

MARTIN PLANNING COMMISSION BILL GIVEN SOLONS' O. K.

First of Four Major Administration Measures Passed by Both Houses — Fund Reduction Is Voted Down

SALEM, Jan. 31.—(AP)—Manifesting a willingness to co-operate with the program of the new administration, the state senate yesterday gave its approval to the planning commission bill, which thus became the first of the four administration measures to pass both the upper and lower houses.

However, an amendment imposed on the measure before it received the support of the senate, necessitating the concurrence of the house before it can go to the governor for his signature.

Little Opposition

Opposition to the act, which creates a planning commission of nine members to act in an advisory capacity to the chief executive, though few in number, strove mightily to change the prevailing opinion of the body. Only two or three members voiced objection to the bill as a whole, while at least two others balked at the amount of the appropriation provided to carry on the work of the board. The final vote was 23 to 7.

Senator James H. Hazlett, opening discussion of the measure, described the planning commission as a purely advisory body, designed to assist the governor in his program and ready to assist the cities and counties of the state at their request. He declared that all the objectionable features had been removed upon its first appearance in the ways and means committee.

Franciscovich Objects

Senator F. M. Franciscovich objected to the measure on the grounds that no provision had been made for removal of the members, and declared that should a new governor take office with the program of the commission, it would be impossible for him to line up the group to work in harmony with him. The Astoria legislator ended by making a motion to amend Section 2 of the bill to provide that "any member may be removed at any time at the pleasure of the governor."

Body Resolved Itself Into a Committee

The body resolved itself into a committee of the whole to consider the measure section by section. Senator Franciscovich's motion was adopted.

Would Cut Funds

As the clerk read the bill each section was approved unanimously until the \$30,000 appropriation was reached. At this point Senator DeLoe, chairman of the ways and means committee, rose to his feet and introduced a motion to cut the amount to \$10,000. This he added, together with nearly \$20,000 remaining from the old reconstruction advisory board available to the planning commission, would total the amount called for in the measure.

A Rising Vote on Walker's Proposed Amendment Lost by a Wide Majority

The clerk quickly read the remaining portions of the measure, and the committee adopted the bill as amended.

The Final Vote on Passage of the Measure Was as Follows:

For: Aiken, Allen, Best, Bynon, Chincock, Dickson, Duncan, Fisher, Franciscovich, Goss, Hazlett, Hess, Lee, Lessard, McCormack, McKay, Pearson, Steiner, Strayer, Stringer, Wallace, Wheeler and Corbett. Against: Burke, Carney, Dunn, Spaulding, Staples, Walker and Zimmerman.

TALENT GRANGE PLAY SATURDAY

The Talent Grange play, "King Roy," will be presented Saturday at the Talent city hall. This is one of the contest plays of the county-wide Recreation club dramatics.

The cast includes: Amziyah Bassler, neighborhood character. Harry Weagant; Maggie, his wife. Iota Miller; King, his son. Edward Learning; George Kleinschmidt; Ed Borg; Ella, his wife. Nellie Borg; Evelyn, their daughter. Dorothea Borg; Lorraine, a waitress. Bon Nell Jones.

Stage manager Harvey Walter, director Alton Petri and prompter, Mrs. Nora Walters. This will be followed by another play entitled "Song Fest," by the Talent high school Glee club. Recreation and old-time dancing will complete the evening.

Ranney Holds Thousand Aces

Adrian Ranney held a thousand aces Tuesday evening in a three-handed game of pinochle with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Berry, of Phoenix. He also held a pinochle and two marriages and got the bid for 340.

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Society and Clubs

Two Hundred Are Guests at Annual "States" Banquet

More than 200 persons attended the tenth annual "States" banquet at the First M. E. church on Tuesday evening. As the guests were leaving the hall, one could hear on every side expressions of pleasure and satisfaction as well as remarks of commendation to the various hostesses.

People like to have their food served hot, savory and abundantly when they pay for a special meal and experience has shown the Methodist ladies and the group of pretty young waitresses just how to accomplish this combination of culinary feats. There wasn't a hitch in the smoothly functioning, well planned affair from the time the guests began to gather in the church auditorium, where they were entertained with an organ recital by Don Huckel, at the time when they rose from the tables to sing "America" as the closing number on the program.

The decorations for all the tables this year were lovely bouquets of acacia and many candles of various colors. The effect was charming. Only the "international" table was different, its centerpiece being the flags of all nations.

The decoration of the large dining hall was especially attractive, for the entire ceiling was lined with perfectly matched streamers of red, white and blue, while on the wall at the back of the stage was a design of the United States outlined in braided red, white and blue and in braided red, white and blue.

These decorations excited a thrill of patriotism as one entered the room. A. W. Shepherd acted as toastmaster and presented the following program in a pleasing manner:

Vocal selections—George Peckham, accompanied by Donald Huckabee.

Toast "To the United States"—George Coddling.

Violin solos—Mrs. C. I. Drummond, accompanied by Mrs. Royal Bebb.

A toast "To Oregon"—Mrs. A. J. Hanby.

"America"—By all.

Many of the guests were heard to say that they thought this the best of all the fine programs they had heard at "States" banquets. Those who headed the various committees were as follows: Program and general chairman—Mrs. W. W. Walker. Menu and kitchen—Mrs. C. Beery. Dining room—Mrs. E. C. Koppert. Decoration—Mrs. Howard Poffenbarger.

Tickets—Mrs. Maynard Bush.

Publicity—Mrs. George Kunzman.

Hostesses were Mesdames Olin Artzinger, R. W. Sletter, F. M. Corlies, Geo. Coddling, C. W. Whitlock, A. E. Lyman, Nellie Wall, Floyd Jenkins, Leclere, C. V. Trill, J. C. Tucker, Fred Scheffel, Katharine Satterlee, J. W. Wakefield, P. F. Burk, Alma Mortensen, Roy Anderson, Elton Waldron and Bernard Roberts.

Men Especially Invited To Washington Card Party.

Men have been extended a special invitation to attend the public card party to be held Friday evening at the Washington school, sponsored by members of Washington school P. O. A., for the benefit of the school lunchroom.

Prizes, donated by Medford merchants, will be awarded the winners at pinochle, five hundred, contract and auction bridge. A large crowd is anticipated, as it is believed many will be anxious to provide luncheon for the school children by attending.

Those wishing further information may telephone Mrs. W. G. Cool, number 83. Reservations should be made in advance.

Pre-School Study Group Meets Tonight at Junior High

The pre-school study group will meet tonight at junior high school in the sewing room at 7 o'clock. The subject, "Helping the Child to Be Happily and Profitably Employed," will be used to show how the nursery school method may be applied in the home. The group has enjoyed these discussions of mutual interests and problems.

Friends and Parents Invited by DeMolays

Friends and parents are cordially invited to attend the public installation of officers of Medford chapter of DeMolay tonight at 7:30 in the Masonic hall.

On Saturday members of the Medford chapter will go to Grants Pass to have the second degree conferred upon them.

Cafeteria Luncheon Friday at Guild Hall

St. Mark's Guild will have a cafeteria luncheon followed by a business session at 1 o'clock Friday at the Guild hall on North Oakdale. Those in charge will be Mesdames McDougal, Strang and Marti.

Pan Hellenic to Have Luncheon on Saturday

There will be a regular social luncheon of Pan Hellenic society Saturday at Hotel Medford, it was announced. Luncheon will be served at 1 o'clock with Mrs. Jack Porter and Miss Josephine Koppes hostesses.

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SYNDICALISM LAW TOPIC OF TALK AT LEGION MEETING

Members of Medford Post met at the armory Monday evening, 1st Vice Commander Cole Holmes, taking the place of Commander I. E. Foy, who was with the Gilemen in their opening concert.

After a short business session the Auxiliary was invited in and a short talk was given by District Attorney Geo. Coddling on the criminal syndicalism law, which some legislators, at Salem, are trying to take off the statute books. The Legion stands for putting this law back as it was prior to the last legislature and also for making it more strict.

W. J. Looker gave a short talk on the proposed universal draft law, which would take the profits out of war, a measure the American Legion has sponsored since 1922 but which, he said, has been opposed by munition factory owners.

Another bill cited as being misunderstood by citizens, is the bill to pay the last half of the adjusted compensation certificate. Foreign debtors of the United States government have received contract revisions which cost this country nearly five times the amount required to pay the adjusted service certificates in full, it was pointed out, and the treasury has returned to big-income tax payers some \$3,500,000,000 on the plea that they had paid the government too much.

Incidentally, it was claimed, most of these returns were for war-time incomes and interest was paid in addition to the principal. Only the prospective payment to the veterans, however, is regarded as a "bonus."

The following figures were quoted in the post meeting as being the status of the adjusted service certificates on Sept. 30, 1934, the latest available date:

Average value per certificate, \$987.50; applications received, 4,047,074; certificates issued, 3,731,096; maturity value, \$3,574,562,928.00; certificates matured by death 189,200; value of death maturities, \$188,907,490.00; certificates in force, 3,531,886; maturity value, \$3,485,655,897; loans made, 2,888,530; amount of loans, \$1,929,915,531.11; estimate required to retire outstanding certificates, \$2,137,975,157.87.

It was claimed that propaganda in the press that the government would be bankrupt if it attempted to pay the adjusted compensation certificates at this time has fallen on deaf ears in Washington, D. C.

"Every financing program floated by the treasury to meet overdrafts to pay government relief and recovery disbursements has been oversubscribed by from \$2,500,000,000 to nearly \$12,000,000,000," it was said.

"Since July 1st, 1933, the government has been offered \$36,933,943,700 more than it asked of congress, therefore, the Legion is not alarmed about the government's credit. Just a short time ago, American investors were so panicky about the stability of the government's credit that they oversubscribed an issue of treasury notes by a mere \$4,400,000,000, or more than enough in itself to pay off the remaining value of the adjusted compensation certificates."

"As the drumfire starts, the word from Washington to all veterans is this: Keep your heads, join no bonus marches, be ready to give your support if word comes from your own leaders," was the final word at the meeting.

77 DOG LICENSES BOUGHT TO DATE

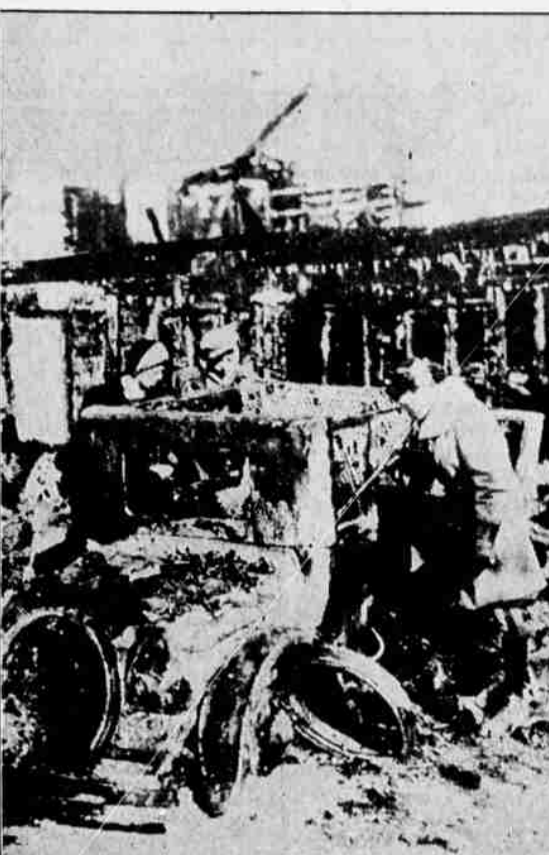
Out of the 77 residents of Jackson county who to date have purchased 1935 dog licenses, three are the owners of two dogs. They are Bert Hartz of the Upper Applegate, Clarence Buck of the same district, and L. A. Ditsworth of Prospect.

The Hartz dogs also have the distinction of having the most unique names yet recorded. They are designated as "Which" and "Tuther."

A large variety of names for dogs are listed. The most popular one is "Roxey," "Shep," "Tower," "Rowdy" and "Lassie" also appear frequently.

Walter Leverette of this city is the holder of the No. 1 license for this year.

SIX PERSONS LOSE LIVES IN FLAMES



Charred timbers and a burned automobile was all that was left of the home of Arthur Beattie, Jr., at Greenwood Lake, N. Y., in which six persons, including Beattie, were killed. Two of the victims of the fire were women and two children. (Associated Press Photo)

FOUR KILLED IN CRASH WHEN AIRPLANE FAILS TO CLEAR WHITE PASS TO CLEAR WHITE PASS MAJOR'S LOVE LETTERS TO BLOND STENOGRAPHER READ IN MURDER TRIAL

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 31.—(AP)—

Failure to gain sufficient altitude to clear the White Pass summit over the Yukon country, fanned pass up which thousands struggled in the gold rush days of '98, was blamed today for a plane crash in which four men were killed.

The dead:

Pilot Lawrence Muehlenstein, who came north from Glendale, Cal., last fall. A widow and two children survive.

C. C. Larson, Dawson gold dredge operator. A widow and two children survive. He has a brother, J. W. Larsen, of San Francisco.

Archie King, known at Dawson and Mayo as a "Diesel engineer."

John R. Murat, reported from Vancouver, B. C., but unknown there.

The crash occurred in mid-day yesterday after the plane had taken off from Skagway at 11:30 a. m., headed for Dawson, Y. T. Section men at the White Pass section house heard the crash, and saw the wreckage roll down the mountainside onto the top of a snowbank.

All were dead when rescue parties reached the scene.

Use Mail Tribune want ads

TOPEKA, Kas., Jan. 31.—(AP) The

love letters in the long-dead romance of Maj. Charles A. Shepard and a blonde young stenographer confronted the retired army medical officer today in his second federal court trial for wife murder.

Containing such terms as "My darling Charley" and "My Darling sweetheart," they will be presented as evidence by the government in an effort to prove its contention the 63-year-old physician fatally poisoned his second wife, Mrs. Zenana Shepard, that he might be free to marry the blonde stenographer from Texas, Miss Grace Brandon.

Miss Brandon, who later broke with the defendant, was the ace prosecution witness in the major's first trial, which ended in his conviction and a life sentence. S. S. Alexander, United States district attorney, said the stenographer would be called probably late today or tomorrow.

Constantly at the side of the slender grey-haired defendant, is his third wife, the former Alice J. Watt of Denver. She turned her head away yesterday as glass jars containing portions of the viscera of the second Mrs. Shepard were presented in evidence.

People who blaze in diamonds seldom set the world on fire.

SENTENCE MARTIN FOR COMPLICITY IN BARN BURNING

In a surprise move, by the state this morning, Theron (Red) Martin, of Ashland, under indictment as one of the conspirators in the burning of the former Balfour-Guthrie barn near Ashland, on the night of January 4, 1933, entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, to serve two years in the state prison, Martin, brought from the Multnomah county jail at Portland, where he was serving a year for receiving stolen property, took the stand and under oath gave testimony corroborating that of Joe B. Holland, Astoria butcher, who also confessed his part in the arson. Holland was paroled from a four-year sentence.

Multnomah county waived jurisdiction over Martin, who will be taken to the penitentiary today. George W. High and his brother, Robert N. (Babe) High, members of a well-known Ashland family, were found guilty by a Jackson county jury of setting fire to the barn to collect \$15,000 and were sentenced to four and one-half years in state prison. They are at liberty on bonds pending appeal to the state supreme court.

According to Martin and Holland's testimony, Martin was the actual setter of the fire, receiving \$30 from "Babe" High for the crime. Holland testified George High had offered him \$1000 for burning the barn. Later Holland interested "Babe" High, who hired Martin, he testified.

The court in passing sentence followed the recommendation of the district attorney's office, and said: "The recommendation of a two-year sentence, seems to be appropriate, and should be less than that imposed upon 'higher-ups.' This man was another 'tool.'"

Check of the voters' registration cards for Jackson county is now underway in the county clerk's office, and where the registrant has not voted for two years his card is discarded. To date, close to 500 cards have been eliminated, chiefly due to the voter moving elsewhere since 1932. Death has also taken a large toll, and a number have had their cards transferred to nearby counties.

The South Central precinct of this city, according to the card checker, shows the heaviest decrease, to date. The check-up is expected to show a sharp decline from the high and phenomenal mark of more than 10,000 votes in 1932.

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