

Representative Districts Discussed



Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, stands at right to offer his view before a State Senate committee which Monday heard citizens' opinions of the proposed legislation to divide Marion County into two districts for the election of state representatives. Among Marion County men who spoke were H. E. Barker (right) of Salem Trades and Labor Council and L. E. Spraker of Stayton, shown leaning forward in chairs in foreground.

Three Representative Areas Requested in Marion County

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Marion County should have a north district and a south district as well as a Salem district for the election of state representatives, several citizens recommended Monday to a committee of the State Legislature.

This county's North Santiam canyon was the most heavily represented area in a crowd of over 100 citizens at a hearing in the Capitol Monday before State Sen. Mark Hatfield's committee on state and federal affairs.

All who spoke favored some form of districting except three members of the Lane County legislative delegation who favored the present at-large election of representatives there.

Up for hearing was Senate Bill 6 which would divide Marion, Lane and Multnomah counties so fewer representatives would be elected in various separate subdistricts.

Sen. Rudie Wilhelm (R), Port-

lan, chief sponsor of the bill, said he was agreeable to removing Marion and Lane counties from its provisions so that districting of Multnomah County could proceed.

More Study
Sen. Lee Ohmart (R), Salem, said the Marion county delegation preferred to study the proposal further and possibly bring in a separate bill later on. The Hatfield committee took no action Monday, but planned to review the bill later.

"Marion County could be better represented by people closer to their constituents," declared R. F. Cook, Scotts Mills, who twice ran unsuccessfully for state representative.

L. E. Spraker, publisher of the Stayton Mail, headed a North Santiam delegation which plugged for the three-way districting of Marion County.

No Representation
"We haven't had representation in the House since George Dun-

can served in 1941," said Spraker. "Representation should be a matter of right, not happenstance. Outstanding men from our county like Cook, Lloyd Girod and Ray Glatt have been candidates, but they didn't have a chance against Salem men on the ballot."

Lindsey Wright, North Santiam Chamber of Commerce secretary, urged that South Marion County elect one representative, North Marion one and Salem two.

Joining in the North Santiam position were M. Van Driesche, mayor of Stayton; George Tate, Sublimity; Gail Christensen, Stayton, and a Gates Woman's Club delegation.

Pat McCarthy, St. Paul, said his area favored a three-way split.

Opposed to Bill
John Moore, representing Marion County Democratic Central Committee, said he was opposed to the bill if it didn't require residence in the district for candidates.

Herbert E. Barker, secretary of Salem Trades and Labor Council, called the bill a "step in the right direction."

Guy Jonas, defeated Democrat candidate for the House from Salem, called for a "more carefully drawn bill." Homer Goulet, representing Marion County Farm Bureau, also advised more study and a separate Marion County districting bill.

As the bill stands, Marion County would have two districts with each electing two representatives. Salem and enough suburban precincts to make up half the county population would be one of the districts; remainder of the county the other. Lane County would be divided similarly and Multnomah County would elect its 16 representatives in groups of three or four in each of five districts.

Several Portland area citizens questioned the proposed Multnomah subdistrict boundaries.

Many of the speakers at the hearing were dissatisfied over the provision that residence in the district is not required of representative candidates. But legislators who prepared the districting recommendations pointed out that the constitutional amendment on which the plan is based made no provision for requiring that the candidate must live in the district.

Phone Dispute Sparks City Council Meet

(Story also on page 1.)

An exchange between Alderman Dave O'Hara and Everett O. Day, district manager for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., in which O'Hara challenged the authenticity of the firm's claims, sparked Monday night's meeting of the Salem City Council.

O'Hara disputed what he termed "misinformation put out by the telephone company" apparently aimed at heading off a Council move to increase to 2½ per cent the fee the firm pays for use of city streets and property to operate in Salem.

Day was given Council permission for a floor rebuttal of O'Hara's statements that he doubted the increase would result in a lawsuit by the firm, that the fee would or could be passed on to the patrons in the form of increased user rates, or endanger the economic structure of the company.

Amendment Falls
An amendment offered by O'Hara to boost the rate from 2 to 2½ per cent failed to carry in a 4-4 vote, as did renewal of the franchise on the 2 per cent basis.

Day said his company would not agree to a franchise with a 2½ per cent rate on gross business which it is estimated would increase the city's revenue by some \$10,000 a year. He said the company is operating in 47 cities in the state on the 2 per cent rate and is already the biggest taxpayer in the state, second to Portland General Electric on the Marion County rolls.

Decisions Delayed
The Council bypassed another potential trouble spot in the night's agenda, tabling for further study two resolutions offered by Alderman Clayton Jones to establish loading zones for the convenience of customers at two downtown cleaning establishments.

One zone would have been placed along with two one-hour parking meters in front of Burright's Cleaners, 196 S. Church St.; the other at 485 Center St., address of Peacock Cleaners. Councilmen had argued that approval of the loading zones might establish a dangerous precedent by which many businesses might seek similar parking regulations.

Petition Rejected
Councilmen rejected petition to open a crosswalk on the south side of the intersection of Marion and S. Commercial streets at the foot of the Marion Street bridge after hearing reports from State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock and the city engineer and chief of police.

A traffic plan, aimed at easing congestion along State Street between Cottage and Waverly streets and at the intersection of Winter and Ferry streets, was considered by the council which may take final action at its Feb. 14 session. The plan would establish parallel parking on the south side of State from Cottage to Waverly and in that zone it would also return two-way traffic to Cottage between Ferry and Trade streets.

Other Action
The council also: Set public hearings for Feb. 14 on proposals to change the name of Halik Avenue to Red Hills Drive and to rename Fredrick street.

Approved Foster and Kleiser Co. application for billboards at 2315 Fairgrounds Rd., and 3205 Portland Rd.

Referred back to the City Planning commission a recommendation to change the name of Thordale Circle to Fisher Road after being advised that a proposed extension of Fisher Road would not connect with the street.

Approved resolutions to establish a meter zone on Center street between Liberty and High streets, to remove a parking meter in front of 263 S. Commercial St. in favor of a loading zone, and to remove the loading zone and in-

Marilyn, Joe Together, Deny Reconciliation

BOSTON (U) — Marilyn Monroe and Joe DiMaggio slipped quietly into Boston Monday night, but smilingly denied there is any reconciliation.

Questioned by newsmen about a reconciliation, DiMaggio turned to the blonde film actress and asked: "Is it, honey?" "No, no, just call it a visit," she replied with a beaming smile. "You've read it in the newspapers. We're just good friends."

Miss Monroe was granted an interlocutory divorce decree last Oct. 27 to become final in a year.

NLRB Official Rules Against Monroe Firm

SAN FRANCISCO (U) — A National Labor Relations Board trial examiner has recommended to the board that Monroe, Ore., Feed Store be compelled to rehire two employees and "cease and desist" from discouraging membership in an AFL grain millers local.

Examiner William E. Spencer found after reviewing evidence at a hearing he conducted in Corvallis last November that the company fired Frank and Don Harrington, brothers, last March because of union activities.

However, Spencer dismissed the union's complaint that two other employees, Ellis Conn and Jesse Howe, were discharged because of their union membership. He said evidence at the hearing did not substantiate the complaint.

Spencer recommended that the Harringtons be re-employed with compensation for any wages they may have lost.

In an earlier decision the NLRB held that on Oct. 30, 1953, that the company "discharged all of its employees for organization activities," Spencer recalled. The Harringtons, Conn and Howe were among those rehired after the board's ruling.

Opium Shipment Found by Seattle Customs Officers

SEATTLE (U) — Customs officers Monday seized 20 pounds of smoking opium from a 42-year-old New York Chinese man as he stepped from a plane at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport after a trip from Hong Kong.

Charged later in Federal District Court with unlawfully importing opium into the United States, Shong Wong waived preliminary hearing before U. S. Commissioner John A. Burns and was bound over to the federal grand jury. He was being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond.

Efficiency Out, Efficiency Up

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (U) — Four committees were eliminated Monday by the Illinois State Senate for "reasons of efficiency and economy."

Among the committees eliminated: The Committee on Efficiency and Economy.

stall two 24-minute meters in front of 191 S. High St.

Voted to appropriate \$1,836 for the payment of six months salary to the clerk of the treasurer's office and to transfer \$355 from the recreation fund to the park fund.

Approved a resolution to establish 19th Street as a through street between State and Lee streets, and 21st Street between State and Mission.

Passed an ordinance prohibiting trees, bushes and shrubs to grow in street areas less than 12 feet from the ground.

British Laud Ike's Message On Formosa

(Story on page one)

LONDON (U) — British officials Monday night welcomed President Eisenhower's Formosa declaration and called it a "fair and reasonable" effort to relax tension in the Far East.

British officials feel that Eisenhower, by attempting to define the limits of the U. S. shield around the Formosa region, has tended to stabilize the explosive area off the China Coast.

The Churchill government has feared all along that the fluid situation in the Formosa Strait might tempt Red China to probe the defensive screen thrown up by the U. S. 7th Fleet. An action of this kind could touch off a general war in the British view.

The British Foreign Office, which has been consulting closely with the U. S. State Department on Formosa policy, refused to comment on the Eisenhower message. This was in keeping with its policy of avoiding public comment on statements made by the chiefs of friendly governments.

A spokesman said the British are in close touch with the United States on the Eisenhower suggestion for U. N. intervention to halt the shooting between Red China and Chiang Kai-Shek's Formosa forces.

"This remains one possible course of action to end the fighting," a spokesman said.

The non-Communist press of Britain and Europe gave the Eisenhower declaration top, page-one play and generally calm approval.

The independent London Daily Express said Eisenhower had taken "a reasonable and realistic position... it is a restrained reply to a series of outrageous threats by Red leaders."

Postage Rate Hike Sought

WASHINGTON (U) — Postmaster General Summerfield Monday asked Congress for postage rate increases designed to bring in over \$32 million dollars a year.

At the same time, he proposed a 129 million dollar a year salary increase for the 500,000 postal workers — a 5 per cent hike for all, slightly more for some.

Among other things, Summerfield requests that the first class letter rate, local and out-of-town, be upped from three to four cents for the first ounce only, additional ounces remaining at three cents.

West Salem Bus Change Approved

A proposed rerouting for the West Salem Bus Co. won the endorsement Monday night of West Salem Alderman Walter White and was referred to City Manager J. L. Franzen by the Council with power to act.

The company requested the change to include the new skating rink on its route. Under the proposed route the bus would run north on Wallace Road, west to Patterson Street, south to 3rd Street, and west to McNary St. to resume its present route.

CARS COLLIDE
A collision in the 100 block of North Liberty Street Monday afternoon resulted in minor damage to cars driven by Lewis McKinney, 1360 Church St., and Edward R. Hemann, 1455 Mill St. There were no injuries in the accident, which occurred about 5:50 p.m.

NEWSMAN DIES
PORTLAND (U) — Owen S. Cowling, 56, a member of the Oregonian staff since 1926, died of a heart attack here Monday night.

At The Theaters Today

ELSinORE
"CARMEN JONES," with Dorothy Dandridge and Harry Belafonte
"SECURITY RISK," with John Ireland and Dorothy Malone
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HOLLYWOOD
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"THE BOY FROM OKLAHOMA," with Will Rogers Jr. and Nancy Olson

Chou Rejects Proposal for Cease Fire

TOKYO (U) — Red China's Premier, in a statement broadcast just before President Eisenhower's "defend Formosa" message to the U. S. Congress, Tuesday firmly rejected any idea of a cease-fire and said the Reds were determined to conquer the Nationalist stronghold.

Chou En-Lai's statement over Peiping radio blasting U. S. "intervention" apparently was timed to hit the air waves just ahead of Eisenhower's request for Congress to declare "our readiness to fight" to keep Formosa out of Red hands.

Chou's statement:

1. Said U. S. armed forces "must" get out of the Formosan area and "stop intervening in China's internal affairs."

2. Charged that Article 2, Paragraph 7 of the U. N. Charter would be violated if either the United Nations or "any foreign country" tried to prevent an armed Red move for the "liberation of Taiwan (Formosa)."

Mayor White's Mother Suffers Heart Attack

Mrs. Jessie B. Robertson, mother-in-law of Mayor Robert White, was under treatment in Salem General Hospital Monday night after suffering a heart attack in her home at 3165 Earhart St.

Willamette Ambulance attendants who took her to the hospital said Mrs. Robertson had suffered burns of the arm when she fell against a heating stove after suffering the attack. She was hospitalized about 4:30 p.m.

Hospital authorities said Monday night Mrs. Robertson was being given oxygen continuously but did not appear to be in critical condition.

Improvement of Street Sought

Improvement of Case Street for a distance of some two miles was asked by a delegation of some 15 residents of the area Monday at the Marion County Court's meeting.

Portion that would be improved lies between market roads 8 and 61. The road is said to be the oldest in the county.

Residents said that the road carries an increased volume of traffic year by year and that dust raised during summer months is detrimental to crops.

The court took the plea under advisement.

Placed on file was a petition seeking hard surfacing of Pleasant View Drive. The court said it has no funds for the work.

State Board Turns Down Grant Offer

PORTLAND (U) — The State Board of Higher Education Monday tentatively rejected a proposal by a large industrial corporation for a substantial grant for experimental work with the stipulation that any patent rights developed should be reserved for the company.

A. L. Strand, president of Oregon State College, favored acceptance of the proposal on grounds that the work involved would be of educational value to students and that the work would expand the school's research field.

But Chancellor Charles D. Byrne and O. Meredith Wilson, president of the University of Oregon, objected to signing away patent rights.

They said they favored applying the same rules that are used in government research—the government getting "license-free" use of the discovery but the patent rights being reserved for the school or the inventor.

The board also authorized Wilson to try to negotiate an agreement for the use of property now occupied by the Pioneer Memorial Cemetery on the university campus at Eugene. He discussed several plans for acquiring use of the area.

City Teenage Check Ring Said Possible

City police were investigating the possibility Monday that several Salem teenagers may be involved in a bogus check operation.

Police questioned a 13-year-old boy who was reported to have passed a fictitious \$10 check Saturday in a grocery store. The check was signed with the name of a Salem physician.

According to police, the boy's parents made restitution for the store's loss and no criminal charges were brought against him. Juvenile Officer Kenneth Seipp said Monday night he was conducting an investigation of reports that similar checks had been passed recently in Salem stores by other youths.

Court Approves Street Vacation

Approved Monday by the Marion County Court was the vacation of a street in lot 32 of Ewald Fruit Farms. Investigation revealed that the street had never been improved and was not serving the public interest, said the court.

At the same time, the court agreed to go ahead with improvement to the portion of Verda Lane lying between Claxter Road and Sandlewood Drive. The improvement will give better access to Cherry Avenue, said the court.

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Eight Firms Cleared of Profit Charge

WASHINGTON (U) — Housing Commissioner Norman P. Mason announced Monday the Federal Housing Administration has restored to its good graces eight persons and firms previously accused of being windfall profiteers on government insured housing.

In a statement issued from his office Mason said "a subsequent review by a special staff of attorneys and accountants has satisfied me that the eight were beneficiaries of no windfalls and did not actively participate in distributing any windfall profits."

He said the eight were named in reports by special investigator William F. McKenna last summer as recipients of government insured loans bigger than the construction cost of apartment housing projects. Mason said he had sent telegrams Monday to FHA offices in the areas where each of the eight he cleared do business authorizing FHA officials to resume processing applications for mortgage insurance from them. They included:

Norris, Beggs and Simpson Co., and David B. Simpson, of Portland Ore.

RYAN CONVICTED
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