

Hearings, Joint Session Described by Secretary

By FRANCES LITRELL
Salem—On Wednesday of last week (February 16) the highway committees of both the Senate and the House were guests of the Oregon Automobile association which is affiliated with the AAA. The legislators were picked up at the State House and taken to the Marion hotel in antique cars. Gov. Patterson rode in a 1901 Locomobile, Rep. Elstrom and Al rode in a 1919 yellow sports model Pierce Arrow with a rumble seat, Phil (Senator Lowry) rode in a 1917 Ford touring car.

On Thursday the first sales tax bill was read in the House. It was presented by Rep. Hill of Lane county. Needless to say it created numerous and varied opinions.

This week there will be several minor tax bills up for third readings that have been recommended by the tax interim committee. Seemingly they are non-controversial. However, that isn't a proven fact until after the third readings and votes are counted. As all tax bills must first be presented in the House, we no doubt will hear many more of the same.

On Friday, due to Al's being in another hearing, I was sent to the judiciary committee to take H. J. R. 9 and H. J. R. 7 pertaining to the status of coroners and surveyors. It was a lively hearing and if the bills get out of the committee and if they pass both houses, they will be on the ballot in '56 for the voters to decide upon. When possible the secretaries go to the public hearings, even though our husbands and bosses are present. It gives us an insight on the issues that we would miss otherwise. Then too we write the letters that go out to the people and although the Legislators dictate the letter, if we have attended the hearings, we know what we are writing about. It also gives us an understanding of the men and women who make up this Legislature.

Al and I often say to each other "if every man and woman in Oregon could have the privilege of being where we are and hearing these men and women in the committee room and on the floors of the Legislature, we wouldn't be sending people to Washington who would use their political affiliations for personal gains."

The Legislature celebrated Lincoln's birthday with a joint session in the House with Gov.

and Mrs. Patterson and all State officials present. Dr. O. Meredith Wilson gave the Lincoln Day address. Dr. Wilson's handsome wife was also present wearing a beautiful red hat.

Phil (Senator Lowry) was one of four to escort the chief justices to the rostrum and he was the one who announced them.

We are told that Oregon is not only unique for her very friendly and unassuming top state officials, but that we are one of the few states which permits secretaries to be seated "on the floor" of the House or the Senate with the legislators. In fact Montana makes no provisions for secretaries whatsoever, while most other states provide a private office for each member of their Legislature and a secretary too. Secretaries here feel that we are fortunate in the fact that the "front desk" under the direction of Mrs. Edith Lowe, chief clerk, is so friendly and helpful. They, of their own volition, held a school for the new secretaries and many of the girls who have been here before attended and said they wished they could have had it their first session. Mrs. Lowe also keeps a check on the readings of the bills, guides Mr. Geary, the speaker, and acting speakers in parliamentary proceedings and on occasion point of order.

One of Mr. Lowe's able staff is Peg Drager, who is married to a cousin of Mrs. Earl York of Medford and the friendly gentleman at the information desk just outside the door of the House of Representatives is Mrs. York's father.

Parties for the Representatives' wives last week were given by Mrs. Pat Dooley and Mrs. Robert Steward (both Representatives' wives) at Mrs. Dooley's apartment where we met Mrs. Thornton, the attorney general's wife. On Friday Mrs. Needham and Mrs. Tomlinson took a small group of us to the Salem Art Museum, which is the old Bush home, where we saw an exhibit of modern paintings by Carl Hall, after which we went to Mr. Tomlinson's lovely home for tea. Both hostesses are secretaries in the House this session. This week's calendar shows a busy week ahead of us.

On Tuesday the Federation of Republican Women is meeting here in Salem. The Representatives of the legislature are invited for luncheon at noon in the Marion Hotel and to tea in the afternoon at the home of Salem's Mayor and Mrs. White.

Tuesday evening Speaker and Mrs. Geary are entertaining for the members of the House and their wives, Thursday evening the Marion county delegation is giving a reception for all the Legislators and wives.

On Friday the Legislature and wives are invited to Corvallis for dinner and to the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game. The Corvallis Chamber of Commerce will host the dinner and Oregon State college game.

Ben Day was in last week for a visit with the Jackson County delegation. We attended church services on Sunday and sat next to Jean Vilm Hart's friend, Mrs. Davis. They haven't seen each other since they were in college. Tried to bring her up to date on Jean and her family.

SHRIMP A LA FRANCAIS
New York—(U.P.)—Take a tip from French chefs next time you prepare fresh shrimp. Coat them with batter before you fry them. To make the batter dip, combine a cup of pancake mix with 1/2 teaspoon of salt and 3/4 cup of water. Beat about 2 minutes, dip the cooked shrimp in the batter and fry in hot deep fat (375) degrees for 2 to 3 minutes.

POWDER PUFF SHINE
Lincoln, Neb. — (U.P.) — That which is used to take a shine off the nose, can put one on a pair of shoes. A handy buffer to brighten up shoes is an ordinary powder puff. Wash it thoroughly in warm water with a detergent to remove powder.

Potpourri

Every fall the Medford Kiwanian Dames square their shoulders, take a deep breath and plunge into the "doll project." Sometimes there's a few groans, too, for like all money-making projects, there are problems to be solved and minor crises to be weathered.

When it's all over for another year, these same "Dames" heave a big sigh of relief and rest for a few weeks until another year rolls around. The big moment of the entire year comes when the women give the money they have earned to the Girl Scout leaders who see that it becomes a new shelter, a new roof or a piece of needed equipment at the Girl Scout established camp, Low Echo.

Such a moment came Tuesday and the women who gathered in the Dwight Houghton home not only heard the leaders tell how the money — more than \$500 this year, will be used, but watched a group of Girl Scouts from Washington school portray camp life in songs and words while sitting around an imaginary camp fire in a corner of the Houghton living room.

Potpourri doesn't know who wrote the skit, but we heartily approved of the sentiment. For the girls talked about camp life last year, and of Trinidad Sales, Girl Scout leader from the Philippine islands who was an exchange counselor at Low Echo. "She wasn't really any different from the rest of us," remembered one little girl, and another said, "I guess we're all alike — that must be what my Sunday school teacher meant when she said we were all God's children."

Mrs. W. A. Samuelson, president of the Dames, thanked the "indefatigable" (she can pronounce it, too) Mrs. Everett Faber and her co-chairman, Mrs. Emerson Anderson, for their successful doll project, and Mrs. Houghton for the use of her home. Mrs. Samuelson, who had arranged her make believe campfire from a few sticks of wood and a bit of red paper for the flame, said when she called Mrs. H. and asked if she could build a campfire in her living room the hospitable hostess said "go right ahead—everything is insured."

According to the Grocery Manufacturers of America, the transfer of food preparation from the home to the processing plant, has reduced food preparation in the kitchen four hours a day. A few years ago it took about 5 1/2 hours a day to prepare meals for a family of four. Today, comparable menus of easy to serve foods can be prepared in about 1 1/2 hours, the manufacturers say.

When the homemaker buys food today, in many instances it has already been cleaned, trimmed, shelled, mixed or otherwise prepared, packaged and sometimes partially cooked.

A present-day wedding fad is the lettering of little reception napkins with the names of the bride and groom. Those for a wedding last Sunday read Burk-Burk, the couple having decided to amuse themselves and the guests by using their surnames, which are the same, instead of Carl and Joan. It is all quite confusing to the poor society editor — for Miss Joan Burk married Carl G. Burk and the bridegroom's sister, before her wedding, was Johanne Burk.

Potpourri absolutely must do something about our reputation for food. Always a weakling when it came to potluck dinners, we sampled at least a dozen dishes at a Rebekah dinner Monday night. Then along came Minnie Bryant, whose guest we were, who heaped our plate with two pieces of cake and a piece of cherry pie.

Because of our loud cries that it would be left—not another bite was possible—Mrs. Bryant came back with some wax paper and a bag. Now we not only eat too much—but we go home with enough dessert for the new room's mid-morning snack and the family dinner that night.

Our hearty thanks go out to all those who brought in pictures for today's out-of-the-past page. Because the staff found them so interesting, and there were so many from which to choose, another page is planned. Fearful that something would happen to these family treasures, we've counted them practically every day and will return them to owners as soon as the second page is done.

"Do you realize," wrote the Junior, "that this is the last PE class I will ever, ever, EVER have to take?" She was dutifully reporting on her new classes for the second semester, and wrote that she was taking Shakespeare, a course in the English novel, fourth semester German, a two-hour course in German civilization, typing, second semester music theory and folk dancing.

The student also wrote that she had been to a concert featuring Leonard Pennario as soloist with the Spokane Philharmonic orchestra, and added that his technique is fine but "not much feeling." Pennario, a pianist, played in Medford a few seasons ago.

With the letter she sent a clipping from the WSC newspaper which told how the pianist, leaving the stage after acknowledging applause, became confused and stepped off the edge of the platform into space. He clutched a curtain and the orchestra director leaped to his rescue, saving him from what might have been a bad fall.

Most Britons apparently approve of Princess Margaret's plunging necklines, a press dispatch revealed Saturday. From London came word that the Woman's Sunday Mirror, new weekend edition of the mass circulation Daily Mirror, asked readers to express an opinion on whether or not the "necklines of dresses worn by the princess in her Caribbean tour weren't too low" and invited readers to give their opinions. About 75 per cent favored Margaret's décolletage.

"Just the sort of thing we can copy for our own daughters," said Mrs. A. Moody of Teighmouthe.

"I only wish I could wear that type of dress—but mine is only a 30-inch bust," wrote a lady from Lancashire.

"Why shouldn't the Princess wear off-the-shoulder gowns?" asked Mrs. D. G. Wolsey of Sheerness. "If I had lovely shoulders like hers, I would certainly do the same. Don't cramp her style."

Saturday morning, Commentators Agronsky and Hemingway both told how President Eisenhower, visiting his farm in Pennsylvania, complained about the "dirty pigeons" in the barn and said he'd have to get out his shotgun. Pigeons, we can report from experience, are not nearly so bothersome as flickers. Pigeons stay quietly in the barn, while the flickers, a variety of woodpecker, are as dirty as pigeons and have the added horrible habit of waking the entire household at some ungodly early-morning hour by drumming loudly on the side of the house.—O.S.



Fans of Gilbert and Sullivan will soon recognize that this is not a legitimate scene from "The Mikado," now in production at Southern Oregon college for presentation March 3, 4 and 5. Giving an idea of what could have happened if he had done his duty is Lord High Executioner, Ko Ko, played by Stafford Thomas, with the neck of Nanki-Poo, played by Gene Brown, on the headman's chopping block. Nanki-Poo's lover, Yum Yum, played by Tresa Matlack (left) and Peep-Bo, one of the three little maids, played by Helen Brown, (right) are shielding their eyes from the scene.

President Confers With Wife On What Color To Paint Barn

By MERRIMAN SMITH
UP White House Writer

Gettysburg, Pa. — (U.P.)—President Eisenhower is like any other man with a new house. He has to check with his wife on what color to paint the barn.

For nearly an hour on his Gettysburg farm Friday, the President worked with a painter to get just the right shade for the huge barn that sits not far from the new Eisenhower house.

The house is mostly white, and the old red barn would have been an eyesore without a new coat of paint. The President thought first of painting the barn white, too, but he decided the huge structure would dominate the house.

So, he had a painter, Carl Mauss of nearby York, Pa., mix white with a little green, blue and amber. They came up with a shade which looked like a pastel green in the late winter afternoon sun.

Checks With Mamie

The President was satisfied, but he told Mauss: "We'll have to ask Mrs. Ike. She'll have the last word, anyway."

Like a dutiful husband and new householder, the President, his tan camel's hair topcoat flapping in the breeze, strode across a muddy field back to the house where Mrs. Eisenhower was deep in conference with Elisabeth Draper, the New York interior decorator.

Sounds of "oohs" and "ahs" filtered from the upstairs windows as the ladyfolks looked at curtain material and moved chairs around in an elaborate game of furniture arrangement.

The President and Mrs. Ike came to the window. He pointed toward the barn which by now resembled a nursery school exercise in finger painting. Painter Mauss had tried dabs of varying green shades all over one end of the barn, on top of white trim and on the old red finish itself.

The Right Mixture

There was some animated conversation in the upstairs window and the President reappeared.

peared in the yard a few minutes later.

"That's just right," he told Mauss.

The President drove here from Washington Friday and plans to return sometime late Sunday. The farm house is completed structurally and the first family is now engaged in decoration and placement of furnishings.

"When will it be ready?" a reporter asked the President. The ancient house has undergone extensive renovation for more than a year.

"Well, it is a matter of finishing touches now," the Chief Executive said. "We're getting down to the point where you find that the rugs don't fit and the furniture doesn't fit."

Rebekah Lodge Has Guest Dinner

About 80 persons attended a guest night dinner given Monday evening by Olive Rebekah lodge women at the Odd Fellows hall.

Guests included Odd Fellows lodge members, their wives and friends of members.

Mrs. L. M. Arnold, Mrs. Mary Brown, and Mrs. Lucille Cave were committee in charge of serving.

The playlet, "My Birthday Gifts," written by Mrs. Florence Manley of Brattleboro, Vt., and taken from the Rebekah publication, "International Rebekah," was enacted as a part of the evening's program.

Those taking part in the playlet were Mrs. W. E. Roberts, Mrs. Riley Applegate, Mrs. Margaret McGinty, Mrs. Verda Vincent, Mrs. Gladys Thomasson, and Mrs. Alice Garrett.

The program was planned by Mrs. Frank Chapman, a noble grand, and Mrs. Marie Small. Deborah Ann Rader and Glen Rader furnished a dance number. A patriotic dance was done by Bonnie Simmonds and Carol Griff in costume.

A hard-to-spot eye in a sewing machine needle will be easier to see when a piece of black paper or cloth is held behind it.

Eagle Point PTA Members Inspect New School Room

Eagle Point — The February meeting of Eagle Point Parent-Teacher association was held in the new section of the high school February 22. Members were invited by Glenn Hale, principal, to inspect the other rooms in the recently constructed addition, which contains library and classrooms. The shop area has also been enlarged.

Workshop-type meetings were conducted in different classrooms under the direction of Mrs. W.H. Pomeroy, grade school teacher. The subject of the round table discussions was "What Is Your Child Learning?" and these were led by Mrs. Vera Selby for the first and second grades, Mrs. S. W. Callaghan for the third and fourth grades, Mrs. R. Barrow for the fifth and sixth grades and Harold Brown for the seventh and eighth grades.

Mrs. Ray Palm, president, presided at the business meeting during which several amendments to the by-laws were passed and a nominating committee elected. Members of the committee are Mrs. R. H. Denning, Mrs. Thomas Shearin, and Mrs. Elsie Turner.

Mrs. Victor Hay led the devotional service and Mrs. R. B. Fleming's Cub Scout pack led in the salute to the flag. A Founder's day observance program was presented by Mrs. Lester Bradshaw.

The third and fourth grade room mothers were hostesses for the evening, with Mrs. Lester McFall as chairman. In recognition of Washington's birthday, cherry pie was served during the social period following the program.

The next meeting of Eagle Point PTA will be held March 29 and will feature the physical education program in the Eagle Point schools.

Use light starch on rag rugs. You'll find they have more body and lie flatter on the floor. Lay them flat to dry.

Mrs. William Breeden Hostess for Meeting

Howard—Mrs. William Breeden was the hostess last week for a meeting of Howard Home Extension unit. Twenty-one members and one visitor, Mrs. Lloyd Hawley, attended.

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