

## House Passes Bill Submitting Districting Plan to County Vote

The Marion County districting bill passed through the House with little argument Thursday morning at the Oregon Capitol.

By a 37 to 19 vote the House voted to submit to Marion County voters at next year's general election the proposal that this county be divided into two districts, each of which would elect two state representatives. This plan, House Bill

507, now goes to the State Senate. As amended by the elections committee to refer the districting to the people, the bill was supported by all four Marion County representatives.

One of them, Rep. Eddie Ahrens (R), Turner, said the elections committee agreed to the people's vote after hearings at which divided sentiment was presented by

Marion County rural voters. Some thought rural areas ought to elect their own representatives; others favored the election of all four representatives at large, as is now done.

Among Opponents One of the eight Democrats who were among the House members opposing the bill, Rep. Robert Klemsen, St. Helens, said the legislators are state officers and how they are elected should be up to the state at large to decide.

Another Democrat, Rep. G. D. Gleason, Portland, said last year's general election had demonstrated a statewide people's mandate in favor of subdistricting.

"After this Legislature divided up Multnomah County (into five representative subdistricts)," said Gleason, "they've now come up with this 'cute gimmick' called home rule."

From Lane County The opposition vote also included three of Lane County's five representatives, Reps. Lorán Stewart, Edwin E. Cone and Earl Hill, all Republicans.

Lane County legislators have been antagonistic toward districting of their county, but a Senate committee has drafted and approved such a bill anyway. It will be before the Senate today or Saturday.

The bill passed yesterday had been submitted by the entire Marion County House delegation. Originally Marion and Lane were included in the districting bill which divides Multnomah County in five districts, each electing three or four representatives. The districting legislation does not affect the election of senators.

## Legislators May Turn Salary Problem Over To Civil Service Board

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The Legislature's ways and means committee paved the way Thursday for consideration of the plan to allow funds for state salary adjustments to be made after the Legislature closes.

Committeemen acted at their meeting yesterday to recommend that the Legislature pass a bill charging the State Civil Service Commission with responsibility for a continuing salary survey program, with a required annual report on it beginning Dec. 1, 1956.

## Two Election Measures Go To Governor

Two bills tightening up Oregon election laws were sent to Gov. Paul Patterson by the State Senate Thursday, over the objections of the Senate's Democratic delegation.

When these become law each voter will have to sign the pollbook at his precinct polling place to verify his address before he may vote, and each citizen when registering to vote will have to list where in Oregon he has lived in the past six months and read a warning that any false statement on the registration card could subject him to penalty of up to \$5,000 fine and two years in jail.

These are the principal changes made by the bills. Senate advocates predicted they would prevent any voting frauds.

'Harder to Vote' Democrats in the Senate predicted they would only make it harder to vote because of delays the new requirements would cause in registration or voting lineups.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland (D), Milwaukie, Democratic national committeeman, said the bills would cause more standing in line and thus discourage voting, and "furthermore this would intimidate voters with threats of penalties."

Sweetland's charge that this type of legislation "puts police state methods in our election procedure" brought sharp rebuke from other senators.

Present Law Sen. Warren Gill (R), Lebanon, called the Democratic leader's attention to the fact that present law provides penalties for any false information given in registration of voters. He also said the principal reason for having those registering give the places they had lived in the past six months was to make it possible for registrars to carry out their duty of notifying registrars in other counties to remove the registration cards of persons who moved.

Sen. Gene Brown (R), Grants Pass, said, "I question Sen. Sweetland's sincerity in calling it police state method, for his particular complaints on this legislation do not bear out his opening remarks."

All six Democrats in the Senate voted against both bills. The only other "no" votes were cast against the registration bill by Sens. Charles Bingner, La Grande, and Mark Hatfield, Salem.

## Students Plan Camping Trip

About 15 members of the South Salem High School Science Club have planned an Eastern Oregon camping trip for May 20-22.

The students will stay in a state park near Prineville, arriving Friday night, May 20. Thunder egg and agate hunts will occupy them Saturday, and Sunday they plan to visit the lava buttes seeking a lost vein of quartz. A geiger counter will be taken on the trip. Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Schwalen, George Birrell and Oliver Sargent.

## Contract Let for Stayton Paving

Contract for 0.50 mile of paving on the Stayton (10th Street) paving project, was awarded by the State Highway Department here Thursday to Warren Northwest, Inc., Portland, on a low bid of \$17,625.

There were four higher bids received at a meeting of the highway commission in Portland and April 13.

## Speaker



Otto R. Hartwig, Portland, who will be lunched speaker at the Saturday conference sponsored by the Salem Chapter of the Pacific Northwest Personnel Management Association at the VFW Hall.

## Crime Comic Books Bills Introduced

Comprehensive legislation to regulate crime and sex comic books was introduced Thursday in the Oregon Senate.

The Senate received seven of nine bills prepared by a three-man subcommittee which has just completed a thorough study of other states' laws on control of obscene publications.

Principal provisions of the proposed legislation would license virtually all magazine sellers, prohibit sale of objectionable books to persons under age 18, prohibit distributors from requiring a dealer to handle certain magazines in order to get others, suspension or revocation of licenses upon conviction for violating present law forbidding obscene publications.

Sen. Warren McMinimiee (R), Tillamook, heads the Senate Judiciary subcommittee working out the comic book program, which got its start from earlier legislation introduced by Sen. John Merrifield (R), Portland.

## Smog Cure?

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—A giant parasol of white smoke laid by airplanes high over a city was recommended Wednesday as a way to eliminate smog.

"Sunlight is one of the three essentials of smog," said Dr. Irving Langmuir, one of the originators of cloud seeding to make rain. "Eliminate sunlight and your smog problem may be licked."

## Senate Approves Bill to Form New County School Boards

The proposed law to establish county school boards with new powers was passed by the Senate Thursday and sent to the House.

Under this proposal, directors would be elected from zones within a county, and they in turn would hire the county school superintendent (now elected).

The new boards would take over supervision of such duties as now handled by the superintendent, the district boundary board and budget boards. The board would apportion the county school fund on an equalized basis. But the local school districts would continue to control its own budgets and taxes otherwise.

Bills passed by the Senate and sent to the Governor would permit commitment of drug addicts to state hospitals, create a state census board to make annual population estimates of cities, and allow use of green lights to designate fire escapes.

The House completed legislative action on measures to make counties pay damages caused by changes in road grades, and directing the unemployment compensation commission to study whether to cover public employees under the unemployment compensation law.

Legislative action also was completed on bills to create a division in the agriculture department to find new markets for Oregon farm products, to give civil defense workers insurance under the State Industrial Accident Commission, and asking Congress to deepen the Columbia River channel between Bonneville and The Dalles.

The House education committee, for the second time in two weeks,

approved a bill to set up driver training in public high schools. The first time, the House defeated it by four votes. The committee retained the provision to finance the program by increasing traffic fines 10 per cent, but deleted a section which would have boosted the 50-cent fee for a learner's permit to \$5.

## Stanford Conference Planned in Portland

Dean of Stanford students H. Donald Winbigler will be the principal speaker at the 23rd annual Stanford Conference to be held at Portland Sunday at the Benson Hotel. Registration is at 1 p.m.

Dean Winbigler will talk at the banquet at 6:30 p.m. During the afternoon, alumni will hear faculty members Thomas S. Barclay, political science; David E. Faville, graduate school of business; Harold H. Fisher, chairman of the Hoover Library, and Charles A. Taylor, football coach.

## H. H. Hinsdale Rites Planned On Saturday

JEFFERSON—Funeral services for Herald H. Hinsdale, 56, who died Wednesday at his home, will be 2 p.m. Saturday at the Fisher Funeral Home in Albany. He was a Southern Pacific conductor.

Born June 28, 1898 at Onawa, Iowa, Hinsdale came to Oregon in 1898 and lived at Roseburg and Albany before moving to Jefferson. He married the former Hazel Davis Aug. 10, 1929 at Vancouver.

Hinsdale was a member of the Albany Elks Lodge and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Besides the widow he leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hinsdale of Cornelius, sisters Mrs. Opal Harttrap of Eugene and Mrs. Lois Stesney of Salem. Burial will be at Jefferson Cemetery.

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## Barn Returned To Fair Budget By Committee

A new cattle barn for the State Fairgrounds was put back into the State Fair budget by the Legislature's ways and means committee Thursday.

State Fair Commission members at a Salem meeting recently complained of a legislative subcommittee action which had cut the self-financed state fair budget.

Included in that cut had been the \$20,000 cattle barn. It was restored Thursday by 9 to 5 vote of the full ways and means committee.

The committee also recommended that the Legislature pass three other bills. One raises real estate brokers' and salesmen's fees so that a real estate education program can be financed as proposed by the State Board of Realtors.

The others increase teacher certification fee from \$2 to \$5 and appropriate \$30,000 for the Interstate Cooperation Commission.

**REDS CLAIM WITHDRAWAL**  
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