# Fifty-Third Session of State Legislature Seems at Standstill; MMBFM Formed

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Salem—This is the 53rd day of the session. Seemingly things are at a standstill pace. The minor bills, where there is a small amendment being made such as a word or the addition of a new paragraph, are being passed quickly. However, the controversial bills come to the floor and before they can get to the third reading someone has them referred back to committee for additional revision. This, of course, means long tiresome sessions both in committee rooms and on the floor.

Al is one of three appointed to a sub-committee to study the four bills on sign boards. They are very controversial and we have received stacks of mail on them, both pro and con.

Tuesday of this week Mrs. Robert Thornton gave an informal coffee for the legislative wives at her home on Alvarado terrace. The Supreme Court justices' wives assisted her in greeting her guests and about the rooms, pouring, etc.

Wednesday afternoon we all tried to listen in on the hearing of Mr. Hill's sales tax bill, No. 41. At times it was very dry and uninteresting and at times there was hilarious laughter due to the fact that those testifying were not well informed on the subject and were just expounding on their own little pet peeves. This ,of course, does ont apply to all of those who testified on the issue. A few gave very good reasons both for and against a sales tax.

Wednesday evening we attended Rotary's 50th anniversary dinner party. The program featured a review of the fashions of 1905, won by the Rotary members and a motion picture, "The Great Adventure," based on Rotary International history. We dined with Mr. Harry Riches, a schoolmate of Dr. E. R. Durno. It was nice to have Eric Allen from the Tribune here also, and fun to look up and see the beaming face of Ed Branchfield, who has spent two weeks here in the judiciary's office. Jerry Cottingham and Robert Root called at our desk this week.

A new organization was born in the House this week. It is called "M M B F M" and means "me and my big fat mouth." The first member is Representative Howard who often says the wrong thing at the right time. He was presented with a two foot red toothbrush and must keep it until another House member gets flustered enough to deserve it.

Last week the Oregon Journal took a poll of the number and what newspapers were read by the legislators. It was interesting to note the number reading our own Valley papers. As most of you know, the state pays for five papers for each legislator. We are reading seven and it is no small task to cover them each day what with the many other tasks we have. I try to read them and circle in red the articles I feel Al should read; the minor ones we try to discuss in the few seconds we have free. So if you wonder why we read the newspapers during the sessions, that's your answer.

## Apiarian Talks For Garden Club; Director Speaks

Delmar Smith spoke to members of the Crater Garden club Thursday on the usefulness of bees to the gardener. An apiarian, Mr. Smith also explained habits of bees.

Mrs. A. O. Floyd, district director for the Siskiyou district, was a guest and spoke to the members concerning the possibility of a freeway being constructed along Hawthorne park. It was announced that garden club members of the area plan to protest against such a proposal.

Year books were given out by Mrs. John Rock.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Warren Holbrook and roll call was answered by reports on projects begun last season. Mrs. Clarence Taylor spoke on the bird of the month, the chickadee. The flower of the month, the jasmine, was discussed by Mrs. Clarence Mellebye.

Mrs. Mel Wiggins and Mrs. Arnold Bohnert were guests, Mrs. Bohnert being a prospective member.

The next meeting will be postponed because of school spring vacations, and will be held March 24 at the home of Mrs. Henry DeVoss with Mrs. Paul Gandt as the cohostess. Mrs. Warren LaBounte assisted Mrs. Holbrook with refreshments.

## Queen to Attend Music Festival In Polish City

Brussels, Belgium — (U.P.) — Dowager Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, grandmother of King Baudouin, has accepted an invitation to attend a music festival in Communist Poland, her secretary said today.

She will be the first member of a West European royal house to venture behind the Iron Curtain.

The trip has "no political significance," the secretary said. The 79-year-old dowager Queen has a widely known love of music.

The queen's secretary said she accepted an invitation to attend the fifth International Competition of Chopin Music in Warsaw between March 14 and 18.

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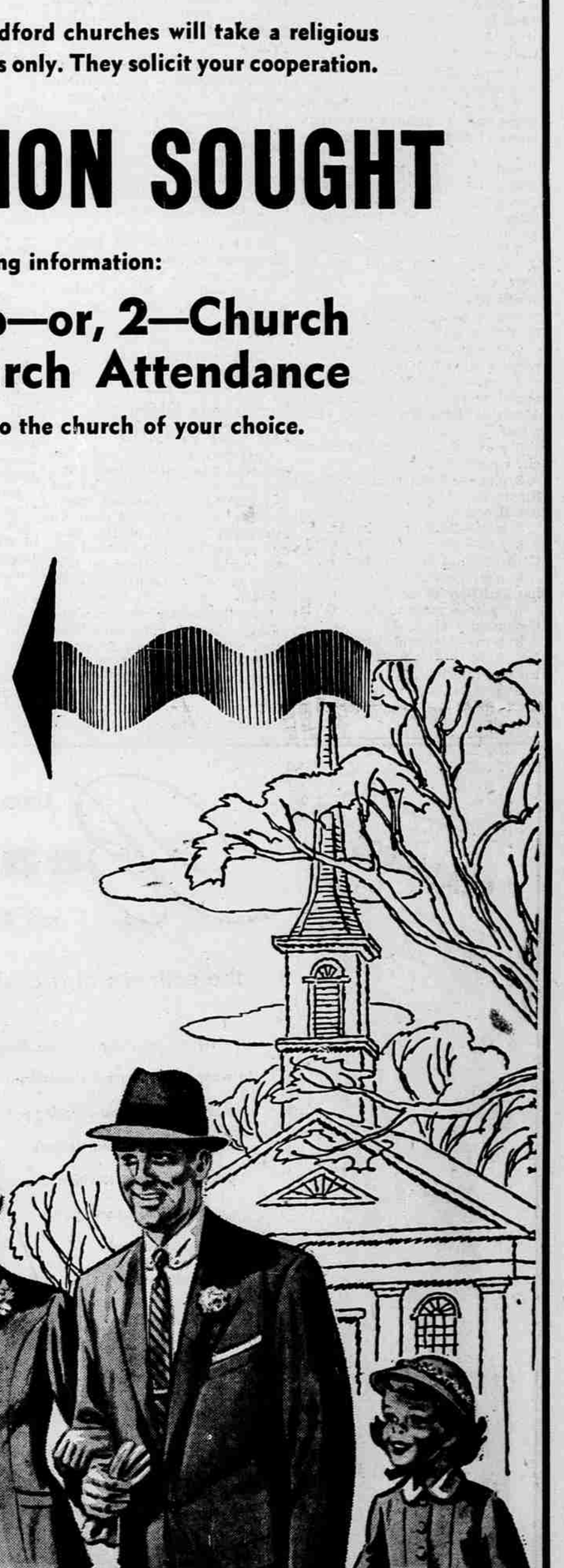

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