Long, Turbulent Session Coming to End in Salem

By FRANCES LITTRELL

Salem — (U.P.) — In these last days (we hope) of this long and turbulent session, the legislative wives and secretaries are enjoying a social rush of brunches, teas and coffee. To mention a few, on May Day, Mrs. Fred Meek, wife of Representative Meek, gave a brunch in the Gold Room of the Marion hotel, honoring Oregon's first lady, Mrs. Robert Holmes, Mrs. Boyd Overhulse and Mrs. Pat Dooley. Twenty-five of us were bidden to this nice party.

Later in the day four of us joined forces and gave a large tea in Meier and Franks beautiful tea room (the Oregon room). We hostesses were Mrs. Walter Leth, wife of Senator Leth, Mrs. Fayette Bristol, Mrs. Allen Tom and myself, the last three, wives of Representatives. Our guests were wives of the state officials, legislative wives and secretaries and Salem friends; 246 called between 3 and 5 p.m. The hostesses were joined by our husbands later in the afternoon. Mrs. Robert Holmes and Mrs. Sigfried Unander honored us by pouring the first half hour. We were especially pleased that Mrs. Paul Patterson and her aunt, Mrs. Pat Allen, drove down for our party.

Thursday Mrs. Robert Thornton gave a brunch for the legislative wives at her home in Candalaria Heights. I always enjoy her parties and her home is arranged so nicely for entertaining. I often meet and chat with Jean McAllister. Jackson County can and should be proud of the McAllisters, they fit so nicely here and one would think Bill had always been Justice McAllister.

Vivian Unander has asked a small group of us to her home on Friday for an early coffee hour, and several of the secretaries who are not wives of legislators have issued invitations for luncheons, coffees and teas.

Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Purvine asked a large group in for cocktails and Sunday evening Dave and Frances Hoss (of Hoss radio) are having a cocktail and buffet supper for the legislative group.

Session Long

Last session we adjourned in the late afternoon of the 115th day. Early in the session there was hope of meeting that date again, however, that hope has diminished long ago.

The tax program bills have just reached the Senate Tax committee and if they make any amendments there will be conference committees composed of both Senate and House members. These will doubtless be long and heated, then the bills will have to come back to the House where they originated for its approval. So its anyone's guess as to when we will be on our way home.

Both the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House and their spouses have been presented with silver tea services from the legislative members, and as Ed Geary said last session, "after the silver service has been presented its time to go home." So the time to go home has come and there there is still work to be done — the session goes on.

Last Thursday the amended and revised Key District bill was passed by the House. It was not altogether to Al's liking, however, he felt that if it were opposed by many of the members it would be referred back to the committee and this late in the session it would never get back to the floor again and it was better to accept a part of a loaf than nothing.

Al has served on two subcommittees. H.B. 618, a bill to modernize the State Forestry board, and H. B. 534, a bill to redraft the REA bill to restrict private utilities from infringing upon REA-served territories and vice-versa,— it could, and did create a controversy between their methods of distribution of electricity. The bill passed in the House today, there was opposition on the floor, due to the fact that the members of the "third house" who represent the electric power interests were not completely satisfied with the bill, and it was partially their fault because they were invited to appear before the sub-committee and give their opinions and suggestions and they chose not to appear.

The amendments are greater each day. After amending a bill of seven pages yesterday and after the deletions, etc. I found I had a page and a paragraph on another page left. I remarked to Al that if the Ten Commandments were read on the floor they would be referred to some committee for amendments It seems the number of third readings have increased each day — we have had as many as 25 in one day this week and 18 many days. Today we have 30. Members get very restless during these readings.

On Monday the House passed "Big Bertha"—HB 808 — the elections bill that was born 616 due to additions, deletions, etc. it has, after 112 days in committee, emerged as HB 808.

Mrs. Bereth Hopkins, Jackson county clerk, was in the balcony when it passed and she was still unhappy about it. She has worked hard and long on this bill and it is a disappointment when you have given so much of yourself to a cause and the results don't measure up to your expectations. Of course the members of the legislature have this happen often, and have to adapt themselves and try again. Speaker Dooley is trying to finish the work in the House this week and if so, the House will just be sitting and waiting on the Senate. If so this will be my "sine die."

Antelope 4-H Cooking club members gave a mother-daughter tea last Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Geren on Long Mountain road. Five of the hostesses, pictured here on the lawn of the Geren home, were (left to right) Miss Paulette Anderson, Miss Georgia Hubbard, Miss Phyllis Jaffrey, Miss Charlotte Bush and Miss Judy Hill. The girls planned the tea, set and decorated the table and prepared and served the food.

(Knackstedt photo)

Three members of Antelope 4-H Cooking club are shown here during the tea which they gave the afternoon of May 5 for their mothers. The tea was a lawn party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Geren, Long Mountain road near Eagle Point. Pictured as they prepared to serve are (left to right) Miss Karen Jossy, Miss Dianna Gardener and Miss Joanna Malloroy. (Knackstedt photo)

Funds and Wills Topic for BPWC

L. L. Clark, a trust officer with the First National Bank of Portland, Medford Branch, will speak on "Trust Funds and Wills," at the meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club Thursday, May 16, at the Roxy Ann Grange hall.

The finance committee, including Miss Grace Stuhr, Mrs. Thelma McIntyre, Mrs. Florence Lance, Mrs. Gertrude Blind, and Miss Voda Brower, will be in charge of the program. The National Security committee will be in charge of the social program.

A dessert will be served at the meeting.

Next weekend from May 17 through 19 several members of the local club will attend the state convention of BPW clubs at Coos Bay. Attending the convention will be Miss Brower, president, Miss Laura York, past state president, and delegates, Mrs. Harriet Watson, Miss Lucille Lenox, Mrs. Inez Friel, and Mrs. Elsa Walker. Mrs. Anita Sample will also attend as an alternate.

Sorority to Hear Convention Report

Alpha Lambda chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, will meet Monday, May 13 at the home of Mrs. Lyman Smith, 317 Howard street. Mrs. Tom Makris and Mrs. Smith will give a report of the state convention held in Pendleton, which they attended.

They were guests of Alpha Kappa chapter, Ashland, on May 7 and gave the convention report.

Portland Group Entertained Here

Mrs. Harry Birch and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Krotz II entertained a group of visitors from Portland at the Birch home last Saturday night. Guests of honor were Mrs. Carl Shoemaker, department senior vice-president of the Ladies' auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Department Commander James Gilroy of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Other guests from auxiliaries and posts in this district were Miss Laurene Kell, department junior vice-president of Del Rogue auxiliary, Grants Pass; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Holt, commander and president of Steelhead post auxiliary, Shady Cove; Mrs. B. B. Ramsey, president of Crater Lake auxiliary, Medford, and William Watkins, senior vice-commander of Crater Lake post, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Lusk of Crater Lake post and auxiliary.

Mrs. Shoemaker and Mr. Gilroy were the department representatives for the District 7 Encampment held in Rogue River May 5.

Sorority Chapter Installs Officers

Mrs. Carl Christenson was installed president of the Beta Upsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority, May 7, at the Rogue Valley Country club.

Other officers installed were Mrs. Arthur Brooks, vice-president; Mrs. Marsh Ramsby, recording secretary; Mrs. R. L. Palmer, treasurer; Mrs. W. N. Hogan, sponsor; and Mrs. Scott Davis, director. The program was presented by Mrs. Neal Curry and Mrs. Larry Horton with topics of "The Good" and "The True" for the theme "The Substance for the Art of Life." Mrs. Howard Blew presided at the meeting.

Committee chairman appointed by Mrs. Christenson were Mrs. Walter Smith, program; Mrs. Arthur Brooks, membership; Mrs. Neal Curry, social; Mrs. Howard Blew, ways and means; Mrs. Rae Bostwick, serv- Mrs. Gerald VonTing, publicity; Mrs. Walter Smith, historian; and Mrs. Richard Knoll, city council representative.

The chapter held a luncheon Saturday at Rouge Valley Country club honoring mothers of the members with cards being played following the luncheon.

The next meeting of the group will be at Mrs. Richard Knoll's home as a patio party with the new pledges as hostesses for the evening. It will be held Tuesday, May 21, at 7 p.m.

Planning a trip? Consult books and maps at Medford library.

Susannah Guild Announces Picnic Monday Evening

Final meeting of the current year for Susannah Wesleyan Service guild will be a potluck picnic at 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 13, at the home of the Lee Van Ausdalls.

Installation of the coming year's officers and chairmen will highlight the meeting. Service will be led by Mrs. Everett Faber. Miss Marge Sandfort will assist her with devotions.

Officers to be installed are: president, Mrs. Jerry Sherman; vice-president, Mrs. Richard Stratton; secretary, Mrs. David Legg; treasurer, Mrs. Richard Loros; secretary of promotion, Miss Marge Sandfort.

Chairmen for next years committee are: Mrs. Roger Note, spiritual life cultivation; Miss K. C. Petre, missionary education and service; Mrs. Donald Faber, christian social relations; Mrs. David Legg, publicity; Mrs. Kenneth Knackstedt, literature and supply work; Mrs. Carl Burk, membership.

Mrs. O. P. Taylor from the Woman's Society of Christian Service is the coordinator for the group. The guild is a fellowship and service group for young working women.

Past Matron's Club To Meet at Brills

Jacksonville — Adarel Past Matron's club will hold the monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Wallace B. Brill, 75 Lozier lane, Medford, Monday, May 13, following a 12:30 salad luncheon.

Mrs. Fred L. Ryde, president, will preside over the meeting.

Assisting the hostess with the luncheon will be Mrs. Ernest Evans and Mrs. Ryde.

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