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designated for the top spots at party caucuses Tuesday.

The same caucuses will name major officers of the two branches for the next two years, with Sen. Walter George (D-Ga) slated to become president pro-tem of the Senate, replacing Sen. Styles Bridges (R-NH).

COMMITTEE SHUFFLE

Although actual legislation will not get under way for a month or so—it will take that long for Congress to set up its committees—hundreds of bills will be tossed into the Senate and House hoppers on opening day.

Presidential recommendations will set the stage of actual legislation.

Besides the three major messages called for by the Constitution or by law—the State of the Union, budget and economic—Eisenhower has announced plans for five special messages.

Two of these were announced at Augusta Sunday. One of them, on Jan. 24, will deal with health. The other, on Jan. 27, will deal with a contemplated new federal-state highway program.

HEALTH INSURANCE

James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary, said the health message would recommend again that Congress appropriate 25 million dollars to underwrite expanded health insurance by private companies. Congress rejected the idea last year.

The highway program is being worked out by a committee headed by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, (ret.). He is expected to recommend federal spending of about 26 billion dollars for improvement of the federal highway system, with the states chipping in about an equivalent amount.

Other special messages, announced previously, will deal with (1) reciprocal trade, (2) pay raises for federal civilian workers and (3) pay raises and a new reserve program for the armed forces.

BUDGET MESSAGE

The annual budget will be sent to Capitol Hill Jan. 17 and the economic message three days later.

A dozen or more "big" bills are likely to provide the legislative fireworks. These will deal with agriculture, labor, taxes, reciprocal trade, military manpower, foreign aid, housing, appropriations, pay raises for federal employees and members of Congress, and postal rates, among other things.

Clashes between the White House and Congress may come over pay raises, farm price supports and taxes.

Three Children Perish in Blaze

WILLIAMS LAKE, B. C. (U.P.)—Three small children perished Saturday night when fire destroyed a home at Springhouse, 20 miles west of here.

Driven back by the intense heat, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Rondeau looked on helplessly as the flames razed their home in which David, 3, Rocky, 1, and 3-month-old Linda slept.

The fire, apparently started by the explosion of a gas lamp, broke out just after the Rondeaus had left the house to visit a neighbor.

Movie Actress Reveals Marriage

HOLLYWOOD (U.P.)—Actress Martha Vickers, ex-wife of Mickey Rooney, and Chilean actor Manuel Rojas have revealed they were married Oct. 1 in Mexico, Mex.

Rojas said they tied the knot en route to his film location in Mexico City but kept it quiet "because in my country it's customary to get parental blessings for the marriage first."

It was the second marriage for Miss Vickers, 27, and the first for Rojas, 24.

PLUSH

WADENA, Minn. (U.P.)—The three Merickel brothers have the plushiest ice fishing shack on Otter Tail Lake.

They installed a television set, four insulated glass windows, a bed, lights, a cook stove and a heating stove.

Naturally, there also are holes in the floor—they're to fish through.



ROUNDING UP THE ROVERS—Five roving pigs got the wanderlust in San Diego, Calif., but their freedom was short-lived. Here, city pound man Bert Holmes restrains one pig while Patrolman L. L. Duncan applies a rope and Patrolman R. M. Davis holds a flashlight. The battle lasted two hours.

Clouds Cover Most of U.S.

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Generally cloudy skies, little precipitation and a fairly wide contrast of temperatures was Monday's weather picture.

The overcast prevalent across northern United States from the Rocky Mountains to New England brought little precipitation, except in the northern and central Rockies, the Northern Plains and northern New England.

The normally dry Southwest—interior of southern California, New Mexico and Texas—got amounts up to a half inch.

There were some local subzero temperatures in the Dakotas and Montana, but much of Texas and the Gulf region had readings in the 30s from New England through the Ohio Valley and southern Great Lakes region, in the 30s and 40s in the Far West, in the 40s in the Southeast, and in the 50s on the Central Plains.

Federal Agency Will Buy Eggs

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—The Agriculture Department has announced it will buy about two million pounds of dried eggs for distribution under the national school lunch program.

Officials emphasized the purchase is to "meet the need of the school lunch program, and is not a surplus removal or price support program."

However, the purchase was expected to bolster the depressed egg market. The department has been under heavy pressure from some sources for price support program on eggs.

A report last week showed farmers getting an average of 32.7 cents a dozen for eggs in mid-December compared to 48.5 cents the same time last year. Egg prices were reported to average only 63 per cent of so-called "fair price" parity.

Doyle Buys Resort For Weary Writers

LISEON, Portugal (U.P.)—Weary British and Portuguese writers will be able to rest up from their scribbling in the luxurious resort area of Cintra near Lisbon, thanks to the son of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, creator of Sherlock Holmes.

Adrian Conan Doyle, the son, announced he has purchased an estate and 18th Century mansion which will serve both as a museum for his father's writings and a holiday home for authors.

Russian Disappears

VIENNA, Austria (U.P.)—A top-ranking Soviet official is reported missing in Vienna, Austrian police said Monday. The official identified as Lt. Col. Gregori Rapalov, 43, is the general director of "USIA," a network of Austrian enterprises run by the Russians.

Testament Read

PORTSMOUTH, N. H. (U.P.)—Parishioners of Central Baptist Church read the entire New Testament in 17 hours and 4 minutes. The Rev. Charles G. Berry and members of his church began their project on the first minute of the new year.

GI Benefits

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(D-Tex), new chairman of the House Veterans Committee. The big veterans organizations were understood to have raised no objection.

Eisenhower's proclamation ends effective Jan. 31 accumulation by servicemen of entitlement to a number of high cost benefits including:

Scholarships worth up to \$5,760, good for a free college education, and carrying monthly payments of up to \$160 for as long as 36 school months (four college years).

Mustering out pay \$100, \$200, or \$300, depending on length and place of service.

Special unemployment insurance good for \$28 a week for up to 26 weeks.

Loan guarantees on homes, farms, and business. On a home, the government guarantees up to 60 per cent of the loan, with a maximum guarantee of \$7,500.

Free hospitalization and pensions for men whose ailments are not due to their military service.

In addition, compensation payments for ailments or injuries incurred in service after Jan. 31, will drop to 80 per cent of the wartime levels.

Small Storm Nears Islands

MIAMI, Fla. (U.P.)—A tropical storm born with the new year, diminished in intensity Monday but continued to move west-southwest through the Caribbean below Puerto Rico at about 10 m.p.h.

A wintering rarity, the storm was described as "very small" by the San Juan, P.R., Weather Bureau. Winds are estimated at 30 to 55 m.p.h. near the center. The storm is centered about 150 miles south-southwest of St. Croix, Virgin Islands. It is approximately 100 miles south of Florida.

All storm warnings in Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have been ordered lowered.

The storm, described Sunday as a baby hurricane with winds near the center estimated at 65 to 75 m.p.h., was named Alice because it was the first hurricane of 1955.

Parks Division Gets Million-Plus

SALEM (U.P.)—The Oregon state parks division of the State Highway Department will have a budget of \$1,194,000 for maintaining, developing and operating the state parks system during 1955.

State Park Superintendent C. H. Armstrong said more than a third of the budget will be used for operating the parks, including upkeep of the many facilities provided for the public.

Operation of the Oregon state parks system is administered by representatives with headquarters in State Highway Department buildings in Salem, Portland, La Grande, Bend and Coquille.

Armstrong credited that within 10 years Oregon state parks will be accommodating 10,000,000 visitors. The parks division now administers 156 separate park areas containing 55,052 acres.

There has been trend toward boating facilities, Armstrong said, and such facilities will be available at three new parks this year—Fort Stevens, Ochoco reservoir and at Detroit dam.

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