



State Senator Mark Hatfield (left) is awarded the Distinguished Service Award as Salem's 1954 Junior First Citizen by Sid Boise, 1953 winner of the honor, at a banquet at the Marion Hotel Thursday night. The Salem educator and political scientist was honored at the banquet for his many community activities and civic leadership. Dr. A. L. Strand, president of the Oregon State College, was principal speaker. Seated in picture is Stanley Schofield, president of the Salem Junior Chamber of Commerce, sponsor of the annual award.

Senator Mark Hatfield First Junior Citizen

By VICTOR B. FRYER

Mark Hatfield, known perhaps nearly as well on the state level as on the local scene, was honored by the City of Salem Thursday night as its Junior First Citizen for 1954.

The 32-year-old State Senator and dean of students and associate professor of political science at Willamette University, described himself as "politician without words" when named to receive the 16th annual Distinguished Service Award. His selection caught the young man by surprise but he recovered sufficiently to say that many factors were involved in his selection. He especially credited the privilege of being born in the United States, the educational opportunities available to him, his devoted parents and the inspiration of Christ.

The introduction of the award winner was made by Sid Boise, 1953 Junior First Citizen. He listed a long line of achievements in the young political scientists' career.

Lawyers of Session Invited to Dinner

Attorneys serving in the legislature will be guests of the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar at a dinner meeting in the Colonial Room of the Marion Hotel at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, January 27.

A portion of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the bar's program of legal assistance to the members of the 1955 legislature and legislation sponsored by the bar at this session.

The dinner meeting in Salem precedes a two-day session of the board to be held in Portland.

Members of the Board of Governors of the Bar expected to be in attendance at both meetings are Orval D. Yokum, president, John Dwy, Thomas H. Tongue, vice-president, Portland; Wendell Wyatt, Astoria; Samuel M. Bove, Grants Pass; Martin P. Gallagher, Ontario; Paul R. Harris, Portland; Edward M. Butler, Eugene; William H. Dashney, McMinnville; George H. Corey, Pendleton; Alan F. Davis, Portland and Frank J. Van Duke, Medford.

4-H News

EAST SALEM — The Busy Bees 4-H cooking club held their meeting this week at the home of Marie Scott. It was a busy evening and each member brought four for the lesson. The next meeting will be with Cheryl McDonald.

Want Attorney General Appointed by Governor

By PAUL W. HARVEY JR.

The Oregon Legislature was headed Friday toward a dispute as to whether the governor should appoint the attorney general, who now is elected by the people.

Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican who heads the Senate Judiciary Committee, announced he would introduce such a bill.

The office now is held by Democrat Robert Y. Thornton, who has had many disagreements with the Republican state officials.

It couldn't become effective for two years. The Constitution won't permit an office to be abolished during the term.

Gill said he has no political motives in sponsoring the bill. He said "it is just good business to let the governor pick his own chief law officer."

Geary Tells Chairmen To Hustle With Bills

Committee chairman of the House were given a briefing Thursday by Speaker Edward Geary of Klamath Falls, during which he urged the committee chairmen to bring important non-controversial bills to the floor of the House as quickly as possible.

The speaker also expressed concern over the fact that only 90 bills had been introduced in the House as against 137 on the same date two years ago.

"It is not because I want more bills," Geary explained, "but because I know there are many bills that will be introduced and I don't want them to come in a big pile."

Rep. W. W. Chadwick said that more than 700 requests for drafting of bills had been filed with the legislative counsel and the Speaker said he would confer with Sam Haley, the legislative counsel, ascertain the situation in the office and make a report to the House.

Speaker Geary declared that he wanted as few executive sessions as possible.

"You will find that you will receive far less criticism if you have open meetings and give the people an opportunity to hear what is going on," he said. "I

know there are times that an executive session is necessary, but please remember the press is always entitled to sit in such executive sessions."

The Speaker advised committee chairman never to bring to the floor bills that the committee members know have no chance of passage.

"Don't bring a bill down to the floor simply as a favor to some one," he admonished. "And if the committee members find after hearings and proper consideration that a bill lacks merit or is unnecessary, table it right away and don't let bills pile up in your committees."

Geary said that in holding hearings all people wishing to be heard should be given opportunity to speak, but it would be well to ascertain how long each person wished to speak and limit the talk.

Rep. Loran L. (Stub) Stewart, suggested that much legislative time could be saved if committees of both Houses sat in on important hearings.

Rep. Loran L. (Stub) Stewart, chairman of the house tax committee, said that the Senate and House tax committees planned many joint hearings on impor-

State Liquor Board Divides Profits

PORTLAND — The State Liquor Control Commission divided its 1954 profits between the state and local governments Thursday. As required by law 60 per cent went to the locality in which the money was spent. This amounted to \$360,093. The rest, \$241,571, went to the state's general fund.

Use of members of the Oregon Bar committee in conducting research work on bills requested by legislative members was suggested by Rep. George Layman, chairman of the House judiciary committee. This group of attorneys who donate their time to assist the legislators, Layman said, were not busy now and would be glad to handle the research work and prepare memoranda for the legislative counsel's office, thus saving the latter office much time in preparation of bills.

As a final rejoinder at the Speaker's meeting, Geary told the committee chairman:

"After you have had hearings and given full consideration to bills in your committee, don't drag your feet. Get the bills down to the floor for consideration of the House members."

Jobless List Jumps in Week

Oregon's unemployment rate soared last week to 10.3 per cent of those insured by the Unemployment Compensation Commission, the commission said Friday.

The employment index in December went to 110.4 per cent, highest of any month in 1954. This index is based on the 1947-49 average, and is seasonally adjusted.

The commission said that despite high employment, the unemployment rate is going up. The peak of last winter was 13 per cent of those insured.

The commission added that benefits paid out this month are expected to total 15 to 20 per cent under those of January, 1954.

It estimated that 78,800 were working in the lumber industry in mid-December, compared with 70,000 a year earlier.

The construction and metals industries also had better records. There were 458,900 persons working in non-farm jobs last month, or 8,200 more than a year before.

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Ranch Widow Stands Guard At Homestead

THERMOPOLIS, Wyo. (P)—Mrs. Doris Harris, 64-year-old ranch widow, is back at her barricade, prepared for at least 11 days more guard duty.

She resumed a 22-day-old vigil at her homestead near Lucerne Thursday after Dist. Judge D. Harkins refused to recognize a condemnation suit directed at dislodging her from a barbed wire and log blockade on a new road into the Black Mountain oil field. He set a hearing on an earlier condemnation move for Jan. 31.

The hearing will be on Mrs. Harris' appeal from a \$450 value placed on right-of-way across her ranch by county commissioners. Meanwhile traffic will be detoured around the blockade to an old road.

The woman rancher erected her barrier Dec. 29 to protest what she called "an unjust and humiliating offer." She said the new road cuts her stock off from water. It was built and put into use several months before Mrs. Harris blocked the route.

Guidance Council to Be Organized Here

About 40 invitations have been mailed to Salem residents asking them to meet at the YWCA at 7:30 p.m. Friday to organize the Marion County Guidance Council which will render personal service to persons in need of it.

The project was initiated by the two Salem Kiwanis clubs, one of the sponsors said.

The organization will be set up to help people in a multitude of ways with helpful advice and guidance in the solution of their individual problems. It will work through existing welfare agencies but will also seek to have individuals available to counsel those in need of it.

Bartlett President of Chemawa Employees

Edward Bartlett was installed as president of Local 241, Chemawa Indian School, a federal employes group, at a meeting held Thursday evening at the Employes Club at the school.

Other officers installed were Arthur Hackett, vice-president; Vincent Matt, secretary, and Freda Hardy, treasurer.

At the meeting the organization discussed bills dealing with federal health and life insurance plans for federal employes which are now pending in Congress.

Other federal agencies in the Salem area were asked to consider joining with the Chemawa local to form a single unit of such agencies.

Rotary and Exchange To Work for Dimes

Salem Rotary club and the Exchange club will be in charge of the third "Block of Dimes" event of the year which will be held Saturday on Liberty street between State and Court streets.

About \$1,400 has been collected in the two previous "Block of Dimes" held the past two Saturdays. Proceeds from the events go to the March of Dimes campaign now being conducted by the Marion County Chapter of the Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Plans are also underway for the public dance for the polo fund which is being sponsored by the Eagles lodge January 29 at the lodge hall. General chairman for this event is Leon DuBois.

DAMS MEMORIAL
The Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee approved a House-passed memorial urging the federal government to maintain present construction schedules on The Dalles, McNary and Chief Joseph dams.

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