

# Democrats Get 18 Out of 20 Ore. House Chairmanships

Salem — (UPI) — Democrats will be chairmen of 18 out of 20 committees in the Oregon House.

Republicans were included on all committees in the Democratic-controlled House, but only Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem, and George Layman, Newberg, got top Republican spots on the alcohol control and judiciary committees, respectively.

House Speaker Robert Duncan, Medford, said he expected to work harmoniously and effectively for good legislation during the 1959 session.

Committees included:

Agriculture: Ben Evick (D-Jefferson).

Alcoholic control: Robert L. Elfstrom (R-Marion).

Commerce and utilities: Roy Fitzwater (D-Linn).

Education: Al Flegel (D-Douglas).

Elections and reapportionment: John L. Kerbow (D-Klamath).

Financial institutions: George J. Annala (D-Hood River).

Fish and Game: W. H. Holmstrom (D-Clatsop).

Food and dairying: Thomas R. McClellan (D-Lincoln).

Forestry and mining: Tom Monaghan (D-Clackamas).

Highways: Verne N. Cady (D-Grant-Harney-Lake).

Judiciary: George Layman (R-Yamhill).

Labor and industries: W.O. Kelsey (D-Douglas).

Local Government: Vernon Cook (D-Multnomah).

Military affairs: Edward J. Whelan (D-Multnomah).

Planning and development: Ed Benedict (D-Multnomah).

Public health and welfare: Grace Oliver Peck (D-Multnomah).

Rules and resolutions: Katherine Musa (D-Wasco).

State and federal affairs: Norman R. Howard (D-Multnomah).

Taxation: Clarence Barton (D-Coos).

Way and means: Keith D. Skelton (D-Lane).

# Republicans Receive Three Chairmanships in Senate

Salem — (UPI) — Republicans captured only three of 20 committee chairmanships in the Oregon Senate Monday.

Sen. Anthony Yturri, (R-Ontario), was named chairman of the Roads and Highways Committee. Francis Ziegler, (R-Corvallis), was named chairman of the Agriculture Committee and Carl Francis, (R-Dayton), chairman of the Judiciary Committee.

Other chairmen, all Democrats, included:

Jean Lewis, Portland, Rules.

Ben Musa, The Dalles, Alcoholic traffic.

Harry Boivin, Klamath Falls, Commerce and Utilities.

Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie, Education.

Alice Corbett, Portland, Elections and Privileges.

Richard Groener, Milwaukie, Financial Affairs.

Dwight Hopkins, Imbler, Game.

Dan Dimick, Roseburg, Labor and Industries.

G. D. Gleason, Portland, Local Government.

Andrew Naterlin, Newport, Natural Resources.

R. F. Chapman, Coos Bay, Public Health.

Dan Thiel, Astoria, Resolutions.

Boyd Overhulse, Madras, State and Federal Affairs.

Ward Cook, Portland, Taxation.

W. A. Grenfall, Portland, Veterans Affairs.

Alice Corbett, Portland, Ways and Means.

Senate President Walter Pearson named himself and Sens. Donald Husband, Eugene, Overhulse and Yturri to the Legislative Council Committee.

# Inevitable Chain Of Radioactivity From Hanford Plant

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UPI Science Editor

New York — (UPI) — The simple A-B-C's of radioactive contamination have been spelled out at the huge government-owned atomic plant at Hanford, Wash. Scientists think it is vital for everyone to know those A-B-C's in this atomic age, so here they are.

The Hanford atomic reactors are cooled by water taken from the Columbia river which is then returned to the river. Like all river water, it contains traces of minerals. One of them is zinc. When the water goes in to the plant the zinc is stable, inert and harmless.

But when the water rejoins the river, the zinc in it is not the same zinc. It has been robbed of its stability, it is no longer inert. It is radioactive, giving off tiny waves from the stirring of its liberated atoms. This keeps up for a considerable time, as you will see.

Scientists Check Trail

Thirty miles below the plant, water is taken from the river and distributed over a considerable area to irrigate fields and pastures. In the fields are grown peas, tomatoes, okra, string beans, corn and grapes. In the pastures cattle graze.

People eat the vegetables and consume the milk and flesh of the cattle.

R. W. Perkins and J. M. Niesen of the Hanford atomic laboratories sleuthed along this trail from beginning to end — that is, from river water to people — using extremely sensitive devices and techniques for detecting radioactive zinc no matter where it was.

They found it in the river water as it left the plant. They found it in the irrigation ditches, in all the vegetables as they grew in the irrigated fields, in the grass of the pastures where the cattle ate, in the milk and flesh of the cattle, and finally in the people who ate all these things.

In reporting this sleuthing to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Perkins and Nielsen emphasized that the amounts of radioactive zinc which they found were truly faint traces in all cases.

Draw Up Tables

Experts have drawn up tables of "permissible limits" on the amounts of radioactive substances which people and animals can take in their food and drink without being harmed. The amounts Perkins and Nielsen found were tiny fractions of the permissible limit for radioactive zinc.

The Hanford atomic plant is operated for the government by the General Electric Company, which over the years has taken elaborate precautions and conducts constant testing to make sure it produces no hazards to the surrounding countryside and the users of Columbia river water, including the fish therein.

But scientists were impressed with the simplicity of the demonstration of how first a trace mineral, then vegetables, animals, and finally people become radioactive in an inevitable chain. This is how it works, for your future guidance as the atomic age develops more and more, touching more and more people.

# Envoy's Daughter, Friend Missing

Providence, R.I. — (UPI) — Show business ambitions may have caused the guitar-playing daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Argentina to drop from sight with a fellow coed, police said today.

Joan Beaulac, 19, daughter of diplomat Willard L. Beaulac, and Linda Talbot, 17, of Woodstock, Vt., boarded a train for New York after vanishing Saturday from the Rhode Island School of Design, police said.

Letters mailed by the attractive girls indicated they wanted to stay away for at least five months. But friends of the coeds told police the girls possibly wanted to enter show business or just visit friends in New York.

Miss Beaulac played the guitar and sang folk songs in stage productions at the design school.

Police issued an eight-state alarm for the pair and asked special help from New York police, who were reported concentrating on the Greenwich Village and Broadway theater areas.

# Examinations for Mediator Positions

A new examination for mediator positions has been announced by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. The positions, paying \$7,303 a year, will have headquarters in Washington, D.C. with the National Mediation Board.

Applicants will spend the majority of their time traveling throughout the United States in connection with duties to adjust controversies arising between employees and employers in the railroad and airline industries.

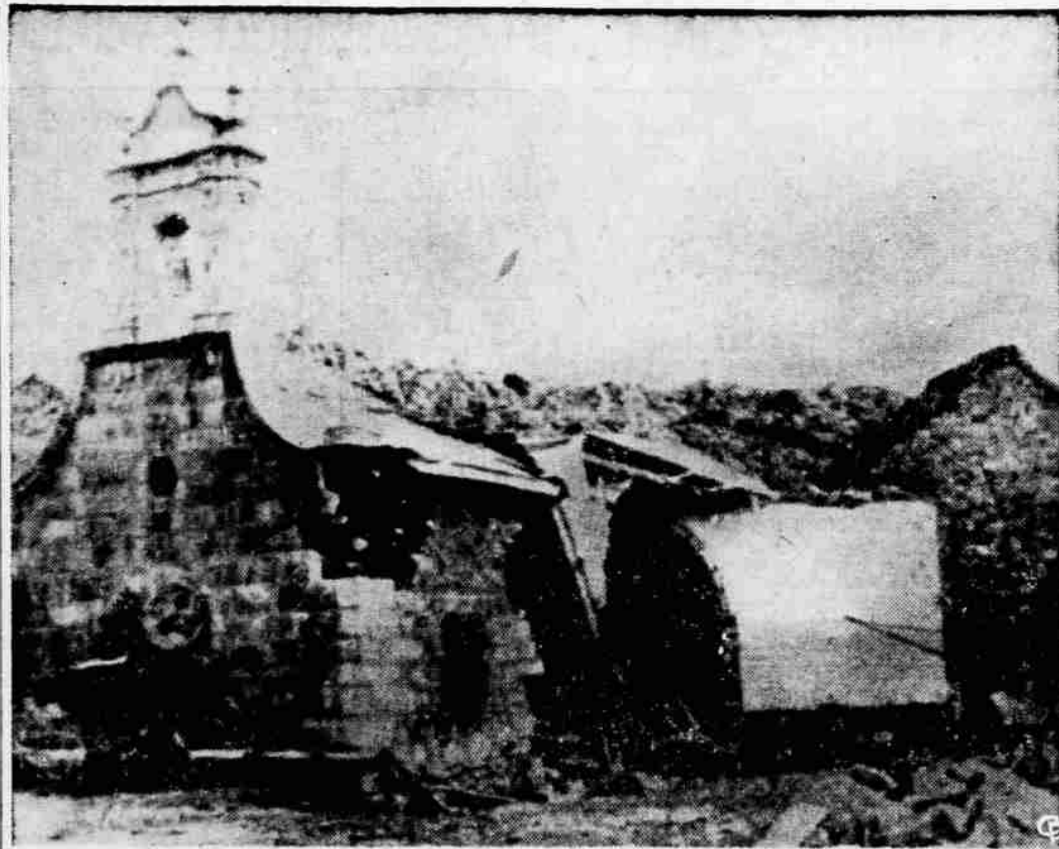
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# Graham To Have Eye Treatment

Dallas, Tex. — (UPI) — Evangelist Billy Graham made plans today to fly to Rochester, Minn., to enter Mayo's Clinic for treatment of a "rare" eye ailment.

The religious crusader disclosed Sunday that vision has become blurred in his left eye and doctors have ordered him to enter the hospital for treatment.

Graham was in Dallas to attend the world evangelism conference of Texas Baptists. He told a crowd estimated at more than 12,000 at Dallas Memorial auditorium that Americans have more to be happy about than the citizens of the world's most miserable and bored people.

The 40-year-old evangelist planned to fly to the Mayo Clinic Tuesday.

Graham made the disclosure of his eye ailment at a press conference. Asked whether he could see, he laughed and said, "Why, sure."

Washington — (UPI) — President Eisenhower will forego a regular news conference on Wednesday but will submit to questioning then when he pays his first visit to the National Press club since entering the White House.

Nine million tons of fill were dumped to form the 4,200 foot long causeway from Nova Scotia to Cape Breton Island.

Eureka — (UPI) — Three men were killed in a fourth was injured in a freak accident Monday morning on Highway 101, about 30 miles north of here.

A logging truck, carrying a trailer piggyback, overturned against a pickup truck which itself, had overturned a few minutes earlier when it crashed into a storm-caused slide. The accident occurred about 6:40 a.m.

Dead were Oscar Hanse, 62, Eureka; Ray Dutton, 58, McKinlayville, and Hiram L. Benzinger, 57, Trinidad. The injured man was Duane Cox, 28, Trinidad.

# Boy, 12, Captured Following Holdup

Portland — (UPI) — A 12-year-old boy was captured Sunday after holding up a service station and fleeing on a bicycle.

Attendant Carl Lynch, 24, said the boy pointed a pistol at him and demanded the till currency, \$77. The station owner, Robert Black, started out in his car and located the youth, forcing him to halt.

Black said the boy fired two shots into the front of his car and ordered him into the vehicle. Black again caught up with the boy in the car. This time the youth left the money beside the road and scaled a fence near the airport. When he saw air police he reversed course and was met by Black and Deputy Sheriff Al Benz.

Benz said the boy told him he wanted the money to fly to Alaska. He was turned over to juvenile authorities.

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# Company Formed to Construct Building

Articles of incorporation were filed in Salem last week for the Lumberman's Realty company of Medford.

The articles were signed by Ernest B. Devoe, Robert E. Schott, and James W. Fairchild, all Medford.

According to information received the corporation plans to construct an office building sometime this year at the corner of West Main st. and Lincoln ave.

# Local Man to Appear in District Court

Emmitt Gerald Revis, 203 Elm st., will appear in district court on Feb. 26, at 9:30 a.m. on charges of assault and battery.

Revis appeared in district court Monday and pleaded not guilty to charges of kicking a 2½-year-old boy about the head and body on Nov. 13. The complaint was signed by Barbara Lee Revis. Revis posted \$105 bail.

New Bedford, Mass., accounts for 85 per cent of the

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