

Pension Bills Begin to Show In Legislature

Old age pension measures are beginning to appear in the 41st Oregon legislature. The newest of these calls for a yearly tax of \$1,000,000 to be levied on corporation incomes.

The bill carries the signatures of Representatives Bush (D., Union), Hosch (D., Deschutes), Brady, Allen, Neuberger, Gleason, and Adams of Multnomah county, all democrats, and Wilson (D., Clatsop). Signatures of Senators Mahoney (D., Multnomah), and Kenin (R., Multnomah), also appeared on the measure.

Under terms of the bill a levy of 3 per cent on Oregon-earned dividends of domestic and foreign corporations would provide the funds for pensions.

Rep. Bull said that legislation of this kind would gradually become a part of the code of most states. At present Wisconsin has a similar measure that was only recently validated in the United States supreme court.

Other pending legislation of this type include a bill designed to place a ceiling of \$6,000,000 on the state general fund use of income tax receipts and dividing any overage equally between pensions and public education.

Senator Ronald E. Jones (R., Marion) will introduce a memorial asking congress to provide a minimum pension of \$30 a month for every retired citizen 65 years of age or older who is not drawing an equal amount under any other federal system.

A bill designed to define the use of the word "need" as it pertains to unemployment is being prepared by Rep. Allen (D., Multnomah). He contends that the present laws do not clearly define "need" as it places no limitation. In his opinion, one person may need \$10 per week, while another man who has a family needs a great deal more.

Semester Officers Named by Students

Hazel Green—The intermediate grades held their student body assembly recently with President Ray Kyoma in charge. The students are planning another candy sale to be held at the January meeting of the Community club which will be Friday evening, January 31. Funds derived from the sales will be used to purchase athletic equipment.

Election of officers to serve for the second semester resulted in the election of Lorene Lowery as president. Appointed to serve as chairman of the oral English programs which are held weekly on Thursday mornings, were Daryl Van Gleave, Gladys Ziellinski, Richard Kasper, Arlice Klampe, Edward Meyers, Glen Worden and Richard Maguren.

Serving as chairman for the special days observed are Ray Kyoma, Lincoln and Washington birthdays; Vernon Reid, St. Valentine's day; Earl Johnson, St. Patrick's day, and Mertie Phillips, Easter.

New monitors were chosen to serve for a month and Earl Johnson and Vernon Reid, librarians, were commended for their excellent work.

J. W. Sharp, a blind piano tuner of Urmston, England, was awarded a Ministry of Agriculture's Dig for Victory diploma for having cultivated his garden so well this year.

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Seldom is the secretary of state department stumped by any request from a member of either house, but when Representative E. C. Allen, Portland, requisitioned a Bible none could be found. Charles Johnson, who distributes many of the supplies and fills sundry requests, was equal to the occasion. He obtained the loan of one from the state library and the department still is battling 1000 per cent.

Pupils from the Creston school in Portland, 44 in number, were legislative visitors Wednesday. The tour was directed by Principal John E. Smith and Miss Helen Murray, teacher. The class has been studying history of legislatures and civics and came here to get some first hand information.

Hector Macpherson, former representative from Linn county, was looking over the legislature Wednesday.

Description of Senator Coe McKenna—A human island generally surrounded by femininity. The senator has not lost any of his attraction for the fair sex and he is generally the center of a flock of admirers. He appears to be in fine fettle to defend his title of handsomest man in the legislature which has been bestowed upon him in previous sessions by secretaries and stenographers.

Earl Hill, of Cushman, who represented Lane county in the house for several sessions, was greeting former colleagues Wednesday.

Appearing on schedule Wednesday were the long waited telephone directories of the legislature. The book is published biannually by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company with Harry V. Collins, manager, as editor.

Seventy-five members of the eighth grade civics class of the Beaumont school in Portland, under the direction of Principal Harold C. Tallman, were legislative visitors Wednesday. Courtesy of the house was extended by Speaker Robert Farrell upon request of Representative Harvey Wells, Portland. The same courtesy was extended by Dean H. Walker, president of the senate, upon motion of Senator Harry Kenin, Portland.

Gus Anderson, executive secretary of the Portland Central Labor Council and a former member of the house from Multnomah county, visited the Wednesday afternoon session.

"Pop" Seeley, in charge of the house bills and mailing committee, apparently cannot forget his lifelong habits as a school teacher, for much to the surprise of the employees, many of whom have had several sessions back of them, he calls the roll in the morning much as he presided over a classroom. He checks them in and out for "recess," or lunch, is visibly irked when one or more of his charges goes for a cup of coffee but so far has not installed a bell or time clock.

Merle R. Chessman, of the Astorian Budget and member of the state game commission, is here looking after fish legislation. The state pays \$5 services while on duty whereas members of the game commission receive double that amount daily.

Sentiments expressed by the young daughter of Representative H. R. (Farmer) Jones, Marion

county, are echoed, but what will the young lady do towards the last of March and the session still lingering? Sitting at her father's desk she dashed off the following verse without benefit of change or correction:

What, No Pappy, or
The Ballad of the Legislator's Daughter

Father, dear father, come home to me now!
The clock in the village strikes one.
The horses are hungry, the pigs are unfed.
Oh, surely, your law-making's done!

Father, dear father, come home to me now!
The moon and the stars are all gone.
Though you're awfully busy re-making the world
Even YOU should come home with the dawn.

Father, dear father, come home to me tomorrow once more you can roam.
And when this is over, we'll take you around
And show you what's left of your home.

Employees of the senate committee on enrolled and engrossed bills yesterday presented Miss Gladys C. Beardsley, assistant chief clerk of the committee, with a wrist watch as a birthday present. Miss Beardsley has served on the committee for seven legislative sessions.

Last night's legislative session was short, because the beer lasted only two hours. The lawmakers were guests at a brewery, which thought 600 glasses of beer would last quite some time. Of course, the 90 legislators had considerable help from legislative employees, newspapermen and lobbyists.

Awards Presented To Club Members

Middle Grove—Wayne Harding, 4-H supervisor for Marion county, and Guy Hickok of the First National Bank of Salem, visited the school recently and distributed the awards won by local 4-H club members for the work accomplished last year. First year pins were presented to Glen Wagers, Bobby Wagers, Gary Keppinger, Wayne Ault, Sylvia La Valley, Arlene Fromm, Colleen Hansen and Lynn Barker.

Two-year certificates were received by Dorine Dudley, Raymond Gotchall, Dale Van Laanen, Patsy Keppinger, Leslie Polzel, Ruth Snyder and Kenneth Munson.

Three-year pins were awarded to Hazel Munson, Robert Bartruff, Mary Lou Feskins and Russell Hicks.

The Forestry club was presented a certificate of achievement for finishing 100 per cent. This club is under the leadership of Harold Woodburn, and has as its members, Russell Hicks, Dale Van Laanen, Raymond Gotchall, George Litchfield, Gary Keppinger, Glen Wagers, Kenneth Munson, Leslie Polzel, Lynn Barker, Wayne Ault and Bobby Wagers.

These boys belong to a forestry club again this season with Arthur Case as leader.

Literary Bill for Election Officials

Election judges would have to be able to read and write English under a bill introduced today by Sen. Lew Wallace (D., Multnomah).

Precinct committeemen would nominate the judges, who would be appointed by county clerks.

HCR No. 1 Passes With One Vote In Opposition

Party lines were tightly drawn again in the house of representatives Wednesday when house concurrent resolution number 1, congratulating President Roosevelt, made its reappearance on the floor of the house, as amended by the senate.

Rep. French (R) moved that since the memorial had been jockeyed around the house for several days, that the house refuse to adopt the memorial as amended, and branded it a joke.

Rep. Neuberger (D., Multnomah) took the floor to tell a brief history of the actions of past legislatures in regard to congratulations to presidents of the United States.

"If this memorial has become a joke in this legislature, I want it known by members of this body, and the people of Oregon that the authors of this bill presented it in all seriousness," stated Neuberger.

Rep. Steelhammer (R., Marion) told the house that it was easy for him to understand why the people of Marion county voted down the

raise in pay of legislators, after all of the horseplay in connection with the joint memorial.

On a vote to pass the amended senate memorial, which merely changed the tense of the memorial, (Rep. French (R., Moro) was the single nay voter.

Immediately following the passage of the memorial, Rep. Harvey Wells (R., Multnomah) presented his memorial wishing, "God speed and good fortune," to Wendell L. Willkie, "who was God's gift to the republican party," on his departure for England.

Rep. Erwin (D., Multnomah) arose to state that he thought this was a fine memorial, and certainly it was no joke for a man to fly across the ocean to gather data for his government.

As Erwin spoke the house members began to chuckle, and he repeated that he could see nothing to laugh about in connection with a man doing his duty to his country.

Rep. Rodman (R., Lane) said, "I would like to say that this memorial is nonsensical and jackassical, but I will not do so. It is now plain to me why the voters of Marion county refused to vote for a raise in pay of this body."

Taking exception to the remarks in regard to the activities of the house, Rep. Erwin stated that since there were no bills to be considered, and since all the house had done to

Hosch Takes Rap at Finley

Dr. J. F. Hosch (D., Deschutes) responded critically today to a warning to legislators to "go slow" in Willamette valley project development by William L. Finley, Portland naturalist and vice-president of the Izaak Walton League of America and the National Wildlife Federation.

Hosch wrote Finley after receiving along with other legislators, an eight-page article by Finley directed against erection of flood control dams on the Willamette and its tributaries.

"I resent such propaganda as you

date was met and listen to bills on first or second reading, he could see no reason for not using the time to discuss memorials, resolutions, and other business. "We will be in session for 45 or 50 days, but I hope not over 40, and we will have plenty of work to do during this time," he stated.

Speaker Farrell said he hoped that all partisan politics would be dispensed with when the time came to really get down to work.

The memorial to Willkie passed without a roll call vote.

have perpetrated on this legislature," Dr. Hosch wrote. "I don't want you to think that we are as glib as you assume, or that we have taken you very seriously."

Hosch, long an ardent advocate of public power, said "I do not believe the fish will enjoy a sewage canal, which is now called the Willamette river, to arrive at our mountain streams to propagate."

He said the Willamette project would help to clear the river.

Bill Would Allow 3 Judges to Sit

The three circuit judges in the second judicial district, which includes Benton, Coos, Curry Douglas, Lane and Lincoln counties, would be permitted to hold court together in hearings in which they think three judges are needed, a bill introduced today by the Lane county delegation provides.

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