

Oregon's Solons Make Plans for 1945 Legislature

By Eric W. Allen, Jr. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Salem, Ore., Dec. 29 (UP)—Oregon's state legislators are expected to settle down rapidly to a serious war-time session after disposing of the preliminary organization, when they meet for the 1945 biennial session.

The posts of president of the senate and speaker of the house are virtually assured to Howard Belton, Canby farmer, and Eugene Marsh, McMinnville, respectively. They are expected to be named at a legislative caucus the day before the session opens.

Chief candidates to succeed Drager are Romeo Goulet and Claribel Buff, both of Salem. Goulet is a former representative from Marion county, and since that time he has acted as secretary to various house committees. Mrs. Buff was Drager's stenographer during several sessions.

Three other of the important house clerk positions are expected to go to those who held them last year. They are Patricia Sylvers, Eugene, assistant chief clerk; Edith Bynon Low, Bandon, calendar clerk; and Richard Wilson, Salem, reading clerk.

Dean of Women For U. O. Named

Eugene, Ore., Dec. 29 (UP)—Appointment of Golda Parkar Wickham, former dean of girls at Lincoln high school in Portland, as acting dean of women at the University of Oregon was announced today by Orlando J. Hollis, acting president of the university.

Mrs. Wickham, a 1931 graduate of the university, will fill the vacancy left because of the death last month of Mrs. Hazel Schwing dean for 14 years. Her appointment will be subject to confirmation by the state board of higher education at its next meeting.

The new acting dean will leave her position as an English teacher at Eugene high school at the beginning of the winter term. Before going to Eugene, she was dean of girls at Lincoln high



Map above shows how American bases on Jap-held Bonin and Volcano Islands would put Japan within "cinch" bombing distance, and also bring the east China coast, Korea and eastern Manchuria within the bombing arc of B-29 Superfortresses based on Saipan. Jap planes based on Bonins repeatedly blasted B-29 airfields on Saipan, and American flyers from that Marianas base paid them back—with interest!

Navy's First Five Star Flag



The new official flag of Fleet Admiral C. W. Nimitz—five white stars on a field of blue—is unfurled for first time over U. S. Pacific Fleet Headquarters by Marine Sgt. Fritz Jovanovic (left) of Ottawa, Ill., and Carry H. Nelson (right) of Marshall, Tex. U. S. Navy photo.

Pfc. Kenneth A. Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dudley, 1134 Albany, Bend, Oregon, has been cited by the sixth armored infantry battalion of the first armored division and awarded the combat infantryman badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army in Italy.

Kenneth Dudley Gets War Badge

Standards for the badge are high. The decoration is awarded to the infantry soldier who has proved his fighting ability in combat.

The badge consists of a silver rifle set against a background of infantry blue, enclosed in a silver wreath.

Ceiling Prices on Live Cattle May Bring Retaliation

Washington, Dec. 29 (UP)—Senators from western states hinted today they might seek legislative retaliation against the office of price administration if the OPA imposes ceiling prices on live cattle without congressional approval.

The OPA is understood to have recommended a live cattle ceiling of \$17.50 per hundred pounds and an addition of 50 cents per hundredweight to the present \$1.10 (average) subsidy paid packers for good and choice beef.

John J. Madigan, assistant director of OPA's food price division, has been explaining the OPA's program to cattlemen in Chicago and Kansas City for the past two days. Final ruling on any live ceilings is expected to come from Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson.

Sen. Hugh Butler, R., Neb., said that "if OPA attempts to pull a sharp one and put a ceiling price into effect before congress meets and has a chance to act, they will have a lot of explaining to do when the extension of the price control program comes up for renewal in the next few months."

Butler said the OPA wanted to clamp on live ceilings to buttress several black market cases the agency now had pending before the emergency court of appeals here.

Other western senators continued their strong criticism of the proposed live cattle ceilings and other phases of the cattle price program.

Sen. Clyde M. Reed, R., Kan., said the war food administration opposed the overall live ceiling on the grounds that \$17.50 was not high enough to induce cattle feeders to fatten animals to good and prime grades.

Sen. Abe Murdock, D., Utah, himself a cattle producer, declared that no ceilings proposed by the government would touch speculators buying cattle from producers at low prices and selling directly to slaughterers.

Oregon Nearing 'E' Bond Quota

Portland, Ore., Dec. 29 (UP)—With only two more days left before conclusion of the sixth war loan drive, Oregon had only \$600,000 to go in order to complete its \$34,000,000 series E bond quota.

At the current rate of bond-processing at the federal reserve bank in Portland, the E bond goal will be reached easily, bank officials reported today. E bond sales now total \$33,413,517.

The state has long since met its overall bond goal, and today's bond sales total of nearly \$149,000,000 is approximately 140 per cent of the quota.

Multnomah county, which has an \$19,000,000 series E bond quota, is still nearly \$3,000,000 short and may not reach its goal before the end of the drive.

Lt. Jack Mulder Listed Missing

Madras, Dec. 30 (Special)—Lt. Jack Mulder was reported missing in action November 24, according to word received by Mrs. Mulder, who is the former Sybil Kennedy of Gateway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kennedy.

Census Officials Seek Field Staff

By R. L. Ackerman (District Supervisor) The 1945 census of agriculture is to be taken during the month of January. This census is taken every five years and covers all farms in the United States comprising of three or more acres of land, or if less than three acres, producing \$250 or more in farm products during 1944.

Men and women are needed in district three to work as enumerators. Dist. three includes the following counties: Klamath, Lake, Deschutes, Wheeler, Hood River, Jefferson, Sherman, Gilliam, Wasco, and Crook. Persons who live in these counties and are interested in employment as farm enumerators should write, telephone, or call at the office of the bureau of the census, 606 Medical-Dental building, Klamath Falls. The telephone number is 7266.

Enumerators must be over 18 years of age, have an automobile, and be citizens of the United States. They will receive special instructions before going into the field, after which they will work on their own time and will be paid on a piece basis. Provision will be made for them to secure necessary additional gasoline.

Veteran of 41st Visits Madras

Madras, Dec. 30 (Special)—Pfc. Marden Pillette, on hospital leave from the army hospital in Ft. Lewis has been spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Effa Pillette. Private Pillette is a member of the 41st division which saw action on Blak island in the South Pacific. He was severely burned when a shell landed on a gasoline drum.

The 41st division, according to the Madras resident is the "most decorated division" in the Southwest Pacific and the well-known Japanese woman radio commentator "Tokyo Rose," has dubbed it "the Butcher Division." Pillette has an autograph of Archie Roosevelt among other names of buddies gathered on a piece of Japanese paper money.

"You can tell them I am glad to get home," said Pillette, "and to keep on giving for it is still a long fight ahead."

CARBURETOR TAKEN

While P. Calender, 157 Revere street, was enjoying a show in a Bend theater last night, someone "traded" carburetors on his automobile, the victim reported to police today. Calender said that his car was parked near the Pilot Butte Inn when the "exchange" took place.

Bend Rifleman and Prineville Truck Driver on Italian Front

With the Fifth Army, Italy—Pvt. Harry A. Peterson, Bend, Oregon, and Cpl. Lester T. Wyman, Prineville, Oregon, are members of the 11th armored infantry battalion, which has been fighting in the forbidding mountain country between Florence and Bologna, Italy, where armor cannot be used to advantage. Pvt. Peterson is a rifleman and Cpl. Wyman a truck driver.

The 11th is part of the first armored division with Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark's fifth army. The outfit, in its third year of combat, became one of the first two American infantry battalions to make contact with German forces when it was put ashore under fire November 8, 1942, at St. Leu, Algeria. In three days it captured Tafaroui airport and La Senia airdrome and furnished the advance and rear guard of the tank column that took Gran.

Under Luftwaffe dominated skies, the 11th fought Rommel's Afrika Korps tooth and nail in Tunisia at Tebourba, Medjez El Bab and Ousseltia Valley. It helped win the battle at Kasserine pass and fought at Maknassy. The battalion led the way into El Gueitar, going in ahead of two divisions, one on either of its flanks.

In the concluding mousetrap maneuver, the 11th and a sister battalion of armored infantrymen captured hill 273 to pave the way for other troops that entered Ferrierville and sprung the trap.

The 11th rushed down the slopes of Mt. Lungo, Italy, in January, 1944, and kept going to the top of Mt. Forchia, from which effective pressure was brought down on Cassino.

The battalion was on the beachhead around Anzio for four months. In the Battle of the Caves, the 11th fought its way up to the side of a jeopardized rifle battalion and made it secure. The outfit backed up tanks that broke out of the beachhead confines west of Cisterna, was among the first units in Rome and kept well forward in the rapid pursuit to Tuscania.

The 11th fought its way through towering mountains between Grosseto and Volterra and waded across the Arno river with the first troops to reach the north bank.

The 11th is commanded by Lieut. Col. Ernest L. Ripley, Bessemer, Alabama.

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