

UNKNOWN CHORES OF OFFICIALS

Governor in Position to Sing About His Job in State's Navee

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In the words of Gilbert and Sullivan, Gov. Douglas McKay can sing:

"Oh, I am commander of the state's navee!"
The 1949-50 Oregon Blue Book—one pound, five and a half ounces of information about our state, county and city officials and functions—shows that, among his other chores, the governor is commander in chief of the military and naval forces of the state, and may call out such forces to execute the laws, suppress insurrection or repel invasion.



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Let's see now. The state's navy as of the present consists of a ferry boat at Wilsonville and another at Wheatland, both on the Willamette river; one on the Columbia between Astoria and Megler, Wash., and one on the Coos river at Enegren. Don't know how effective any of them would be at repelling invasions.

And come to think of it, doesn't this also make the governor head pilot of the ferry command? The obvious duties of our various officials are well known, but some of the others also have seldom-heard-of jobs and chores. For instance:

Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry is also head janitor and chief grounds keeper (lawn mower). He gets those ratings under his designation as custodian of capitol, supreme court, public service, agricultural, state library and state office buildings and grounds.

State treasurer Walter J. Pearson could hang three balls out over his capitol quarters door and become known as Uncle Moe. It is his duty to keep surplus moneys of the general and other funds on deposit with the state depositories and to collect such interests as is earned thereon.

Attorney General Neuner, under Oregon law as listed in the Blue Book, must be the most opinionated man in the state. He must give, when required, his opinion in writing upon all questions of law submitted to him by the governor or any executive department, board or commission, upon any question in which the State of Oregon may have an interest.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam has to administer the school lunch program and the program for Indian education.

Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey has to inspect steam boilers and unfired pressure vessels. Maj. Gen. Thomas E. Rilea, as adjutant general of the Oregon National Guard, has to maintain records concerning the inactive national guard and has

custody of all records of all Oregon personnel, commissioned or enlisted, participating in the war of rebellion, the Indian wars, Spanish-American war and World wars. And all other wars or insurrections participated in by residents of this state, except those of the selective service system.

State Agricultural Director Ervin L. Peterson has to enforce the Oregon apyary act and the Oregon seed law. His division of animal industry has to establish quarantine against infectious animal and poultry diseases, including diseases of fur bearing animals.

Getting the Blue Book together was quite a chore. Assistant Secretary of State William E. Healy started work on it last February, sending out questionnaires to all departments and divisions for the information which 373 pages plus a map of the state in the back of the book. He brought the first part of it to the state printer last August. The final batch of the 25,000 Blue Books left the state printing plant Wednesday.

A copy is sent free to each school room in the state. Public officials also get one on the house. Others must pay 50 cents a copy for this book which cost nearly a dollar. The legislature raised the price to help meet part of the increased cost of printing it.

It's a book with box office appeal. Only 25,000 copies were made because the state printer had instructions to keep total cost to \$20,000. At the rate of demand, Secretary Newberry looks for the



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Dates Set in Bus Express Service Case

George H. Flagg, public utilities commissioner, has set December 19 as the date for a hearing in Portland on application of Pacific Greyhound Lines for increase in rate on express shipments.

The requested increase ranges from 10 cents to \$6, according to weight and distance hauled. Also the application asks for a rate on flowers of double the regular rate, and also asks that the scope of prohibited shipments be extended.

The book, with its technicolor cover photo of the Capitol to be out of stock soon.

Patricia Owen, Brought Home For Her Last Christmas, Dies

Chicago, Dec. 8 (AP)—Four-year-old Patricia Owen, who was brought here from California for "her last Christmas," died Wednesday after a desperate effort to save her by surgery, the Illinois Research hospital said.

The little girl, suffering from a rare disease that caused her lungs to fill with a heavy fluid, was brought to Chicago Tuesday from California.

She has had to wear an oxygen mask almost constantly since her lungs became affected.

Dr. Henry G. Poncher, head of the department of pediatric at the hospital, said that a tracheotomy, an operation cutting a hole directly into the windpipe was attempted Wednesday after she had difficulty breathing, even with oxygen.

ably during the final hours of the trip. Doctors said she suffered from a fibrocystic disease of the pancreas which slowly filled her lungs with choking fluid. Tuesday the doctors here emptied some of the fluid from her lungs able to continue the treatments, and had said they hoped to be

Club Selects Name

Hubbard — The seventh and eighth grade 4-H sewing club chose the name "The Thimble Club." The president, Wanda Powers, conducted the business meeting, during which the group decided, with the assistance of their leader, Mrs. Albert Barndse, to take division No. 2 in 4-H sewing. The meeting was held at the school. Mrs. Barndse served refreshments.



Pipeline Conference—Things are quite crowded in this Berlin sewer pipe as a trio of youngsters hold an after-school "jam session" on arithmetic problems.

New Sharpshooting X-Rays Pick Off Atoms at U of I

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
(Associated Press Science Reporter)

Urbana, Ill., Dec. 8 (AP)—You can pick off atoms with some new sharpshooting x-rays at the University of Illinois.

This is a new kind of marksmanship, with many promising uses. The x-ray sharpshooting was developed by Dr. George I. Clark, of the department of chemistry.

Ordinary x-rays are like decks of playing cards, except that instead of 52 there are thousands. Each ray differs from the others in wave lengths. The new way of making x-rays produces nothing but ace aces. All have the same wave length. The ordinary rays are made by shooting a stream of electrons against a piece of tungsten metal. The new rays are made by targets of molybdenum, copper, iron, nickel, chromium and cobalt. Each kind of metal produces a different x-ray.

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For the x-ray man, this is like having a dozen eyes instead of one. In killing power, the ace rays may be made thousands of times

Two in Hospital After Car Wreck Near Dam

Anton C. Wichlac, 53, of Bend, and Melvin W. Wallace, 28, of Malin, are hospitalized here with injuries received when their automobile went over a 150-foot bank near the Detroit dam project Wednesday afternoon.

Wichlac received head injuries and Wallace a broken collarbone and back injuries. Both are in a fair condition.

The men were found by a state police officer a few minutes after the accident when the officer stopped to investigate tracks leading to the edge of the road.

The accident occurred about 400 yards west of the place where two men were killed and six others injured ten days ago when a truck-load of ten loggers went over a bank. Prior to the accident the two men had become stuck in a snowbank near the summit of the mountain pass, the officer was told by a man who stopped to pull the vehicle out of the drift.

Leader of Famed 'Castner's Cutthroats' of Aleutians Dies

Anchorage, Alaska, Dec. 8 (AP)—The leader of the famed "Castner's Cutthroats" of the Aleutians campaign died last night.

Col. Lawrence V. Castner, 47-year-old West Point graduate, died at the home of his mother in Oakland, Calif. He had been in ill health for some time.

Castner gained his widest renown as head of the Alaska department combat intelligence platoon during World War II, also known as the Alaska scouts. It was composed of miners, fishermen, natives and others who knew Alaska well, and it picked up the nickname "Castner's Cutthroats." He never liked the nickname, insisting that the name belied the character of his well-trained unit.

His Alaska scouts were scattered throughout the vast areas of western Alaska and the Aleutians as the eyes and ears of the army intelligence branch. Castner once commanded Chilkoot barracks in southeastern Alaska when it was the U.S. army's northernmost post.

As a West Point undergraduate, Castner was a member of the United States Olympic games dueling team. Castner was president of a wholesale produce, seafood and

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