

# Senate Alcoholic Control Committee Ready To Put First Witness Under Oath

## Bill To Protect Portland Port Considered by Taxation Group

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill aimed at protecting Portland's competitive position among the Pacific Coast ports today was ready for action in the House.

The House Taxation committee gave its approval to a measure that would exempt from taxation the real and personal property owned by dock commissions or ports for lease or rent. The property, to be eligible for the exemption, must be used for berthing vessels, or for loading, handling or storing cargoes.

If approved, the bill would strengthen Portland's position in its program of building port facilities that rate with the finest in the Northwest. Its sponsors, Rep. Pat Dooley and Sen. Joseph Carson both Portland Democrats, believed it would encourage private firms to undertake leases on the port's facilities.

The Taxation committee yesterday tabled a bill introduced by Rep. Katherine Musa (D-The Dalles) that would have levied a gross revenue tax on gas distribution companies, light and power companies, telegraph and telephone companies. A tax commission proposal to place a gross earnings tax on mutual or cooperative distribution systems also was killed by the committee.

Representatives of electric cooperatives filled the committee room yesterday to oppose what they said was a tax beyond their ability to pay. They pointed out that electric cooperatives organized under the federal rural electrification administration were already deeply in debt to the federal government and that they operated on narrow margins.

Spokesmen for private utilities in the state said they considered the Musa bill a "selective sales tax" levied against a type of private industry unable to pass the tax along to its customers. Francis Hill of Portland, Gas and Coke and of Pacific Power and Light company, said the firms would be forced to absorb the tax until it could get the approval of the Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase. He indicated that imposition of the tax would probably result in a request by the private companies for higher rates.

Waldemar Seton of Portland General Electric objected to what he called the discriminatory features of the Musa bill. He said his firm was already paying more than 24 cents out of every revenue dollar in taxes.

Bruce Pickett, of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph, said the

proposed tax would put a \$750,000 additional burden on telephone users in the state. The Grange also opposed the bill.

Mrs. Musa said she believed the state should end the exemption of the electric utilities that she said enjoyed advantages other industries did not have. She said the private utilities provided free movies to children in her community and did not appear to be in financial distress.

### Two Bills Scheduled

The committee today was slated to consider two bills dealing with the exemption from certain forms of taxes now enjoyed by charitable and scientific institutions, as well as colleges, churches and hospitals.

Principal hearing set for tonight is one before the Senate Education committee on the educational television proposal.

The Senate committee on alcoholic traffic headed by Sen. John P. Hounsell (R-Hood River) planned to put its first witness under oath at the hearing today. Gene Rossman, of Portland, secretary of the Oregon Licensed Beverage association, was to be questioned about a brief he filed with the committee when it was studying a bill for a three-man fulltime commission or a one-man paid commissioner.

## Portlander First To Be Sworn in For Testimony

Salem — (U.P.) — The Senate Committee on Alcoholic Control planned to put its first witness under oath today about a brief he submitted complaining that liquor outlets have trouble with administration of the liquor laws under an unpaid liquor commission.

Sen. John P. Hounsell (R-Hood River), chairman of the committee, said that from here on through the rest of the session, each witness appearing before his committee will be placed under oath. It is the first time that old-timers here can remember that the procedure was used by a committee of the Oregon legislature.

### Rossman Under Oath

Gene Rossman of Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Licensed Beverage Association, was to be placed under oath at a meeting of the committee and questioned about a brief he recently submitted in support of a three-man paid liquor commission or one-man paid liquor commissioner.

Bill proposing both the one-man and three-man paid commissions have been tabled by the committee which means they are dead for this session. But Sen. Hounsell said committee members wanted to question Rossman about charges he made in his brief that OLCC inspectors had sold gadgets at high prices to operators of liquor outlets, and when complaints were made to the governor and his present unpaid liquor commission, nothing was done about them.

Sen. Hounsell said that, as a matter of fairness to all witnesses, each would testify before his committee under oath for the remainder of the session.

## Thomas, Disney Each Receive Two Television Awards

Hollywood — (U.P.) — Comedian Danny Thomas and producer Walt Disney, a newcomer to television, won double Emmy awards last night at the seventh annual presentation of the Television Academy trophies.

A surprised Thomas, whooping "who, me?" was called to the stage of the Moulin Rouge restaurant in Hollywood to be handed a gold statuette as the best series actor on the home screens for 1954.

He got another Emmy, for the best comedy series award, "Make Room For Daddy."

"Disneyland" Wins  
Disney, already holder of 22 movie Oscars, added an Emmy for "Disneyland" as the best variety show. "Operation Undersea," one of the Disneyland shows, also won an Emmy for the best individual program of the year.

Loretta Young was honored as best series actress for her dramatic program.

George Gobel, a new star to the TV screens, shyly clutched his Emmy and said nothing when he was honored as the most outstanding new personality.

### 'Single' Awards

The best "single performance" awards went to Robert Cummings for "Twelve Angry Men" on Studio One" and Judith Anderson for "Macbeth" on the "Hallmark" program.

Other awards included:  
Best sports program: "Gillette Cavalcade of Sports."  
Best children's program: "Lassie."

Best news commentator: John Daly.

Best male singer: Perry Como.  
Best female singer: Dinah Shore.

Best mystery or intrigue series: "Dragnet."  
Best dramatic series: "United States Steel Hour."

## County Disease List At High for Year

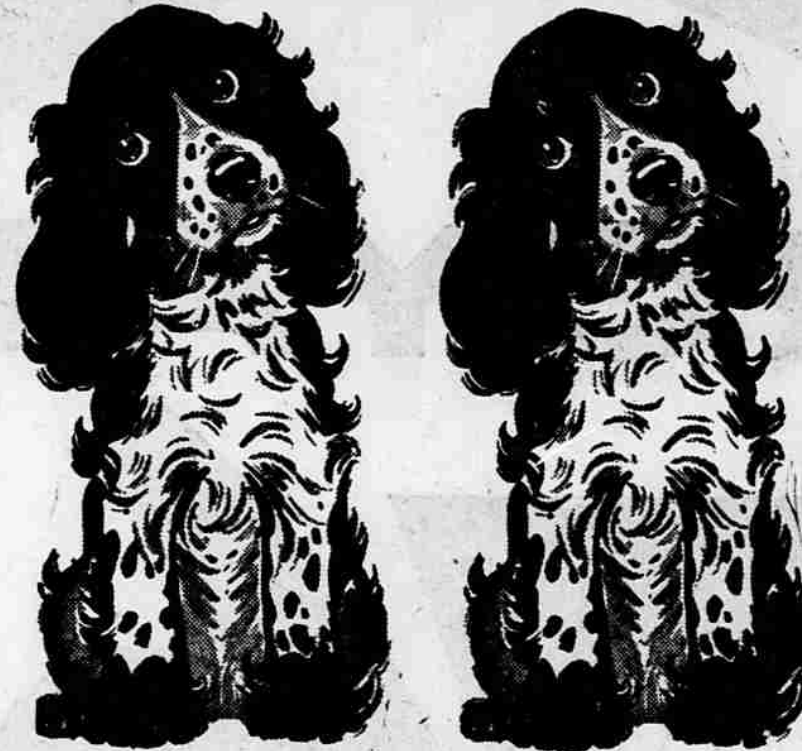
The number of communicable diseases reported in the county health department rose to 69 last week, the highest number in almost a year.

Chicken pox led in the number of cases last week, as it has during a number of weeks past. There were 32 cases, 28 of them in Medford, 3 in Talent and 1 in Ashland.

Other cases listed included nine of pneumonia, eight of measles, three of German measles, one of infectious hepatitis, four of influenza, three of strep throat, three of mononucleosis, two of whooping cough and four of scalp ringworm.

SHORT LEAVE  
Hartford, Conn. — (U.P.) —

Dominic Paternostro of the Connecticut Air National Guard didn't have to make many plans accrued during the past year for spending his annual leave. It totaled two hours.



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To raise money for needed equipment, including wrestling mats, a trampoline, parallel bars, swinging rings, a spring board, basketballs, a diving board for the swimming pool, and to repair pool tables.

## Plant Sale Starts 9 a.m.

## Rummage Sale Starts

## 9 a.m. — Auction 1 p.m.

## Till 5 p.m. — Begins

## Again at 7 p.m.

### ---ITEMS AT THE YMCA AUCTION---

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|----------------------------|---|--|
| Pets                       | Meals from the best restaurants in town   | Baled straw                                    |
| Sporting goods             | 150 feet of Down Spout and Gutter (new)   | Cutlery  |
| Farm implements            | Lumber Dimension and Sheeting             | Tools  |
| Clothes for the rummage    | Wrist Watches (all working)               | Paint  |
| Cakes, a pie and preserves | Trees and Shrubs of all kinds             | Truck and car tires                            |
| Plants for the garden sale | Gasoline and Lube Jobs from many stations | Washing machines                               |
| Toys                       | Many services from lawn mowing to caddyng | Baby steer                                     |
| Furniture                  | Buffalo calf                              | Farm equipment                                 |
| Musical instruments        | Haircuts                                  | Sporting goods                                 |
| Hay                        | Furniture                                 | Rummage clothing                               |
| Tools                      | Baby chicks                               | Light fixtures                                 |
| Pictures                   | Jewelry                                   | Table silverware                               |
| Bric-a-brac                | Gold Fish                                 | Table silverware                               |
| Building materials         |   | Dressed fryers                                 |
| Kitchen ware               |   | Plumbing fixtures                              |
| Hardware                   |   | A thousand other bargains all sold at auction! |
| Yard tools                 |   |  |
| Anything we can auction!   |   |  |

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