

Bills To Increase Jobless Pay Introduced in Many States

Legislative Committee of Chamber Screens New Bills

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a series of articles, prepared by and published at the request of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, describing the chamber's committee organization and personnel. It is hoped that through these articles residents of Medford can obtain a better idea of what the chamber does and how it does it.)

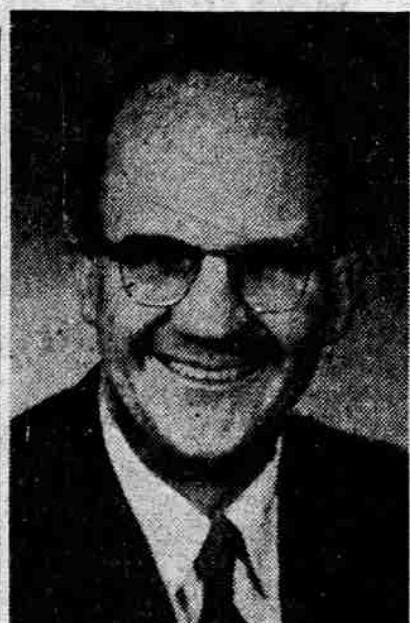
The newly appointed chairman of the legislature of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce is Frank J. Van Dyke of Van Dyke and Dellenback, attorneys. Van Dyke held the chairmanship of this committee two years ago.

A resident of this area since 1911, Van Dyke has served as president of the Rotary club, YMCA, Lincoln club and the Ashland Chamber of Commerce. At present he is on the board of governors of the Oregon State Bar and is a member of the board of directors for the Chamber of Commerce.

The legislative committee serves as a "watch dog" organization on issues coming before the state legislature and meets every Monday for breakfast at the Medford hotel at 7:30 a.m. All bills introduced in the legislature are screened by committee members assigned to various spheres of interest, and reports or recommendations are made at the breakfast meetings.

Those assigned to study special phases of legislation are: Agriculture, Walt Jones and Cliff Lovejoy; Highway, Archie Pierce and Paul Rynning; Financial Affairs, O. H. Bengtson; Education, Bob Shepherd; Election and Reapportionment, Col. W. H. Paine; Labor and Industry, Richard Finch; Assessment and Taxation, Bob Root; Natural Resources, Eric Allen Jr.; Public Health and Medical Affairs, Dr. Fred Burick and Dr. Scott Heatherington; Local Government, State and Federal, Cliff Lovejoy, and Public Welfare and Institutions, Col. W. H. Paine.

According to the committee policy, matters of a controversial nature in the field of legislation are referred to the board before any action is taken.



FRANK J. VAN DYKE
Heads Legislative Group

Man Receives Shock; Greater One Coming

Syracuse, N. Y. — (U.P.) — Stamp clerk William Ryan in the postoffice said a salesman "really looked crushed" after asking for help in finding an address.

"I don't think you'll find this in the Syracuse phone book," Ryan told the salesman. "It's in Utica."

"Good heavens! Isn't this Utica?"

"It's Syracuse," Ryan replied. "I've lived here for 35 years."

The man was so unhappy at the news that he practically crawled away from the window, said Ryan, who realized afterward that he was due for an even greater shock.

He was looking for the Utica Knitting Mills, and that plant is no longer in Utica. It was moved to the South.

Arson Charge Filed In Burning of House

Portland — (U.P.) — A charge of first degree arson has been filed against Donald Gerald Lange, 21, The Dalles, who police said admitted he was paid \$500 to burn down a Portland house Dec. 14.

Portland — (U.P.) — Holladay Park Hospital here has announced plans for a \$1,000,000 addition to its facilities.

Proposals To Hike Worker Benefits Also in Hoppers

By UNITED PRESS

Bills to increase jobless pay have been introduced in more than a score of state legislatures, a survey showed today.

Proposals to broaden or increase workmen's compensation benefits have been introduced in more than a dozen states, the survey showed.

At least nine states and probably more will consider establishing or raising minimum wage rates.

In addition to increasing unemployment compensation, several states are considering extending the duration of the benefits.

Meanwhile, many states are considering tightening the regulations to prevent fraudulent claims.

"Right to work" bills outlawing closed or union shops have been introduced in a few legislatures, and picketing restrictions have been proposed in others.

Favors Labor

Summed up, most of the labor legislation introduced thus far appeared to favor labor. In some states this was regarded as a reflection of last fall's election results in which the Democrats won governorships in eight states held by the Republicans.

In many states, bills to boost jobless pay, workmen's compensation and minimum wage requirements were introduced on the governor's recommendation.

States in which jobless pay increases have been proposed include Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

\$50 Weekly Payments

Bills submitted in California would raise unemployment compensation payments from \$30 to \$50 a week, one of the biggest hikes proposed.

States in which workmen's compensation increases or extensions have been proposed include California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Jersey, Ohio, Oregon, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Minimum Wage

States in which minimum wage legislation has been offered include Indiana, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

In several states not listed, bills for jobless pay increases and workmen's compensation boosts are being prepared but have not yet been submitted.

Picketing Bills

"Right to work" bills are pending in Ohio and Indiana. In Texas several measures have been introduced to tighten picketing restrictions. Gov. Allan Shivers recommended banning strikes or picketing to compel union recognition in cases where the union does not represent a majority.

In Massachusetts, a bill was introduced to outlaw "educational or informative" picketing. For example, a union could not picket a barber shop with signs saying the shop was unfair or non-union.

Town Too Small; Liquor Law Changed

St. Paul, Minn. — (U.P.) — Pemberton, Minn., is going to get a liquor store.

A legislative committee has approved a bill permitting a liquor store within 1,500 feet of a public school, which present law forbids.

Pemberton is so small its impossible to get 1,500 feet away from the school and still be in Pemberton.

Portland — (U.P.) — Building permits issued in Multnomah county during last month totaled 290 with a valuation of \$2,533,817.

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Gadget Taking Dust, Pollen Out Of Air Boon To Hayfever Victims

Chicago — (U.P.) — Richard R. Cook's office hasn't been dusted in weeks. And he's proud of it.

Cook, president of an electronics firm, has developed a gadget which he believes will be a boon to housewives and hay fever sufferers.

It takes dust and pollen out of the air.

Cook, a grey-haired executive who works in his shirt sleeves, has one of the machines in his own office in a sooty factory neighborhood near the railroad tracks.

There isn't a speck of dust around.

Elaborate Gadget

"And the cleaning woman hasn't been in here in weeks," he said. "She might come in once a month."

Cook has a more elaborate gadget installed in his home in suburban Evanston. It's hooked up to the warm air heating system, and it "keeps the whole house dust free," he said.

His wife hasn't had the curtains cleaned in the three years since he installed the unit, he said.

"And we haven't had to do any decorating either."

Cook, an engineer by trade, began experimenting with the

Cloud Seeding Due In Owyhee District

Ontario, Ore. — (U.P.) — Final contract has been signed yesterday between the North American Weather Consultants of Alta Dena, Calif., and the Owyhee irrigation district for a cloud seeding operation in the Owyhee irrigation district.

Paul House, water district board of control manager, said the seeding would begin immediately. Consultants already have been set up 22 generators in the watershed area which will seed clouds with silver iodide to produce snow and rain.

The cloud-seeders claim they can increase snow in higher elevations and rain in lower, from 20 to 50 per cent. Cost for seeding the 100,000-acre area will be about 80 cents an acre, House estimated.

antidust device because his wife and three of his four children are afflicted with hay fever.

"We used to spend a lot of money on trips, to get away from the pollen," Cook said. "Now we find it unnecessary."

Filters Dust From Air

Cook's device filters dust from the air electrostatically. A fan blows the air through slits in a series of eight aluminum plates. The plates are alternately charged, one positive and the next negative.

The magnetic fields thus set up cause the dust to adhere to the plates.

Cook began tinkering with the gadget in 1940. By 1951, he said, his firm had made 155 experimental models, but each gave off a certain amount of ozone.

"Most people think ozone is healthful," he said. "But it's more poisonous than the carbon monoxide fumes from your car."

It wasn't until 1951, he said, that the firm developed a model which gave off no ozone.

Cook said his first perfected models were distributed through doctors to chronic hay fever sufferers.

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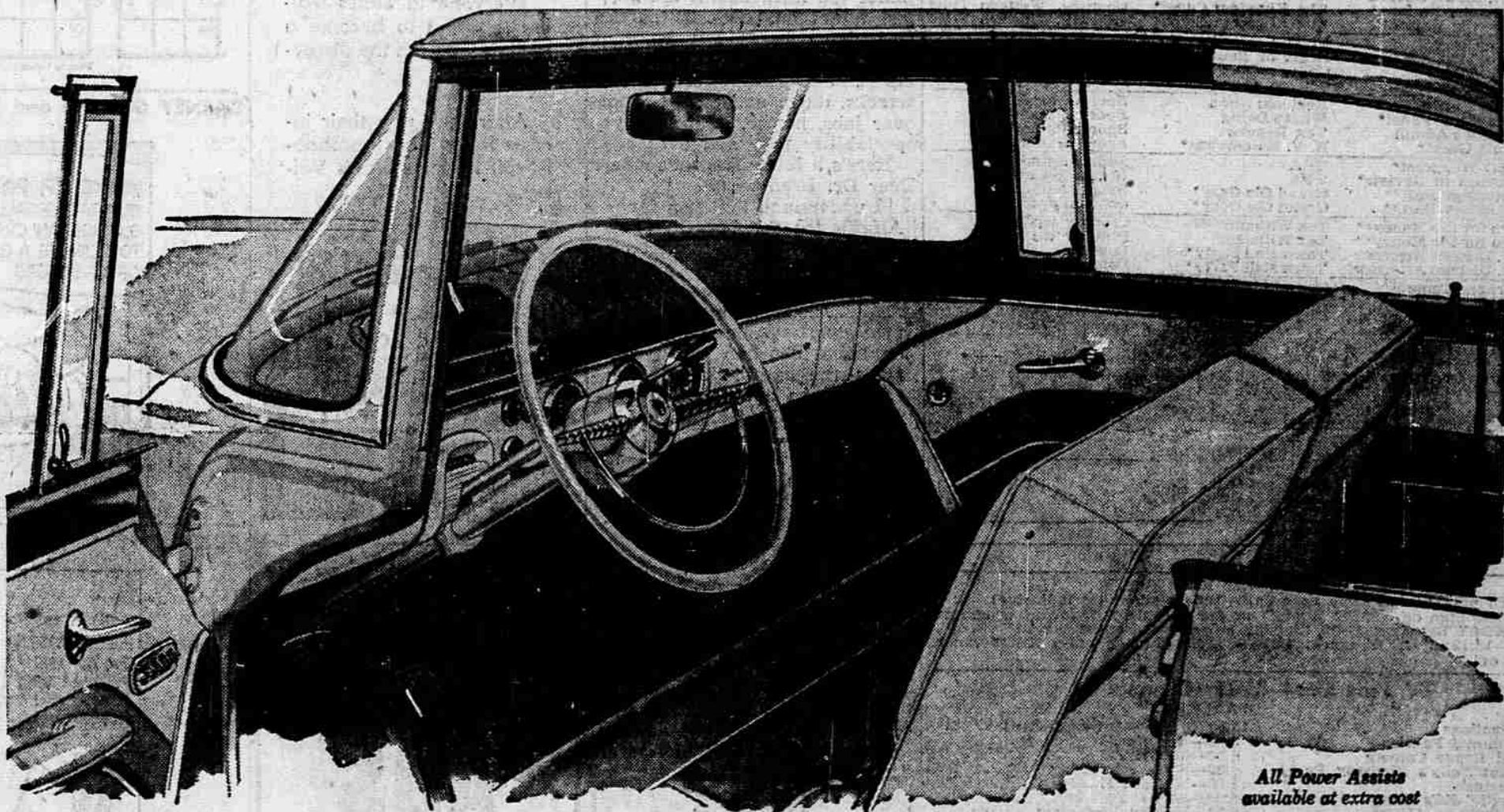
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