

Veterans' Affairs Director Sought In State Measure

By Eric W. Allen, Jr. (United Press Staff Correspondent) Salem, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Only routine business was due for consideration in the sessions of the Oregon legislature today, as the house and senate postponed or completed most controversial legislation now before them.

A bill introduced by 25 members of both house and senate yesterday outlines how the state shall administer the state and federal laws relating to the affairs of veterans.

A director of veterans affairs would be created by the measure, which also appropriates \$80,000 to implement the program.

Would Be Veteran

The director must be a veteran himself, the bill says, and he will be appointed by the governor and aided by an advisory board of three other veterans. The director would assume all powers and duties concerning veterans affairs now vested in other authorities.

The house completed and sent to the governor a senate bill which appropriates \$25,000 for the joint legislative investigating committee.

The committee, created by senate resolution after a request by Gov. Earl Snell, was ready to get under way with its investigation of the 1943 purchase of the Waterfall and Frazier and Shawhan distilleries today, after meeting yesterday with a group of auditors.

The first item on their agenda is an audit of the deal after which they will go into other aspects of the questioned transaction.

The senate, by a 25-7 vote, approved Sen. Merle R. Chessman's bill to remove the state fish commission from a self-supporting, postage fee basis, and put it on the list of budgets supported by direct legislative appropriation.

A hearing on the proposed creation of a new department of health, and coordinating its duties with the department of agriculture, will be held on next Wednesday, the chairman of the committee on medicine, pharmacy and dentistry announced.

Rep. John Steelhammer's bill to extend the time for candidate filing before elections, which has passed the house, was returned to the senate elections and privileges committee, with instructions to change it so that independent candidates in a general election must file not later than 10 days after the primary election.

Round-up Leader Dies in Pendleton

Pendleton, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Funeral services will be held Saturday for S. R. Thompson, 68, president of the Pendleton round-up, who died here of a heart ailment Wednesday night.

He also was vice president of the Rodeo Association of America and was well known as a wheat rancher and a cattleman in eastern Oregon and Washington.

An extensive wheat operator, he also was state president of the McNary-Haugen Export association. He also served on the state game commission, was a member of Governor Patterson's state tax committee, and a member of the executive committee and advisory board of the American Railway association.

He is survived by his wife, Blanche, a daughter, Mrs. B. T. Haynes, and two grandchildren.

Electrical industries use over 90% of the sheet mica produced.

Sergeant Slate Reports to Base

Marine Staff Sergeant Arthur L. Slate, 23, son of A. H. Slate, 154 Underwood street, recently reported at the marine corps air depot, Miramar, Calif., after many months in the south and central Pacific where he served as an aviation ordnance man with a first marine air wing squadron.

Although subjected to Japanese bombing and shelling attacks on Bougainville, Sgt. Slate escaped injury. He was also stationed on Green Island, on Midway, and in the Russell and New Hebrides islands.

Sgt. Slate was graduated from Bend high school in 1941, where he played on the basketball team. Prior to enlisting in September, 1942, he was employed by The Shevlin-Hixon Company.

A brother, army Major Melvin H. Slate is stationed in Arizona.

OLD CHURCHES CELEBRATE

New Marlboro, Mass. (AP)—Rev. Arthur Simmons, newly-appointed Congregational minister, is looking forward to a year of anniversary celebrations. His church here will observe its 200th anniversary, his church at Hartsville its 150th and his Mill River chapel its 100th.

Church Announcements

ASSEMBLY OF GOD (2nd and Greenwood)
Rev. L. H. Sheets, Minister
Sunday Services: Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Devotional service 11 a. m. Evangelistic service 7:45 p. m. Mid-week service — Friday, 7:45 p. m., regular preaching service. Radio broadcast, Thursdays 1 to 1:30 p. m. over KEND. Rev. Sheets and his eight year old daughter, Roma Jeanne, will be in charge of the broadcasts.

BIBLE COMMUNITY CHAPEL (Butler Road)
Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Preaching service, 3:30 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible study, Thursday, 8 p. m.

CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE (620 Lava Road)
William Schwab, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45; morning worship, 11 o'clock; young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.; Bible study and prayer, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (1745 East First street)
Raymond E. Kild, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 o'clock. Junior church, 11 o'clock. Y. P. meeting, 6:45. Evangelistic service, 7:30. Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:30.

CATHOLIC (Franklin and Lava)
Rev. Edmund Hyland, Rector
Sunday services, 7:30, 9 and 11 a. m. Masses on week days, 8 a. m.

CHURCH OF GOD (Corner W. Twelfth street and Fresno Ave.)
Rev. Fred R. Decker, Minister
Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Prayer meeting and Bible study, Wednesday evening, 7:45.

CHURCH OF CHRIST (Norway hall, Galveston and Columbia)
D. E. Scott, Minister
Sunday services: Bible study, 10:00 a. m.; Preaching, 11:00 a. m.; Young Peoples meeting, 7:00 p. m.; Preaching, 8:00 p. m.

FIRST BAPTIST (Irving and Oregon streets)
Rev. Kenneth A. Tobias
Sunday school, 9:45. Morning worship, 11 o'clock (broadcast over KEND). B. Y. P. U., 6:30. Evening service, 7:30. Wednesday prayer service at 7:30.

FIRST CHRISTIAN (Fourth street at Newport avenue)
W. L. Palmer, Pastor
Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Prayer service, 7:45 Wednesday, followed by choir rehearsal at 8:30.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST (1551 West First street)
Authorized branch of the Mother Church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts. Sunday service, 11 a. m. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Wednesday evening testimony meeting, 8 o'clock. Reading room in room 3, McKay Bldg., open to public from 1:30 p. m. to 4 p. m., daily except Sundays and holidays.

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CHICAGO—THE YOUNG GIANT

From somewhere in the safe Henderson produced a canvas sack and stuffed it full of papers. Next, he opened a drawer full of money. "I don't know how much is here—about five thousand dollars, I think. How in the world am I going to take it with me?" Jeff thought of a money belt. Much of the money was in small bills, and it would make too big a wad to be carried in a pocket. All of a sudden an idea occurred to him. "I'll rip open the lining of your coat and it can go in there." In an instant Henderson had his coat off and Jeff, with his knife, opened the lining at the neck. When the wad of bills was thrust in it made a big lump, but they patted it down.

"Now, I've got to run over to the Briggs House and get my things," Jeff said.

"The Briggs House! Why, my dear fellow, there isn't a chance. Everything in that direction is on fire. You can see the hotel from these windows. Let's take a look." They went quickly to the window of the secretary's room. In the line of fire to the southwest the hotel could be seen. From its windows long tongues of flame were shooting upward. Jeff turned away without any comment.

"Come along," Henderson said, "or we'll be roasted in this building."

The fire was close at hand when they ran downstairs and made for the door. Some men were still at the counters, loading themselves with armfuls of clothing, but the truck had gone. Sparks were falling like rain. They hurried around the corner into the alley where they had left the horse and buggy. Both were gone; somebody had stolen them.

"We'll have to walk," Hen-

derson said. "Yes," Jeff agreed, "and we'll have to walk fast to beat the fire." Looking upward at that moment, he saw a burning plank sail, high overhead, through the heated air and land on the roof of a building a quarter of a mile away. In the memory of that fearful night two things stood out always in Jeff's mind. One was the roar of the fire. It rose above all the other noises, and it sounded like a gigantic waterfall, a Niagara of flame and destruction. Another unforgettable memory was that of the strange look of the approaching fire. It did not seem to be a fire at all, but a solid vivid yellow substance, reaching sky-high, that pushed against the buildings. It was like an advancing wall moving forward with irresistible force.

When Henderson and Martin left the store it was midnight, and it took them until one-thirty to cover the mile and a half to the Henderson house. They had to push their way through a multitude of men, women, and children who were trying to make their way northward. In some places the street was almost impassable by reason of the piles of merchandise on the sidewalks and in the roadway. Overturned wagons lay on their sides here and there, and maddened horses ran loose through the crowds. Mrs. Henderson was standing on the porch, peering into the street, when the men returned. Sarah, her three-year-old daughter, stood by her mother and held her hand. "O my God," Caroline exclaimed, "how glad I am to see you. Did you go to the store?"

"Yes," her husband replied in a dull voice, "it's gone, but I got the money from the safe. Where's Ruth and the boys?"

"Packing up things we want to take with us. To Lincoln Park. That's where all our neighbors are going when the fire gets too close."

In the park a detachment of soldiers from the army post was trying to keep order, a difficult job, for people by the thousands were pouring into this refuge.

The Henderson party brought sacks of food, some pots and pans and a few dishes, Ruth Lamb's riding horse, blankets, piles of clothes loaded on the horse's back, and Jackie insisted on bringing the music box. Not one of them looked sad or afraid; they were too excited; it was an unexpected adventure for all of them.

It was early morning — just about dawn—when they found a vacant place for their things on a lawn in the park. The servants—Jane, the cook and housemaid and Thomas, her husband—preceeded to put the household goods in order out in the open air, and to cook breakfast. They had no stove, but they had brought some kindling and firewood from the house. A fire was soon blazing on the grass and a breakfast of ham, eggs and coffee was being prepared. The crowds that were milling about, their arms laden with clothes, stared curiously at the little group. "This is Camp Henderson," Jackie called out in shrill, boyish tones. "I wish we had some kind of shelter," said his mother. "If it happens to rain we'll be soaked." During the day the homeless refugees in the park were supplied with tents by the army. Henderson asked one of the army officers if anyone knew what started the fire. "They say," the major replied, "that a Mrs. O'Leary, over on the West Side, went out to her cowshed to milk her cow. It was after dark and she carried a lamp which she put down on the ground, and the cow kicked it over. That set the shed afire. Don't take my word; I'm telling you what I've heard and it may not be true."

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