

## Legion to Hold '50 State Meet In Grants Pass

Naming Grants Pass as the site of next year's convention and action on a number of constitutional amendments constituted the bulk of business Friday for delegates to the American Legion convention.

Grants Pass won the nod as hosts for the 1950 convention over Eugene and Seaside in a nip-and-tuck race. Eugene finally turned over her votes to Seaside who in turn yielded to Grants Pass.

After a spirited debate the delegates voted to eliminate the office of area commander from the Legion constitution. Other constitutional amendments passed created a child welfare commission, publishing the Oregon Legionnaire, provided for election procedure of national executive committees, created a junior legion baseball commission and created a standing membership quota committee.

### Asks Detention Places

Other resolutions adopted asked the state to create a system of suitable detention places for wards of juvenile courts. A resolution which would appoint three additional vice commanders in the department was defeated.

Election of officers, committee reports, adoption of the department budget for the next year, will take place at the closing sessions today.

Also expected to make an appearance is a much-discussed resolution which would raise the per capita tax 25 cents to the national office.

### Guests of Legion

Appearing as guests of the Legion delegates Friday were Gov. Douglas McKay, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure, commander of the northwest district, and Legion officials.

Past National Commander Stephen Chadwick of Seattle, Wash., made a plea for an increase in duty to wounded veterans and dependents of deceased veterans if they did not join the Legion and help carry out its program of aid to veterans.

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## Ft. Lewis GI Charged with Hit, Run Wreck

A Ft. Lewis soldier, Pvt. Aurelio Martinez, was arrested early Friday by city police and charged with jarceny of an auto and failing to remain at the scene of an accident. He was held at the city jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail.

The charges involved an accident in the 200 block of South Winter street about 3 a.m. Police said a car driven by Martinez, here with an army unit for the Legion convention, crashed into two parked autos. Martinez fled into brush nearby but was pursued and overtaken by a group of Astoria Legionnaires, the police version continued. One of the cars was registered to Charles W. Laurens, jr., a delegate from Astoria; the other was owned by Bert Reagan of Portland.

An investigation revealed that Martinez had been driving a car belonging to John Turpentine, jr., 239 S. Cottage st. without his permission, police said.

## Farmer on Network Show

DALLAS, Aug. 5 (Special)—Charles Ross, Rickrealt, will be among Oregon farmers featured on the National Farm and Home hour, a national radio program, this morning from 11-11:30 (DST).

R. H. Ohling, Polk county extension agent, said Ross will discuss problems concerning hairy vetch production on the show which will originate from KGW, Portland.

Appearing with Ross will be Cecil McKay and William Daniels, both of Beaver Creek. Also on the program will be G. R. Jackman, farm crop specialist of Oregon State college; J. J. Inskeep, Clackamas county agent; and Wallace Kadderley, KGW farm program director.

## Western States Government Talks Slated in Portland

Meeting to discuss state government problems will be held representatives of the 11 western states in Portland October 3 to 5, inclusive, Gov. Douglas McKay announced here Friday.

Plans for the meeting were discussed at a conference here Friday attended by Stuard Wilson, western representative of the council of state governments, George Flagg, chairman of the Oregon interstate coordinating committee, State Senator Carl Engdahl and State Representative W. W. Chadwick.

## Sketch Shows Plans for State Highway Office Building



This five-story building eventually will house offices of the state highway commission in Salem. Shown above is an architect's sketch of the highway building proposed for construction in the block east of Summer street and north of Chemeketa street, where acquisition of property by the state already is in progress. Cost of the building as planned by the state highway department would be approximately \$1,600,000. The highway commission construction plan this week received the endorsement of the new state capitol planning commission when it reviewed for the first time a state construction project, as authorized by the 1949 Oregon legislature.

## Salem Post 136 Delegation Active at Conclave



With today the last day of Oregon's annual American Legion convention here in Salem, last-minute business will bring a flurry of activity. Scenes such as the caucus of delegates from Salem post 136 above will be in evidence around the statehouse. Seated left to right are, Earl H. Ahleir, Jim Payne, Bert A. Walker, Kenneth M. Potts, Joseph B. Felton, Walter M. Wood, and Chester L. Fritz. Standing left to right, Wayne Perdue, Robert Greeve and Homer Smith, Jr. (Statesman photo.)

## Belton Heads State Interim Tax Studiers

Members of the interim committee of the 1949 legislature to conduct a study of the Oregon tax structure Friday elected state Sen. Howard Belton, Canby, chairman.

William W. Collier, on the staff of the state tax commission, will assist the committee in its investigations, it was decided at the Salem meeting.

Two or more members of the interim committee will be included in sub-groups to consider the five taxation subjects to be studied. Personnel of these subgroups will be announced by Chairman Belton within two or three weeks, he said.

One group will study all phases of the ad valorem tax and another methods of assessing and collecting taxes raised by state and local taxing bodies. Other subgroups will study present and future state

revenue requirements in relation to income, business and other taxes and licenses, and problems concerning state levy of taxes and the 6 per cent constitutional limitation amendment.

## R. G. Larsen Home on Leave

Richard G. Larsen, son of Mrs. Louise Gray, 633 Ferry st., is home on 52-day leave from the U.S. navy prior to re-enlistment for three years. Larsen, who was a graduate of Sacred Heart academy in 1945, recently returned from a Mediterranean cruise aboard a cruiser. He is now stationed at Brooklyn navy yard. He recently was promoted to gunner's mate second class.

## Victor Taylor, Former Salem Resident, Dies

Funeral services were held in Portland this week for Victor R. Taylor, 54, a former Salem resident who graduated from Salem high school and attended Willamette university before locating in Portland shortly after World War I.

He was a partner in the insurance agency of Pownall, Taylor and Hays, and was long active in Boy Scout leadership.

His widow, Mrs. Vivian Beck Taylor, is from a former Salem family. Also surviving are a son, Robert Renwick Taylor, Portland; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Robertson, Fort Bragg, Cal.; two sisters, Mrs. Charles Fogelquist, Joseph; and Mrs. Anna Dotterer, Chicago, and four brothers, A. W. Miller, Spokane; George R. Taylor, Herbert A. Taylor and Lester R. Taylor, all of Portland.

## Clowns, Chimp, Kids Join in Legion Parade

Several hundred children, clowns, a live chimp on a bicycle, drum corps and marching units participated in the American Legion convention children's parade Friday afternoon.

First place award for individual entries went to Michael Daggett, 2124 S. Cottage st., who was made up as a clown with a large balloon. Other awards in the individual entries were made to Rex Vogan, 1796 Chem. eta st., with trained ducks; Jane Horneffer, 1091 7th st., dressed as an Indian girl; and Harold Krueger, jr., 1960 Chemeketa st., in a military costume.

Deborah Lamb, 840 N. Cottage st., and Jill Cummings, 1511 D st., shared first place honors in the float contest with a miniature replica of a 40 ft 8 engine and boxcar.

Second place was awarded to Glenda Lee Halsey, 740 Ferry st., decked out as the Queen of Hearts, and Pat Irwin, 1515 N. 16th st., who was tagged as "The Hostess with the Mostess."

Also participating in the colorful parade were the Yamhill Sheriff's Posse majorettes, Portland Legion post drum corps; Clatsop post drum corps from Astoria, and a float of cub scouts from cub pack 15 of West Salem. Eddie Dean, cowboy star of the vaudeville show at the fairgrounds last night, rode at the head of the parade.

## Feed Grains Show Irregular Prices

The prices of feed grains and feed stuffs were irregular during the past seven days, according to the weekly review of commercial feedstuffs and hay issued by the U. S. agriculture department Thursday. However, the over all index for U. S. prices showed an upward trend. The average price for all feedstuffs is up about one per cent for the week, while feed grain prices are up 2 per cent.

## New President Mrs. Graham Heads Legion's State Auxiliary



Mrs. W. W. Graham, Corvallis, who was elected Oregon American Legion auxiliary president Friday.

American Legion auxiliary women of Oregon Friday elected Mrs. W. W. Graham of Corvallis as president of the state auxiliary for the coming year.

The election had been set for Saturday, but when Mrs. Graham and other nominees were unopposed in a nominating session Friday, the delegates moved for unanimous election of the entire slate.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Stanley Krueger, The Dalles, vice president; Mrs. Mae Whitcomb, Portland, secretary, and Mrs. McKinley Kate, Dundee, treasurer. Mrs. Krueger formerly lived in Salem.

These officers will be installed today, probably at the afternoon auxiliary session. The new president succeeds Mrs. Mitchell Thern.

## Oregon Legion Schedule

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6  
8 a.m.—Auxiliary session, election of officers, at senate chambers.  
9:30 a.m.—Legion session, election of officers, at house of representatives.  
6 p.m.—Entertainment at Legion club.  
9 p.m.—Convention and public dance, at armory.

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