

# State Senate Passes Six Bills; Supreme Court Ruling Overcome

Salem — Six bills were passed by the state Senate Tuesday, two of which validated bonds and tax levies of some 108 districts in the state, overcoming a decision by the State Supreme Court on July 3, 1957.

The decision held that two provisions of the 1939 law authorizing formation of zoning, rural fire and similar districts were unconstitutional. One provision held invalid by the court provided for freeholders with 90-day residence the right to vote.

There was no opposition to either bill. Four senators voted against granting the State Emergency Board \$721,988 to bring the state emergency fund up to \$1,500,000. They were Sens. Phil Brady and G. D. Gleason, both of Portland, and Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, all Democrats, and Sen. Warren Gill, Lebanon Republican.

**Winter Welfare Cited**  
Sen. Alfred Corbett, Portland Democrat and co-chairman of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, told the Senate the money was needed because the emergency board allocated \$647,000 to the State Board of Control to allow award of contract for construction of the first phase of the state correctional institution, just east of here.

Both Sens. Sweetland and Gleason complained that no consideration was being given to the prospective large welfare load that the state would be required to carry this winter. "I think this Legislature is remiss in its duty," Gleason said, "in not making a thorough study of the welfare needs that are certain to come up this winter."

Corbett explained that he had word from the director of the State Welfare Commission that, through administrative changes, the welfare fund could be increased from 72 million dollars to 80 million dollars and said she felt the commission could cope with any situation that might arise.

The other three bills were corrective ones. One removed Lane county's court of domestic relations out of the judicial district in Marion county where it had been inadvertently placed during the regular session.

Another changed the notarial fee bill so that \$1.50 would be returned to county clerks by the secretary of state instead of \$1. The extra 50 cents covers the fee for recording the commission.

The third bill corrects an inadvertent error in adoption proceedings whereby service by publication can be made in the case of a parent whose whereabouts is not known.

**CALLS FOR PROTEST**  
New Delhi — Prof. Lucie Rodrigues, newly elected leader of the Goan National Congress, called Sunday for a satyagrah (civil disobedience) movement in Goa in protest against continued Portuguese rule there. He told a meeting of Goans here that he plans to organize 50,000 Goans for the satyagrah, to carry "the war... into the enemy's camp." He did not say when their movement would start.

## Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

THERE ARE SECTIONS of our great country, points out Don Boulton of Oklahoma City, where some questionable old political practices still are in vogue. Boulton was driving through the sticks one afternoon, for example, when he came on an old friend sobbing over a gravestone in the local cemetery. "How come you're mourning now?" he stopped to ask. "Isn't that your grandfather's grave? And hasn't he been dead over 30 years?" "Yes, suh," agreed the mourner. "Ah knows how long he's been dead, but he done vote three times this y'ar, an' he didn't come to see me once!"



After a long sermon in the chapel, a saddle-sore Dartmouth soph wrote:

"I love a finished speaker:  
I really, really do.  
I don't mean one who's polished.  
I do mean one who's through."

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## Oregon Jobless Reaches 39,400 During October

Salem — The number of unemployed in Oregon rose from 33,200 to 39,400 during October despite favorable fall weather conditions that sent many lumber workers to work. The State Unemployment Compensation Commission reported Tuesday that insured unemployment also rose from 16,314 in September to 20,864 in October. Initial claims, denoting new layoffs, dropped somewhat, from 6,895 to 5,288, but both figures were well above recent years.

**Portland Has 17,000**  
A year ago 25,400 jobseekers were listed and in 1955 the total was 21,100. Most of the increase came in the western Oregon fire country although the metropolitan Portland area reported 17,000 looking for work as compared with 14,100 last month and 9,200 a year ago.

Eugene, Lebanon, Corvallis and Tillamook noted that many timber workers had returned to their jobs following layoffs in recent weeks because of the dry fall weather and deer hunting season.

Payments to insured workers last month were about \$2,375,000, highest October total on record.

Benefits for the first 10 months of the year have passed 24 million dollars and may reach 30 million dollars to break all records during the 20 years in which payments have been made.

**AUTO ACCIDENT LOSSES**  
Grand Rapids, Mich. — Financial losses from auto accidents rose 220 per cent in 10 years, according to L. J. Wall of the Michigan Insurance Information Service. Wall said that from 1947 to 1956 traffic accidents caused a paid insured loss of more than \$710,000,000 in Michigan. The rate of accidents was up 79 per cent and injuries rose 77 per cent during the 10-year period, but fatalities climbed only 19 per cent, Wall added.

The Pacific is about twice the area of the Atlantic.

## Long-Range Solution Found To Retrieve Skunks

Chicago — Harried police in suburban Park Forest found a long-range solution to the overpowering problem of how to retrieve skunks that fall into window wells and can't get out.

They invented "skunk ladders"—boards with cleats nailed on them. Now the police lower a skunk ladder into the window well and beat a hasty retreat. The skunk does the rest.

## Queen Pledges Britain To Seek Disarmament

London — Queen Elizabeth II pledged the British government Tuesday to work for world disarmament so that the advance of science shall not be "retarded by the fears of mankind." Her speech opened the 1957-58 session of Parliament.

## Alabama Only State Having Official Fish

Montgomery, Ala. — Alabama is the only state in the Union with an official fish. The state's publicity director, Geoffrey Birt, said the tarpon, fighting sport fish found in abundance in Mobile bay and the waters of Alabama's gulf coast, has the honor.

Some of the largest onion fields in the world are near Kenton, Ohio.

## Pickin' Pears

News and Notes From Camp White

By SID HOLLINGSWORTH

Facts and figures relating to the problem of alcoholism were presented to a staff meeting at the VA Domiciliary Friday afternoon by Gordon Raney, counselor of the Oregon State Alcoholic Educational committee.

The purpose of the conference was to establish a liaison with officials and medical authorities in dealing with the alcoholic situation here. Manager E. K. Ricker introduced the speaker and Chief of Police Charles Champlin of Medford was present.

"Let us look at the whole man and not the obvious," he stressed in summing up his appeal for cooperation with the state in working out solutions.

Raney offered to set up the needed state facilities at Camp White to aid the VA and the veterans who are confronted with difficulties that cannot be reached by AA.

Among the facts cited by the speaker were these: There are approximately 32,000 known alcoholics in the state of Oregon. The United States with more than five million alcoholics, leads the world and has double the number found in France, which formerly had the largest ratio in proportion to population.

At present, 75 per cent of Raney's work is in the educational field, in consultation with school authorities. The other 25 per cent of the work is handled in contact with patients themselves.

Raney emphasized the point, now accepted by the medical profession, that alcoholism is an illness. He distinguished between those who drink occasionally, the "heavy drinkers" and the alcoholic, who is one step beyond the heavy drinker class.

Thomas J. Andrews, X-ray technician, has returned from Portland where he made a special study of the facilities provided by the veterans administration to correct hearing disabilities.

Andrews spent four days visit-

ing the Portland hospital, the Regional office, and the Oregon Central Hearing Service, which supplies veterans with a suitable hearing device after medical diagnosis is made.

He also received additional training in the operation of the station audiograph, designed to determine hearing loss.

Ernest Hesser, laboratory technician, also visited the Portland hospital for additional instruction. He continued on to San Fernando VA hospital, where he will attend classes this week in mycology and TB.

Col. James O. Convill, retired, former city manager of Corvallis, stopped over in Medford en route to Los Angeles to make a special study of traffic conditions for Governor Holmes.

Col. Convill visited his sister, Mrs. Mary Hines, and came out to Camp White to see William Hunter, a veteran and an old friend. Hunter escorted him around the station and he expressed pleasure at finding the men so well taken care of.

Members have been notified that a Social Security representative will visit the domiciliary Thursday, Nov. 7, to hold interviews with those who have questions to settle at this time, and whose file is available. Appointments, it is announced, are arranged in advance.

Administrator Harvey V. Higley has sent a Veterans Day message to "fellow employees" in the Veterans Administration.

It reads: "As the nation pauses to observe Veterans Day on Nov. 11, it is gratifying to realize that, for those of us in the Veterans Administration, every day of the year is Veterans Day.

"The dedicated manner in which you perform your daily duties is, I believe, clear evidence that you consider your work at the VA as far more than a job; it's a means of serving America's veterans and those near and dear to them."

## Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS

Chicago — Prof. Ivan H. Kidin, head of the Moscow Institute of Steel, hinting the Soviets will eventually share their satellite secrets:

"Even if there were not voluntary information forthcoming, science secrets, as you know, do not stand alone for long."

Washington — Democratic National Chairman Paul M. Butler, on the Republicans putting party prestige on the line in New Jersey, Virginia and New York City:

"They lost the test."

Kearney, Neb. — Reinhold Schmidt of Bakersfield, Calif., claiming he was invited to enter a cigar-shaped "space ship" on the Nebraska prairie:

"They (the occupants) told me to look around but wouldn't answer my questions about the ship. All they would say is 'tell the people we're doing no harm.'"

Washington — Senate Democratic leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, announcing a serious investigation of the U.S. satellite and missile programs:

"The Russians handed us both a technological defeat and a propaganda defeat. The times call for bold leadership by strong men and a feeble denial of facts of life will not strengthen us."

London — Mrs. Nellie McGrail, on winning a tax-free half-million dollars on a 2-cent soccer pool bet:

"I'm going to give myself and my family a holiday in Norway. It will be the first vacation I've ever had."

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