

# District Attorneys Confer in Capital

SALEM — Oregon's district attorneys opened their three-day annual conference here Monday by hearing an explanation of new criminal laws passed by the Legislature.

The explanation was given by Asst. Atty. Gen. Wold D. von Otterstodt.

Dist. Atty. Elliott B. Cummins of Yamhill County spoke on the role of advising county officials.

The conference is sponsored by Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton. The afternoon session was devoted to a panel discussion of criminal trial tactics and techniques.

Those taking part in the discussion were Charles E. Raymond, former Multnomah County criminal deputy district attorney; Dist. Atty. W. W. Dillard of Columbia County; Earl F. Bernard, Portland lawyer; and Henry Hess, Portland, former U. S. attorney.

## DAV Holds Election

TILLAMOOK — Archie L. and Irene Brewster, husband and wife from Salem, will serve as top officers in the Oregon Disabled American Veterans organization in the coming year.

Brewster was elected department commander at the close of the DAV convention here Saturday. He succeeds Baden Robinson, Grants Pass. Mrs. Brewster succeeds the late Mrs. Louise Heiden, Roseburg, as head of the auxiliary. Mrs. Heiden died of a heart attack while presiding at the auxiliary's session.

## Grain to Be Stored

SPOKANE — The blimp base at Tillamook, Ore., will be used for the storage of Commodity Credit Corporation grain. Sen. Magnuson (D-Wash.) announced Monday.

A. M. Camp, president of the North Pacific Grain Growers Assn., said his group will lease the huge hangar. The government grain will be stored at Tillamook before shipment to California.

## Admits Shooting

PORTLAND — Cherry Lucille Morris, 31, Sunday admitted the fatal shooting of her husband, Claude Morris, 42, police reported.

He was found dead from a bullet wound in the chest in their home Saturday night. Mrs. Morris said she shot him after he had threatened her with a hammer, a hatchet and a rifle. Detectives Mike O'Leary and John Hunt reported.

She was booked on a charge of first-degree murder.

## Governor Returns

SALEM — Gov. and Mrs. Paul Patterson returned Monday afternoon from Palo Alto, Calif., where they attended graduation exercises at Stanford University. Their daughter, Virginia, was in the graduating class.

## Infant Found Dead

GRANTS PASS — An 11-day-old infant was found dead in his crib at home here Monday. Coroner Earl Hall said the infant, Steven Breneman Stinebaugh, died of suffocation. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Stinebaugh Jr.

## Deaths Blamed On Soothsayer

NEW DELHI, India — Police Tuesday blamed an astrologer's prediction for the death of a family of five.

They said a soothsayer told Maden Mohan, 45-year-old government cashier, that he would die by his own hand before June 30, after bringing great distress to his family.

Lal worried about the prediction so much that he stabbed his wife and three children to death, then threw himself under a speeding train.

## Harriman, Wife To Tour Europe

ALBANY, N.Y. — Gov. Averell Harriman of New York and his wife plan to make a three-week trip abroad next month, including visits to London, Paris, Rome and Israel.

The governor's office announced Tuesday that the Harrimans would fly from New York City to London July 7 and return to the United States, also by air, July 30.

One nursing organization estimates that the United States needs 50,000 more nurses.

## Chamber Bus Topples Over

CALDWELL, Idaho — A busload of touring Portland Chamber of Commerce members toppled over on a farm about six miles northwest of Caldwell Monday, but all escaped without injury.

The bus was rounding a turn on a country road at the farm of G. L. Lanning when it fell over on its right side at the edge of a bank. The occupants escaped through the emergency door. Tractors were taken to the scene to right the vehicle and permit the men to continue their tour.

They arrived at Boise by train Monday morning, and started out in a bus to look over grassland operations in southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Highlight of the trip was a visit to the ranch of Milton Branch near Midvale. Branch was selected Pacific Northwest grassman of the year last year in a contest sponsored by the chamber.

## Society of Nuclear Medicine Elects Officers in Portland

PORTLAND — Dr. Milto T. Harris of Spokane, Wash., is the new president of the Society of Nuclear Medicine.

Others elected at the close of the organization's second annual meeting here Sunday: Norman J. Holter, Helena, Mont., president-elect; Dr. Robert G. Moffat, Vancouver, B. C., secretary; and Dr. Robert F. Labbe, Portland, treasurer.

New trustees include: Dr. Richard J. Walton, Winnipeg; Dr. Tyra T. Hutchens, Portland; Joseph P. Nelson, Spokane; and William H. Hanna, Bremerton, Wash.

The Society was told by a Seattle scientist how tritium, an element essential to the hydrogen bomb, has been used as a "tracer" to help doctors diagnose certain diseases of the lung.

Daniel Parrish, research associate at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Seattle, described the process in a technical paper.

He said disease may affect the size of the lungs' air spaces and it is important for doctors to know the normal capacity of lungs.

The process was developed at the Seattle hospital and tried on 16 volunteers. The subject breathes air from a supply bag to which a tiny amount of radioactive tritium has been added, exhaling through recording devices.

When he is exhaling and inhaling an equal amount of tritium, the supply is switched so he breathes in pure air, exhaling into a collection bag. By computing the concentration of tritium in the bag the volume of air in the lungs can be determined. The tritium is not absorbed by the system.

Parrish said tritium, or triple-weight hydrogen, is the rarest element found in nature. No more than four to six ounces are believed to be present in the atmosphere at any one time.

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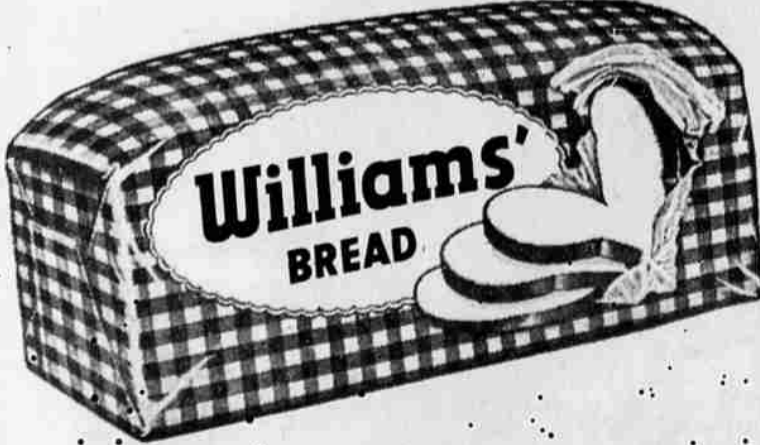
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