

# STATE CAPITAL NEWS

By A. L. LINDBECK

- 'Deal' Denial
- Training Centers
- Three Measures

Salem.—Governor Sprague's denial of any "deal" through which he would step out of the governor's office into the United States senate in the event of Senator McNary's election as vice president of these United States, may have spiked that rumor but it has not dispelled speculation as to what will happen if the Republicans are successful in the November election.

One thing is certain. If McNary becomes vice president his election will leave a vacancy in the senate. Inasmuch as he does not propose to resign one office until he is sure of the other this vacancy—if any—will not occur until it is too late for the voters to do anything about it. Therefore it will be up to the governor to name the new senator. If he is ambitious to step up to the senate himself, as many believe to be the case, he can appoint some one who will be satisfied with the honor that attaches to a short term, some one who will be willing to step down and out after two years of service, leaving the way clear for the governor himself to make the race two years hence. If the governor does not aspire to the senate post but prefers a second hitch at his present job he will in all probability pick on some one who would like to make lawmaking his career and who could use the short term appointment as a spring board to his election in 1942. In this connection the name of Secretary of State Earl Snell is most prominently mentioned as it is known that Snell has had his eye on Washington for some time and has only been waiting for the opportune time to make his bid either for the seat held by Congressman Walter Pierce of the second Oregon district or one of this state's two seats in the upper branch. In the event that Snell should be the governor's choice for the senate post—always assuming of course that there will be a vacancy to fill—his appointment would leave a vacancy in the state's official family which the governor would have at his disposal as a reward for some other partisan.

All of which, of course, is counting the appointments before the vacancies have hatched before the governor himself pointed out in spiking the rumor of a pending "deal" there is no law as yet to keep a news writer from speculating.

Fifty-two foreign insurance companies are licensed to transact business in Oregon according to a report by the state insurance department. These include 33 British companies, six Canadian companies, two from New Zealand, two from Switzerland and one each from Hong Kong, France, Holland, China, Italy and Japan.

A number of additional centers for the training of workers in national defense industries will be established in Oregon according to O. D. Adams, state director for vocational education, who attended a conference on defense measures at the national capital. These centers, Adams explained, will be established in communities where adequate building and equipment facilities are made available. Cost of the program will be paid by the federal government out of emergency defense funds. Classes are already being conducted in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Pendleton with approximately 470 students enrolled.

The Board of Control put patriotism above creature-comforts this week when it turned down a request for a ventilating system in the new library building on the ground that the \$6000 unexpended balance in the building fund was needed for the purchase of a flag pole for the new capitol. The request was made by employees in the building who complained that working conditions on

the third floor of the new library are almost unbearable at this time of the year.

Only three of the 13 proposed initiative measures succeeded in enlisting sufficient support to get onto the November ballot. One of these, sponsored by State Senator Thomas Mahoney, provides for outright repeal of the milk control law. Another, sponsored by Common Sense, Inc., would repeal the Knox Liquor control law and place the sale of liquor in private hands. The third, sponsored by the Oregon Merchants Legislative League, seeks to legalize pin ball games, punch boards and other games of chance. All of the old age pension acts fell by the wayside as also did proposals to create a state bank, to set up a civil service system for public employees and to ban the sale of food and merchandise on Sundays.

Oregon's state office building is now debt free. The last installment of the \$511,137 loan, negotiated in 1930, to finance construction of the building, was paid off this week. Money for this building was advanced by the Industrial Accident Commission after the courts had held such a loan to be legal, and was paid off through rentals charged each of the departments occupying the building. Interest payments over the ten years of the loan aggregated \$69,272.30.

Receipts of the state treasury during the biennium ending June 30 aggregated \$140,071,913, according to State Treasurer Walter E. Pearson. This amount represents an increase of approximately \$8,500,000 over the previous biennium, accounted for largely by increased federal grants. The receipts for the two-year period include \$23,032,478 in gasoline taxes, \$10,115,000 in income taxes, \$19,609,127 in liquor revenues, \$6,620,184 in motor vehicle registration fees, \$2,236,215 in motor carrier fees and licenses collected by the Public Utilities commission, \$1,211,863 in game commission revenues, \$1,749,868 in insurance fees and \$630,869 in corporation fees.

A delay of at least three months in any decision as to the constitutionality of Oregon's anti-picketing law was indicated this week when Chief Justice Rand announced that the supreme court would again listen to arguments in this case after it resumes its activities following the summer recess, in September. At the time of all seven of the previous arguments Justice J. O. Bailey was absent from the state and Justice Henry J. Bean was ill.

## Boardman Resident League Supervisor

Grattan L. Hoffman of Boardman has recently been appointed as a deputy supervisor of the Explorers' League, headquarters of which are in Denver. Mr. Hoffman's keen interest in the natural sciences has long been known to many of his friends who will be glad to hear of the honor conferred on him.

Started early in June, the Explorers' League is already a national organization with clubs forming in nearly every state in the Union. Canada and Alaska are also represented in it. It has for its purpose the encouragement of ordinary men and women, in every walk of life, to be on the lookout for unusual stones, fossil shells and bones, rare plants and insect life, and many other specimens which the average person is likely to ignore, but which may be of much interest to science. A monthly bulletin is published which describes and pictures these specimens so that any person may be able to identify them, and numerous prizes are offered for worthwhile discoveries.

Seattle shipyards are already on the job looking for contracts and have a couple of men in the national capital. They are ready to bid on anything from a coast guard craft to a merchant vessel. These are the vanguard of northwestern concerns looking for a chance to get in on some of the national defense orders which will soon be placed. Another group, from Oregon, interested in roads is enroute to learn what the prospects are for a few million dollars to develop military roads.

## IRRIGON NEWS

### Fourth Observed on Church Lawn

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

A large crowd assembled on the lawn of the Pentecostal church for a picnic dinner July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell McCoy and family motored to Tollgate Thursday, July 4th. Mrs. McCoy was taken very ill that night and was brought to the Hermiston hospital for treatment. She was taken to the Pendleton hospital Monday and is in a very serious condition.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Warner and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Bowluare July 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Batie Rand and Mr. and Mrs. George Rand spent the Fourth at the Russell Miller home at Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Caldwell from Portland spent the Fourth with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caldwell. They returned home Sunday.

Cliford Ruker returned home from Kellogg, Idaho, Sunday, where he had been visiting his sister, Mrs. Amos.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cork of Monument visited their aunt, Mrs. W. C. Isom and family Wednesday and celebrated at Hermiston July 4.

R. V. Jones sold a truck load of apricots Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Haller and two children visited Rev. and Mrs. Harness last week, being enroute to Sheridan where they had accepted a pastorate in the Pentecostal church.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler and family from Elmer City, Wash., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom, Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler of Umatilla from Friday until Sunday evening.

Ray Colder left last week for Detroit, Mich., and will drive the new school bus the Irrigon district purchased recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Fagerstrom from Springfield, Mo., are visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Falgren from Hoquiam, Wash., visited his aunt, Mrs. James Warner Saturday. They were enroute home on their honeymoon trip.

Mrs. Becket from Los Angeles is looking after business interests here.

### State Land Use Committee Eyes Oregon Problems

Definite progress in land use planning, and plans to cooperate with Governor Sprague's state economic council were reported at the latest meeting of the state land use planning committee, which met at Oregon State college with Dean William A. Schoenfeld as acting chairman.

Most of the members, including the six farmer representatives, were present for the session, which was devoted largely to hearing reports of the present situation in the various divisions of the land use planning work. Reports were made on agricultural planning by William L. Teutsch, assistant county agent leader; on grazing problems by Donald Robbins, Burns; on forestry problems by F. H. Brundage of the U. S. forest service, Portland, and on taxation by Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission.

In discussing the chief agricultural land use problems, Teutsch pointed out that they vary according to the different regions. On the coast, he said, the most pressing problem is replacing lost forest resources with agriculture on land suited to it, and in the Willamette valley one of the major objectives is to prevent erosion and rebuild fertility so as to maintain grazing capacity on more than 400,000 acres of hill land pasture.

In the Columbia basin wheat counties, control of soil losses from wind and water erosion is the all-important problem, Teutsch held. In the Blue Mountain region the primary question is one of proper utilization of range land in relation to livestock feed supplies in valley farms. In central and southeastern Oregon an increase in grazing ca-

capacity through range improvement is first on the list, while in southern Oregon conservation of irrigation water supplies and better management of hill land pasture are uppermost in land use planning needs.

Farmer members of the state land use planning committee are Herbert Koons of Lakeview, Hall H. Spillman of Powell Butte, George Peck of Lexington, John Ramage of Woodburn, C. W. Craddock of Silvies and Ernest L. Clausen, Broadbent. Twelve state and federal agencies are represented on the state committee, which is working toward a coordinated and unified approach to the many complicated aspects of most efficient use, of the state's land resources.

### Mary Alice McNay Passes at Newberg

An account of the death of Mary Alice McNay is contained in a recent issue of the Newberg Graphic, a clipping from which has been received at this office. Mrs. McNay's passing occurred on June 5 at her home in Newberg, where she had resided since 1901.

Mary Alice Rodgers was born in Clarion, Clarion county, Pa., Nov. 13, 1857, the youngest of the five children of George and Rebecca K. Rodgers. After the death of her father the family moved to Kansas in 1869. She was educated in the public schools of Manhattan, Kans., and at the academy now the University of Kansas.

She was married to A. T. McNay April 20, 1876. In 1882 the family moved west, first to San Francisco, then to Portland, Olympia and Walla Walla were claimed as home before, in 1883, they moved to a wheat ranch near Ione. In 1893 they moved to Heppner, which was their home until moving to Newberg.

The husband and four daughters survive. The daughters are Lillian Balsiger, Galvin, Wash.; Blanche Parrett, McMinnville; Mable Holcomb and Myrtha Bartlett, Toledo.

Creed Owen was called to Hay, Wash., Wednesday in response to word that his daughter, Mrs. Fred Stark, had been seriously injured in an auto accident.

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