

Troops Use Eskimo Methods Keep Warm

Watertown, Mass. (U.P.)—The ancient Chinese principle of piling on layers of clothing to keep warm is being utilized by American armed forces personnel stationed in the Arctic.

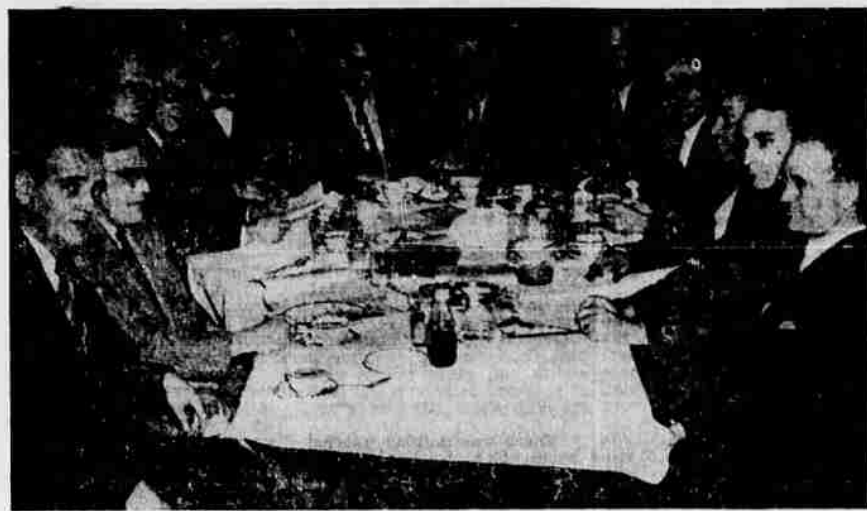
Soldiers, sailors and airmen in the 50 below zero wear one pair of light cotton and wool socks, two pairs of heavy wool socks and a pair of felt booties inside rubber and canvas "mukluks" made here by the Hood Rubber company division of B. F. Goodrich.

Harry W. Martin, manager of footwear and former consultant on rubber footwear to the quartermaster corps, said the American-made mukluk is patterned after native Eskimo footwear and compares favorably with it in warmth tests. The idea of wearing several layers of socks inside the mukluk is to permit circulation of air to the feet, Martin explained, and thereby to prevent perspiring and possible freezing.

DRAWBRIDGE SHUT

Boston (U.P.)—The turntable draw of Prison Point bridge hasn't been opened in more than 20 years. Miller's river, up which ships once sailed to Cambridge and Somerville, has been diverted from its old course under the span.

Brookton, Mass. (U.P.)—It was easy for Mrs. Virginia Silvestro to report a \$40 holdup to police. She said two young men robbed her directly across the street from police headquarters.



DISCUSS WHEAT PROBLEMS—Oregon's two senators, the house delegation, and Rep. Clifford Hope (R., Kans.), met with representatives of the proposed National Wheat Growers association recently at a luncheon in Washington, D.C., to discuss problems facing the wheat industry. Left to right, above, are Congressman Walter Norblad, Astoria; I. H. Peterson, secretary to Sen. Wayne Morse; Congressman Harris Ellsworth, Roseburg; Sen. Guy Cordon, Roseburg; Congressman Lowell Stockman, LaGrande; Lloyd Case, secretary of the Colorado Grain Growers association; Congressman Homer Angell, Portland; R. B. Taylor, Oregon Wheat Growers league; Sen. Wayne Morse, Eugene; Ed Bell, administrator of the Oregon wheat commission; Congressman Clifford B. Hope, Kansas; and H. W. Clutier, Kansas wheat farmer.

Lancaster, O. (U.P.)—A jury came close to convicting a man charged with a traffic offense after voting to find him innocent. Jurors by error signed a printed form of "verdict guilty" instead of the other form and the jury foreman read it in court. When the jurors interrupted to protest, the mistake was corrected, freeing Charles Clark, 68.

Legislative Procedures In Oregon Described; Voter Tells Recommendations

(A recent edition of The Oregon Voter, a Portland magazine devoted to political, economic and governmental affairs, was requested to publish an article concerning legislative procedure in Oregon, some of the ins and outs of how the laws were made, and suggestions and recommendations for improvement. The request was made by Mrs. Lester F. Adams, Medford, chairman of a League of Women Voters committee charged with compiling a report on legislative procedure and organization for the state league's general report.

(Because of the increasing emphasis being placed upon revision of legislative procedures, The Mail Tribune herewith publishes the Voter article in full, and expresses its appreciation to the magazine for the tremendous job of preparing the report. Because of its length, it will be carried as a series of articles on successive days of publication.—Editor's note.)

Oregon League of Women Voters is making a study of the Oregon legislature this year, reports Mrs. Lester F. Adams, chairman of Medford committee of local league charged with responsibility for compiling a report on legislative procedure and organization for the information of the state league in preparing its general report. Mrs. Adams has asked us for information concerning:

"Current legislative rules of procedure; method of revising; suggestions for changes (if any); standing committees (a) effect of power of appointment of committee members, and (b) assignment of bills given presiding officers of each house; number of committees; (a) committee procedure, (b) provision for records of committee meetings; suggestions and recommendations (if any)."

These pertinent questions make it possible for us to attempt to compress within one article a review of procedure in the Oregon legislature and suggestions which from time to time we have pressed for modernization of that procedure in the interest of expediting legislative business, better public understanding of what is going on, and perhaps most important of all, reducing by weeks the length of legislative sessions, of recent years so protracted as to impose far too heavy a sacrifice of legislator time away from farm, professional practice or business. Many of our most competent legislators refuse to run for re-

election after having suffered the losses due to prolonged absence from home.

We will attempt to reply to these questions serially. We will capitalize Senate and House when referring to either of these houses specifically and use the small "h" in referring to a house which may be either Senate or House.

Rules of Procedure
"Each house," says the Oregon constitution, shall... determine its own rules of procedure. Custom is for each house, in organizing at the beginning of a session, to adopt the rules of the preceding session as its temporary rules, and, when its organization is perfected, to adopt permanent rules effective throughout the session except as they may be revised later under procedure prescribed in the permanent rules. By concurrent resolution, or joint resolution, the two houses adopt procedure as is necessary for joint sessions and for the transaction of business between the two houses when in separate session.

Under long-established practice, the rules of each house have developed along lines peculiar to each. For instance, the House permits no introduction of bills by individual members after the 25th day of the session, while the Senate leaves the gate open until after the 35th day. The House formerly required action on a committee report on each bill before it came up for third reading, while the Senate permitted any bill to pass to the Third Reading calendar if the committee report proposed no amendment thereto. The House now has adopted the same practice as the Senate in this respect. The Senate during several sessions made a five-cent charge for a printed copy of a bill, while the House made no such charge. The language of similar rules has developed along lines peculiar to each house. The traditions and precedents of each house affect procedure and behavior differently.

Rules relating to distribution of postage stamps to members have varied from time to time in each house according to the prevailing sentiment of the majority towards members inclined to demand large allotments of stamps, occasionally to create scandal by selling them at a discount to put cash in their own pockets. Each house establishes its own wage scale for secretaries and clerks, and fixes the number which may be employed by committees and by individual members. In many sessions the houses have differed in rules affecting such employment, and

In the allocation of supplies, including costly sets of the Oregon Codes, which some members sell at \$35 to \$50 a set, pocketing the money.

The reason some of these practices are condoned is that it is difficult for members to get along with each other in their legislative work if some members, perhaps those more effective on the floor, are singled out as guilty of petty thievery or other scandal. While the great majority of members do not steal stamps, and a substantial minority refuse to regard State Codes as private property they are at liberty to sell for their own personal gain, the prevalence of these practices is overlooked in the interest of trying to work together in committees and to avoid personal enmities and acrimony on the floor.

Each house has a different procedure for notice as to intent to move to suspend the rules for reconsideration of the vote by which a bill passed or failed to pass, the limit of days during which such motion may be considered, and whether a bill shall remain on the desk of the House pending such consideration. In the Senate, it is up to the presiding officer to announce whether final sine die adjournment is likely to become effective that same day, and when that announcement is made, announcement by a member of intent to make the reconsideration motion the following day does not hold the bill in the Senate.

There are other differences between the houses in their procedure that we will bring out under other headings.

Gasoline Thieves Fail To Stop Stork's Visit

Orlean, N. Y. (U.P.)—An ambulance was taking a prospective mother to the hospital when it ran out of gasoline.

The trip was completed, ahead of the stork, when the woman's husband pushed the ambulance with his automobile. Investigation disclosed that thieves had siphoned most of the gasoline from the ambulance.

Vitamin A deficiencies are most likely to occur in calves during winter and spring months.

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Writings Disclose Aegean's Culture; Scientist Claims

Sofia, Bulgaria (U.P.)—A Bulgarian scientist has deciphered Europe's most ancient preserved writings.

Prof. Vladimir Georgiev has "unveiled the Mino (Cretan) writings," which are considered the most ancient preserved written documents in Europe. It was Ivan Velkov in Isirev, Bulgarian periodical.

Mankind has learned about Aegean culture from the excavations carried on in the past few centuries. Aegean monuments are scattered all over the Mediterranean, but the biggest concentration is in Crete and the Peloponnese, said Prof. Velkov.

Catastrophe On Island
Cretan culture dated back as far as 3000 B.C. About 1800 B.C. some unknown catastrophe befell the island and much of its civilization was wiped out.

The renaissance in Crete came about 1700 B.C., when the magnificent palaces and other public buildings were constructed. Their ruins indicate the once mighty city of Knossos, ruler of the ancient Mediterranean world.

That was the period connected with the mythical King Minos, his labyrinthine palace and his fabled minotaur. From this time date the most ancient preserved writings in Europe—the so-called Cretan or Minoan writings, inscribed on clay tablets. Some 3,000 or 4,000 have been preserved, about one-fourth of which now are published.

GATER DINES WELL
Winter Park, Fla. (U.P.)—Percy Harris went out to look for his prize goldfish in a backyard pool and found an itinerant saurian, it seemed, had taken free board as well as room.

When a woman buys a home, it's "little things" that count, like flower-boxes, book niches, porches, closets, pleasing colors.

HAPPY ENDING

Charlotte, N. C. (U.P.)—Firemen had to restrain a janitor from dashing back into a burning building. He wanted \$74 in his overcoat pocket. When the fire was out, he found his overcoat in charred shreds and his wallet safe where it had dropped into a bucket of water.

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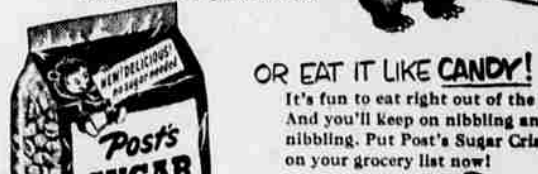
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