

Unit on State Cooperation Holds Meeting

A new 15-man interim committee on interstate cooperation was named Monday. It held a brief meeting.

The committee, which will work with similar groups from other western states, will handle such matters as the uniform daylight saving law suggested by Governor Douglas McKay.

The Gov. Douglas McKay designated Budget Director George Aiken as chairman of the committee. Other members, appointed by the governor and the legislative presiding officers, are:

Attorney General George Neuner; Victor P. Morris, state post-war development chairman; State Engineer Charles E. Stricklin; Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg; Sen. Carl Engdahl, Pendleton; Sen. Irving Rand, Portland; Sen. Paul Patterson, Hillsboro; Sen. Eugene E. Marsh, McMinnville; Sen. Austin Dunn, Baker; Rep. Alex Barry, Portland; Rep. W. W. Chadwick, Salem; Rep. Carl Francis, Dayton; Rep. Giles L. French, Moro; and Rep. Robert C. Gile, Roseburg.

Night Classes Provided for In New Bill

A bill was introduced in the senate Monday to permit any district school board to set up night extension classes of lower college level in public schools.

The measure was submitted by Sen. Austin Dunn, Baker. Dunn said the proposal would allow any district board to finance and start night classes if the extension work was in demand in the district.

The program would be administered by the board of higher education through the state board of education. If a district board decided night classes were in demand, it would instruct the board of higher education to supply instructors for the courses.

The courses would be financed jointly by the school districts, state and federal government.

Separate Vote On Annexing Areas Sought

A measure to simplify and reduce costs of annexation elections involving unincorporated territories was introduced in the senate Monday by the senate municipal affairs committee.

The bill would permit a territory involved in an annexation to vote separately on the proposal to determine if the residents favor the proposal. If the vote were against annexation, the city involved would not have to hold an election.

The present law requires both a territory and a city involved in an annexation proposal to vote simultaneously. The proposed measure would eliminate the cost of a special city election.

Bill Would Permit Banks to Close All Day Saturday

Oregon banks would be granted the legal right to close Saturdays and on four more holidays each year, under bills introduced in the senate Monday by the senate banking committee.

The additional holidays would be Lincoln's birthday, Washington's birthday, Armistice day and election days. In the past the banks have closed on these days, but the proposal would make the closures comply with state laws.

The Saturday closing provision would be optional to all banks, loan companies, trust companies and savings and loan companies.

Measure Would Compel Complaint In Traffic Cases

Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland, would make the officers who make complaints after they put parking tickets on cars. He filed a bill Monday to repeal a 1943 law which permits prosecution for violation of city parking laws with only an unsworn written notice to the violator.

Senate President, Polk Senator in Confab



Mulling over some of Oregon's problems are President of the Senate William Walsh, Coos Bay, left, and Sen. Dean Walker, Independence, right. Senator Walker is chairman of the senate assessment and taxation committee. (Statesman photo.)

In the House

PASSED
HB 2 (Steckhammer) — Provides names of parents shall appear on birth certificates.

INTRODUCED
HB 56 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — In regard to closed banks, makes rights of federal deposit insurance compensation same as under old national bank act.

HB 57 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — Increases from \$500 to \$1,000 the amount which bank may pay to surviving relative of depositor without probate.

HB 58 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — Permits banks to adjust debts and credits during the current day and until the next banking day.

HB 59 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — Regulates conditional sales contracts for personal property; provides contract must show any amount buyer agrees to pay seller in excess of unpaid balance.

HB 60 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — Increases amount banks and trust companies shall deposit as security covering certain tax accounts.

HB 61 (Com. on Fin. Inst.) — Appears to change commercial and savings deposits in common pot for distribution in event bank closes.

HB 62 (French, Sen. Marsh) — Sets up assessment plan for forest properties under reforestation program.

HB 63 (Short) — Example from municipal budget estimates certain probable receipts (grants, gifts, endowments, annuities) to be used for specific trust purposes.

HB 64 (Short, Meyers) — Repeals law which permits district board of board of first class school district with a union high school, to change boundaries of union high school district so that no part of the first class district is in union high district.

HB 65 (French, Sen. Marsh) — Permits counties or cities to tax establishments selling, serving, dispensing or handling liquor, alcohol or malt beverages, whether or not operated for profit.

HB 66 (Logan) — Appears to tighten law regarding punishment for the writing of weekly bad checks.

HB 67 (Labor and Indus. Com.) — Increases unemployment benefits to \$25 weekly.

HB 68 (Labor and Indus. Com.) — Raises number of degrees of injury attendant to injuries received by participants in workmen's compensation; consequently increasing benefit rights.

HB 69 (Labor and Indus. Com.) — Repeals waiting period for benefits for compensation.

HB 70 (Labor and Indus. Com.) — Provides that application to place an employer's relative under workmen's compensation shall constitute an agreement to participate to the fund.

HB 71 (Reps. Sell, Housell) — Gives \$2,400 to widow of State Policeman LeRoy Spickerman, killed in accident near The Dalles.

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEES
HB 53, 54, 55.
House resumes at 10 a. m. today.

State Bureau Of Statistics To Be Studied

A measure to create a state bureau of vital statistics to process and file all Oregon birth certificates were introduced in the senate Monday by the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry.

The bill provides for appointment of a state registrar of vital statistics who would work under the supervision of the state health department.

Full-time local registrars would be employed by county health departments and would be regulated by the state registrar. All figures compiled by local registrars would be channeled into the state registrar's office to be posted as permanent records.

Property Law Being Studied By Attorneys

Proposed repeal of Oregon's community property law was discussed Monday at a meeting of attorneys members of the house and senate with officials of the Oregon State Bar association.

Nicholas Jauregui and Carl E. Davidson, both of Portland, appeared before the legislators to explain various proposals to repeal the 1947 law.

Two measures, already introduced to throw out the community property law, were compared with a measure to be sponsored by the bar association.

Lower Voting Age and Taxes To Be Sought

Measures to reduce the voting age from 21 to 18 and to reduce corporate income taxes from 8 to 6 per cent will be presented to the 1949 legislature, it was announced Monday.

Sen. Vernon D. Bull, LaGrande, said he would introduce a democrat-sponsored bill to lower the voting age. A similar measure was defeated last session. It would be a constitutional amendment and would have to be approved by the voters.

Sen. Ben Musa, The Dalles accountant, indicated he would submit a measure to lower corporate taxes. He said Oregon corporation taxes are excessively high and are driving business out of the state.

Sen. Jack Lynch, Portland, said he would introduce a bill providing fines for minors giving false ages to buy liquor.

Aid Requested for Widows of Two State Policemen

Widows of two Oregon policemen would be provided \$100 each for 24 months, under provisions of a bill introduced in the house Monday by Reps. John I. Sell of The Dalles and John Housell of Hood River.

The policemen were Delmond E. Rondeau, who was killed by gunshot in Hood River, and LeRoy Spickerman, who was fatally injured in an automobile accident while on duty near The Dalles.

Rep. Thomas, Peck Are Congratulated

A house resolution Monday by Rep. Harvey Wells of Portland facilitated on their birthdays (January 15) Reps. Grace O. Peck, Portland democrat, who was alluded to as a "Grand Old Party," and Lyle Thomas of Dallas, republican, whose "many years of service" to the state were commended. This is Mrs. Peck's first term in office.

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Veteran Bills Being Readied For Assembly

A group of Portland legionnaires, headed by Attorney Frank Sever, was here Monday to whip into shape a number of legislative bills based on recommendations adopted at the American Legion convention last summer.

One would increase from 3 to 5 per cent bond issues that may be sold to raise funds for veterans' farm and home loans in Oregon. The maximum bond issue would be based on property valuations. Bonds of \$10,000,000 already have been issued and sold by the state veterans department and additional money will be required within the next few months.

Another bill would make eligible for loans World War II veterans, with other qualifications, who have lived in Oregon for two years before making application.

Sever said he hoped to have the bills ready for introduction within a week or 10 days.

Memorial Would Urge Creation of River Authorities

A memorial petitioning congress to create a Columbia valley authority was prepared for introduction Monday by Sen. Richard Neuberger.

The memorial cites the urgent need for an agency patterned after the renowned Tennessee valley authority and is in line with a recommendation made by President Truman in his recent address to congress.

Veterans' Aid Available for Night Classes

All classes in the Salem night school curriculum may be taken under Oregon's program of educational aid to veterans, George Porter, director of Salem adult education, noted in answer to queries.

The financial aid is available to persons who were Oregon residents for at least one year prior to World War II, spent at least six months in the service and have a discharge other than dishonorable.

The state's payments are not divided into tuition and subsistence, as are federal GI bill payments, nor is a ceiling set on wages the veteran may earn. The plan pays the student-veteran 87½ cents for each hour of his attendance in class, with a maximum of \$35 a month, and out of the student pays his own class fees. He is entitled to one month of aid for each month of service up to a maximum of 36 months.

'Inflation' Noted in Price of Peace

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (AP)—The navy does not expect present international controversies to lead to war, Secretary John L. Sullivan said, but believes a powerful defense is the price of peace.

"Literally speaking that price is rising," Sullivan said in his annual report for 1947-48.

Following within a week President Truman's request for \$14,000,000,000 for the armed services — the largest peacetime military budget in the nation's history — Sullivan declared future navy budgets "inescapably" will be even higher.

Chili Supper Held At Macleay School

MACLEAY—Annual chili supper Friday night netted \$40 and will be used for the benefit of the school. Mrs. Stella Masten directed the program which was presented by Mrs. Joe Wodzewska, Mrs. Fred Magar, Mrs. Walter Pease, Mrs. Elsie Brink, Mrs. Rose Housley, Mrs. Wilber Miller, Mrs. Theo Olson, Mrs. Harry Martin, Mr. W. F. Cole and Mrs. George Looker.

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Solon's Daughter Plays House



Little Judy Chindgren, daughter of State Rep. Herman Chindgren of Molalla, brings a little cheer to the house during a legislative recess here. She is talking to State Rep. E. H. Condit of Westport (left), while Mrs. Chindgren looks on. In the background is Ben Chindgren, a doorkeeper and brother of the representative who is temporarily away from his desk. (Statesman photo.)

Life Insurance For Veterans Gets Attention

Positive action to keep national service life insurance in force will be required this year of a large number of veterans, especially those who were in World War II early with the 41st division from the northwest.

The term insurance issued during the war expires eight years after it was taken out, according to James Harris, veterans' administration representative here. He said veterans may renew their policies for a new five-year term at the premium stated for their present age or may convert the policies to a permanent plan.

Since there is no grace period after the eight years, said Harris, a veteran who fails to apply for renewal or conversion before his insurance expires will be required to take a physical examination if he wishes to regain coverage later.

The VA is attempting to notify veterans two months ahead of the expiration date on their policies.

Monmouth Lodges Install

MONMOUTH—Officers of the Rebekah and IOOF lodges installed officers in a joint ceremony Thursday night. Iris Powell, Monmouth, district deputy, assisted by Golday Bowman, Independence, marshal, installed the Rebekahs.

Officers are Alair Davis, past noble grand; Pearl Stump, noble grand; Minnie Andrews, vice grand; Ivy Hamer, secretary; Evelyn Nash, treasurer; Ellen Dalton, warden; Mary Palmer, conductor; Melva Seward, and Loraine Loft, guards; Bessie Groves and Lydia Carmichael, supports to noble grand; Myrna Jaynes and Zella Koch, supporters to vice grand; Anna Herren, chaplain; Susie Stanton, musician.

Officers for Monmouth IOOF were installed by Eric Swenson, district deputy, acting as grand master; Ben Friesen, grand warden; Charles Bowman, grand secretary; Ivan Williams, grand treasurer; and William A. West, grand marshal.

Officers are Delbert Seward, noble grand; Vernon Nash, vice grand; G. E. Evans, secretary; Lloyd A. Cook, treasurer; Ivan Williams, financial secretary; Floyd Fisher, warden; C. Schulmerich, conductor; Claude Winegarand Leslie Davis, guards; Francis Graber, Chas. Ray, H. A. Dalton and Kearney Palmer, supporters. W. J. Stockholm, chaplain.

Packs, Troops Prepare for Scout Week

The 39th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America will be observed locally February 6 to 12 along with the rest of the scout world, Gordon Gilmore, Salem scout executive, has announced.

Cub scout packs, scout troops and senior units will hold open house, parents' nights, special invitational events of new members and other programs of "fellowship and fun," local scout officials reported.

Scout Sunday will be observed on February 6 in a number of churches in the Cascade area council, while religious services for scouts of the Jewish faith will be held on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12.

More than 2,200,000 active members of the scout movement will observe the anniversary program in the United States, Alaska, Canal Zone, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and Guam. Since 1910, when the scout movement was established, 15,500,000 scouts and leaders have been actively enrolled.

Mt. Angel Legion Meeting Is Held

MT. ANGEL—Legion party for veterans and friends was held at Memorial hall Tuesday with the post and unit members in attendance by B. E. (Kelly) Owens of Salem, department commander.

In charge of the supper were Mrs. Gene Hoffer, Mrs. Fred Lucht, Mrs. Clarence Ebner, Mrs. Lloyd Walker, Mrs. Joseph Paulhaber, Mrs. Ed DeLoar, Lorella Dehler. The post committee included commander H. Bourbonnais, Lloyd Walker, Gene Hoffer, and C. J. Ebner. More than 90 were served.

Department commander Owens spoke on privileges, accomplishments and duties of Legionnaires, directing his words principally to the new members.

Mt. Angel now has a paid up membership of 122 with the number constantly growing. Plans are to be over the top by the end of the month. The sick committee reported John Jennings and Kenneth Burkert hospitalized. The next meeting of the Marion county council was announced for Wednesday, January 18.

Mrs. Fred Lucht reported upon Christmas cheer for four families at Christmas time. Aiding Mrs. Lucht were her daughter, Florena, Mrs. A. Hauth, Mrs. Ernest Crowder and Mrs. Fred Prosser.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Gene Hoffer and Mrs. Peter Gores, the unit quota was passed before the deadline. Membership is now 73.

Boys' Attempt To Dynamite School Foiled

PHILIPSBURG, Pa., Jan. 17 (AP)—Two casual passers-by foiled an attempt to dynamite the Phillipsburg high school by two disgruntled 14-year-old boys.

Policeman Victor Fleck said the youths planted 180 sticks of stolen dynamite around the new building's main entrance but were frightened away before setting off the blast when two unidentified persons walked by. Juvenile officer Paul Zimmerman of Centre county said the eighth grade pupils, who didn't get along in school, were released in their parents' custody pending a hearing.

George Schmidt New President Of Mt. Angel Club

MT. ANGEL, Jan. 17—George Schmidt was unanimously elected president of Mt. Angel Business men's club at the annual meeting held at the Mt. Angel hotel. Clem J. Butsch, retiring president, was given a rising vote of thanks for his work during the last year.

Louis A. DeLoar and Lorella E. Dehler were re-elected vice-president and secretary respectively.

The group voted 22 to 1 to hold the 1948 flax festival and the president was instructed to appoint the festival committee by the next meeting. The dates for the celebration will also be decided on at once.

Frank Hettwer thanked the members of the club for serving at the Christmas dinner held recently in St. Mary's hall. A. Marion county crop chairman, he reported the ship with products sailed from Portland January 9 and that its destination is Bremen, Germany. Marion county had the second largest contribution on Oregon and about half of it came through the local co-ops, Hettwer said.

Products included powdered milk, cheese and prunes. Father Damian gave credit for the success of the project largely to the co-op managers, Frank Hettwer, Peter Gores, Sylvester Schmidt and Fred J. Schwab.

President Schmidt appointed Francis Schmidt and Harold Brenden to solicit the membership for the next six months.

Aviators have reported swift circling about planes which were flying at speeds up to 65 miles an hour.



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19 years ago this month: Two Portland golfers, Dr. O. F. Willing and Don Moe were selected as members of the U. S. Walker Cup Team to compete in England. This will be the third time Dr. Willing has been a member of the team and his second trip to England. In 1926 Willing won the deciding single match to give the U. S. possession of the cup. Don Moe is a student at the U. of Oregon at Eugene and this will be his first attempt in Walker Cup play. Other members of the team are James V. Elm, Quimet, Voight and Sweetser, Jones being Captain.

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