

# Attorneys Vie With Farmers As Lawmakers

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Salem, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—Note to future politicians—if you're an attorney, you stand the best chance of being elected to the Oregon legislature.

A farmer is the next best bet. The two occupations jointly dominate the makeup of the 43rd session.

When it comes to political affiliation, a democrat has one chance in five in both houses. There are only five bourbon senators and 10 representatives out of the 30 and 60-member houses.

Legislative experience proves valuable and only two senators—Dr. William Moser and Paul Patterson, are freshmen. There are 11 newcomers in the house out of 60.

**Strayer Is Veteran**  
No one tops W. H. Strayer of Baker with his 13 previous sessions in the senate. Sen. H. C. Wheeler of Dexter is next with 10 and Sen. W. E. Burke of Yamhill and Rep. Harvey Wells of Portland are tied with eight. Four senators rate six earlier sessions—Sen. Dean Walker of Independence and Reps. H. H. Chindgren of Molalla, Henry Semon of Klamath Falls and Virgil Staples of Ontario.

The reputation that comes to legislators for oratory is second nature to the lawyers. Running down the roll call, the legal names include Sens. Carson, Hilton, Lampport, Mahoney, Paul Patterson, Rand, Strayer, Walsh and Winslow, and Reps. Balderee, Barry, Bengtson, Bennett, Francis, Hall, Harvey, Heisler, Hendricks, J. O. Johnson, Marsh, Steelhammer, and Van Dyke.

**Holds Top Honors**  
While Speaker Eugene Marsh of McMinnville gives the lawyers top honors in the lower house, flax farmer Howard C. Belton of Canby is president of the senate. His fellow-farmers are Burke, Engdahl, Jones, Newby, Walker and Wheeler. In the house, the list includes Callaway, Chase, Chindgren, Condit, Hesse, Himmelwright, Jones, Kimberling, Lage, Lindberg, Peterson and Semon.

Insurance men rate third in both houses, with Senators Pearson, Wallace and Zurcher and Representatives Dunway, Frisbie, Landon, Loneragan, Snyder, Staples and Wells.

**Others Listed**  
The senate has eight other occupations and the house about 27 others. The newspaper business has only three, Sen. Merle Chessman and Reps. Giles French and M. J. Wilson. There's a night club operator in the house, Jack Bain. Dr. Johnson in the house and Drs. Joel C. Booth and Moser in the senate are the only physicians.

One house member has the distinction of representing by far the biggest group of citizens with the same occupation. She is Mrs. Anna Ellis, Garibaldi—housewife.

## Pleasant Ridge

Pleasant Ridge, Feb. 9 (Special)—The 4-H club girls held their first meeting of the year at the home of their leader, Mrs. George Masterson, on Saturday, Feb. 3. All the old members attended, also three new ones, Erna Flowers, June Schofield and Marilyn Van Meter. Officers elected were: Leta Lamb, president; Beverly Strixner, vice president; Margaret Conklin, secretary; June Schofield, treasurer; Erna Flowers, song leader, and Ola Bristlin, reporter. Refreshments were served by the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Beverly Strixner on Feb. 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bush and daughter of Bend were Sunday callers at the Rasmus Petersen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vaughn of Redmond were Sunday dinner guests at the Rasmus Petersen home.

Rasmus Petersen, Minnie Burson and Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Wilcox spent Saturday evening at the C. C. Gillenwater home.

Mrs. Don Kissler and children of Redmond were guests of Minnie Burson on Sunday.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, visitors at the Mikkelsen home were Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. O. E. Anderson and Mrs. Carrie Mills of Redmond and Mrs. Sid Conklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Settlemeyer of Brothers were Friday guests at the Mikkelsen home.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, Mrs. Sid Conklin had as luncheon guests Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, Mrs. Koch, Mrs. O. E. Anderson and Mrs. Carrie Mills of Redmond and Mrs. Sine Mikkelsen.

Eleanor Bechen of Bend was a Sunday dinner guest at the Sid Conklin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hansen of Tumalo were Sunday dinner guests at the Mikkelsen home.

Monday afternoon guests of Mrs. C. C. Gillenwater were Mrs. Sine Mikkelsen, Mrs. Sid Conklin and Mrs. A. Ahlstrom.

Mr. and Mrs. John Petersen and son, William, of Redmond were Monday callers at the home of J. W. Petersen. Charles Schlickelman and A. Ahlstrom.

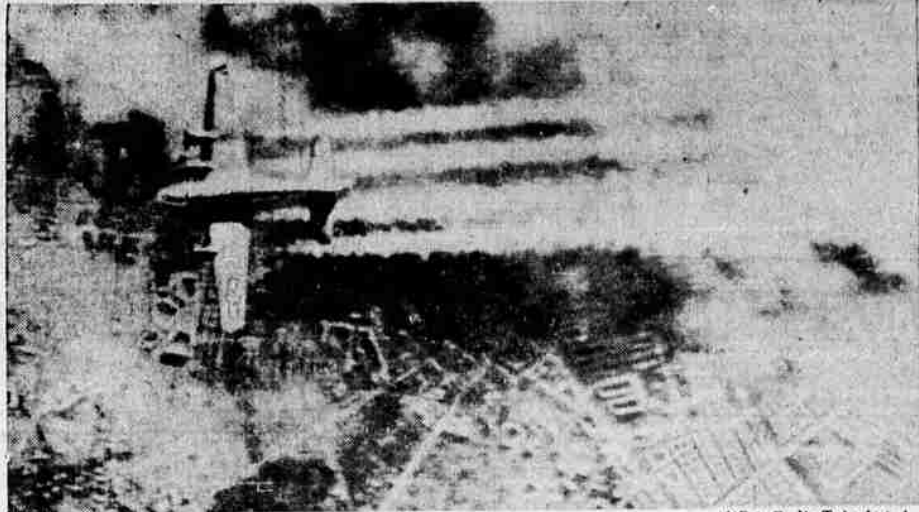
The Deschutes-Pleasant Ridge extension unit meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sine Mikkelsen on Thursday, Feb. 15.

## Gen. MacArthur Looks Over Recaptured Airfield



Gen. Douglas MacArthur (pointing) examines wreckage of Jap planes that were caught on the ground during American bombing of Mabalacat airfield, near Bamban, on road to Manila, Philippines capital liberated by American troops. At left is Col. Lloyd Lehrbas, aide to MacArthur. Signal Corps photo.

## Flying Forts Stoke Fires in Heart of Berlin



A Flying Fortress of the Eighth Air Force passes over the heart of Berlin as smoke rises from raging fires in the Tempelhof area. This ship was one of a force of 1000 planes which unloaded 2500 tons of bombs on Hitler's key city while Russian forces pounded to within 30 miles of the bomb-shattered Nazi capital.

## High Desert Observations

By Johan Heinrich Peters  
(Former High Desert Homesteader)

(Presented in the following article are interesting observations of a high desert homesteader—observations based on the study of Central Oregon mountains and valleys, old lake beds and warped strata over a long period of years. The Bulletin does not subscribe to all geologic theories presented by the writer, but it does assure its readers that the article is replete with interesting facts, including information about high desert mirages, ancient lakes and lakes ascertainedly dehydrated through man's attempt to improve on nature.)

Our earth is like a book with an old warped cover, pressed together of different layers, which shows us the period each layer is composed of. Most men don't care what there is under the sidewalk. We people on the east side of the Cascade mountains close to the Oregon high desert have the opportunity to investigate at least several layers of the warped, bumpy cover, especially the Hampton buttes or the remains of them.

On the north side of Hogback are shores of moraines (refuse of doom), the work of glaciers of millions of years, where a lake is covered with erosion of all eastern Oregon. Icebergs drove against and scratched the top of the lower hills, cut their way through and left walls of rock standing. This hill is composed of different materials. The action of erosion is shown on a hill by the moraine, where the Barbed Wire ranch is located. The pillars are standing from 6 to 8 feet high and hardest rock is on top. The rest of the material is washed away. Only several pieces or fragments of petrified wood are found in the buttes. But I found a broken piece shaped as a weapon about one half inch thick and six inches long, thinned in the center to fasten in a split club as the stone age men used for a weapon. It was nicely pointed at the end. I found a tooth three inches square which must have fit in an elephant's mouth.

On the road north from my homestead we passed a place on an old prehistoric river, with the rocks exposed, and we can see the layers two to three inches thick which must have recorded the erosion from mountains. And the ashes have formed the layers and the bottom of the lakes. On the road to the buttes to my winter ranch we crossed a vein of ore and I took a sample into Bend. Mr. Miller from the Lumber Company then took it away to be analyzed. The report was 10% aluminum, little gold, silver and other minerals. Some mineral ore. Then I found in a dried out creek bed ore layers eight to fifteen feet wide. Opal layers were in blocks eight inches thick.

**Snakes Absent**  
On the north side of the buttes are no rattle snakes. Only frogs live there in the springs. The sage hens have their mating place on my ranch, and are seen in flocks

brush drifted in from the west and reduced it to short grass.

**Formation Different**  
The south side of the buttes shows with different formation. No glaciers developed there. The top layers are of from one to two feet of coarse red sandstone. In the narrow creek beds they stick from one to two feet over the soft formation below. Some boulders are hollowed from erosion and form the dens of coyotes. Only one place shows the volcano pressure where the basalt rock is pushed up from twenty to thirty feet (Thompson ranch), most every gully has a little spring, which is a help to the stockman and attracts the game, especially antelope and deer. On the southeast corner of the buttes is the so-called Cougar butte. The highest point is about 6,400 feet above sea level. At about 5,500 feet I have my potato patch. Most of the time I have a fair crop. One time I ran

out of potato seed and my wife had some rutabaga seed from our garden in Portland and I threw this in the leftover row. We were lucky and the biggest rows raised "beggies" seventeen and a half pounds. The lower place (Sholer ranger and Juniper forest) was not cultivated. It was red doxy, hardly any green grass. I took some home to our summer ranch to test in the water tanks and a prospector happened to come along. He took an old dish pan to pan the red doxy and claimed it contained gold.

Southwest from the buttes are the Frederick buttes. They are not volcanic. And as the structure is not in flat layers but verticle so the surface moisture does not run off, but sinks in the cracks. Also, no creeks or springs are there. Closer to there the farmers have wells and they are close to 300 to 600 feet deep before they struck water. Farther south in the flat country are places where the water on the surface stands in the cracks of the lava (Schaffer springs they are called). In the spring, the snow water runs in the depressions and forms little ponds which commonly hold water until May or June. In the depression time, the government sent boys from the east. Heavy machines were used to dig to connect the little springs with some of the deep ditches. They opened the cracks in the lava. It did not do much good. The foothills of the lower mountains connect with the Jerry mountains to the Hampton buttes forming a little valley with a little lake called Dry lake. But it keeps only water until July. Further west opens a valley to the north. Pringle flat is the name. There is a spring where gas bubbles up. Also, there must be a subterranean cave in the crust of the earth full of some gas. I intended to locate it but did not get the time for I was in an accident that has crippled me for life.

It is not necessary to travel to the African deserts to see mirages, for in places in the Hampton buttes when it is clear weather they can be seen in the west. Lower in the horizon are often the pictures of a little harbor town with ships and houses with green forests around. These pictures are seen from our cabin in the distance about one and a quarter mile. From the rim rock we often see a "double" in the air upside down with trees and everything. When the clouds are over the Willamette valley we see them on top like big mountains round and covered with snow. The clouds in the summer time drift over the desert and vanish like sugar in hot water. It is the healthiest place in the United States.

## Blood Donor Aid Sale Scheduled

In order to supplement their funds for sending blood donors to the bank in Portland, members of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority of Bend will hold a rummage sale all day tomorrow in the Burich building adjacent to Erickson's grocery. It was announced today. The girls previously had been using money they collected last summer for the purpose of installing a library in the USO servicemen's club, now closed.

Another group of 42 persons from the community were scheduled to leave Bend this evening for Portland, to donate their blood at the bank tomorrow.

## Hospitalization for Rescued Prisoners



Their faces reflecting the ghastly ordeal they had endured as prisoners of the Japanese on Luzon, these rescued allied prisoners of war, still wearing their ragged and torn clothing, check in at Luzon evacuation hospital after their rescue by American rangers and Filipino guerrillas.

## Local Budget Law Bill Introduced

Salem, Feb. 9—A bill to clarify and improve the Local Budget Law and to give taxpayers full information about their local government's finances has been introduced at the 43rd legislative assembly.

Sponsors of the measure, HB 335, say it has been drafted to meet some of the objections to the old law, under which there was no provision for maintaining the local government on a cash basis until tax money is received. The old law was not clear as to what constituted a transfer or loan between funds or accounts nor as to how detailed proposed expenditures should be shown. Also, some confusion resulted as to what local governments were covered by the law.

The bill would permit local governments to establish cash reserves of not to exceed 25 per cent of each fund so that the county, city or school district could operate on a cash basis until tax money is received.

**Provisions Made**  
It also provides for the appointment of a budget officer whose duty it is to prepare a preliminary budget; that members of the budget committee be appointed for three years, with two-thirds of the committee continuing in office from one year to the next; that a personal property owner be eligible for serving on the committee and that travel expenses be allowed committee members to attend budget meetings.

Sinking funds may be established, but money cannot be spent from them without either budgeting for the expenditure or the expense being approved by a public meeting which has been properly called.

Other provisions of the bill per-

mit the governing body to enter into a contract for personal services of not over five years and publication provisions are clarified by including a sample form in the law. Local governments proposing expenditures of over \$5,000 a year would be required to publish their budgets in some newspaper of general circulation printed near the area, in case none is published therein.

Under the old law, budget committees and governing bodies found it difficult to understand what the law intended and sponsors of the bill say many of these points have been clarified.

**TO OBSERVE DAY**  
Madras February 9 (Special)—Madras will observe the annual "World Day of Prayer" February 16 with special services to be held in the Christian church on the evening of that date. A representative group of women from all the local churches met Monday afternoon to make arrangements for the local observance.

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