

Briefs From the Legislature

Salem—(U.P.)—A bill to set up a state power commission and put Oregon into the wholesale electrical power business was debated before a ways and means subcommittee.

Advocates contended the bill would put the state in the same position as a preferential customer under which it would have first call for federal power under the Bonneville act, the same as cities, co-ops and public utility districts.

Private utility spokesman disputed this. They said that under the act Oregon would not be in a preference position.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate defeated House bill 254, which would have allowed \$2,000 homestead exemptions on

homes but would have assessed all utility property at a ratio double of that applied to all other classes of property.

Final vote on the measure was 22 to 8 against, then by voice vote, action on the measure was indefinitely postponed.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate passed Senate Bill 453, which Sen. Walter J. Pearson, Portland Democrat, said was designed to attract new industry to Oregon and encourage building.

Under terms of the measure, any structure less than 60 per cent complete on Jan. 1, the assessment day, would be exempt from the ad valorem tax, or local property tax.

The measure passed with only

seven dissenting votes.

The Senate passed and sent to the Governor for signature seven house bills, including three measures designed to tighten and facilitate the administration of assessment and taxation laws. The measures, House bills 198 and 211, were introduced at request of the State Tax Commission.

Salem—(U.P.)—Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican, said the Senate Judiciary Committee of which he is chairman will commence hearings at 7:30 p.m. Friday on the various bills now before the committee relating to criminal proceedings and indirectly involving the Multnomah county "situation."

The first hearing will be held

Study Under Way To Get Information On Technicians

A state-wide study is under way to determine the number of technicians employed in Oregon and to secure information about

in room 309, in the state capitol here. Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton will be the first witness.

Senator Gill said Multnomah County District Attorney William M. Langley also would appear.

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate voted unanimously for a measure appropriating \$154,000 to the state library to match federal funds in bringing state library service to the rural areas. The measure, Senate bill 134, now goes to the House.

their post-high school educational and training needs.

The study is being conducted by the state division of vocational education in cooperation with several of the larger Oregon school districts.

School officials throughout the state will contact about 300 firms next week to secure the survey information, according to William G. Loomis, state supervisor of trade and industrial education.

Lindsay M. Vinsel, Medford high school teacher, was among 11 state school officials recently meeting in Salem who will participate in the study.

Others attending were Maurice C. Romig, Coos Bay; Jack E. Brookins, Oregon Technical

institute, Klamath Falls; L. John Lipney, Springfield; W. W. Cox, Eugene; Richard D. Boss, Roseburg; R. J. Haas, Forest Grove; Lennis E. Nash, Pendleton; Paul F. Wilmeth, Salem; and Loomis and Donald M. Gillis, state division of vocational education.

Educators expect to acquire information from the study which will be useful in determining the part public schools should play in training technicians in Oregon and acquainting industry throughout the state with school facilities, Loomis said.

The survey is scheduled for completion this fall. The first U.S. offensive battle in World War II was that started by the Marines at Guadalcanal, Aug. 8, 1942.

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