



Don Hostetter, veteran from Lebanon, Or., adjusts the camera amplifier of the Eugene Vocational School's new closed circuit television transmitter.

TV Training Soon Available

A modern television transmitter, complete with camera and other necessary equipment, will be available within a few days for the training of radio students, the Eugene Vocational school announced today.

The complex piece of electronic equipment using 90 radio tubes will be used in two major fields of instruction, school officials said. Radio servicing trainees will be provided with a steady, reliable test signal essential for making adjustments on television receivers. At the same time students in the school's radio communications course will have the opportunity of making circuit adjustments on an actual television transmitter and observing the results on a television receiver. Other possible uses of the equipment include training in television studio techniques in such fields as lighting, staging and program production.

Present plans call for operation of the television transmitter on a "closed-circuit" basis confined to the building.

If used with an Iconoscope camera tube, of commercial type, a picture of standard 525 lines-per-inch quality would be obtainable. The equipment was designed and constructed by Calvert Applegate, chief engineer of station KERG of Eugene. The synchronizing generator and associated circuits operate in accordance with Federal Communications Commission standards for television transmitters. It is believed to be one of the first installations of television equipment for training purposes in the Pacific Northwest.

Pre-Season Fires Strike Forests

Oregon is already having fires that are getting into its forest areas.

The unseasonable weather is blamed for these fires, which were started to burn off old fern in farm lands and got into the forested area.

Ed Schroeder, district warden for northwest Oregon, reported several such fires over the week-end in his district. There were also fires of this nature in Lincoln county near Burnt Woods and Toledo.

Both State Forester George Spaur and Albert Wiesendanger, executive secretary for Keep Oregon Green, are urging farmers burning fern to exercise extreme caution, noting that frosts and east winds make the ferns even more combustible.

It was pointed out that fires getting out of control and burning through the forests are destroying the small trees hidden away among the ferns.

May 3 Set as Date for Annual Choir Festival

The Salem Music Teacher association has selected Sunday, May 3, as the date of its 1953 Choir Festival.

The festival, an annual affair sponsored by the local teachers group, presents the choirs of all local churches who desire to participate. Each choir may present a number and the combined choirs will present two selections under the direction of Den Melvin Geist.

The festival will be held in the new Baptist church this year

and will feature the Salem High school and Willamette university bands in final numbers with the massed choirs.

Salter Weathers is chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements. Mr. and Mrs. John Schmidt, Mrs. A. A. Segersten, and Miss Muriel Fitts are committee members.



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Early-Day Legislatures Had Their Humorists Too

By BEN MAXWELL

Legislative levities in Oregon started early.

The 1845 session at Oregon City illustrates the point. Jesse Applegate, breathless and bursting with excitement, dashed into the house and demanded that all rules be instantly suspended. After the disconcerted members had regained their composure Applegate introduced a bill to prohibit dueling and hurried it to final passage within an hour.

He hoped his law would become effective soon enough to stop Sam Holderness from gunning for Dr. Elijah White, a member of the Methodist mission on the Willamette. Dr. White's friends were forever grateful to Jesse Applegate for that law against dueling. Sam Holderness had a reputation for being a lethal man with a pistol.

Since 1846 legislatures have occupied many buildings serving as capitol in at least three Oregon towns. But it was that year, 1846, that 16 members of the provisional legislature agreed to pay H. M. Knighton \$2 a day as rental for the session conducted in his Oregon City home. Actually it worked out even better than that for Knighton. He got himself appointed sergeant-at-arms and received additional pay.

When the 1847 session came around times were tough in the Oregon country. "Maybe," the legislators ruminated, "we've been paying too much for session rentals. So they offered Stephen Meek,

brother of the more illustrious Joe, \$1.25 a day for use of his modest Oregon City dwelling. But they stayed with Steve for only a single day. Next morning they adjourned for 20 minutes and reassembled in the Methodist church where rent was free.

Then it was that James W. Nesmith, later Oregon's distinguished Civil War senator in congress, pulled a fast one. He succeeded in amputating the south end of Yamhill county to form Polk. While his opponents were amusing themselves with refreshments and horse billiards in Lee Barton's tennip alley Nesmith called up his bill and got the measure passed.

Provisional and early territorial legislatures heard divorce cases and granted decrees. They were numerous, too, but the legislators were considerate. Rev. Thomas H. Pearne, the Methodist circuit rider who came to Oregon in 1851, tells why.

Shortly after his arrival Rev. Mr. Pearne made acquaintance with an interesting little girl, apparently eight or nine years old, "whom I caressed and petted as a child." A few weeks later he saw her in another part of the country. He renewed his attention to the child and inquired:

"Have you left home to attend school?"

"La, no," the precocious youngster replied. "I'm married."

"Amazed," Rev. Pearne recalled, "I let her down from whose hell fire and damnation

only a child. How old are you?" "I'm 10, going on 11," she answered.

Before that child was 18, Rev. Pearne sadly mentions, she had several times been married and divorced. Oregon's donation land law for 1848 gave to each married person a half section of land and a full, square mile section to those joined by wedlock. And the age for wedlock did not seem to matter.

Ewing Young, whom Methodist missionaries dissuaded from starting a distillery and making firewater from blackstrap molasses, died early in 1841. He was well-to-do and probate of his estate was justification enough for laying the foundation for a provisional government. His estate was taxed to defray the expenses of a session of the provisional legislature and \$1500 appropriated out of his funds to build Oregon's first jail at Oregon City.

Came 1848 and the gold rush ghost session. Members of the legislature for that year numbered 23. On opening day only nine showed up. The rest had joined the gold rush to California. John Carey, Yamhill pioneer, commemorated the event in poetry:

"At sound of gold,
Both young and old
Forsook their occupation;
And wild confusion seemed to rule
In every situation."

In early statehood times the legislature needed a chaplain and some of the members thought it would be diverting to engage Rev. Josiah Powell, Baptist brickstone preacher from the forks of the Santiam, whose hell fire and damnation

theology was distinctive. On the morning that the session opened Josiah looked them over coolly and then prayed:

"Oh, Lord, forgive them, for they know not what they do." No shorter prayer has been heard by any legislator.

First woman to attend the legislature in an official capacity was Mrs. Woodworth who, in 1877, acted as correspondent for the Portland Standard.

Members protested and avowed that some subjects could not, with propriety, be discussed in her presence.

Sixty years ago Oregon's senators in congress were elected by a joint vote of both legislative houses. In 1882 and again in 1897 no senator was chosen because political anti-

nosties became so violent that an agreement on any candidate could not be reached.

And when graft was mentioned in later years there was this story about a rustic member from a remote county in an early-day legislature:

The janitor entered the chamber after the house had adjourned sine die. He saw this hill-billy huddled by the stove.

"Sick?" the janitor asked. "Nope," the yokel replied, "just waiting for this old stove to cool off so I can take it home, too."

The aboriginal inhabitants of Formosa practiced head-hunting until a few years ago.

Noisy Muffler Just Too Bad

A mix-up in directions and a noisy muffler put a 17-year-old Sumner, Washington, youth in the Salem city jail Saturday night on a charge of larceny of an auto.

The youth, Francis Paul Walder, told police that he stole the car and started out for Portland but found he was heading south after getting about five miles from town. Coming back through town an officer heard the noisy car and started to stop him for violation of the noise ordinance.

Walder ignored three soundings of the police siren so the officers pulled wide to the left, opened the siren wide open and out in front of the car forcing it to the curb.

As the officer approached the parked car, he noticed Walter reaching behind the seat as if after a weapon so he quickly jerked the door open and pulled the youth from the car.

He found that there was a weapon all right, but the boy had been trying to hide it instead of getting it. It was a German make revolver that Walder said he found in the car.

He also said he was a Washington parole violator and had been convicted there on charges of larceny of autos and burglary. He recently stole a car in Cheyenne, Wyoming, he said.

Walder said he prowled several cars in Salem before finding a car with the keys in it. It was the car he was driving when stopped. The car was registered to Wayne E. Willard, 1666 North Fourth street.

The youth is being held for possible return to Washington or juvenile court action here.

New Dental Office Opens on Westside

A new dental office has been opened in West Salem by Dr. F. L. Dilger, DDS, in his home at 1343 Edgewater street.

Dr. Dilger is a graduate of Creighton university, Omaha, Neb. He practiced a short time at Yankton, S. D., and then for some time at St. Helens, Ore. He has just returned from two years duty in Germany with the U. S. Army.

Dr. Dilger is married and lives with his wife, Rosemary, and three sons, aged 5, 2½, and eight months, at 1343 Edgewater St.

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