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Prepare Now for Legislature

Now is the time for everybody who has anything to present to the 1949 Legislature to put his proposition in shape for presentation. The session will begin on the second Monday in January (the 10th). Somewhere toward mid-session the Legislature places a ban on the introduction of new bills—except those originating with a committee. Time and again we have seen worthy measures shoved to one side because they came in too late, because they were badly prepared, because nobody could be found to be a last minute sponsor.

Lane county has many matters of urgent concern to come before the 1949 Legislature:

Additional Circuit Judge—to relieve Judge Skipworth of some of the overload on his court; last we knew the Lane County Bar was agreed but still considering.

Area Tax Equalization—rough drafts for a bill have been prepared but should have intensive study and revision.

Water Control Districts—amendments in present law may be needed to facilitate action in Amazon area.

University Budgets—Chancellor Packer and President Newburn have these well in hand but they will need intelligent and informed support back of them.

In the main such organizations as the Grange, the Labor unions, the League of Oregon Cities, the Counties, the various taxpayer organizations, the utilities do a pretty good job of preparation. But the public is seldom well informed. Now is the time for civic committees to sit down with legislators to discuss programs.

On account of the pension tangle which affects all finance and tax structures this coming session will probably be one of the most difficult in history. It is a safe guess that at least 1,000 bills will be presented. Now is the time to discuss measures of general and special interest in each community.

Oregon needs very badly a permanent Drafting Bureau (such as Wisconsin has had for years) to assist in the orderly preparation of bills. Oregon needs streamlined legislative procedures. We believe about two-thirds of the petty stuff that now bothers the Legislature could be transferred to the Board of Control for action subject to Legislature's approval. Maybe the 1949 Legislature will compel action on procedural reforms. We all say:

"There ought to be a law . . ."
Okay, but that takes some doing. The ideas have to be definite; they have to be reconciled with previous laws and lined up with the constitution. Your legislators have to be informed on what it is you want to do and why. Usually it is necessary to line up support in other communities. After a session is in full swing it is usually too late to do those things. Now is the time for intensive preparation.

Oregon Chosen for Cotton Bowl

Now all the boys and girls in Eugene are looking up hotel reservations, transportation rates, and highway routings to Dallas, Texas (not to mention 50-yard line tickets). Ralph Deane should glow. His "friendly SP" can haul you the whole way.

Dallas now claims to have almost 1,000,000 population, and it may be the largest city of the largest state in the Union—thanks to oil, cotton, cattle, the ship canal to the Gulf at Galveston, a couple of wars and a lot of Democratic influence.

Dallas began in 1841 when John Neely Bryan built a log hut on the Trinity River for "Peter's Colony," but in 1845, the colonists changed the name to Dallas in honor of George Muffin Dallas, of Philadelphia, the newly elected vice president of the United States. So far as we know Dallas is the only city ever named for a vice president.

But, of course, what is much more important to us now is that Dallas is the habitat of Southern Methodist and of a young man named Doak Walker who is acclaimed by some benighted sports writers as the best quarterback and pass thrower in the United States. At the risk of seeming ungracious and ungrateful to our Texas hosts, we might say that this is the nubbin of our dispute.

We have in Oregon a young gentleman

CLUB MEETS TO SEW

Wee Friday Sewing Club met recently at the home of Mrs. R. J. Austin with all members attending. At an earlier meeting at the home of Mrs. H. R. Bacina, Mrs. Bacina was honored with a baby shower.

The December meeting will be with Mrs. Central Tang on December 17.

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Shopping Service To Be Started Here By Eugene Women

Two Eugene women, Mrs. Wilfred E. Cole and Mrs. L. H. Robertson, announce their plan to open a shopping and social consultant service, to be known by the trade name of "Sally Shoppers." Date of their opening is set as December 1.

They will have an office in the building at 115 11th Avenue East, formerly the Jensen Apts.

The duo will serve as professional shoppers for any who call upon their service; they will take note of the type of person for whom a gift is desired, the price to be paid, and not only will select the gift but will arrange for its wrapping, delivery or mailing.

They will plan banquets, or any type of party, excluding baby showers. A catering service will be included, and they also will take care of ordering and mailing

named VanBrocklin who is also a quarterback and a pass thrower; in fact we think his quarterbacking surpasses even his pass throwing and that is reaching for the superlative. Also we have a couple of young men named Wilkins and Garza to cooperate with VanBrocklin and a hefty fullback named Sanders and a couple of hip twisting runners named Lewis and McKay to cooperate with Brad Ecklund and the stalwarts of the line for a variegated attack which is something to see.

Therefore this game at Dallas Texas ought to be "something for the book"—and we are not talking now about that book in which they chalk up the cash receipts (although those are said also to be important; indeed we have heard it remarked that Lucky Oregon will not only share 50-50 in Texas liberality but take the usual "cut" on Rose Bowl).

However, the game's the thing! It will bring together the two most interesting quarterbacks in the United States and two of the most colorful teams. It would be folly to under-rate the prowess of our Texas hosts. But give us decent weather in Dallas and a good dry field, and this should be a contest to make the nation forget the smell of the Rose.

It is a long and costly trip to Dallas, but as Adrian Fuddle keeps reminding Crystal "you live only once." He is studying both the blood pressure and the bank account.

WASHINGTON LETTER

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Top Civilian Officials Set For Stand-By War Economy

WASHINGTON—(NEA)—Line-up of top civilian officials who would run the U. S. home front economy in case of another war is nearing completion. It contains names and faces relatively unknown to the U. S. public. But now that the election is over and it has been determined there will be no major changes in the top spots, it is possible to look over the team. Here are the men who would take over the big jobs held in the last war by James F. Byrnes, Donald Nelson, C. E. Wilson, Chester Bowles, Paul V. McNutt, and J. Monroe Johnson.

Head man is Arthur Middleton Hill of Charleston, W. V. In private life he is chairman of Greyhound Bus. He is on leave from his company and is now working for a government salary. His title is chairman of NSRB—National Security Resources Board—set up by Congress in 1947 to make advance plans for M-Day mobilization in the event of another war breaking out.

Hill's job then would become director of war mobilization, or "assistant president," the spot held by Jimmy Byrnes in the last war. He is a quiet, precise executive who wants things done right. He is a Republican, but had planned to resign if Dewey were elected president. He now plans to stay in Washington until his planning job is finished.

Sperry Executive Is Vice Chairman
Vice chairman under Mr. Hill is Reginald E. Gillmore of New York, another Republican, in private life president of Sperry Gyroscope. He was graduated from Annapolis in 1907, served in the Navy until 1912 and again in World War I.

His job now is to direct the work of the NSRB planning staff, which is lining up the skeleton organizations to handle mobilization and direction of a war-production effort.

Director of plans and programs under Mr. Gillmore is Ralph J. Watkins, who is on loan to the government from Dun & Bradstreet. He is a Texan with 20 years experience in business research. During the last war he served with War Production Board, Air Force and Lend-Lease Administration. Actual operations of the NSRB Mobilization Planning Staff are in four main divisions—Offices of Production, Transportation and Storage, Human Resources (manpower) and Economic Management (price control, rationing and stabilization).

Office of Production would be expanded into a War Production Board if hostilities broke out. Head of O.P. who would become the Donald Nelson of the outfit, is a newcomer to Washington, George E. Felton, Boston industrialist. In private life, he is president and controlling owner of Norfolk Paint and Varnish, Brewster Wallpaper, C. H. Batchelder Co., makers of flax and awnings, and Burch Silver, makers of silver hollowware.

During World War I Felton served in the tank corps. In War II he rose from major to colonel and was chief of supply for the Air Force in China-India-Burma. Knowing the importance of supplies in the field, he is now recruiting engineers and industrialists who could run the war production divisions for aircraft, ordnance, tools, construction, consumers' goods and the principal raw materials like coal, steel, rubber, oil, fibers.

Human Resources Head on Way Out

Temporary head of the Office of Human Resources is Albert Nickerson, vice president of Socomey Vacuum. He is a personnel expert, was an adviser on manpower in Washington during the last war. He plans to leave Washington next month when a permanent successor will be named to take over the organization he has set up to handle civilian manpower, health, housing and community facilities.

In the Office of Human Resources, James C. O'Brien, a government career man, has been named director of manpower. Dr. James A. Crabtree has been named director of medical services, on loan from his regular position as deputy surgeon-general of U. S. Public Health Service.

Dr. Edward T. Grethler, dean of the California School of Business Administration, has been named to the important post of director of economic management. He is planning nucleus organizations which in wartime would be expanded into an Office of Economic Stabilization for the domestic economy and a Foreign Economic Administration to conduct economic warfare.

The job of director of transportation and storage, corresponding to ODT, or Office of Defense Transportation in the last war, is temporarily being filled by Chairman Hill.

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Society, Women's Organizations

Meredith Burch Stephens Pledge

Formal Pledging for Miss Meredith Burch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Burch, 2159 Olive Street, to membership in Psi Chi Omicron social sorority at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., was held November 14. Miss Burch is one of nearly 500 young women who were pledged to the 16 social sororities at the college.

Social service is one of the principal objectives of the sororities at Stephens, although members participate in a program of social activities during the year.

Highlighting the winter social season will be the formal Pan-Hellenic Christmas ball in the Lela Raney Wood ballroom at the college December 10 and 11.

DINNER SERVED

A Thanksgiving turkey dinner was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clift, 299 North Polk Street. Present for the dinner were A. W. Clift, father of the host, Mrs. Beulah Crawford, Mrs. Jesse Carter and son Albert, Del Barger, Delburn Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Clift and children Harold and Linda.

Daughters of Nile Complete Year's Work

Eugene Club, Daughters of the Nile will meet in the home of Mrs. V. Edwin Johnson, 175 Twentieth Avenue West, Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock. Work being done for the Shrine Hospital in Portland will be completed at this time. Those having articles at home are asked to bring them and turn them in, as this is the last meeting for this year.

ART GROUP GOING TO VIEW PICTURES

Painting section of Eugene City Club, which was scheduled to meet with Mrs. Harry Lichty December 2, will recess at the members will go to Portland to view the famous German art exhibit.

Music group of the club met Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Lichty, the singing of Christmas carols being a feature of the entertainment. A number of recordings were played. Mrs. Elizabeth Page and Mrs. Elizabeth Roman were hostesses. Plans were made for the All Club luncheon program December 16 of which this group has charge.



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Word was received here recently from Portland of the marriage of Miss Carolyn Crow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Crow of Yoncalla and Nicholas Boranich of Calamet, Wash. They were married at Kelso, Wash., with only the necessary witnesses present. The bride attended both the grade and high school in Yoncalla. They will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Ernest Allen of Hayhurst reports the marriage of her son, Edward Allen, to Arvogene Ford year ago from Elton in Eugene, Oct. 23. He has spent most of her life near we recently discharged from the Yoncalla. They will make their army.

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