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Filibustering, such as Senator W. Lee (pass the biscuits, Pappy) O'Daniel of Texas, Democrat, undertook to talk the OPA bill to death, is more talked about than undertaken in the United States senate. Occasions when a filibuster is attempted are relatively rare, and they can be successful only when there is a deadline, such as the expiration date of a law which must be renewed before the deadline expires.

Filibustering, if conducted by a single senator, is a terrific strain on his sponsor. If more than one senator participates—say three or four—the task is greatly simplified, for in such cases they "spell" each other. But for a one-man filibuster it is no simple matter to kill time by talking. A U. S. senator gains the floor and starts his talk he either wins or is mopped up, usually by physical exhaustion.

On his desk the senate pages (young boys who wear black suits and knee pants) bring glasses of water, or a glass of milk obtained in the senate restaurant. To conserve his strength, the senator introduces long printed documents which he sends to the desk of the presiding officer and he rests (on his feet) while the reading clerk reads the paper. If the opposition wishes to punish the filibusterer they insist that the senator read the document himself, and thereby wear him out as quickly as possible. But if the clerk does the reading, from time to time the filibusterer sends other documents to the desk to be read while he conserves his voice.

During a filibuster the senator undertaking the job piles high upon his desk books, documents, copies of the Congressional Record and anything else he believes can assist him in dragging out his talk. Sometimes the senator uses a Bible and reads from it. It doesn't matter what he says—just so he keeps on talking, killing time and watching the hands of the senate clock move slowly hour after hour. In one filibuster the senator picked up a cook book and read to his colleagues how to prepare a pie and a fruit cake.

After hours of this, with the senator standing on his feet at his desk stubbornly, gulping glasses of water and sucking a cough drop or even munching an apple, some other senator may suggest the absence of a quorum, to which the filibusterer consents providing he does not lose the floor. Then while the roll is being called and absentee senators are arriving in the senate chamber from their offices in another building, the filibusterer makes a quick exit and dashes to the rest room for a moment, and then returns to his desk and sits down until after the quorum call. After this brief rest the senator gets to his feet and resumes, and his colleagues having answered to their names, ooze through the doors and return to their offices and the filibusterer continues to a chamber almost entirely deserted.

On and on, as the hours slip into eternity, the senator holds the fort. His legs become weary, his voice becomes hoarse. The hands of the clock appear to move slower and slower. He paces back and forth at his desk, asks for more drinking water or nibbles a cracker or piece of candy and internally prays for strength.

The presiding official is relieved as he calls others to the chair. The senate official stenographers come in relays to take down the interminable speech, go to their room, dictate their notes into a recording machine and these records are transcribed by typists. These reporters are the best to be found anywhere. They are never more than 20 minutes behind the speaker with complete current transcripts of his remarks.

Two or three senators remain in the senate, discussing among

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SPARKLING WATERS—VACATION TIME . . . Vacation time has arrived in New Jersey along the coast and inland. Sparkling lakes mark the inland and mountain areas where sails are being set with all manner of craft. Inset shows that the children love the surf just as grownups do.

Veteran Questions Answered By Veteran Administration Officers

Q. Does a Certificate of Disability Discharge automatically qualify a veteran for a pension?

A. No. Disability pensions are granted upon a service connection of a disability or an aggravation of a pre-existing injury or disease. No pension is payable to a non-service-connected disability unless that disability is total and permanent.

Q. Is a loan for household furniture eligible for insurance or guaranty?

A. No.

Q. When is National Service Life Insurance considered lapsed?

A. It is lapsed when a veteran fails to make a payment of premium within 31 days after the date it was due.

Q. I wish to buy an \$8000 home but I have no down payment although I have a good job. Do I have to put up any collateral or security for the loan and do I have to lay out any cash for a down payment?

A. Under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act you may be able to secure from a local lending agency a loan on which the Veterans Administration guarantees up to \$4000 provided it is not more than 50 per cent of the total outlay. In this case \$4000 would be exactly half, so you may not have to put up a cent to obtain the loan, other than necessary fees. However, it is up to the lending agency to decide if you are a good risk.

Q. How long do I have before I have to convert my term insurance to a permanent form?

A. You can keep term insurance for eight years from the time it was taken out, if it was taken out before January 1, 1946 or five years if it were taken out or after that date.

Q. Are World War I veterans eligible for benefits under the G. I. Bill?

A. No. Its benefits are for World War II veterans only.

Q. May a loan to buy an automobile or a truck be guaranteed or insured?

A. Yes, but only if the automobile or truck is necessary to the conduct of the veteran's own business or farming operations, or the conditions of his employment require that he have such a vehicle for use in carrying on his work but not merely for transportation.

Q. Is it permissible for a veteran to reduce the amount of his insurance policy? I want to keep my NSLI policy but am unable to handle the \$10,000 policy which I took out while in service.

A. Yes. The amount continued must be in multiples of \$500, but not less than \$1000.

Q. What information must I give when writing concerning my USLI policy?

1. Insured's full name
2. Insured's service serial number.
3. Insured's insurance certificate or policy number.
4. Insured's complete present address.

Q. I have repaid my government guaranteed loan and am wondering if my guaranty privilege is restored to its original amount?

A. No.

Q. How long do I have in which to get a guaranteed loan?

A. Application must be made within 10 years of the official end of the war.

Q. My son does not feel financially able to pay the premiums on his converted NSLI policy. Can I, as beneficiary, make the payments?

A. Yes, but the payments are made subject to the fact that the insured veteran could change the beneficiary at any time he wishes. Also he could surrender the policy for cash at any time.

Q. Does the government pay the first year's interest on G. I. loan?

A. No. When the loan is reported to the VA for certificate of guaranty, the VA pays 4 per cent of the amount guaranteed. If you borrow \$8,000 for a real estate transaction, the government guarantees \$4,000 and pays \$160 which is subtracted from the principal.

MANY CARS NEED REPAIR

Thirty-seven percent of the cars checked by police in the United States during the first few weeks of the national police traffic safety check were defective in some respect, according to word received by Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., he announced today.

In Oregon, Farrell said the percentage was about the same. Police check cars for brakes, lights, horns, windshield wipers and tires.

Nearly one-fourth of the cars checked were found to have defective lights, with poor tail lights heading the list of defects. Brakes were second in the list of defects.

GRASS BURNED AT RUFUS

A grass fire that burned over several hundred acres between the mouth of the John Day river and twin bridges started Monday night, reportedly from a camper who left a fire.

Farmers fought fire until after ten o'clock and succeeded in putting out the fire long after dark. The fire burned land operated by Vernon Miller, Bob Davis, and Tracy Fields. Damage is undetermined.

SUBSIDIES CAN BE HAD

The county agent's office announces that although subsidies expire at midnight June 30, along with the OPA, that those who have earned subsidies prior to that time may collect anytime within 60 days. This means that those who have subsidies coming on beef or sheep or dairy products may still get the subsidies earned previous to June 30, if they will apply.

Dedication of Carl Peetz Organ Well Attended

The program in dedication of the Carl F. Peetz Memorial organ to the Community church, held Sunday evening, was heard by a church full of friends who came to listen to the evening of music, Mr and Mrs Carroll Sayrs had arranged for the occasion.

Mrs Lloyd Anderson of Salem was organist playing three series of numbers, June Classics, a series of nostalgic tunes, and variations of old tunes.

Harry Pinkerton gave the address accepting the organ on behalf of the church and paying tribute to the honor of Carl Peetz in well chosen phrases. He spoke of his love of music and of the church and his friends and said that the gift was entirely in keeping with the spirit that motivated Carl Peetz.

A sextet composed of Lynn Hart, Velma McKean, Dorothy Kenny, Genevieve Powell, Dean Pinkerton and Frank Sayrs sang three old songs for their first appearance and three more varied numbers their second time on the rostrum. They were accompanied by Mrs Helen Sayrs at the organ.

E. Boone Wheat, accompanied by his daughter, Melba Wheat Kreutz, played two violin numbers. Tom Fraser sang "The Builder", "Sylvia" and "In the Garden of Tomorrow", accompanied by Mrs Charles Ruggles. Russell Belshee read from the Psalms.

After the program the women of the Missionary society entertained the musicians and friends in the basement of the church serving cake, punch and coffee.

Conservation Job Held Huge One

Further substantial progress toward accomplishing Oregon's huge soil and water conservation job will be made this year, reports, E. Harvey Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee in announcing intended participation in the 1946 agricultural conservation program.

Farm plans requesting participation in the conservation program have been filed for 33,590 Oregon farms and ranches, Miller reported. Tabulations have been completed for 29,171 of the total number of cooperating farms, showing an intended performance of conservation practices costing more than \$10,000,000 and for which practice payments would amount to \$5,098,000.

This figure is considerably more than the \$2,813,000 available to Oregon for 1946 practice payments, the PMA chairman pointed out. But he asked farmers not to let this situation deter them from carrying out needed conservation projects. If the present allocation will not cover actual performance completed next fall, then additional funds will be requested and all available funds will be prorated to cooperators in accordance with the work completed in each county, Miller said.

The million dollars in conservation practices approved under the 1946 program is only a small part of the total amount of work needed to control soil erosion and depletion and to maintain high productivity on Oregon farms and ranches, Miller declared. The conservation needs of the state's agricultural resources were inventoried by 1200 farmer committees in a community-by-community survey this spring.

Even though intended participation in the 1946 program is considerably higher than last year, it still would take from 25 to 30 years to accomplish at the present rate of performance the conservation needs revealed by the survey.

HAYCOX PICTURE COMING

Portland's Ernest Haycox, author of Universal's "Canyon Passage," which will have its world premiere July 13, is not the type of author who complains of the screen treatment of his stories. Neither does he resent re-writing of the original story, so often necessary in the screenplay. Haycox, who will figure prominently in Portland's all-state "Canyon Passage" world premiere celebration, made both of the above points clear during visits to the picture's location sets in Southern Oregon.

Weed Control Program Finally On Way

Court To Buy Sprayer, AAA To Furnish Inspector For Weed Control

An apparent beginning of action toward enforcement of the weed control law that has been in effect in Sherman county for several years was made at the county court meeting Wednesday when the court agreed to purchase a weed sprayer with which to spray noxious weeds in the county roads.

Members of the AAA board met with the court and requested action again. They were Wallace May, Kenneth Fridley and Russell Belshee who were accompanied by LeRoy Wright and Robert Marvin. Ralph Busse was appointed by the AAA to be inspector for the AAA. His duties will be to inspect fields where the owner has applied for weed control payments from the government.

He will notify the court of violations of the weed control law and will post the fields if the court authorizes.

Farmers who comply with AAA provisions regarding weed control may obtain 80 percent of the cost back in payments. The state weed control law is drastic in its provisions for those who refuse or fail to comply, but members of the weed control committee of the AAA seem sure that drastic methods are necessary in order to control the weeds of the county.

The court has agreed to meet again as soon as specifications are obtained on the different makes of sprayers and decide what kind to buy. First spraying of weeds in county lanes is expected to be done adjacent to fields where farmers are making an effort to control their weeds.

Bills were paid and minor business transacted in addition to the weeds.

OPA Reports On Price Reports

The OPA reports soaring prices in used cars and some food items are noted in Portland on Tuesday as the country went into control. Increases in rents were also evident, with the picture fairly quiet in the lumber, building materials, apparel and industrial materials fields.

There were reports of dealers offering to sell cars and trucks well over warranted ceilings. In two cases they did not expect to give warranties.

H. P. Maddison, OPA meat price specialist, said Tuesday that several independent packers have reportedly increased their prices by 30 percent to cover loss of subsidies and because of higher prices paid at stockyards.

No change in retail price structure, however, was noted in the downtown district. None showed much meat on display except lamb, poultry and assorted cold meats.

Some meat was reported being sold on open billing by wholesalers to retailers.

One east side market was reportedly selling ground hamburger at 69c a pound (ceiling 31c). Sales of filet mignon at \$2 a lb. (ceiling 59c) and of T-bone steak at \$1 a pound (ceiling 56c) were reported in another east side market.

A creamery was said to be retailing butter at 90c a pound.

Few complaints in the apparel field have been received. Several apparel manufacturers have asked if they should still comply quarterly charges. They have been advised to do so.

Wheat Saleable From Any Elevator Now

Local grain growers organizations have now been informed that the government's decision to take a half of the grain put in public warehouses has been changed again and that now no grain will be requisitioned for the starving Europeans.

Instead of that the government, it is understood, will go in the open market and buy the 250,000,000 bushels of new wheat it is pledged to ship to Europe and Asia. This decision, like others of the administration's, is subject to change without notice.

Speculation is rife hereabouts as to the effect of the government buying on the wheat market. With a known quantity to purchase the effect, may be decidedly inflationary which will defeat promises of the government to restrict higher prices of food stuffs.

Wheat cooperatives in this county would probably have been able to meet the requirements of last week's regulation which was to requisition wheat in all warehouses and elevators not managed by cooperatives whose entire customer list was within the organization as members.

Horsemen Reorganize As Sheriff's Posse

A group of horsemen and women met at the court house Monday night to revive the Sherman County Riders and before the meeting ended the group had killed the Riders and reincarnated it as the Sherman County Sheriff's Posse.

Elected president, (appropriately) was Norman Fields, sheriff. Merle Becket is vice-president. Roy Wright, secretary-treasurer. Directors are Don Cox, Vincent Genteman, Kenneth Martin, Marjorie VanGilder and Jewel Herin.

Another meeting will be held Tuesday night July 9 and Sunday July 14. Fred Hill of Pendleton will come to give first instruction in drills that will be perfected in time for the Sherman County Fair.

Moisture Above Average This Year

Moisture for the crop year is above the normal again at the experiment station. Since September 1, 11.40 inches of rain has fallen whereas the normal is but 10.88. The first ten months of the crop year is about all the wheat farmer interests himself in.

June was really a very wet month, there being 1.56 inches recorded. Only three Junes since 1911 have beaten it. The first was the generous year of 1916 when 1.98 inches fell after a wet May and followed by a wet July. In 1931 1.60 inches fell in one big storm after the wheat was already dead, and in 1937 2.83 inches fell.

This June there were two rains big enough to be noteworthy. On the 14th the station instruments recorded .90 inch and on the 28th there was .37 inch. Between them were several small rains.

4-H Summer School Large One

The first postwar 4-H club summer session ended here on a high note of accomplishment for the 1600 boys and girls and 200 local leaders and extension agents who spent 10 days of intense activity on the campus mingling study, inspiration and recreation.

The final assembly saw 16 local leaders honored with leadership pins, and scores of awards to club members announced. The two members chosen to head the boys and girls councils were Janet Schadewitz, Portland and Richard Monson, Hauser in Coos county.

T. B. Wilcox, president of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, set word to the final assembly that 13 separate "calf scrambles" will be held at the P-I horse shows and rodeos this fall when 104 calves will be given to club members—provided they can catch, halter and lead the unbroken animals from the ring.

Field Day Date Set For Saturday July 6 at 1:30

New Wheats, Weed Tests Expected To Cause Most Farmer Interest

The annual field day at the experiment station will be held Saturday, June 6, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

There are new wheats to see among them being the little, brown chaff club wheat that is half Alice and half Rex. Its heads turn brown all at once like some are brown while others are green. It has led the list of winter wheats for two years, making 42 bushels in 1944 and 25 bushels in 1945. It may be the wheat of the future.

The new chemical 24-D has been tried out at the station on pepper grass and other weeds and the results are considered worth looking at by Merrill Oveson, superintendent, who will lead the tour. Results can be observed right to the line.

Spring grain crops will, take the eye of many, oats waist high and green as grass, barley turning color beautifully, and all kinds of wheats, tall and short, light and dark.

For five years there has been an experiment where grass and alfalfa were grown together. This year some of that ground has been sown to grain. For those who may try the experiment themselves the crop is worth seeing.

There are new wheats in the nursery, new barleys, winter and spring, new oats, winter and spring—and the winter oats look good.

The tillage experiments have a story to tell and the rotation experiment that has been going on for 30 years still produces crop information that is useful, although rotation finds few friends with wheat at \$1.75.

It is probable that D. D. Hill will be here from the state college to help explain the experiments, but the visitors will gain their own impressions from what is so plainly shown before them.

Social Security Has Suggestions

The Social Security Board is offering its full cooperation to workers who have reached the age of 65 in an effort to help them avoid any loss of benefits through delay in filing claims, it was announced today by Vernon A. Welo, manager of the Board's office at LaGrande.

"Any person who has worked enough in private industry and commerce to be insured under the old-age and survivors insurance program can file a claim at age 65 to peg his benefits at a point below which they cannot fall," Welo said. "Then, if he keeps on working, or if he gets a new job, and his wage record would produce higher benefits at a later date, he may file a request to have his benefits recalculated to give him the higher rate."

Welo pointed out that his office has been urging workers for some time to confer with the Social Security Board officials upon reaching age 65, in order to protect full benefit rights.

Leslie Wilson Goes To Penitentiary

Leslie Wilson pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and robbery while armed with a dangerous weapon before Judge Mackay here Friday and received the mandatory sentence of ten years in the penitentiary. Saturday he was taken to Salem by Sheriff Fields to begin his sentence.

Recommendation was made for parole, if good conduct is maintained, which will permit Wilson to get out of confinement in about 3 1/2 years.

His companion in the holdup and robbery, Reed Ellis Rodin, is still in a hospital in The Dalles although he is expected to be released within a week or ten days. He has confessed but has not been arraigned for pleading.