

Elmo Smith's Study of Procedure Pays Off In Work of Presiding Over State Senate

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 Salem—(U.P.)—When Elmo E. Smith learned for sure he was to be president of the Oregon Senate, he got himself books on legislative procedure by Luce and Roberts' rules of order and buckled down immediately to the task of mastering the methods of presiding.



SEN ELMO SMITH
 Book Study Pays Off

We were with him in his snug home in John Day when voluntary pledges from fellow senators had arrived in such number that he was assured of the post of president.

Left with Humble Feeling
 And instead of a sense of elation, it was obvious this large and voluntary support left him with a humble feeling of responsibility. Then and there you could see him resolve himself to do a job of presiding that would justify the confidence his colleagues had shown in him.

Sun Spots Indicate Cold, Rain Due Observers Claim

Denver—(U.P.)—Two Colorado weather experts are agreed that virtually all of North America and Europe would get colder temperatures and more moisture during the next two or three decades.

The long-range forecast was made by Dr. Walter Orr Roberts, director of the Colorado University high altitude observatory at Boulder and Climax, Colo., and backed by Dr. Irving P. Krick, widely known "rain-maker" and weather forecaster.

Based on Sunspots
 Dr. Roberts, who bases his "educated guess" on sunspot activity, said he believes the damaging 80-year warm, dry cycle on both continents was just over and that a "very definite increase in precipitation this year—substantially in February and March"—could be expected.

The director pointed out that when there is a marked decline in sunspot activity, a drought cycle virtually always follows. However, he said when sunspots redevelop, the very opposite occurs.

Under Observation
 Dr. Roberts said the sun has been kept under constant observation from the high altitude observatory and that increased activity on the sun has been spotted recently.

He also said recent discoveries indicate that sunspots also control the jet stream by radiation. Dr. Krick said he and his specialists "feel there is a definite relationship between drought cycles and sun disturbances... and that there is much support for the theory that our air currents are derived from the sun."

More than a week before the session opened, Sen. Smith was in the president's office back of the Senate on the second floor of the capitol here, unprecedently putting in full time working on committee assignments and otherwise preparing himself to start the session under full head of steam.

Russia Said Working On Atomic Automobile

Berlin—(U.P.)—An East German newspaper said today the Soviet Union is developing an atomic automobile that can drive for weeks without refilling.

The only hitch, the newspaper said, is that they haven't found a way yet to protect the persons riding in the car from the deadly gamma rays and neutrons constantly emitted by its uranium reactor.

The East German Magdeburg newspaper Volksstimme said a Soviet scientist named Romadin is working on this. He is developing a metal alloy that is not only light but also absorbs the deadly rays, excluding all dangers, it said.

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His colleagues on the floor say this zeal has paid off. The Senate was fully organized and ready to go the minute 10 a.m. sounded the opening of the session Jan. 10, and old-timers say the senate already is a good week or two ahead of itself compared to the past several sessions because of this springing start.

Smith, a veteran of the Senate, rose to statewide prominence when as chairman of the Legislative Highway Interim committee he led the successful fight of the legislature against the initiative measure of long-haul truckers to repeal the weight-mile tax on trucks. The measure was overwhelmingly defeated in the 1952 general election.

Smith, who publishes the Blue Mountain Eagle, John Day weekly, says he is "jealous of my political activities because they keep me from my hobbies."

Children Are Hobbies
 His hobbies? Why, Denny, 17, his son, and Janice, 11, his daughter. How can your kids be your hobby? Well Elmo shoots with Denny. And Denny holds the national record for marksmen under 19 for the 200-yard standing shoot with .30 caliber rifle. That record was set when Denny was only 15 years old.

Janice, just entering her

Retirement Plan Praised, Condemned

Salem—(U.P.)—Proposed changes in the retirement plan for public employees in Oregon was both praised and condemned here Wednesday night by different employee representatives testifying before a ways and means subcommittee.

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teens, already is an accomplished horse woman, and her dad rides with her. He says "by birth I've always been crazy about horses. It's wonderful to be able to ride along with Janice, even if I can't keep up with her any more."

Mrs. Smith—Dorothy to her friends—has been winning herself and her husband new friends with her gracious presence at social functions here. Some say, though she only smiles when asked, she's rather be cooking for the family, but she has fitted in easily as a hostess already this early in the session.

Son Holds Pilot License
 Denny is fond of flying and only a couple of days after his 17th birthday Jan. 19, he got his license at Ontario. He took his training with the same man who taught his dad, Casey Jones, in Ontario, Ore.

Ontario? Why Elmo, who served in the Pacific naval air transport service in World War II—like Denny, flying had been his love—started his political career as mayor of Ontario when he was 30 years old. That was some 15 years ago. The College of Idaho graduate sold his Ontario weekly, the Eastern Oregon Observer, in 1946, and in 1948 he bought the Blue Mountain Eagle at John Day. And in partnership with Oscar Lange and Bill Robertson, he also bought the Madras Pioneer, Madras weekly.

It's the first time old-timers can remember that a newspaper man has presided over the Oregon senate. Now he is on the sending end while we, his fellow reporters, are seated at desks below his rostrum, on the receiving end of the Senate news.

Child's 1st Visit to Dentist Should Be Early, Pleasant

(Editor's note: This is the sixth in a series of six articles dealing with dental health. They are being published in cooperation with the Southern Oregon Dental Society in observance of National Children's Dental Health week, to be observed Feb. 7 to 13. The articles were prepared under the supervision of the American Dental Association.)

The child's first visit to the dentist should come when all his first teeth have appeared, usually between the ages of 2 and 3.

The first visit should not be deferred until the youngster needs dental treatment. It should be pleasant and free from discomfort. And it is on this occasion that the dentist and the child can become good friends.

The dentist can show the child around the office, explain the equipment and initiate him in the ritual of toothbrushing. The youngster can have a fine time looking over the mouth mirror and the explorer and having his teeth cleaned.

Parents play a significant role in this initiation. Whether your

child makes a friend or an ogre of the dentist depends largely upon how you as parents talk about the experience beforehand.

The youngster who hears his parents complain or dramatize uncomfortable aspects of their own dental experiences will approach the dentist in a frightened and hostile state of mind. In summing up, if your child can be given a happy introduction to dental care and proper dental health habits, you will be helping him to overcome one of the principal diseases of mankind.

These are the basic rules for sound dental health for children:

1. A balanced nutritious diet low in sweets.
2. Proper use of the toothbrush immediately after eating.
3. Early detection and treatment of dental ills to prevent more serious disease later.
4. Routine consumption of fluoridated water or, in the absence of fluoridated water supplies, the application of fluoride pre-

vention to the child's teeth. Except in rare cases, there is little reason why children cannot be assured a substantial measure of good dental health throughout their lives.

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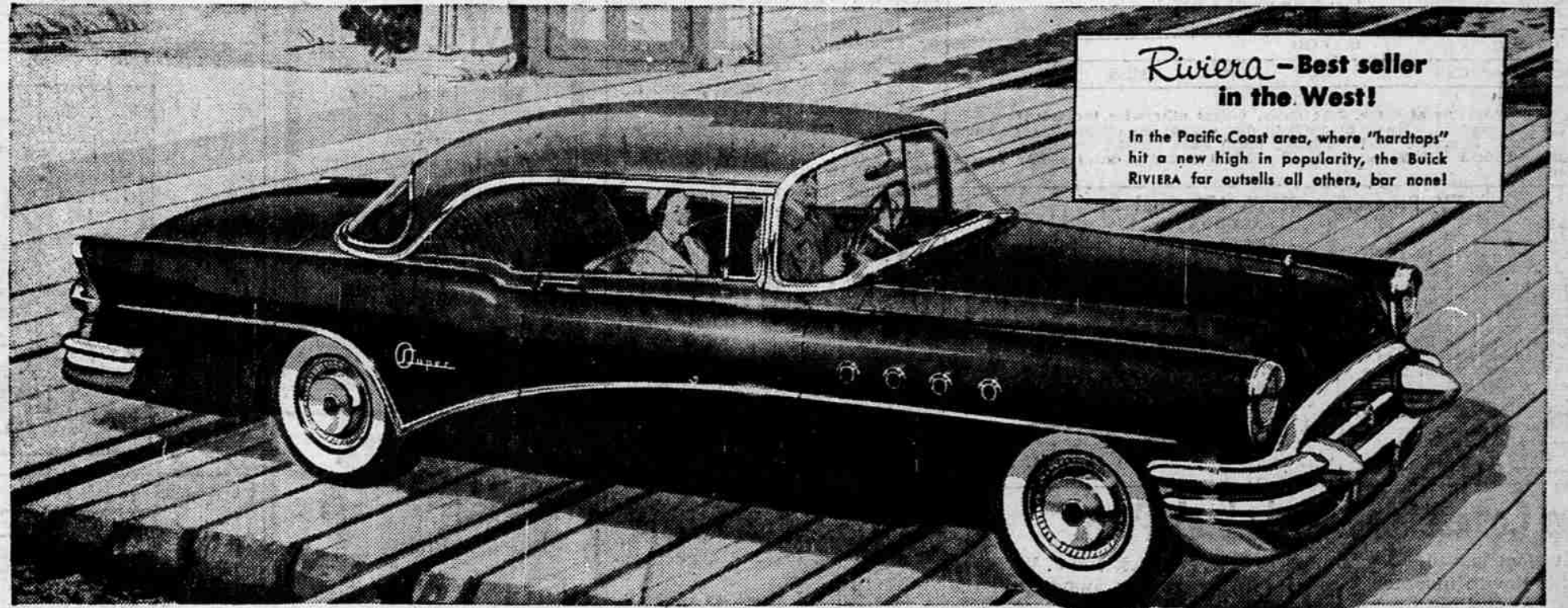
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 Tuesday, Feb. 15th—Riversdale Grange Hall—Douglas County
 Wednesday, Feb. 16th—Phoenix Community Hall, Jackson - Josephine Counties

"HERE'S WHAT'LL TAKE PLACE"

1. Two Directors will be elected for 3-year terms:
 The terms of Lawrence Luy of Jackson County and James E. Conn of Douglas County expire this year. Two nominations for each of these positions have been made by the nominating committee. The names of the nominees are given in this issue, so that you may have ample time to think; and decide for whom you wish to vote.
2. Report from the Board of Directors and a report of the financial condition of the association will be given:
 These reports are of extreme importance to every stockholder and should be of particular interest to you all. You will want to know what has happened to your association, what gains it has made, and just how it stands financially.
3. Addresses By:
 Dr. Grant E. Blanch, Professor of Agricultural Economics at Oregon State College will speak on "Some Problems We Face." Mr. A. B. Robertson, Vice-President of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, will speak on "Farm Credit As You Need Today." These men are excellent speakers, their discussions will be of vital interest to us. These will be followed by short discussions by prominent men in the respective counties.