

Forestry Functions Transfer Proposed

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WASHINGTON — A bill in Congress to reorganize the Department of Agriculture has been revised by staff members of the Senate Expenditures Committee to improve its chances of gaining approval. But the new draft still contains the controversial transfer of the forestry and grazing functions of the Bureau of Land Management to the U. S. Forest Service.

The bill is expected to be the first order of business on the agenda of the committee when it meets this month. Hearings were completed last September on the bill as originally drafted by the Citizens Committee for the Hoover Report.

Subject to Change

A spokesman for the Senate committee stressed that the bill is still subject to change before any vote is taken on whether to send it to the Senate floor.

Transfer of BLM functions to Forest Service, the most controversial section of the measure, would place administration of the Oregon and California lands (as well as other BLM public lands) and the national forests under the same forestry agency. It would not change the divergent methods by which counties receive timber revenue payments.

Oregon's 18 O & C counties would receive 75 per cent of revenue as they shall this year, barring Congressional amendment of the O & C Act of 1937; and counties embracing national forest lands would continue to re-

ceive 25 per cent of receipts for roads and schools.

Consolidate Bureaus

The new reorganization bill would also consolidate some 20 USDA bureaus into eight major divisions, as follows:

- Agriculture Credit Service, a merger of Farmers Home Administration and Farm Credit Administration.
- Agriculture Conservation and Production Service, combining Soil Conservation Service and Production and Marketing Administration.
- Forestry and Range Service, the BLM-Forest Service consolidation.
- Rural Electrification Administration as it is today.
- Cooperative Extension Service.
- Federal Crop Insurance Corp.
- Research Service, combining many separate technical agencies.
- Staff service.

The bill does not provide for the transfer of vocational education functions from the U.S. Office of Education to USDA as recommended by the Hoover Commission, due to strong opposition evidenced in the hearings, the committee spokesman disclosed.

Favorable action on the measure would put into force the first reorganization of the Department of Agriculture in line with the Hoover Report. Completing the job would result in a saving of \$80 million annually, the Citizens Committee estimates.

Springfield to Vote On School Bonds

The Board of Directors for Springfield School District 19 at its Monday night meeting voted to place a \$375,000 bond issue before the voters on Feb. 18.

If the bond issue is granted, the money will be allocated as follows:

Thurston School	\$60,000
Springfield High School	160,000
Mt. Vernon School	135,000
New Junior High (site and planning)	20,000

The board seemed unanimous regarding the need for more money during the coming school year and discussion was mainly on the amounts needed and ways and means of presenting the need to the voters. Superintendent E. H. Silke told the board that without additional money "I can't even get you ready for next fall. We would have to get into double shifting and that just never pays."

'Rooms Not Luxuries'

He cited the utility of improvements already made and mentioned that rooms such as the cafeteria at Mt. Vernon and the gym were not luxuries "we use those rooms all day long," he said. One of the members suggested having a polling place in one of the crowded schools. "After they see what a crush there is when those kids change classes, they'd understand what we want the money for," he said.

The bond issue was decided on after the board had considered federal aid, other revenue measures and the effect on the building program of continuing inflation.

The board also referred a number of matters to its attorney, Lynn Moore for study. Moore will study procedure for establishing tenure for teachers principals under the three year probationary period; the law relating to compensation and sick leave for teachers; and what the school's position is in regard to a subcontractor who claims he is not being paid by one of the contractors hired by the school.

Dishwasher Trouble

The board voted to send a strongly worded letter to its architect asking that something be done about the dishwasher at Maple School, which runs the wrong way.

Silke reported that the district's steel priority seemed to be satisfactory at its present quota.

There was long discussion but no action taken on the high amount of damage sustained by Springfield schools every week. Silke said it averages as high as \$50 per week "and that's a conservative estimate."

Portland Finds 'Hot' Sweaters

PORTLAND — (AP) — Two of the highly inflammable brushed-rayon sweaters turned up in Portland Monday.

Firemen tested them with matches, and as in other parts of the country where the sweaters have been found, they went up in a quick swoosh of flames.

Both sweater-owners said they had bought the garments from peddlers. Firemen, suspecting there may be more of them in this area, warned householders to get rid of them.

South Korean Navy To Invade Astoria

ASTORIA — (AP) — Part of the South Korean Navy will turn up here Wednesday to pick up four amphibious craft being loaned to South Korea by the U. S. Navy.

The Korean officers and men will get two weeks training on the ships here before sailing them to their own country. The vessels—two landing craft and two patrol craft—were brought out of the mothball fleet here.

More and Better Meat For Money Expected

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Price officials said this week the renewed crackdown on meat packers may mean housewives will get more and better meat for their money this year.

The Office of Price Stabilization announced that court suits had been filed against eight packers, accusing them of paying more than one million dollars in over-rebating prices for live cattle.

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Bird Watchers Make Report Of Local Areas

Plans are now underway for the annual spring count of birds to be held in May by members of the Natural History Society of Eugene.

Reports of the recent, first-of-the-year count have been coming in slowly, but are now complete. Counters in the field report seeing 965 robins, many of them on the campus.

Ben Pruitt, chairman of the count says that robins do not leave this area in the winter, but are seen any time in nearby orchards. When snow covers the feeding ground the birds range around looking for food.

Number of species seen in the count was 80, comprising 15,025 individuals. In number only the Brewer blackbirds exceeded the robins, with 1,041 being seen. Perhaps the most interesting were the two bald eagles seen perched on a tree, but also of interest were the 5,113 Canada geese on Fern Ridge Lake.

There were 78 of the Varied Thrush, or Alaska robins seen, 163 Red-winged blackbirds and 87 Cedar Wax-wings. Western Evening Grosbeaks, the birds that look like small parakeets and just dote on the seeds from maple trees, were in flocks, numbering 278. Also reported were 19 Western bluebirds. All of these birds spend the winter in Oregon.

Letter Rates Remain Same

There have been no changes in regular letter mail and airmail rates as the result of new postal laws which became effective Jan. 1, Postmaster Ethan L. Newman said Tuesday.

There have been more calls to his office about this than about items which have changed, he said. Regular mail is three cents, and airmail, six cents.

Postcards are now two cents, but the old penny card can still be used by attaching a one cent stamp.

Eugene Man Held For Contributing

Marcus Henvit Brooten, 28, of 3380 Willamette St. was arraigned in district court Tuesday morning on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

He entered no plea but requested a preliminary hearing. He is committed to the county jail in lieu of \$2500 bail. He was picked up by officers from the Sheriff's office and the State Police.

Harry A. Fuller

Harry A. Fuller, 638 Olive St., died Jan. 14, 1952 at the age of 87. Born April 16, 1864 in what is now Oklahoma, he was a rancher in Idaho before coming to Eugene in 1937.

Surviving are three sons: Earl of Bend, Orville of Klamath Falls, and Ernest of Eugene; two sisters, Mrs. Etta Walton and Mrs. Ada Almqvist, both of Boise; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the Veatch Holingsworth England Funeral Home with the Rev. Vance H. Webster officiating. Interment will be in West Lawn Memorial Cemetery.

Nora May Hurley

Nora May Hurley, 75, died at her home in Albany, Jan. 13, 1952. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the Fisher Memorial Home in Albany.

Born in Ripley, Iowa, March 24, 1876, she moved to Minnesota in 1902 and to Eugene in 1928. She lived in Eugene until a year and a half ago. She belonged to the Assembly of God Church.

Surviving are her husband, Mack, whom she married in 1893, and the following children: Charles, John and George of Albany; Mrs. Gladys Armstrong and Mrs. Beatrice Erickson of Springfield; and Mrs. Frances Hosking of Canada.

Two Schools Organize Junior Hi-Y Clubs

Two Junior Hi-Y Clubs have been organized in local schools, the Eugene YMCA office reported this week.

The first of these junior clubs in Lane County are at Willamette and Woodrow Wilson Schools. Charter members are recruiting other members, and both groups will elect officers soon.

Advisors for the Willamette Club are Chet Williams and Earl Vossen. Doug Adams is advisor at Woodrow Wilson Junior High.



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IT'S BEEN A LONG YEAR and four months for Janie McVay, 10, of 10 McDonald St., Eugene, who during this time has been a victim of polio. A fourth-grader, she's in her first year of enrollment at the Children's Hospital School. The March of Dimes campaign for 1952 opened January 2 in Eugene and will run through Jan. 31. An average of 300 cases of polio a year have been reported in Oregon the past five years.

Springfield Body Tables Pay Raise

Springfield City Council Monday night tabled a petition by 53 city employees asking for a 7½ per cent pay increase until July 1, 1952. Councilmen said lack of budgeted funds was the reason.

Petitioners said that although they needed a larger pay increase than 7½ per cent, they did not wish to put the city in position of not being able to grant their request. Increased cost of living was given as reason for the request.

Ed Harms, council member, said, "As much as we might sympathize with them (employees), there is no way we can raise the money." Councilmen approved Harms' motion to table the matter and consider the petition when the 1952-53 budget is prepared.

Councilmen accepted resignation of Councilman Clem Krueger, who has moved to Klamath Falls, and of City Recorder William D. Bolman, who will leave the first of February to become city superintendent at Sutherlin.

Albert S. Leonard

Albert S. Leonard, 1240 Q St., Springfield, died Jan. 15, 1952 at the age of 60. Born Dec. 9, 1891 in Odessa, Mo., he lived in Oregon 50 years and near here four years. He was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his wife, Violet; three sons: O. F. of Eugene, Ronald of Springfield, and Merrill of Chicago; a daughter, Ida Belle Farmer of Elkhart; two brothers, Clarence of Drain and William of Corvallis; and three grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are being made with Simon - Lounsbury Mortuary.

GI's TO GET BEST

DETROIT — (AP) — Ford Motor has bought a 15,000,000-volt betatron X-ray machine to make sure the steel sections of the tanks it's going to build for Army Ordnance are without flaws. The giant machine is one of the first of its kind in the automotive industry.



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Free Tickets ... For Blood

Free theater tickets will be given all persons who donate blood at the Jan. 24 military blood collection at the Veterans Memorial Building, Elmer Windsor, chairman of the VFW-sponsored blood bank reported this week.

Tickets will admit donors to the Heilig or Lane Theaters, Windsor said. Hours will be 2 to 6 p.m., and donors have been urged to register at once so that scheduling may be completed. Cards are available at the Veterans Memorial Building, Red Cross office at 43 Eighth Ave. W., or from any VFW or auxiliary member. They will also be available in the lobbies of the Lane and Heilig Theaters.

Windsor said the local VFW unit will open observation of National VFW Week, Jan. 24-31, by sponsoring this blood collection with the Lane County Red Cross. Purpose of the week will be to acquaint prospective members and the public with the work of the VFW on a local and national scale, he reported.

Pioneer Days' Living Costs Program Topic

"The cost of living in pioneer days" will be the topic of a special radio show to be aired Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. over station KOAC.

Produced by the University of Oregon library, the show has been built around records on file in the library—records of account books, old letters, and diaries. The cost of food, clothing, luxuries, entertainment, births, marriages, and deaths will be included in the information given on the program, which is produced by Don Hunter, head of the library's audio-visual department, under the direction of Martin Schmitt, head of special collections in the library.

The program is the first in a series of five, produced by the library, dealing with different phases of Oregon history.

Two Plead Guilty To Armed Robbery

James Arlon Fogal, 25, 2010 N 5th St. Springfield and Robert Charles Fain, 27, Sacramento, pleaded guilty Tuesday morning in circuit court to a charge of armed robbery.

The two are accused of holding up the Joe Garske Auction Mart near Goshen and the Midway Market in Glenwood. Charges against Billy Jo Fogal, Fogal's wife were dropped by officials last week.

They will be sentenced Wednesday morning at 10:00.

The council approved a special permit to allow Springfield Recreation Center to operate pool tables Sunday afternoons. Observers believe this is the first time pool has been permitted in Springfield Sundays.

J. C. Clark, 131 S. 4th St., requested the permit on grounds no liquor is sold on premises. The special permit was granted temporarily until the council's police committee further studies the matter.

Appointment of Merv Dahl to the City Planning Commission was announced. He fills a vacancy created recently by resignation of Don Low.

First reading was given a proposed ordinance calling for sale of \$56,666.12 in bancroft bonds; and other bancroft bond applications totalling \$46,409.10 were accepted. Numerous proposed ordinances assessing improvement costs to property owners were given first readings.

The council adjourned to 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 22, at which time a tentative meeting has also been set jointly with the Utility Board to discuss mutual problems.

Snow Closes Logging Job

BLACK BUTTE CAMP—Heavy snows have closed logging operations in the mountains here. Officials of the W. A. Woodard Lumber Co. reported 34 inches of snow at the Scorpion Canyon operation, with drifts covering much of the machinery. Other smaller logging operations are also shut down. There is no snow on the valley floor.

Skinny Ennis Band Slated

COTTAGE GROVE — One of the biggest name bands to appear here in several years will play for a public dance Jan. 26 at the armory. The dance is being sponsored by the American Legion, Calvin Funk Post No. 32.

Skinny Ennis and his band, for eight years with Bob Hope and most recently on the Abbott Costello show, will be in Cottage Grove for a one-night stand, while enroute from Medford to Tacoma.

The band will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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SEEK TELEVISION TRAINEES IN NATIONAL DRIVE

No Previous Experience Says Chicago TV Authority

A nationwide drive to prepare for profitable television technicians is announced today by T. J. Lafeber, General Manager of DeForest's Training, Inc., 2331 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 14, Illinois.

In announcing the campaign, Lafeber gave some startling facts concerning television training requirements.

"Contrary to general opinion, these trainees need no previous experience whatsoever. They need only a high school diploma and a desire to learn."

"We are looking for men willing to learn. Men who are willing to work hard and to prepare for profitable fields in the Radio and Electronics."

Lafeber also stated that in a trainee's spare time they would be interested in present job.

"Any person," said Lafeber, "is interested in learning to prepare to become a technician. All that is necessary is a postal card or a personal call at 2331 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago 14, Illinois."

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