

Committee Hearing on Voting Machine Measure

Approval of a bill permitting counties of Oregon to install voting machines was urged at a meeting of the house elections and reapportionment committee by Gene Rossman, former Multnomah county commissioner, William M. Tugman, Eugene newspaper editor, and Larry Watson, member of the Eugene city council.

Rossman told members of the committee that installation and use of the machines would reduce the cost of elections and likewise would speed up the ballot result.

The machines, Rossman said, generally pay for themselves in 10 elections. New York City, he added, had installed voting machines 80 years ago and is still using some of the same machines.

He pointed out that in Multnomah county the average cost

of each vote cast is 89 cents while in King county, Washington, in which Seattle is located and where voting machines have long been in use, the cost is only 27 cents a vote. The machines are being used in 550 cities and towns in the nation and 29 states out of the total of 48 are using the voting machines.

Voting machines would guard against corruption which Tugman declared was possible in the counting of votes on the paper ballots. Tugman said that Lane county, where he resides, 20 years ago was among the first counties to complete its election count.

"Now Lane county is one of the slowest and it sometimes takes as high as three days to complete the count of ballots in the county" he said.

Tugman pointed out that if counties desired to install voting machines, it could be done on the installment plan, beginning with the installation of a few machines and adding some each year.

Under the terms of the bill now before the committee, paper ballots could be used by voters if they desired them in preference to voting machines.

This section brought opposition from Rep. Monroe Sweetland, democrat from Multnomah county, who said that inasmuch as probably only three or four voters would use the paper ballots, there would be too much danger of eliminating the secrecy in voting. He declared however he was in favor of permitting counties to install voting machines.

Mrs. Frederick Young, prominent in Multnomah county Republican activities, expressed some fear that in rush hours the machines would hold up the line of voters more than at present with use of paper ballots.

Rep. E. H. Mann, chairman of the committee, announced the committee would study material furnished by the witnesses before voting on the bill.



Heads Highway Patrol—Bernard R. Caldwell (above) 52, has been appointed new commissioner of the California highway patrol by Gov. Earl Warren. Caldwell, who is deputy chief of the Los Angeles police department, will succeed Clifford E. Peterson, who recently died. (AP Wire-photo)

Independence Budget Study

Independence — The budget committee of school district No. 12 C, will meet with the school board, Tuesday, March 3, to begin preliminary work on the 1953-54 school budget.

This is the same procedure as was used last year, with the citizens' advisory committee asked to assist in the development of the final budget.

Members of the budget committee are John Dickinson, Harold Withrow, Charles Calbreath, Frank Hedges, and O. A. Macy.

The budget schedule has been set as follows:

- March 3: Board and budget committee, tentative budget.
- March 11: Advisory committee, tentative budget.
- March 20: Board and budget committee, final budget.
- April 2-23: Publication of the budget.
- April 27: Hearing on the budget.
- April 28: Election to adopt the budget and the tax.

ELLA DOLAN IN HOSPITAL

Silverton — Mrs. Ella Dolan, mother of Mrs. Ira Loren, entered Silverton hospital Friday in preparation for major surgery to which she submitted Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Mott for Chairman Post

Mrs. James W. Mott of Salem, vice chairman of the Oregon republican state central committee, has been named chairman for Oregon for the annual spring conference of republican women in Washington, D.C., April 23 and 24.

The meeting in the national capital is called to build women's organizations in the national republican party and in the interest of good government. Miss Bertha S. Adkins, assistant to the national chairman of the republican national committee and head of the women's division, will preside at the meeting.

Oregon has a quota of 10 delegates in addition to Mrs. Mott and Mrs. Marshall E. Cornett, Klamath Falls, republican national committeewoman from Oregon. Leaders in republican women's groups, the Citizens for Eisenhower and the Young Republican clubs are being invited to the meeting.

Delegates are to be named by April 1, reports Mrs. Mott, reservations to be in by that time.

Norway Studied By Extension Members

Silverton — At the regular meeting of the Silverton home-extension unit of Marion county, the latter part of the week at the First Christian church social rooms, Mrs. Alvin Leard presented the opening program topic for discussion.

The theme was "The Educational and Economical Life in Norway," gleaned from the book, "Norway in a Nutshell." Mrs. Mark Hungate is publications chairman. Mrs. Robert Wertz is local unit chairman and Mrs. Chester Bergerson is secretary.

Project leader instructors for the work period were R. Gentskow and Mrs. George Truman. The theme was that of all units of the county at this time: "Textile Painting."

Interesting plans were announced and talked of, concerning the Marion county annual Spring Festival to be held in Salem in April or May, the definite date to be reported later.

Maison Opposed to Civil Service Cops

State Police Supt. H. G. Maison told the senate state and federal affairs committee Monday that he opposes a bill to put state police under civil service.

Maison said his department's tenure system gives the men adequate job security.

Sen. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland democrat and sponsor of the bill, said the department would be vulnerable to the spoils system if Oregon had a governor who wanted to fire the state officers.

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Travel Photos Shown To Mt. Angel Legion

Mt. Angel — Members of the Mount Angel post, American Legion and Auxiliary, were shown slides of Korea at a recent meeting by Charles Lucht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lucht, who returned from Korea after serving there as an army radio technician.

Also included in the pictures were views of people and scenes in England, France and Holland which young Lucht visited in 1950, before his induction in the army, as one of the four American boys in the Future Farmers of America to visit and study rural life in those countries.

Vet Talks on Flight Training

First Lt. Orval M. Mauk, air force Korean veteran, will speak to AFROTC advanced students at Willamette university, Wednesday by way of providing first hand information of current flight training and flying opportunities.

Eighteen Korean air force pilots are visiting 200 AFROTC detachments throughout the United States, Hawaii and Puerto Rico in connection with a national educational program.

On temporary duty with AFROTC from other commands, the pilots are primarily jet fighter pilots from strategic, tactical and air training commands. Hand picked for AFROTC lecture assignments, the majority are college graduates and have flown every type of plane the United States has in Korea except the B-29.

Lt. Mauk, who piloted a B-26 in Korea, holds the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the U. S. Medal and the Korean Presidential citation.

Filbert Men Asked to Vote

Independent filbert growers are now voting on nominations for the filbert control board for the annual term commencing April 7, 1953.

Independent growers will be represented by two members on the board with two alternates. The remainder of the filbert control board will be composed of two independent handler members with their alternates and one cooperative grower and one cooperative handler with their alternates. The seventh member of the board, representing the public, is elected by the six board members. The present member on the board representing independent growers is W. H. Tillman alternate for Fred Beach, deceased.

Since nominations for these board positions have to be referred to the secretary of agriculture by March 20, no ballots will be counted which are post-marked later than March 15. Those independent growers who have not received a ballot in the mail can obtain one at the office of their county agent or by writing to the Filbert Control Board, 507 Weatherly building, Portland.

Bulletin Indicates Upsurge in Ailments

An uprising in influenza and measles is indicated in the latest bulletin from the Marion county department of health covering the week ending February 28.

Nineteen cases of flu were reported from Salem and the county at large while 20 additional instances were reported from state institutions.

State institutions registered 25 cases of measles while nine more were reported from the balance of the county. Nine cases of chickenpox were reported to the health department.

Other instances of communicable and reportable diseases from the county included: Virus pneumonia, 2; whooping cough, 2; German measles, ringworm, conjunctivitis, scarlet fever and syphilis, 1 each.

Death Claims Stuart Hawley

Albany — Word was received here Monday that Stuart Cecil Hawley, 65, a native of Linn county, died Friday at the U.S. Veterans' hospital at Lake City, Fla., following a long illness.

Mr. Hawley was born on the George Geisendorfer farm near Knox Butte, the son of the late Congressman and Mrs. W. C. Hawley.

At the time of Stuart Hawley's birth his father was an instructor at Willamette university. Stuart Hawley was a captain in the U. S. Army engineers during World War I. He also had lived in New York before moving to Florida two years ago. He had

Coasting Accident Hurts Silverton Man

Silverton — Joe Fisher, 40, is hospitalized with a fractured right leg.

Fisher was playing with children, coasting in their wagon, when he slipped and fell to the pavement causing the accident.

Fish Shun Scouts

Salem Heights — A fishing party of members of Boy Scout troop 19, spent the week end on the Little Nestucca River, near Pacific City. The group left on Friday evening and returned on Sunday afternoon, and reported no fish and nasty weather. On the trip were Danny, Jack and Gene Eiswerth, Lane and Dennis Olson, and Elmer Thompson, assistant scoutmaster accompanied the boys.

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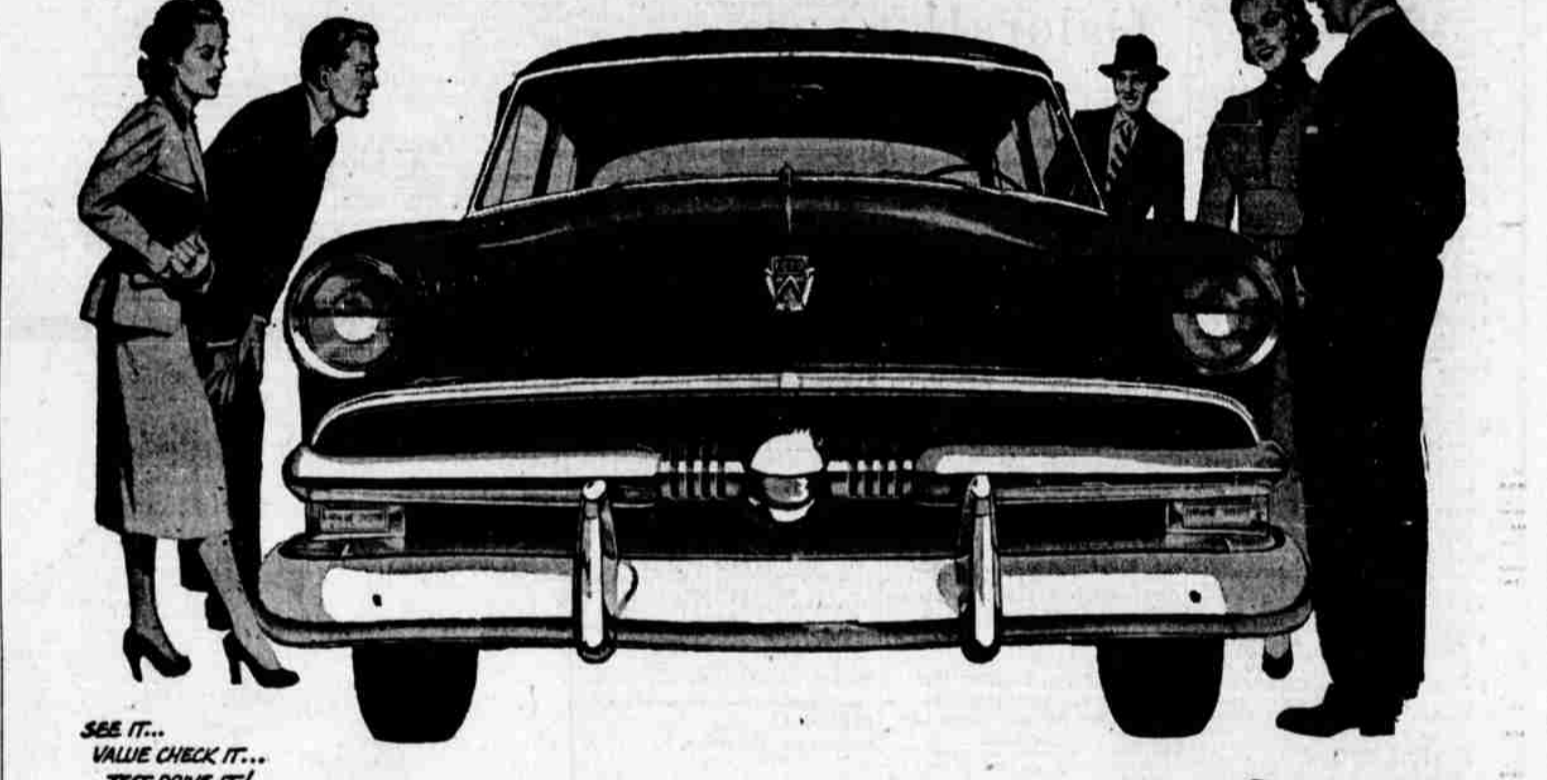
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