

Motor Vehicles Increase Noted

Oregon motor vehicle registrations are continuing their climb to new heights with 572,261 listed to the end of August, a 12 percent gain over last year, Secretary of State Earl T. Newbery has reported.

At the same time, registration fees have dropped far below collections, Newbery said. He explained the decrease is due to a change in the method of registering trucks and buses. Such vehicle now pay a highway use tax, with license fees greatly reduced. Buses led all other classifica-

tions in percentage increases with a gain of 59 percent over 1947, the secretary said. Motorcycles and pick-up trucks have increased 24 and 23 percent respectively. The two largest groups, passenger cars and trucks, have each gained 11 per cent. Passenger registrations now total 431,670.

Receipts of the driver's license division are nearly double those of 1947. Newbery said full operation of the changed renewal system accounted for most of the increase. Transactions of the motor vehicle and driver's license divisions for the eight months totalled 1,189,055, with fees aggregating \$3,902,373.87.

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Youngest Member Congress Next Year Probably Will Be Texan

McALLEN, Tex.—(AP)—A lanky young Texan who looks like the movie actor James Stewart probably will be the youngest member of the next Congress.

The Texan, Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr., barely turned 27, won the Democratic nomination in the sprawling 15th congressional district of Texas, a district that in its 45-year history has produced only two previous congressmen.

Since the Democratic nomination amounts to election, Bentsen is assured of a seat.

Bentsen, scion of a wealthy Lower Rio Grande family, already has fitted into the pattern set by the first representative of the district, John Nance Garner.

Garner Paved Way
It was in 1903 that Garner, then a 26-year-old county judge, decided to run for Congress. Garner took to horseback and rode 1000 miles as he waged a person-to-person campaign.

Garner won, and held the seat until his elevation to the vice presidency in 1932. Then Milton H. West of Brownsville was elected, holding the post until his retirement this year.

Friends of lanky young Bentsen figure that he, like Garner, is going places.

Late in the summer of 1946, just after his election as Hidalgo county judge, Bentsen, then 25, read a copy of the book "Mr. Garner of Texas."

Parallel Seen
The young World War II veteran was struck by the similarity between himself and Garner in his youth.

Both were of pioneer stock in the relatively new, fast-growing border country. Both became lawyers at an early age. Both were among the youngest judges in Texas history.

Garner put on a vigorous campaign in 1903 when there were more coyotes than voters in the new district; Bentsen scurried back and forth over the 13-county district seeking votes.

Young Bentsen takes his task seriously. Two days after he won the Democratic nomination in the most drama-packed congressional campaign in border history, he

Gondoliers Irked At Water-walkers

VENICE, (AP)—Gondoliers in the ancient city of canals always have something to gripe about. Last year it was motorboats which sped down Venice's canals laden with tourists, who rode faster and cheaper than the pole-shoving

gondola wielders and their few customers.

This year it's a sad. Somebody got a pair of water skis and practiced walking on the canals. Now the idea is spreading. The gondoliers want some city ordinance passed prohibiting walking on water, "or else we go out of business for good."

Freshmen Grounded

BOWLING GREEN, O.—(AP)—The president of Bowling Green State University, Frank J. Prout, has banned the use of automobiles by freshmen this fall. Prout said the campus is becoming too congested with traffic to permit first year students to operate.

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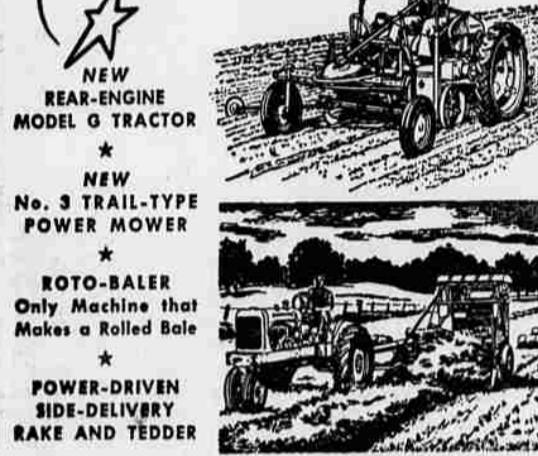
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