

# Hearing on Oregon Highway Billboards Comes Up Before House Committee

## Zoning Measure, Self-Regulatory Plans Presented

**By BILL FORCE**  
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Salem—(U.P.)—The fight that occurs here every two years to clear billboards off Oregon highways or to control unsightly signs was opened yesterday in a lengthy hearing before the House Highways Committee.

The committee had three bills before it. One, sponsored by the Oregon Roadside Council, was described by its supporters as a zoning measure rather than a sign prohibition. The other two were offered as "self-regulatory" laws by the sign companies themselves.

**Would Control Signs**  
The roadside council bill would control signs only along state thoroughfares as defined in the act of 1947. Such limited access routes now include numerous sections of highway 99 between Portland and Ashland, parts of the Columbia River and Oregon Coast highways and part of the Sunset highway from Portland to the coast.

It would prohibit outdoor advertising within 500 feet of the center line of a thoroughway but would not apply within the corporate limits of a city or within one to three miles of any city, depending on the population.

Supporters said it would accomplish the aim of beautifying Oregon highways and making them safer. Opponents said the bill would damage advertising firms and roadside businesses that depend on advertising.

**Permit Fee for Signs**  
The bill sponsored by the Oregon Highway Business Council would regulate the spacing of roadside signs and require the removal of dilapidated signs but would permit more well-maintained signs to remain along the highways. Costs of administration would be defrayed through a permit fee for each sign constructed and a license fee for sign companies. It would be administered by the commissioner of labor.

The outdoor advertising council of Oregon sponsored a third bill setting up a formula for spacing signs based on mileage and population and would place the responsibility for policing on the advertiser.

The House committee on financial institutions held a public hearing on a proposal to set up a statewide teletype network for law enforcement agencies.

**'Hostage' Bill Discussed**  
The Senate had before it today a measure providing that a prisoner in the state penitentiary who willfully holds a person as



**INCITES RIOT—Mardi Gras**  
Carnival visitor Lawrence Morrison, 18, Arlington, Va., precipitated a riot in New Orleans when motorists caught him breaking into automobile. When police arrived on scene Morrison was battling hundreds of merry-makers and tear gas had to be used to dispell them. A nightstick took care of Morrison.

## Two Adult Classes Are Discontinued

Of the five adult classes offered this week through Medford city schools, only three will be continued because of lack of interest in the other two, Elliott Becken, assistant superintendent of schools said today. The two which will not convene are the courses in rug braiding.

A few more registrations are open, however, for an afternoon class in tailoring, he announced. The classes in which there is a full registration are water color painting and the night tailoring class.

Those wishing to register in the afternoon tailoring sessions should telephone 2-9992. The classes continue for a six-week period and are held Monday and Thursday afternoons from 1 to 4 p.m. The classes start Feb. 28.

hostage may be given a sentence as serious as life imprisonment, or for a period of not less than 20 years. Any prisoner who willfully participates in killing such a hostage would be guilty of first degree murder and would be sentenced to death in the gas chamber.

Ten bills were up for final action in the House, plus a Senate-approved resolution inviting the Reynolds Metals Company to locate its aluminum fabricating plant in Oregon.

# Kefauver Looks for Break Leading To Presidency

**By LYLE C. WILSON**  
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Washington—(U.P.)—One of the luckiest breaks in American political history befell Sen. Kefauver into the 1952 contest for the Democratic presidential nomination. He will be looking about this year for another such break.



The tall man from Tennessee, Lyle C. Wilson, 48 years old in 1951-52 when his television road show exposing racketeers became what they call on Broadway a smash hit. Big, rough customers who could bump off a rival gangster or hire a goon to do the job,

squirmed before Kefauver's camera. Kefauver parlayed his televised crime crusade and smart state-by-state campaign accompanied by his pretty missus into a real chance for the 1952 Democratic nomination. President Harry S. Truman secretly had picked Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois to succeed him and took a cold, dim view of Kefauver's upstart candidacy.

**Defeated Truman**  
Kefauver's response was to enter the New Hampshire primary against the President, himself, and he gave Mr. Truman a classic licking. From that moment the politicians began to take Kefauver and his con-skin hat somewhat more than seriously.

Small wonder that Kefauver is looking now for another

lucky break such as his 1951-52 pre-convention television show. If he gets it he will be hard to beat in the 1956 Democratic National Convention. If he doesn't get it, he may still be a contender. He'll be 53, barely, when the convention meets but looks much younger. The senator has what it takes to inspire young voters and, especially, the women, young and old. His pretty

wife, Nancy, is a solid campaigner in her own right. Kefauver led the field on the first two ballots in 1952. There are more than a few Democrats who believe Kefauver will do better in 1956. One break this year has gone against the senator, who is a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. He had hoped to be named chairman of the subcommittee to investigate monopoly.

But Committee Chairman Harley M. Kilgore (D-W. Va.) disappointed Kefauver. He took the subcommittee chairmanship for himself. Kilgore and Mr. Truman were friends, politically and otherwise, back in what the Democrats call the good old days. Could be that Kilgore threw the body block on Kefauver on purpose.

But there is no evidence that Kefauver is downhearted. He is chairman of an Armed Services Subcommittee on Civil Defense, a subject about which Americans will be hearing more and more. And he drew the politically juicy chairmanship of the Senate's investigating of juvenile delinquency. That could be better than rackets.



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## A Nichol's Worth of . . . Comment On This and That

**By HARMAN W. NICHOLS**  
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Washington—(U.P.)—There was a bit of repetition in the public prints a century ago this week. Last week we told you about the unhappy character who lost "4 or 5 keys."

As of Feb. 1855, the gent still hadn't found 'em, was still looking, and still was willing to pay a "substantial reward" for same.

Mathias Martian, the librarian of the House of Representatives, was more than a little cross at some members of Congress. He announced in the papers that a large number of books belonging to the library of the House had been borrowed by the lawmakers "in good faith" and never returned. He demanded that the books be brought back.

Featured prominently on the front page of one of the papers (there was little or no news on page one 100 years ago) was an ad which read: \$5,000 sale of watches at auction. This sale will go on until all watches and jewelry are gone." And in a P.S. (just like that) the advertisement added: "Also we shall sell—a prime assortment of household and kitchen furniture and also caskets."

In the House, Representative Mason of Virginia made a yard-long speech which bubbled down to a suggestion that the sword of Andrew Jackson, which he wore through all campaigns, plus the Battle of New Orleans" be presented to Con-

gress with ceremonies. Turned out, it eventually was.

A local silversmith offered, in an ad, "Pure silverware which I will retail at wholesale prices." Under local items was printed this gem:

"We apologize for the severity of the weather. The notice was brief and it cut down on the attendance Saturday night at Carusi's saloon to hear the Rev. W. H. Milburn on the subject of 'The Rifle, The Axe and The Saddle Bags.' But those who were present enjoyed a rich repast."

**Interesting Ads**  
The ads of the day were more interesting than the goings-on in Capitol Hill. The latter may have been fascinating, too, but caught little attention.

A merchant who apparently was hunting for ready cash offered "Gent's traveling shawls and blankets at reduced prices. Warm and comforting."

A shocking story was copied from the Cleveland, O., Herald, with proper credit. It said, without fear of libel apparently, that "various robberies of the mails of the Salem, O., post office have been committed by Thomas Walton, a clerk in the post office and Joseph S. Wilson, son of the postmaster."

"Both young men have been arrested. There is no doubt that they are guilty."

"If Franklin Pierce, a Democrat and the 14th President of the United States, had anything noteworthy to utter 100 years ago this week, he kept it to himself.

A search of all of the records added up to nothing but silence, from the White House.

## New Books Listed By Public Library Rental Department

The rental department of the Medford Public Library this month received 34 new books, which are now in circulation.

A list of them follows:

**Non-Fiction**  
Titles and authors: Bafut Beagles, Gerald M. Durrell; Neighborhood Frontiers, Eric Stanley Gardner; Apache Vengeance, Jess G. Hayes; Pictorial History of the Wild West, Sann and Horan; The Spirit of St. Louis, Charles A. Lindbergh; The Fifty-Minute Hour, Dr. Robert Lindner; Song of the Sky, Guy Murchie; The Rise and Fall of the Maya Civilization, Eric S. Thompson.

**Fiction**  
Titles and authors: The View from Pompey's Head, Hamilton Basso; Letter to a Stranger, Elswyth Thane Beebe; Vale of Tyranny, Suzanne Butler; My Brother's Keeper, Marcia Daventport; Jonathan Blair; Bounty Lands Lawyer, William Donahue Ellis; Sign of the Pagan, Roger Fuller; The Adventurers, Ernest Haycox; Blood Like New Wine, Toni Howard; North of Welfare, William Krasner; Mr. Maughan Himself, Somerset Maughan; The Corner-Stone, Zoe Oldenbourg; Solomon and the Queen of Sheba, Czenzi Ormonde; Marriage for Three, Elizabeth Seifert; Benton's Row, Frank Yerby.

**Mysteries**  
Titles and authors: The Man in the Green Hat, M. Coles; The Coral Princess Murders, F. Crane; The Devil Thru Dice, A. Dean; Invitation to Murder, Leslie Ford; Invitation to Murder and Other Novels, Leslie Ford; The Case of the Glamorous Ghost; Eric S. Gardner; Tell Her It's Murder, H. Reilly; Tell Her It's Murder and Other Novels, H. Reilly; The Black Mountain, Rex Stout; The Benevolent Treasure, P. Wentworth. Western

Title and author: Lost Pueblo, Zane Grey.  
Title and Editors: The Best From Fantasy and Science Fiction, J. Francis McComas and Anthony Boucher.

## Brazil Bus Accident Kills Four, Hurts 53

Teofilo Otoni, Brazil—(U.P.)—Four persons were killed and 53 injured Thursday when an inter-state bus ran off a highway and rolled over several times. The driver lost control when he swerved to avoid a slow-moving trailer-truck.

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**INSPECTED PORK CHOPS lb. 49c**

**SWANSDOWN or DROMEDARY Cake Mix 5 Pkgs. \$1.00**

**AEROWAX qt. 59c 1/2 gal. 1.15**  
**EASY-OFF 16 oz. 98c OVEN CLEANER**  
**Wizard Wick Reg. 39c DEODORANT**  
**Wizard Refill Bottle 39c**

**LUMBERJACK Syrup 5-lb. "Long John" 75c**

**Nalley's BEEF STEW 303 Tin 39c**

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**RUBY RED GRAPEFRUIT 10c**  
**CARROTS 2 Cello 19c Pkgs.**  
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