

## Thronton Would Keep Attorney General's Office Elective

Salem—(U.P.)—Attorney General Robert Y. Thronton told the legislative interim committee on elections yesterday that his office should remain elective rather than be made appointive.

Thronton testified to answer a letter from Committee Counsel H. Freeman Holmer who contended that "the attorney general is the governor's lawyer and the governor should have the privilege of appointing his own lawyer."

Thronton disagreed. He contended that the attorney general was the "people's lawyer" who did less than two per cent of his work directly for the governor.

**Citizens Said Capable**  
"I think the citizens of Oregon are capable of electing all of their public officials, including the attorney general, and I do not think they will look with favor on any proposal to deprive them of the right to vote on the person who is to occupy this important office," Thronton said.

The Democratic attorney general said also that making his office appointive would contrib-

ute to breakdown in the two-party system.

"I know I watch my P's and Q's very carefully in my work and I feel that the officials of the other party do likewise," Thronton said. "Therefore I feel the people's best guarantee of independent and impartial interpretation of the laws is an independently elected attorney general."

**Proposal Opposed**  
Thronton also opposed a proposal that the office be made non-partisan but said he did believe it should be bi-partisan and that for the reason he appoints members of both political parties to his staff.

John Beatty Jr., representing the Democratic party, told the group his party was also opposed to the appointment by the governor of the attorney general.

However, speaking for himself, Beatty said he favored a complete re-organization of the state official family, giving the governor far more powers than he now possesses.

At present, the attorney general is popularly elected in 42 of the 48 states.

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**FOREST INFERNO**—Pillars of fire and black smoke tower over the San Bernardino National Forest as men and equipment fight to divert the blaze from the Lake Arrowhead resort area. Touched off when a jet plane crashed, the blaze has already destroyed 20 homes and blackened 6000 acres.

## On The Side

By E. V. Durling

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"Do you really believe in astrology?" Is a query often put to me. My answer is that I have an open mind on the subject. I frequently find character analysis by astrology amazingly accurate. In fact, that was what first inspired my interest in the stargazers. Glancing over an article on horoscopes, I noted it said that men born under Leo (July 24-Aug. 23) generally had executive ability. Also that the Leonites didn't like rain and hated work. However, it was said that while a Leo disliked labor he would work if he had to because he had an intense desire to be independent. I was born under

Leo and that fitted me. As to executive ability, I was captain of both of our neighborhood football and baseball teams. Also captain of those teams at college. When entering the business world I was constantly being made an executive. However, I didn't like being an executive. My ambition has always been to have a job not calling for regular hours and permitting me to work when and where I like to. Now I have it. I get the blues when it rains. I have always had a desire to be independent. So, have been working hard practically all my life. Have never been out of a job for any extended period since was 14.

### Compatibility

The interest in astrology among the clientele of this department is great. They don't all believe in the subject. But they have a lot of fun with it. The most asked question as to stargazing is as to compatibility in matrimony. As for example, "What do the stargazers say about the chances of a successful marriage between a Leo and a Sagittarian?" I am a Leo and my wife is a Sagittarian. We have been doing very well so far. However, while the quest of compatibility according to astrology is interesting, I suggest that those contemplating matrimony not to give it serious consideration. On that occasion throw the astrology book out the window. If you love the girl, marry her, regardless of her birth sign.

### Please Note

The checking of what the stargazers say as to character is, in my opinion, of great value in one respect. It inspires people to seriously consider the character of a sweetheart or wife. In checking the astrological claim, they give a thought to the character of a person of great importance in their life. Too many marriages fail because the parties concerned have given no real thought to each other's characters. There are too many domestic disagreements because husbands do not really understand wives and vice versa. Hence, a little mutual character study is of great benefit.

### Horse Horoscope

Evangeline Adams was once asked to do a horoscope of a horse. The owner of the speedy thoroughbred was trying to find out why the horse was such an in and out. Winning a gallop in one race and trailing the field in the next. After studying the thoroughbred from an astrological angle, Miss Adams said the horse lost when he didn't like the jockey. That he should have a regular rider born under a compatible sign. That was arranged. A long string of victories by the thoroughbred followed.

## Hog Prices Decline On Chicago Market

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department said Tuesday hog prices "eased down" 6 per cent at Chicago in the month ending Sept. 15.

Department economists repeated their forecast that the seasonal decline in hog markets "will probably be moderate."

The department's demand

and price situation report today noted also that prices for wheat and major feed grains were "steady to slightly higher" at major markets from mid-August to mid-September. Slaughter cattle at Chicago rose 4 per cent in the period while soybeans dropped 9 per cent and Midwestern eggs rose 30 per cent.

## John Day Airport Site being Surveyed

Pendleton—(U.P.)—Don Harper, Civil Aeronautics administration district engineer from Seattle, was at John Day today to survey a site for a proposed new airport.

Harper was joined by State

Aeronautics Director Earl W. Snyder. He said the old airstrip located on Bear creek, part of which was destroyed by flash floods last summer, did not serve the purpose of airplanes in the central Oregon area.

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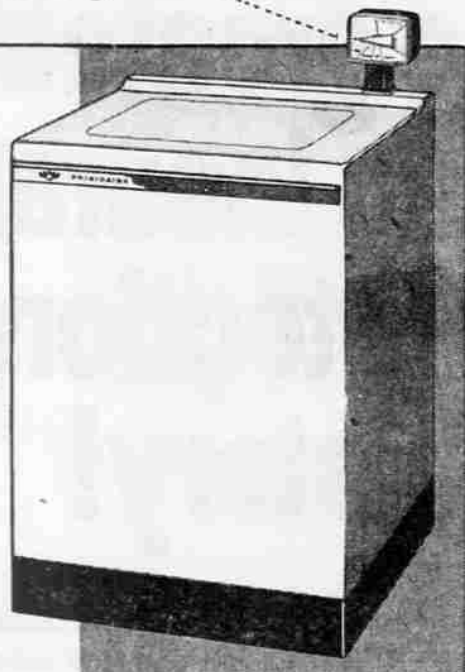
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