

Public Welfare Hearings Set At Legislature

Public hearing on all public welfare bills before the current legislature has been set for next Thursday afternoon. Joint ways and means committee members announced. The hearing previously was set for next Tuesday.

It will be in the new hearing room in the basement of the state capitol.

Outstanding bill would make available for public inspection all public welfare rolls with the exception of those relating to aid for dependent children. The information would be prepared by county public welfare commissions monthly and be on file in the county welfare commission offices and in the offices of county clerks. The information could not be used for commercial or political purposes.

Another bill would make brothers and sisters liable to contribute to the support of relatives receiving old age assistance. Only sons and daughters are now included in the relative responsibility act. The hearing will be conducted by Senator Rex Ellis, chairman of the ways and means committee group investigating the state and county welfare budgets.

All county public welfare commissions are slated to meet here Saturday when they will be questioned with relation to their budgets for the 1953-55 biennium. Ellis said he would ask the commissions if they favor the proposed law making public welfare rolls available to the public.

Officials of the State Board of Health will appear before a group of Ways and Means Committee members Friday afternoon. The general fund budget for this agency exceeds \$1,400,000.

Meeting with the Ways and Means Committee members Thursday were officials of the State Game Commission.

Senate Bills

Bills introduced Thursday in the Senate:

S.J.R. 14, by Neuberger and Holmes—Amending the constitution to remove from the secretary of state the function of auditing claims against the state.

S.B. 336, by Allen—Creating a Cultural Resources Commission.

S.B. 340, by Bell—Prohibiting the carrying of loaded shotguns or rifles in automobiles.

Lieutenant Governor Bill Defeat Sought

The senate resolutions committee recommended defeat Thursday of a proposed constitutional amendment to create the office of Lieutenant Governor.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland Democrat and author of the bill, said the successor to the governor should be elected by all the people. The president of the Senate now succeeds to the office. A memorial endorsing statehood for Alaska and Hawaii was approved by the Senate Resolutions Committee. It hasn't been passed by either house yet.

Governor Says Educational TV Deadline Out

Gov. Paul L. Patterson said Thursday that Oregon probably wouldn't lost its chance to get an educational television channel by waiting two years.

At the same time, Rep. Maurice Neuberger, Portland, chairman of the House Education Committee, said she would sponsor a resolution to have a legislative interim committee recommend to the 1955 legislature as to whether Oregon should go into educational TV.

Gov. Patterson, after getting officials of Washington, Connecticut, New York, Michigan and Minnesota to join with him, learned that the June 2, 1953, deadline for applying for educational TV channels is not a fixed deadline, he said.

The governor asserted that the Federal Communications Commission has indicated that if the states show they are interested, the educational TV channels will be held open for them.

"There is a small calculated risk in waiting," the governor said.

The state board of higher education would like to have TV transmitters in Portland, and on Mary's Peak near Corvallis. It would have studios in Portland, Corvallis and Eugene.

This proposal, however, would cost \$894,000, and legislative leaders feel it would be better to wait two years when more information about educational TV problems will be available.

WU Speakers Win at Eugene

Willamette University entrants won cash prizes in two state speech contests this week in Eugene, under the sponsorship of the Intercollegiate Forensic Association.

Tom Scheidel, senior from Salem, won top prize in experimental speech. Presented as a fireside chat, he spoke on "What Shall Americans Do about the Subversive?"

Scheidel has won numerous speech and debate awards for the local university and for two consecutive years has participated in the Invitational Debate Tournament at West Point.

James A. Wood, senior from Salem, took second prize in the peace oratorical contest, speaking on "The Reality of Peace." Just last week Wood and Scheidel won top honors in the Pacific Northwest debate tournament at Tacoma.

Navy's New A-Bomber Takes to Air

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Navy Thursday announced the first flight of its AJ-2, an attack airplane "capable of carrying and delivering an atomic bomb from either carrier or land stations."

The plane took the air in Columbus, Ohio, and stayed aloft 63 minutes.

The AJ-2 is the largest airplane ever built for operation from aircraft carriers, the Navy said. It has a span of 75 feet, is 65 feet long and 21 feet high. It has folding wings and folding vertical stabilizer to facilitate handling and storage below decks on carriers of the Midway Class, the largest now operating.

The Federal Communications Commission prohibits the stations from censoring broadcasts by political candidates, but the stations now are liable for damages resulting from such broadcasts.

Political Libel Bill Up for Legislature

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Dairy Industry Group Elects G. Hofstetter

CORVALLIS (AP) — Oregon Dairy Industries closed its 42d annual meeting here Thursday with election of Gordon K. Long, Clatskanie, as president.

He succeeds William Fletcher, Enterprise, who remains on the board of directors.

William Cavett, Portland, was named vice-president, and Ellis Rackleff, Eugene, treasurer. G. H. Wilster, Oregon State College, was re-elected secretary.

New directors named: Bayard Hillway and Arthur Hurlburt, Portland; Gordon Hofstetter, Salem; Glenn Lay, Bend; W. Van Anker, Coos Bay; Bob Kent, Klamath Falls; Joe Foster, Eugene; Norm Feldkamp, Roseburg.

The group voted approval of House Bill 172 in the Legislature, which provides for regulation, labeling and packaging of all frozen desserts.

Crucial Times Topic of Talk By Columnist

Salem will have the opportunity to hear one of America's foremost journalists, Dorothy Thompson, on Wednesday night, March 4, at Salem High School auditorium.

Miss Thompson will appear under the sponsorship of the Salem Branch of the American Association of University Women and the proceeds of the lecture go toward the fellowship and scholarship program of AAUW.

The title of the lectures will be "These Crucial Times."

As columnist, author and radio commentator the speaker has established herself throughout America as a well-informed, well-travelled and versatile writer and lecturer. Her column, "On the Record," is distributed three times

weekly to some 160 newspapers. She writes for several magazines, the Ladies Home Journal carrying an article each month.

Miss Thompson has become known for her efforts to achieve freedom for all peoples and to denounce totalitarian ideologies. Her books "I Saw Hitler," "The New Russia" and "Refugees: Anarchy or Organization" point up her interest in these ideals.

The chairman in charge of this event is Miss Mabel Robertson who is being assisted by Mrs. Floyd Utter, in charge of posters, Mrs. John Goldsmith, advertising, and Miss Etta White, ticket sales. Tickets will be available at Wills Music store and from AAUW members.

OKES PICKETING

OREGON CITY (AP) — Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman refused Thursday to issue a temporary injunction against picketing of the Milwaukee Plywood & Door, Inc., plant at Milwaukie.

The judge ruled there was a legitimate labor dispute, and the workers had the right to picket.

Added Airline Service for Salem Sought

What Salem can or should do to attract additional airline service is the subject of renewed conferences this week by the Airport Advisory Commission and other Salem officials.

No decision has been reached but the aviation group is still interested in getting West Coast Airlines service for Salem, in addition to the present United Air Lines service, reported Reynolds Allen, commission chairman.

Suggestion has been made that the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D. C., be petitioned for authorizing a Salem stop to re-

place the former McMinnville stop on the WCA schedule. This would give Salem direct travel or better connections to several Oregon cities.

The aviation leaders conferred with visiting officials from United Air Lines Wednesday and planned to meet again without UAL Friday. The group conferred recently with the head of West Coast Airlines, learning that the airline is interested in serving Salem but is not planning to initiate the government proceedings for such a change.

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