

Newberg Man Faces Busy Time in Legislature; Wants To Change Several Laws Now on Books

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 Salem —(U.P.)— Rep. George Layman is a lawmaker who is bothered by laws that don't function the way they were intended. He has several bills ready for introduction that he thinks will make the Oregon code of laws a little more efficient.

Layman, who is mayor of the Yamhill county town of Newberg, this year found himself the only Republican attorney in the House of Representatives. That meant, almost automatically, the chairmanship of the influential House Judiciary Committee. It also has turned out to mean an increased work load on the House floor where non-attorneys are frequently in need of quick legal opinion.

Seldom Loses Temper
 Layman is an "oil-on-the-waters" type of legislator—one who can quiet a budding controversy by cutting away extraneous issues and by keeping the discussion on the point at hand. He isn't the type to avoid a fight if it's necessary, but few have ever seen him lose his temper.

This year he may be the center of some disputes when he introduces his series of corrective bills.

One of them would remove ambulances from the classification of emergency vehicles. Layman feels that too many innocent bystanders have been killed or injured by ambulances screaming through intersections against the traffic lights. If he has his way, ambulances will observe the same traffic laws as all other vehicles, even though they carry injured persons. He

Reactors To Bang's Disease Testing In State Are Few

Salem—More cattle were tested, fewer reactors (Bang's) disease in Oregon cattle is at an all-time low, according to a joint report issued by federal and state officials on the outcome of the 1954 brucellosis testing program in Oregon.

The report said that of 12,212 cattle tested in Jackson county, only 94 were found to be reactors. During the year 1,709 calves in the county were vaccinated.

The report was released by Dr. A. G. Beagle, Portland, veterinarian in charge of the federal animal disease eradication branch, and M. E. Knickerbocker, Salem, chief of the division of animal husbandry of the state department of agriculture.

Few Found Reactors
 The 1954 report shows 295,107 cattle were tested and that 1,620 of them, or just over one-half of one per cent, reacted. The actual reactor percentage figure is 0.548. It represents a drop from the 0.65 per cent of last year when 1,838 reactors were found in 281,003 beef and dairy animals tested.

Not a single reactor was found in Hood River county. Only three were found in each Wasco and Lake counties; four each in Sherman and Josephine counties; six in Crook county; and eight in Gilliam county. Because of the small number of cattle tested in some of these counties, however, the percentage of reactors there ran above the state average.

George Sees Hope Of Prisoner Release

Washington —(U.P.)— Chairman Walter F. George of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today there is hope that Red China will release American airmen jailed as spies.

The Georgia Democrat said there also is hope of "more stability" in the Far East where the Chinese Communists and Chinese Nationalists are now embattled.

says doctors have assured him that the few minutes saved by speeding ambulances are insignificant in relation to the accidents that are caused by that kind of driving.

To Clarify Libel Law

At the request of the publishers of the state, Layman also will introduce a bill clarifying Oregon law on libel. If it is passed, persons awarded libel judgments could collect only special, not general, damages in cases where there was no malicious intent. In other words, if a publisher or radio station made an honest but damaging error and carried a retraction, the damaged party could collect only to the extent of the actual

loss he suffered as a result of the error.

Another law that Layman doesn't like, and one that he will try to change, is the one allowing the secretary of state to suspend a driver's license without a hearing simply because that official feels the driver may be an unsafe operator. Under the present law, the driver may get a hearing on the suspension only after the license is taken away. Layman plans to introduce a bill requiring a hearing before the suspension.

Another blooper bill—in Layman's opinion—is the one requiring motorists to stop when they see an approaching school bus stopping ahead of them. The

law requires you to come to a dead halt behind or in front of a school bus loading or unloading children. Layman has no argument with that principle, but he feels approaching motorists are not given enough warning that a bus in the other lane is about to stop. If you're following a bus, the stop lights give you adequate warning. If you're approaching a stopping bus, the signal arm with its stop sign may swing out just in time for you to make a screeching stop and keep within the law. Layman would require bus drivers to raise their stop signal arm well in advance of their stop to give approaching drivers more time to apply their brakes.

American Plane Target Of Ground Fire in Korea

Seoul, Korea —(U.P.)— An American Army plane carrying five soldiers was raked by ground fire near the demilitarized zone yesterday and one American soldier was killed and a lieutenant colonel seriously wounded.

An Eighth Army spokesman said the pilot of the plane, an 120 Beaver, felt a sharp jar and when he turned around two of the men had been hit. The other three were not hurt.

The pilot, 1st Lt. E. G. Weide, home town not available, landed the crippled plane at the nearest airstrip near Chip-ri, 40 miles northeast of Seoul and 12 miles south of the truce line.

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Bandleader-composer Gus Arnheim, 57, who began his career on Broadway with Sophie Tucker and helped start the career of crooner Bing Crosby, died Wednesday.

Five March of Dimes Dances Scheduled in Area Tuesday Night

Plans have been completed for five March of Dimes community dances to be held Tuesday night, Jan. 25, committees announced today. The dances are sponsored through the combined efforts of local organized labor groups and Lions Clubs of Jacksonville and Medford, in cooperation with other cooperating civic groups.

Dances, to be known as "Bucket of Bucks" programs, are listed at Jacksonville Community club, with Bill Lively's western band furnishing the music; at the Jackson hotel Pioneer Room with popular music by Belle Van Dyke's orchestra; at Rogue Valley ballroom with

western music by Bobby Champion and his Melody Wranglers; at Walker's Dreamland ballroom with popular music by Vern Marshall's orchestra, and square dancing at the Medford YMCA, featuring several of the valley's favorite callers.

Admission to the dances, including participation in special events at each dance and re-

freshments, will be by a contribution to the March of Dimes. It was pointed out that balls, music, refreshments and other entertainment is being donated and all receipts will go to the fight against polio.

Spokesmen for the sponsoring groups pointed out that the "Bucket of Bucks" theme is intended to bring out the fact that dollars, as well as dimes, are needed to carry on the polio war.



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