

Two Highway Bills Given Approval by Interim Committee

Salem—UP—Two of a dozen proposed bills have been approved by the Legislative Interim Committee on Highways for recommendation to the 1957 Legislature.

One bill would extend authority to the highway department and state police to stop any vehicle believed to carry an overweight or oversized load.

Arrested After Weighing
Under present law owners of commercial vehicles carrying such overweight or oversized loads can be arrested only after the vehicle has been weighed in a weighing station.

The other bill approved by the committee would amend the state's throughway law to give highway engineers the power to place "stop" signs at locations considered appropriate.

Committee members adopted a suggestion by Sen. Warren McMinimie of Tillamook, chairman, that the remaining proposed bills be given further consideration before being approved or rejected.

Chief counsel for the highway department, C. W. Enfield explained that the highway commission operates under two separate statutes, one the highway code and the other the throughway bill.

Enfield suggested that the latter should be changed to eliminate the requirement that no expressway could be constructed where there are 10 business establishments to each mile.

Conforms To Regulations
This change, Enfield said, was necessary to conform to federal regulations under the new federal highway law.

One bill to be considered later would transfer complete authority over Oregon ocean shores to the State Land Board. Authority over the beaches is now divided between this board and the State Highway commission.

The highway department presented another bill which would

give the commission authority to designate highway routes. Such routes, on most primary highways, are designated by statute.

Grandmother Finds Toothpicks Multiply

Muskegon, Mich.—UP—Four years ago, Mrs. Herb Morton of Muskegon had four toothpick holders and five children. She decided that to bequeath her possessions equally when she passed on, she must find a fifth holder.

Today, Mrs. Morton has five children and 320 toothpick holders.

When she found the fifth holder she found a sixth. Then she considered one holder for each of her 17 grandchildren. But when she found the 17th she found an 18th—and so it went.

Mrs. Morton admits her fascination got out of hand, but like a true collector, she has no regrets. Toothpick holders, she finds, have gone the way of the spinning wheel, the back-scratcher and other ancient household items. They have become fair game for the collector, and the field is virtually uncontested.

Her sources of supply are antique shops, auctions, and mail-order curio houses. In the summer she takes "field trips" through Michigan and Wisconsin, adding to her collection whenever she can.

"I figure I have holders for 240-000 toothpicks," she said. "It's a shame; I probably would have started my collection much earlier—but I never did use toothpicks."

LIFE FOR PEN

Seoul, Korea—UP—Republic of Korea Army Lt. Hwang Chang, 25, traded his life for a pen, authorities said today. He dropped dead of a heart attack while chasing a pickpocket who had stolen his fountain pen.

Back Stairs: Campaign by Train Hinted

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Washington—UP—Back stairs at the White House:

It may be announced any moment, but thus far it has been secret—the White House is considering the possibility of having President Eisenhower do some of his campaigning this fall by train.

Until now, the understanding has been at the White House that the chief executive would confine virtually all of his reelection trips to air travel. Railroad officials, however, say with some authority that they believe that this has been changed.

Mr. Eisenhower has used trains relatively little since he has been in the White House and this has not always been popular with the hundreds of thousands of persons who make their living in the railroad industry.

Mr. Eisenhower, according to present information, plans no extensive railroad campaign travel, but he may make one or two relatively brief rail trips between now and election day and find himself whistle-stopping, after all.

Mr. Eisenhower has said all along and said it quite forcefully, that he absolutely will not whistle-stop. If he does travel by train this fall, he will not regard it as a whistle-stop campaign, but merely as using another method of travel to go to the site of a major speech. Naturally if there are crowds along the train route Mr. Eisenhower will greet them in some manner, even if only with a handshake.

In his tour last week of Iowa there was some disappointment in some of the towns through which his motorcade passed without stopping. Sure, the President slowed down, waved and turned on his biggest and best smile, but some of his supporters who stood for long periods at road intersections and street sides thought he could have stopped long enough for a brief hello.

Mr. Eisenhower's reasoning on this is two-fold. One, he has said all along that he has no intention of barnstorming for the presidency as he did in 1952. He does not think this becomes an



YOUNG BOOSTER—The first official greeter received by President and Mrs. Eisenhower on their arrival at Des Moines, Iowa, is little Martha McCune wearing her Ike dress and umbrella and holding a basket of "Let's Back Ike" buttons. The chief executive continued his personal tour of the farm belt, campaigning on the scene of a mammoth agriculture show a day ahead of his Democratic opponent, Adlai Stevenson.

incumbent in the White House. His other reason is that if he were to stop at every gathering along the route of a motorcade it would stretch his schedule interminably. Also he would run the distinct danger of losing his voice if he talked constantly throughout the day.

This reasoning obviously is quite logical to the man who has to do all the work. Nevertheless, the loyal supporter with an "I Like Ike" sign who has stood on the street corner of his village for hours does not see the problem in quite the same light.

The redecoration of the White House is not without its hazards. Painters recently spent the better part of a week repainting the enormous black iron fence that encircles the White House grounds.

Chief victims of the fresh paint on the fence have been tourists who press against the wet bars to snap pictures of the White House. They come away with zebra-like stripes on their faces and clothes. The painters are not too happy about this, themselves. They must go around and touch up the spots rubbed off by the tourists.

The painting and other redecoration work is going on inside the White House, too. Signs posted at the entrance to the executive mansion inform tourists that the White House is closed to the public until Oct. 2.

Coal fields in France are only about one-twentieth of the area of those in the state of Illinois. In normal times they produced 40 million tons annually.

Portland Woman Dies of Injuries

Bend—UP—Mrs. Robert E. Sunday in which her husband Will, 34, of Portland, died here last night of injuries she received in a truck-car collision

the oath of the Oregon State Bar yesterday, died instantly at the scene of the crash 11 miles north of here on Highway 97. Joint funeral services for the couple will be held at The Dalles.

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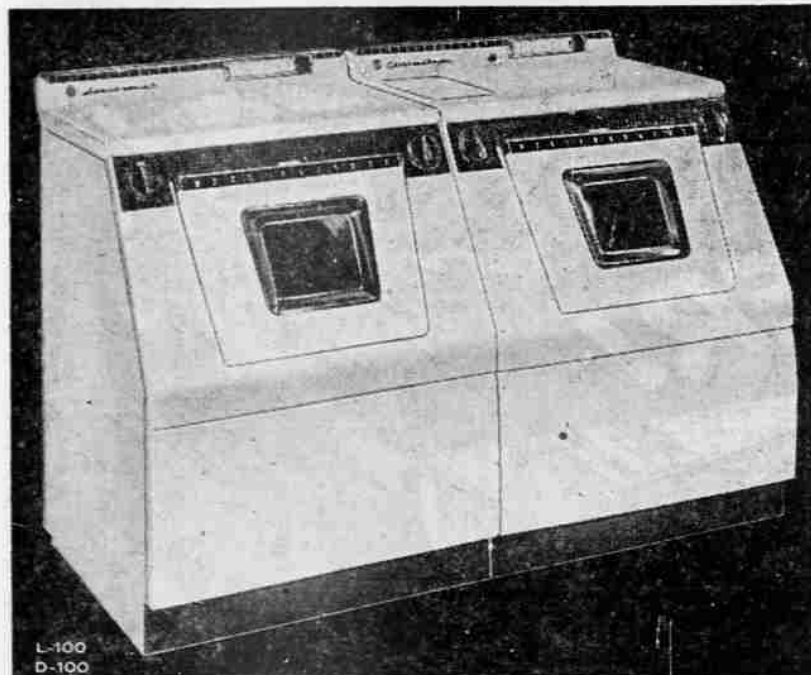
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