



## Measures in Oregon Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—The Senate has voted 22 to 8 to adopt a majority report on its education committee to place minimum salaries for public school teachers at \$3000 to \$3600.

Sen. Mark Hatfield (R-Salem) and others debated for a minority report to place the minimum at \$4500 to \$4000.

The minimum as set forth in the majority report would be \$3000 for a teacher not holding a bachelor's degree, \$3300 for a teacher with a bachelor's degree, and \$3600 for a teacher with a master's degree.

The minority report advocated minimum \$400 higher in each classification.

Salem—(U.P.)—A proposed public electric corporation for Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana has been criticized by a Republican state senator and praised by a Democratic state senator here.

The Northwest Public Power Association announced that the third draft of a bill creating a four-state compact which ultimately would take over operation of a regional power corporation had been completed. Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the association, said the new draft would allow the four states to join in an interstate compact and take over the corporation. The corporation would have the power to plan and develop hydroelectric resources.

State Sen. Paul E. Geddes (R-Roseburg) attacked the proposal. He said its compact provision would be "absolutely useless since constitution of Idaho would not allow financing of such a corporation's functions."

Geddes is an exponent of the proposed Columbia Basin Interstate Compact bill, currently inactive.

State Sen. Robert D. Holmes (D-Gearhart) praised it. He said the regional corporation "seems to offer real promise as a solution" to developing basin resources. Holmes was the only dissenter on the Oregon group that helped draft the present compact proposal.

Salem—(U.P.)—A resolution has been introduced in the House calling for a special interim committee to make a detailed study of forest taxation in Oregon.

Sponsors were Reps. Charles A. Tom, Rufus, and Loran L. Stewart, Cottage Grove, both Republicans. The resolution asks the Legislature to set up a seven-member committee to make the study during the next two years and report back in 1957.

Tom introduced a similar bill in 1953, but it died in committee.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Joint Ways and Means Committee has given final approval of a bill raising the bonding limit for the Board of Higher Education, retaining a provision for construction of housing for married students.

The increase in the limit,

from \$8,000,000 to \$13,800,000, was urged by Dr. John R. Richards, chancellor-designate of the state system of higher education, who said both veteran and non-veteran married couples are now attending state institutions in increasing numbers. The board considers the trend is here to stay and feels the need for more adequate housing for such students, he said.

Richards added that the board probably would not reach the new limit, if it is authorized, within the next two years.

The bill now goes to the House for action there.

The joint committee also approved a bill that would allow the board to spend some money, such as gifts, without appropriation by the Legislature.

Salem—(U.P.)—The House has approved a measure authorizing

the State Highway Commission to build and maintain its share of bridges cross the Snake river where that stream forms a boundary with Idaho.

The commission asked for the legislation when it discovered it had inadequate authority to undertake a project near Nyssa where a bridge recently collapsed.

Salem—(U.P.)—Two state park sites, Jackson F. Kimball park in Klamath county, and Loeb park in Curry county, would be transferred to the State Park Department from the Forestry Department if the Senate approves a bill passed by the House.

The forestry department has neither the funds nor the authority to develop and maintain the two sites.

## Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Movies and television finally are dewy-eyed over their long-awaited wedding, and TV viewers may see such motion picture favorites as Mr. Belvedere and Flicka the horse on the home screens.

Twentieth Century-Fox studio, one of the biggest movie-makers in the business, has revealed plans to produce films for TV as well as making giant cinemascope movies for theaters.

Only last year many film executives were drawing swords to do battle with TV but now the movie industry appears to be happily joining the enemy.

First in TV Columbia studio was the first major film factory to produce TV subsidiary, Screen Gems, Inc. But Fox is openly naming its TV unit "Twentieth Century-Fox Television Productions."

Warner studio also reportedly is preparing to produce TV films.

To the TV viewer, the tie-up of movie studios and TV will mean "top quality TV films" and the appearance of such movie veterans as Mr. Belvedere, according to the new Fox TV experts.

"We're using the name of the parent company because we expect to be proud of our TV films," explained Michael Kraike one of the executives in charge of the new TCF-TV unit.

"There isn't the slightest doubt these films will be better than others now on TV. Experts will make them."

Old Serial The studio is considering dusting off its old serials such as Belvedere (probably without Clifton Webb), Charlie Chan, Mr. Moto, My Friend Flicka and the Jones Family for TV.

The new TV unit also plans two dramatic shows. Another idea they're mulling is a travelogue-adventure program to use the miles of film that Fox cameramen have shot in years of making movies from Africa to China.

Younger Fox contract players, such as Joan Collins, Gloria Gordon, Debra Paget and Bob Wagner, will be used in the TV films. Bigger stars, including Victor Mature and Susan Hayward, will work only in the theatrical movies. "But we will hire free-lance big name stars who are available for TV," is the studio's cautious idea. Fox is spending nearly a million dollars to convert a branch studio into 15 sound stages for TV production.

Universal - International studio is on speaking terms with TV, too. After the studio signed several new actors who had appeared on "Medic," U-I offered its own young contract players to the producers of the TV program.

## Cousins Reunited

Memphis, Tenn.—(U.P.)—Several years ago, Sam Barrett found an automatic pencil on the floor of a hotel here.

Several months later, he noticed that engraved on the band was the name Clarence W. Barrett—the same as that of a cousin he hadn't seen for 50 years and with whom he lost contact.

The other day, while visiting his mother at Canton, Miss., he answered a knock at the door and there was his cousin, Clarence, standing outside. Clarence had stopped to visit Mrs. Barrett on his way to Louisiana.

Sam pulled out the pencil, and Clarence told him it was his. Clarence said he had been in Memphis for a short visit, had lost the pencil in the hotel and had searched unsuccessfully for it.

## New State Included in Measures Pondered by State Legislatures

By UNITED PRESS Bills under consideration in state legislatures today would carve a new "State of Roosevelt" out of New York state, outlaw pay toilets in California and protect a South American rodent called the "copyu" in South Carolina.

A survey by United Press showed today that the people's representatives in legislatures throughout the country are still in possession of a precious resource—imagination.

Garbage Bill Defeated In Indiana the Senate last week defeated a measure which would have permitted cities to quick freeze their garbage. The idea was to sell the stuff later to farmers as hog feed.

Democratic State Sen. Fred G. Morritt of New York City wants the Empire state's legislature to pass a bill calling on Congress to create a new "State of Roosevelt," consisting of New York City and 14 surrounding counties.

Tipping in any form would become illegal under a proposed Arizona bill.

Toy Guns Discussed Illinois State Rep. Carl H. Prehls has introduced a bill requiring that all toy guns be painted "intense red, yellow or orange."

Juvenile gun makers also would have to plug the barrels of their popguns so that real honest-to-goodness criminals couldn't use them in real honest-to-goodness stickups.

In two assemblies, legislation has been introduced to move the state capitals. Prehls authorized one of these. He'd move the Illinois legislature from Springfield to Aurora which is farther from his home town of Pana.

In Ohio, Republican Virgil Perrill has a bill to remove the capitol from Columbus because the city is talking about building a parking lot under it.

The South Carolina General assembly is considering a bill which will prohibit trapping or killing of the copyu, a beaver-like rodent from South America with webbed hind feet. Nine

copyu have been released in the state in hopes they will multiply, feed off vegetation and keep ponds and streams free of congestion.

In Utah, the legislature finally got around this year to making the seagull the official state bird. The story is that a flock of gulls once saved the Mormon pioneers from a horde of crickets.

One lawmaker laughingly objected to the bill on grounds that the type of gull found in Utah is known scientifically as

the "California" seagull.

California Assemblyman Charles W. Meyers, a San Francisco Democrat, introduced the bill to outlaw pay toilets. He also has a measure to provide for aerials in highway tunnels so car radios won't black out.

And Assemblyman Vernon Kilpatrick would make it a misdemeanor to tattoo anyone under the age of 18.

A bill before the Texas House would require all grapefruit to be "branded" with the place of its origin. Rep. Gustin Garrett claims some fruit is being sold falsely as the genuine Texas article.

A Missouri bill would limit state aid to dependent children to just one illegitimate child per mother.

## European Chafer Found in New York

Geneva, N. Y.—(U.P.)—The European chafer, a soil-inhabiting pest that causes serious damage to lawns, golf courses, parks, cemeteries and pastures, is spreading through New York State.

A member of the May beetle or June bug family, the chafer first turned up in this country in 1940 near Newark, N. Y. It causes injury by feeding on the roots of grasses and fibrous-rooted plants. The grub usually is found in grasses in open, sunny areas as thinning out, brownish, irregular dead patches in late fall or early spring.

A study at the state experiment station here indicates the chafer's presence will be first noticed by the "swarming" adults in trees and shrubs at dusk in early June, somewhat similar to the swarming of bees. The most effective control, a report of the study showed recently, is soil treatment with DDT, chlordane, and other similar materials.

## BRIEF WILL

Hartford, Conn.—(U.P.)—A 16-word will, written on paper measuring two by four inches, was admitted to probate. It was signed by the late John Wysocki and read, "In the event of my death, I want my car to go to my son, Joseph."

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