

### French Reviews the Legislature

By Giles L. French

Another week may finish it, and again it might not. The senate still has much work to do with unemployment compensation, the big education bill, welfare and some other bills that are not going to be easily decided. And senators like to talk. Some have proposed a recess until after Easter, but there is no enthusiasm for that as everyone wants to end completely as soon as possible.

Some members especially are anxious to go home—and some have and others call their home ranches by telephone every night to keep track on the plowing, the sowing and the branding.

These long sessions are making it practically impossible for actual producing farmers to run for the legislature. It was had enough when the session ended in March. This is an unfortunate thing, too.

There are several reasons for the length of the session and all have a bearing and none are entirely responsible for the near 100 days of this 45th session. The state is growing rapidly and

there are more things to decide upon, matters that used to come before the legislature every three or four sessions now appear biennially, there are many new members, neither house or senate organization is close knit, more men want to talk particularly about partisan things which have seldom been considered in Oregon legislatures. Heretofore Republicans and Democrats worked and voted together as individuals and representatives of their districts with seldom a thought of partisanship. Younger and more partisan men are breaking down this fine tradition.

The senate tax program came to the house the last of the week and was laid on the table for a cooling off period. Actually it would be possible to cut the budget nearly enough to get by without complete diversion of surplus funds. Ways and means have done very well but not as well as it might. State employees, now under civil service, insist on more salary raises on top of the normal increases under the system, welfare was a head ache and the budget is too big. But probably nothing will be done about it now. By careful management there may be some balances left over at the end of the biennium—and they will be needed.

As to welfare the ways and means committee has done as

good a job as possible Pensioners will be cared for on the basis of need with \$50 being established as the necessary sum. They will have medicine and care. When they have ceased to need their property the state will have a claim to it. Another bill sets a schedule for aid to elders by their children. It will cost \$55,000,000, ten million more than in the last biennium, and five million less than was asked. Those who need the aid will be sure of getting it under this plan and there will be an opportunity to bar those who do not need it. The state has always been able to take care of those who needed it. It is the others who have raised the costs so high.

About 50 ways and means appropriation bills will be in the hoppers Monday and Tuesday and begin their short passage through the houses. Some say there will be lots of talking in an effort to delay the session.

One just doesn't vote against ways and means bills of important nature. There must be appropriations for state institutions. Some of the minor bills can stand defeat. They generally go sailing through in a hurry after the members are satisfied with the first of them. If it seems that a reasonably good job has been done there are few questions.

So far one member of the house

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One out of every six holders of an Oregon driver's license was involved in a traffic accident last year, the secretary of state's traffic division reports.

Statewide records show 127,768 drivers were involved in accidents during 1948, 9,471 more livestock from Joseph, Oregon, 50 brahmas from Texas, 25 Texas

longhorns, 150 broncs from Oregon and Washington, 40 broncs from the famed Barbour string in California, 40 roping calves and a large assortment of other creatures that make rodeos exciting have already been signed.

World champions from the 1948 title list have signified their intention to compete. Cinema rodeo stars also will be brought from Hollywood.

Advance seat sale information may be obtained from Mr. Held, Earl Hill or any member of the Cottage Grove Shrine club. Portland offices have been opened at 430 Southwest Sixth avenue, Portland 4, Oregon.

than during the first postwar year of 1946 and an all-time high. Over half were guilty of a traffic law violation at the time of the mishap, the record reveals. Most of the accident drivers were Oregon residents with six years or more driving experience.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

### There'll Always Be a "Cawker"

"Harry the Hermit," as he's called, came into town last week and, as usual, caused quite a stir. He looks like a cross between Santa Claus and Daniel Boone.

From where I sit, Harry's a lot more "civilized" than the people who make fun of him. He's contented, lives the way he believes is right without harming anyone—and what's more, he's tolerant of others whose tastes in living are different from his.

We had a friendly glass of beer together and I ask him, "Don't you ever get annoyed at the way some people laugh and stare at you go by?" "Shucks no," Harry says. "Only while they're laughin' at me, I'm feelin' a mite sorry for them. Imagine—folks so ungrateful they can't see I'm really just the same as they are underneath."

Maybe we all don't look the same, or act the same, or eat or drink the same, but in a free country, why should we?

Joe Marsh

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### Shriners Preparing To Promote Rodeo On Colossal Scale

Commensurate in size with the largest shows of the United

States, a rodeo is to be staged in Portland May 14 to 22 by the Al Kader Temple of the Shrine with the Cottage Grove Shrine club, H. H. Held, president, taking a leading role in its promotion.

Forty-six Shrine clubs affiliated with the Al Kader Temple in sponsoring this greater rodeo enterprise have set a budget for its promotion of \$75,000 and leased the Pacific International Exposition building in Portland with its huge arena and 6,000 seating capacity for staging the event.

Sanction from the national rodeo Cowboys' association has been obtained and the event will officially be listed on the 1949 championship agenda with the Shrine setting up \$11,375 in purses plus entry fees.

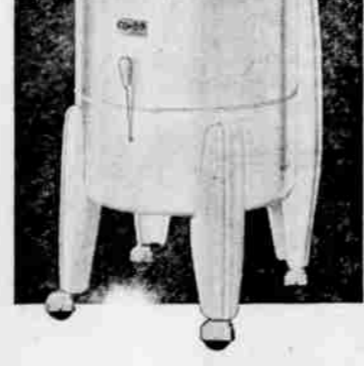
in a hospital, a senator is taking a rest and one member of the lobby is recuperating from a heart attack. None has died so far. Nerves are getting frayed and tempers are far from smooth.

It may be that Oregon tries to finish its work too quickly, within a specified time (50 days is the limit of pay) when it would be better to try for care and excellence instead of speed. Other states have longer sessions also and California expects to end done in August. Washington ended in a hubbub with conference committees finishing the work.

Harley Tucker's famed rodeo

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