek spent Monday at Hillsboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Cunningham had their family Christmas dinner last Sunday at their home on Third street. Home for the day were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cunningham and daughter of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cunningham and family of

Seo, and Ronnie Hall of the corps, nephew of Mrs. K. Cunningham. Johnny Muller has left Springfield, Ill., to spend Christmas holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lial Hamer and children were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. I. Thomas and baby of Salem will be evening guests.

Rev. William Schwab, retired Talbot minister, will speak Sat-

day morning at the 11 o'clock service at the Methodist church.

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