

Salem Scene

by Everett K. Culler

Special Committee Seeks To Modernize Legislature

Some 15 months and 40 meetings after its inception, the Advisory Committee on the Oregon Legislature has developed recommendations — many of them predicted — for strengthening and streamlining our lawmaking branch of government.

The special committee, created by the 1967 legislature, consists of three state senators, four representatives and 30 lay citizens. Its goal: to find ways to make Oregon's legislative branch and its work more efficient, effective, responsive and understandable.

Among its final dozens of recommendations toward this goal, being considered during the current session, are 13 actual bills and resolutions for adoption. Proposals run the gamut from construction to committee structures, from legislative pay to public relations.

Significantly, the committee is not advocating annual legislative sessions. This is in keeping with strong statewide sentiment that annual sessions would promote "professional legislators" in a government which fares well with its parttime, citizen lawmakers from all vocations.

Difficulties Recognized

Difficulties of biennial sessions in revenue and budget planning for 30 months hence are recognized, though. The committee therefore recommends that the legislature be allowed to call itself into special session by a majority of the members of both houses. At present, only the governor may convene a special session.

The advisory committee reasons that giving the legislature such authority would give it added flexibility as well, allowing it to meet unexpected demands or timely availability of federal-fund participation programs. It suggests that legislators could meet in even-numbered years briefly to update budgets in line with revised revenue estimates.

Also recommended are building additions to the Capitol to provide more offices and hearing room space. House floor desks now serve as offices for representatives and their secretaries, and public hearings—especially if controversial—sometimes spill attendees into Capitol hallways.

Perhaps the greatest boon to legislators would be the proposed expansion of staff. Professional aides would perform research and administrative duties, leaving senators and representatives relatively free to serve as policy-makers.

The advisory group also advances proposals for changing committees, the backbone units of legislative research and evaluation. Some are expected to face stiff opposition in the current session such as the proposal to reduce standing committees to 11, identical in both houses. There are now 21 Senate committees, 16 House committees.

Committee Changes Eyed

Interim committees would be replaced by continuing the standing committees on a permanent basis. The resulting continuity of membership could markedly smooth interim-session transitions, proponents say, and speed the lawmaking process.

Other suggestions of the study

group include expanding the House from 60 to 61 members and Senate from 30 to 31 to avoid ties, making rules of the two houses uniform, allowing bills to be pre-printed and filed before sessions to avoid the usual pileup in early weeks, expanding the Legislative Fiscal Office to ensure follow-through on legislative intent, and providing more comprehensive orientation sessions for first-term legislators.

From the public standpoint, recommendations for improved communications are of interest. Among them: improved school courses on the legislative process, better explanation of the legislature to Capitol visitors, and improved facilities for Capitol newsmen.

Disposition Uncertain
Despite the extensive work put into the proposals, disposition remains uncertain. Many recommendations will be scuttled, many modified, some adopted—a lot can depend upon which committees consider which proposals or whether the report is treated as a whole or in separate parts.

It is refreshing, at least, for the legislature to be interested in self-improvement and to have sought out the ideas of a large group of professional government workers and observers. In their ideas lies the substance both for Oregon's legislature to keep pace with growing government complexity and for considerable improvement of the public's image of the legislature and its mission.

Fire Destroys Irrigon Landmark

IRRIGON—Another historical landmark is gone since the Lloyd Franke home was destroyed by fire on Tuesday, February 11. Fire units from Umatilla and U.A.D. assisted the two trucks of the Irrigon Fire Department who answered the call about 10:30 a.m. Very little was saved from the home, as no one was at home when the fire broke out.

The fire alarm was turned in by Crystal Gollyhorn, a neighbor. One dog was rescued from the back porch but another one died in the house. The other buildings close by were not damaged. The Frankes have raised their six children here. The two youngest attend Riverside High school now.

In the early 1900's the first Irrigon post office was housed in this building. At that time it was located on the corner of 8th and North Main Street where the Ernest Stephens house now stands. Addison Bennett was the first postmaster. He has been described as a lively person with a white goatee. He also published a newspaper called the Irrigon Irrigator evidently in the same building. He was given credit in the "Ione Independent" in December, 1913, for being one of the live ones who pushed the Irrigation project towards completion. At some other period of time it was a store building. Around 1920 the large two story house was mounted on skids and pulled by horses to its present location, at that time known as the Hux place.

Mrs. Gollyhorn, who turned in the fire alarm, is a granddaughter of George Hux and remembers the method used in moving buildings. They would use six horses, and logs would be placed under the skids. As the logs would roll out behind it would be taken to the front and again placed under the building.

Mrs. Ethel Perkins of Portland, mother of Mrs. Albert Wright, accompanied her son-in-law and daughter from her home to Heppner last week, where she entered Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment.

IFYE Informs Grange of Korea; Officers Named

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — Lexington Grange No. 726 met Sunday at the Grange hall, with the men in charge. Dinner was served at 12:30 p.m. by the committee, after which the group saw films of Korea and heard a most educational talk by Orrin Potampa of Madras, a recently returned IFYE student to South Korea.

The speaker modeled the type of men's clothing worn there, assisted by Miss Jacque Howton of Ione, who modeled the women's styles.

The meeting was called to order by newly installed Master Kenneth Smouse. Other newly elected officers for 1969 are Alfred Nelson, Jr., overseer; Mrs. Norman Nelson, secretary; Ms. C. C. Jones, treasurer; Ed Hunt, steward; Joe Yocom, assistant steward; Cecil Jones, gatekeeper; Mrs. Marie Steagall, chaplain; Mrs. Mildred Davidson, lecturer; Mrs. June Christopherson, Flora; Mrs. Nora Turner, Pomona; Mrs. Frances Smouse, Ceres; Mrs. Joe Yocom, lady assistant steward. Executive board members are Ed Hunt, Gene Majeske and Norman Nelson; Ed Hunt, ag committee chairman and legislative committee chairman; Alfred Nelson, Cecil Jones, Gene Majeske and Ed Hunt, building committee.

Miss Virginia Majeske was obligated in the four degrees at this time, and was presented a membership pin.

Rebekah Officers Installed

Three Links club of Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the hall last Thursday for its regular meeting, with Mrs. Donna Papineau, chairman, presiding. An election of officers was held. Elected for the coming year are Mrs. Ralph Bureham, chairman; Mrs. Frank Robinson, vice-chairman; Mrs. Archie Munkers, secretary, and Mrs. A. F. Majeske, treasurer.

Following this meeting, a joint installation of officers was held for Bunchgrass and Holly Rebekah Lodges. The following were installed: NG Donna Papineau; VG Dorothy Bureham; Secretary Delpha Jones; Treasurer Merle Cornellison; Warden Dimple Munkers; Conductor June Field; Chaplain Ruth Robinson; OSG Ardith Hunt; BNSG Hilda Yocom; LSNG Frieda Majeske; LSVG Ida Lee Engleman; RSVG Florence McMillan; ISG Catie Padberg. Installing officers were Mrs. Ada Eskelson of Holly, Mrs. Altha Kirk of Sans Souci, and Mrs. Dimple Munkers, district deputy.

Members were reminded, in the new programs, that lodge meets the first and third Thursdays and all the members are urged to attend and help support the lodge. Three Links Club meets the second Thursday of each month. Also, members were reminded of their Secret Sisters and to not forget the dates.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 20.

Miss Ginger Majeske spent a couple of days last week at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske. Debbie, another daughter, spent the weekend in Pendleton, visiting with her sister and friends.

Bobby Van Winkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Van Winkle, has received notice from the government to report for duty on March 4.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Florence McMillan and Mrs. Pete McMurtry of Heppner were among those attending the Patriarch's Militant Auxiliary meeting last Wednesday in Pendleton.

Mrs. Julie Saling and her daughter, Nancy, spent several days last week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Pfeiffer. They left on Sunday to return to their home in Salem.

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Holy Communion first Sunday of month.

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Worship, 11:00 a.m.
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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Pastor Elmer Knee
Ph. 676-5329
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.
N.Y.P.S. 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.

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Rev. F. W. Luedde, Jr.
Ph. 422-7530
Church School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST
Pastor H. E. Preston
Sabbath School, 9:30 a.m.
Church Worship, 11:00 a.m.

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ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL
Rev. Dirk Rinehart, Rector
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Ph. 676-9462
ST. PATRICK'S (Heppner) Sunday Masses, 7:30 and 11:00 a.m.
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Confessions, St. Patrick's Sat. 7-8 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
American Legion Hall
Gary V. Thompson, Br. President
Priesthood meeting, 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Sacrament Service, 11:00 a.m.

ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
Pastor Robert Wolfe
Ph. 676-5581
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
Young People's Service, 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.
Mid-week Service, Tues., 7:00 p.m.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. Melvin Dixon
Ph. 676-9224
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.
United Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Bible Study, Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

My Neighbors



"There goes a great sport."

Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Ida Farra last Tuesday night preceding the Degree of Honor installation meeting included Mrs. Grace Hiatt of Portland, past state Degree of Honor president; Mrs. Clara Gertson, national treasurer and state Degree of Honor director; Mrs. Melvin Dixon and Mrs. Nina Case of Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Kari of Pendleton, visited with her sister, Mrs. Millie Evans, over the past week-end. While here she attended a bridal shower given in honor of Miss Susan Wiemers, future bride of Wayne Evans, who is grandson of Mrs. Evans.

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