

## Briefs From the Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — The House passed and sent to the Senate House Bill 18 appropriating \$1,131,525 from the general fund to administer the State Department of Agriculture for the coming biennium.

Also passing with a favorable recommendation from the Joint

Ways and Means committee was House Bill 20 limiting expenses of the State Civil Service commission to \$503,640 and House Bill 100 limiting expenses of the Unemployment Compensation commission to \$6,482,438.

**'Wonderland' Approved**  
House Bill 408 authorizing the

words "scenic wonderland" to appear on Oregon license plates passed with only one negative vote. The bill eliminated provisions to reflectorize the plates at a cost of some \$800,000.

The House failed to grant Rep. Robert Kelmsen's tongue-in-cheek request that the motto on the plates be changed to "no sales tax."

Installment payments of income tax bills of \$25 or less would be prohibited by House Bill 241 which also was considered favorably. Rep. Wayne Giesy, Monroe Republican, said the move would eliminate about 20,000 operations a year by the commission.

Salem — (U.P.) — Senate Bill 61 prohibiting motorists from driving with parking lights only was passed unanimously. It was the first of a group of bills designed to make driving regulations uniform in Western states.

Salem — (U.P.) — Also passing the House was Senate bill 61 which would make out-of-state motor vehicle licenses good in Oregon until the time they ordinarily would have to be renewed in the other state.

Salem — (U.P.) — The House voted favorably on House Joint Resolution 13 which calls for a constitutional amendment to increase legislator's pay from \$600 to \$1,000 a year and gives them an expense account. The people would have to vote on the change in 1958.

## The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a women's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual report. The Family Council does not give advice; it merely reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Dolores P. — I want to warn my brother about his fiance.

John P. — I should do it, man-to-man.

Dolores P. — I am a happily married woman and I am very eager to see my bachelor brother married. He has gone with many girls and every no wand then seems on the verge of taking the plunge, but then shies off.

A few months ago he introduced me to one of his girl friends and asked me what I thought of her. I said that from the one meeting all I could say was that I thought she was very attractive and had a nice personality. This seemed to give him a lot of new enthusiasm for her and shortly afterward they became engaged.

Since then I've come to know the girl quite well and I don't like her at all. I think she is domineering and has a nasty disposition. I don't think my brother or any other man could be happy with her. I feel partially responsible for my brother's getting involved with her and I think I ought to tell him how I now feel about the whole thing. My husband says it would be a terrible mistake.

John P. — Dolores neglects to mention that her brother is 32 and head-over-heels in love. They are planning to marry in a few months. Dolores will only antagonize her brother if she gives him belated advice about this girl.

I fully agree with Dolores about the girl. She's really a mean one and if she ever gets

wind of the way Dolores feels about her, there will be plenty of trouble.

A better idea would be for me to have a man-to-man talk with Dolores' brother. I can put him wise to a lot of things that a man in love sometimes overlooks. If I do it, Dolores' brother might take it a little more seriously—or he might laugh it off. In either case, it is not likely to make so much bad feeling.

I told Dolores she never should have committed herself one way or the other about any of her brother's girl friends. Now she sees that I was right about that. She feels awful about being responsible for this mess.

**The Council**—It is hard to see why John, who has perfectly reasonable objections to his wife's interference in this affair, thinks those objections will disappear if the talk is "man-to-man." The facts that the brother is of a mature age and "head-over-heels in love" will not disappear, any more than will the fact that the advice is "belated." This couple has made marriage plans and it will take real difficulties between them to break those plans. Interference from John will antagonize the brother just as much as advice from Dolores.

It hasn't apparently occurred to either Dolores or John that they can be wrong about the girl. It is possible to see personality in many different ways. The very things about this girl that they term "nasty" may be the ones Dolores' brother finds enchanting—and he may see many qualities they are unaware of. Love is not always completely blind. Indifference or dislike can serve as blinkers too.

Dolores is wrong to feel "partially responsible" for her brother's love for this girl. Her initially favorable impression may have pleased her brother at the moment, but it is most unlikely to have been the spark that set things in motion.

She and John should keep hands off.

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## Homestead Farms Offered in Drawing

Salem—War veterans are given priority in a current offering of 145 homestead farm units in the Minidoka reclamation project in southern Idaho. Vere A. McCarty, service division manager of the Oregon department of veterans' affairs, has reported.

Veterans' applications must be filed by June 27 with the bureau of reclamation, Rupert, Idaho, to receive priority. Application forms are available in Oregon from county veterans' service officers or the department of veterans' affairs, state finance building, Salem, and state office building, Portland.

While the farm units go without cost to winners in the public drawing scheduled later, successful applicants must possess assets worth \$4,500 in excess of liabilities, and must have had two years of farming experience.

Veterans' preference goes to persons who served 90 days or more on active service between Sept. 16, 1940, and Jan. 31, 1955.

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**AN UNUSUAL BIRD**  
Columbia City, Ind.—(U.P.)—A one-legged starling spent his third winter at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Kaufman. The lack of a leg doesn't handicap the starling, which hops after grain and bread scraps left by the Kaufmans.

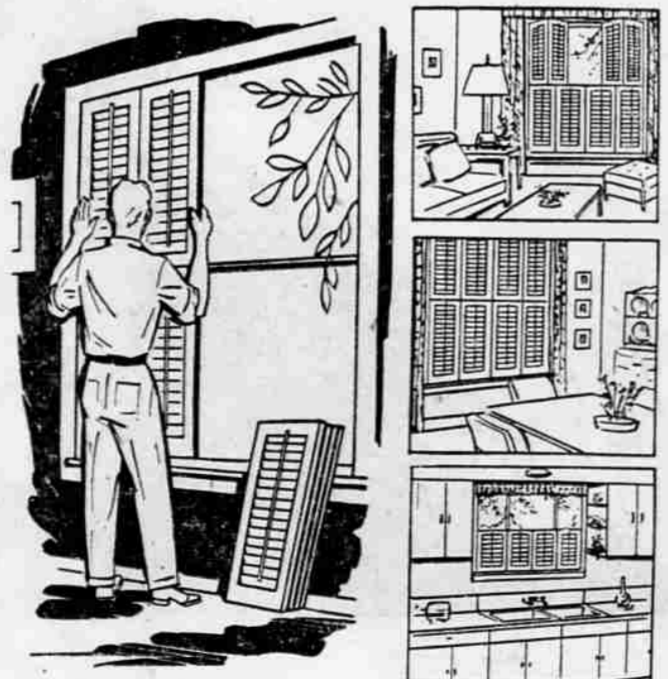
**OLDEST IN BOOK**  
West Brookfield, Mass.—(U.P.)—Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown former foreign missions leader and author, is the oldest person whose name appears in "Who's Who in America." He recently observed his 100th birthday.

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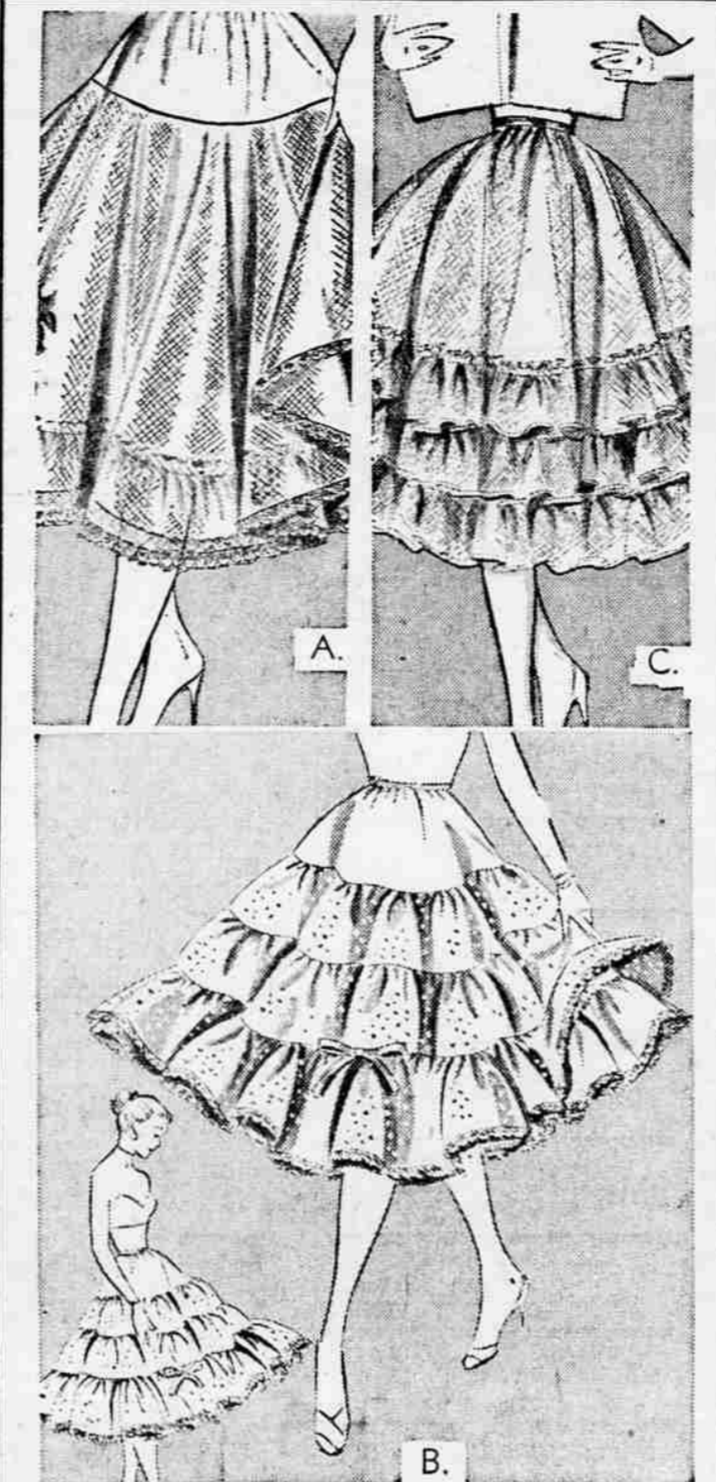
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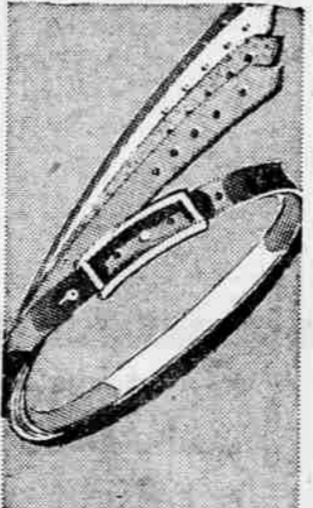
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