

Bridge to Get Probable Priority in Traffic Program

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One-Way Grid Held 'Essential'; Baldock Explains Proposal

By Robert E. Gangware City Editor, The Statesman

Putting his finger on a myriad of touchy Salem traffic spots Thursday night, State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock threw open his report of a \$7,600,000 proposed traffic improvement here to a group of 30 city officials and civic leaders.

Baldock said timetable for the improvements in his report which the state highway commission accepted this week will depend on fund allocations made by the commission. But

Baldock Elaborates on Project

Some highlights of State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock's explanation of a \$7,600,000 Salem highway improvement program to a group of civic leaders last night:

Timetable Depends on allocations from highway commission, but bridge construction probably to start first.

One-Way Streets Handle 50 per cent more traffic in grid pattern, aid motorists and tend to keep business sections from dispersing.

South Salem One-way for Commercial and Liberty traffic preferred as far south as Oxford; widening Commercial south of Mission would cost almost \$1,000,000 more.

North Salem Norway-Shipping route for trucks considered best but alternates such as a Highland route could be worked out.

West Salem Plan lends to flood protection if army engineers will cooperate in revention work.

Hollywood No parking decreed for Portland road between Tile road and Lana avenue, with traffic one-way northbound.

The engineer suggested in view of widespread public interest, the first priority probably will fall to a new bridge across the Willamette.

Baldock termed the proposed grid of one-way streets "absolutely essential to make the over-all plan a success," and declared that if the bridge (at Marion street) gets first go-ahead signal from the commission, the one-way grid will have to be started even before the bridge is finished.

The traffic plan calls for a two-lane bridge at Marion street for westbound traffic, with present Center street bridge to serve eastbound traffic only; the one-way streets to expedite traffic through Salem and in the center of the city; a full by-pass route for through Highway 99E traffic, just west of Lancaster drive, with eventual hookup with a new North Santiam highway section from Mill City here.

The Baldock report was reviewed at a dinner meeting in Senator hotel of city aldermen and officials, the long range planning commission, city zoning commission, mayor's committee on traffic and West Salem council. Several present have been spokesmen of long standing for the interests of West, North and South Salem.

Most of the discussion centered in the bridge and one-way street plans. To the planning commission and others who had endorsed a four-lane Division street bridge in preference to the Marion street bridge as proposed by the highway department, Baldock said his decision was based on exhaustive department studies, checks with highway engineers around the country and the recent Automotive Safety foundation survey in Oregon.

"And we are certain there is no error in this selection," Baldock said. The engineer said the plan of two one-way bridges would accommodate traffic at least until 1970 by minimizing congestion at bridge approaches. Moreover, he pointed out, the plan would cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000 less than a Division street bridge.

He said New York, Washington, D. C., and Boston all have found by actual use that one-way bridges handle much more traffic than multi-lane bridges for two-way traffic where congestion at approaches prevents maximum use of actual bridge capacity. (Additional details on page 2)

CAUFIELD STATE MARSHAL WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—The nomination of Jack R. Caufield as U. S. marshal for Oregon was confirmed today by the United States senate.

Weather

Salem Max. Min. Precip. 32 22 0.00
Portland 32 22 0.03
San Francisco 54 31 0.00
Chicago 38 28 0.10
New York 35 30 trace

Willamette river -1.4 feet.
FORECAST (from 8 A. S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Fog during the morning hours, becoming fair during afternoon and evening. High today near 37. Low tonight near 15.

SALEM PRECIPITATION (Sept. 1 to Jan. 25)

This Year	Last Year	Average
22.08	26.25	21.82

\$500,000 Blizzard Relief Voted

Firemen Probe Chuck's Tavern Fire Debris



IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles A. Stryker

There is one argument in favor of legislative reapportionment in which the legislators cannot overlook, and that is the command of the constitution that after each federal or state census the assembly shall act to reapportion the legislature "among the several counties according to the number of white population in each." The legislators, however, they do, and have for 40 years. Senator Neuberger has a bill to do this long neglected job. Its formula for apportionment would be constant and the secretary of state would do the parcelling if the legislature failed to do it.

What will be fatal to the Neuberger bill is that it would increase the Multnomah representation six senators and 13 representatives to ten senators and 20 representatives, giving it one-third of the seats in the assembly. Other gains in representation would be Klamath, Jackson, Washington and Clackamas. Since the constitution limits the number of senators to 30 and representatives to 60, their gains would be at the expense of Morrow, Sherman, Wheeler, Baker, Crook, Josephine, Tillamook and Umatilla. The members from upstate are expected to block Neuberger's reapportionment plan and provide no substitute. The late Sen. Marshall Cornett was never able to get a senator's seat shifted from northeast Oregon (Umatilla and neighbor counties) to his own populous Klamath county.

The argument advanced against reapportionment is that Multnomah county sends an inferior class of legislators to the assembly. Agrarian upstate prides itself on sending more stable (republican) members to the legislature. A large urban community is always suspect; its masses are regarded as (Continued on editorial page)

Gambling Charges Dismissed in Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 27—(AP)—Charges against Ah Sing and Ah Hing of possessing gambling paraphernalia were dismissed in municipal court today for lack of a complainant. But seven persons arrested at their establishment were fined \$10 each on charges of visiting a gambling place.

Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



"That's the first time I've seen him without his unit" sm.

Fire Destroys Local Tavern; To Be Rebuilt

Chuck's Tavern, Portland road night spot and restaurant, will be rebuilt as soon as debris is cleared, owner Virgil Pade said Thursday following the early morning blaze which destroyed the popular tavern.

Firemen, called to the fire at 6:25 Thursday morning, were hampered by ice glazed streets. Origin of the blaze was undetermined, but the flames, apparently centering near the kitchen, were discovered by Lee Smith, the janitor.

From the kitchen the fire swept into the dining room and through the roof. Little was left of the upper structure and damage was estimated at \$20,000 for the building and \$40,000 for equipment and stores.

Present owners of the business, Jack and Kenneth Miller, plan to continue with the tavern after it has been rebuilt. The tavern was built in 1932, when the area was still outside the city limits. It was first opened by the late I. N. Sturtevant. It later was known as Smith's Barbecue. The building was sold to Jack Putnam and the business became Chuck's tavern under the ownership of Charles Johnston. Putnam also ran the business for a time.

Putnam sold the business to Jack Schimberg and the building to Virgil Pade. In September the Mullers of Portland took over the business end.

Scott Wins by Slim Margin

(Picture on page 10)
OMAHA, Jan. 27—(AP)—Hugh D. Scott, Jr., held on his chairmanship of a kicking, scratching republican national committee today by a slim margin of four votes. After a day of political infighting seldom equaled by the staid old GOP, the 48-year-old Pennsylvania congressman won a 54 to 50 vote of confidence. The roll call on the motion to table a resolution which would have declared the chairmanship vacant; included yes, Oregon, Corbett, No, Oregon, Calk.

Chain Stores Cut Bread Price Again

PORTLAND, Jan. 27—(AP)—The price of bread was cut another cent by two Portland chain stores today, making a total price cut this week of 2 cents.

A large pound-and-a-half loaf is now 19 cents; a pound loaf, 13 cents. Another chain store, inaugurated the price reduction earlier.

Egg prices declined 2 to 3 cents, reflecting increased supplies from the midwest.

Egg Prices Drop Few Cents in Area

Egg prices dropped a few cents in Salem market listings Thursday. The wholesale prices fell from 65 to 61 cents for AA extra large eggs by the dozen and fell 2-3 cents in other grades.

Steelhammer, Moore Mentioned As Candidates for '51 Speaker

This is some long-range planning going on at the statehouse. It involves the question as to who will be speaker of the house in 1951.

A lot of names are being mentioned, but predominantly in the limelight of late have been Rep. John Steelhammer of Salem and Rep. Ralph Moore of Coos.

Neither one has been quoted as being averse to the idea, albeit both are quick to point out that any such job must be contingent upon re-election to the legislature—and, things being what they are, the "death and taxes" axiom still holds as to what can be considered certain.

Steelhammer, 40-year-old native of Woodburn, war veteran and Salem attorney, is serving his fifth session in the house. He was to be a candidate for speaker two years ago but lost his legis-

New Gale Adds to Hazards

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—Moving with record speed, congress today voted a \$500,000 relief fund for the snowbound west and set to work immediately on another measure which may boost the storm chest another \$3,000,000.

The following actions were taken in the capital:

1. President Truman told a new conference he was asking congress for a new \$1,000,000 emergency disaster fund.

2. Shortly after the White House announcement the house voted unanimously to add \$500,000 to the disaster fund and sent the appropriation measure to the senate.

3. Two hours later the senate approved the \$500,000 bill and sent it to the White House.

4. The Red Cross announced it was making a preliminary allocation of \$250,000 for use in the snow-buffed regions as well as in areas facing flood threats.

The senate meanwhile adopted a resolution to authorize \$3,000,000 to repay federal agencies for money they have already spent in the "haylift."

New blizzards swirled into sections of the west Thursday complicating the many-sided battle to save half the nation's sheep and thousands of cattle from perishing.

The National Wool Grower's association estimated that half of the nation's sheep population are in critical condition because of storms and shortage of feed.

Winter struck these new blizzards plagued Nebraska, where the army is working with 57 bulldozers and 29 weasels to cut through old drifts.

The storm struck just as the air force arranged to send 24 cargo planes to its Kearney, Neb., base to carry supplies into the area and drop hay to starving livestock. The snow intensified the hazards facing snowbound cattle and farmers.

Poor Visibility Poor visibility slowed operations of the Nevada haylift by the big air force flying boxes.

In Utah, which the National Wool Growers association termed the major "catastrophe area" new storms slowed the delivery of supplies.

Heavy snows of four to eight inches moved in from the west, Kansas and portions of Iowa, Wisconsin, upper Michigan and extreme southeastern Minnesota.

General flood warnings were issued for a 171-mile stretch of the big Ohio river past Cincinnati and new sleet storms slowed highway traffic to a crawl from Texas to lower Michigan.

James Smith, 106, Of Lebanon Ill

LEBANON, Jan. 27—(AP)—James W. Smith, who celebrated what relatives say was his 106th birthday last July, was critically ill today at his home in Waterloo.

The aged man fell on the floor of his cottage early this month. Apparently recovered, he contacted a severe cold.

Smith lives with a niece and her husband.

More Funds Sought For Schools, Solons, Auto Licenses, Vets

By Wendell Webb Managing Editor, The Statesman

It wasn't bargain-basement day at the Oregon legislature Thursday. The financial talk was all top-flight. And some of it pertained to the legislators themselves.

First there was the proposal to nearly double the state's basic school support fund (from \$16,000,000 to \$30,000,000) for much-needed construction. The bill, which provides state aid at the rate of \$95 instead of \$50 per child, was approved for introduction by the house education committee, "by request."

Then there was the proposal of the Veterans of Foreign Wars for a \$55,000,000 soldiers' bonus, payable for service between Dec. 1, 1941 and Dec. 1, 1946, with an individual maximum of \$940. It was presented to the house military affairs committee by Norman Howard of Portland, VFW legislative chairman, and if the committee doesn't introduce it some member will.

Pay Boost for Solons And for the legislators, Rep. Lloyd Crosby of Milwaukie introduced a house bill to pay them \$600 annually, as compared with the \$200 they now receive (\$8 per day for 50 days of session every two years).

But even that was far from all. Rep. Earl Hill entered in the house his bill to double the \$5 motor vehicle registration fee. The state highway department was expected to get half of the extra money and the counties and cities a quarter each.

And on the other side of the finance ledger was a bill introduced in the senate by Sen. Vernon Bull, and Reps. Phil Brady and Gun Anderson to cut in half the 3 per cent monthly interest rate on small loans and ban salary garnishments under the small loan act.

Adoption of Resolution So far as final actions were concerned, the major one was speedy adoption of a joint resolution to include all state employees in the already-approved plan to continue the \$20-a-month pay increase to employees who get their salary from appropriations.

Another measure on which legislation was completed would increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000 the exemptions of homesteads from liens and liabilities.

Twenty-three new introductions were received in the house, including those reducing the maximum age limit at Hillcrest Girls' school from 25 to 18; creating the office of registrar in Multnomah county; providing that legislative postpaid mail should be numbered and candidates shall run for specific positions rather than at large; and asking President Truman to have delegates to United Nations work for a world police force and reduced armaments.

New Bills in Senate Eight new bills were dropped into the senate, which early in the day killed the house-approved measure to let any competent person over 21 serve a summons.

Among the eight were those to increase the state highway commission from three to five members and to bar firemen from working more than 72 hours a week.

Meanwhile, the joint ways and means committee recommended that the Postwar Reconstruction and Development committee be abolished.

The senate doesn't face much of a calendar today, but 10 house bills will be up for final action in the house—none of them on the "heavy" side.

Both the senate and house will resume at 10 a.m. (Additional details on pages 3 and 6.)

2 Men Held in Raid on Canby Slot Machines

OREGON CITY, Jan. 27—(AP)—A "sustained campaign" against slot machines was announced by District Attorney Leonard Lindas today.

Lindas said state police covered all southern Clackamas county last night, and seized four slot machines in a raid at Canby. Raids, he said, would continue.

"When I took office January 3," said Lindas, "I notified the sheriff to tell the gamblers to get out of the county or expects raids immediately. About nine gambling places were running then, but understand they have all stopped now."

Two men, arrested in the state police raids last night, will appear in justice court at Canby tomorrow.

VISHINSKY ON MISSION PRAGUE, Jan. 27—(AP)—Rumors circulated today that Andrei Vishinsky Russian deputy foreign minister, is trouble shooting in Czechoslovakia. The report could not be confirmed.

Tyrone Power Weds Actress in Rome; Italian Bobby-Soxers Riot Joyously

ROME, Jan. 27—(AP)—Tyrone Power and Linda Christian said their marriage vows today while thousands of screaming Italian bobby-soxers surged riotously across police lines outside the church of Santa Francesca Romana. It was Hollywood-on-the-Tiber's show of the year.

So great was the din that the words of the marriage ceremony scarcely could be heard in the fifth row of the church.

In the crush outside the church, several women fainted and a man's finger was broken. There were reports that Vatican prelates were incensed at the atmosphere. Twice during the ceremony groups of determined teen-age girls charged the church doors, trying to get in. There were not more than 10,000 in the unit through.

Power, 34-year-old veteran of scores of movie mob scenes, was calm throughout the pushing and hauling that attended his arrival and departure.

Power has announced his bride is giving up her screen career. She has said they want to start raising a family right away.

After the ceremony the couple was received in a special audience by Pope Pius XII. The pope gave the bride a rosary and a booklet.

ROME, Jan. 27—Tyrone Power (left) and Linda Christian take their marriage vows in the little Church of Santa Francesca Romana, Rome, Italy, this morning. Performing the marriage is Mar. William Hemmick (right), of Washington, D.C. While the marriage of the actor and actress was taking place, thousands of Romans gathered outside to scream their approval. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London to the Statesman.)

Vets' Pension, Bonus Bills Introduced WASHINGTON, Jan. 27—(AP)—Veterans organizations asked congress today to make 18,000,000 veterans of both world wars eligible for \$60-a-month pensions when they reach 60.

In a separate request, the Veterans of Foreign Wars proposed enactment of a World War II bonus law costing an estimated \$15,000,000,000 to \$20,000,000,000 in adjusted service compensation.

The pension proposals were presented by the VFW and the American Legion to the house veterans affairs committee. That committee began hearings today on a bill by its chairman, Rep. Rankin (D-Miss.), to pay old age and non-service connected disability pensions to veterans of the last two wars. The minimum pension to a veteran, sick or well, would be \$60 a month, beginning at the age of 60.