

House Members Gang Up on Solon Before Passing Bill on Burglary Term

Salem—Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) got his baptism of fire in the Oregon House Thursday as members gang up on him and put him through the complete parliamentary mill before passing a bill he sponsored.

The bill doubles the possible sentence for the crime of burglary not in a dwelling from 5 to 10 years. It went to the Senate.

After a lecture from Van Hoomissen lasting more than a half-hour on the crime of burglary, the House defeated his bill resoundingly. But more than 20 representatives immediately jumped up before the vote was counted and

changed their votes to aye.

Forgery Sentence Cut

A call of the House was ordered and another roll call taken before the bill finally cleared.

On a more serious note, Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene) protested that sentences for crimes should not be "juggled" every two years. He favored an interim committee to study complete revision of criminal law in Oregon.

A companion bill reducing the maximum penalty for forgery from 20 to 10 years also passed.

Van Hoomissen said the 20-year penalty was "outrageous." He pointed out that manslaughter is punishable by only 15 years.

Gladden Favors Increase

Van Hoomissen said the new burglary statute was aimed at the professional burglar who no longer robs homes but instead concentrates on supermarkets, warehouses, railroad cars and other places where people do not live.

He said judges are reluctant to sentence burglars under the habitual criminal act and that the present sentence for burglary not in a dwelling was low in comparison with other crimes.

Warden Clarence Gladden of the State Penitentiary favored the increase on grounds that burglars accounted for the second highest number of inmates at the prison, second only to persons committed for check charges.

Rep. George Annala (D-Hood River) objected to the burglary bill on grounds the Oregon constitution calls for rehabilitation, not "vindictive justice."

Public Notice

The House Committee on Local Government held a hearing on House bill 443 which would require all legislative bodies of public governmental agencies except the state Legislature and judiciary to conduct their business in open and public meetings at regular times.

Special meetings would be allowed only where public notice had been given. Closed executive meetings could be held only to consider employment questions or confidential

tax returns.

Minutes of all meetings would be public records and open to inspection.

The Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association favored the bill on grounds that citizens who avail themselves of the opportunity of attending meetings will have a better understanding of problems after they hear the debate and discussion leading up to the action taken.

The Publishers Association said Oregon has so far had an excellent record for holding "open" meetings and that most "closed" meetings of city councils, school boards or other

agencies usually had been the result of misunderstanding or ignorance.

Opposition was expressed after Rep. Walter Leth (R-West Salem) amended his proposed bill to revise the Department of Agriculture.

The amendment cut out the language which places the office of state veterinarian under the state director of agriculture. The Oregon Veterinary Medical Association said it was opposed to the present structure which makes the state veterinarian responsible to the director of animal husbandry and not the agriculture director.

Leth contended the amendment placed the office of state veterinarian within the Department of Agriculture. But opponents said the bill as amended did not state clearly the veterinarian would be responsible to the director.

Liquor Proposals Killed

Five liquor proposals were killed by the House Alcoholic Control Committee.

They would have allowed taverns to retail keg beer, made it a misdemeanor for a parent to give a child alcoholic liquor, removed the limit on percentage of alcohol in wine which can be sold by other than liquor stores, removed the tax on wine used for sacramental purposes, and allowed a 10 per cent discount to dispenser licenses holders buying liquor in lots of 60 or more bottles.

Education Committee

An educator told the House Education Committee that Oregon has a responsibility to give educational opportunities to mentally retarded children.

Mrs. Joy Hills Gubser, assistant state superintendent of public instruction, said the state should indicate to local districts that educational services should be given to these children as well as to children having other handicaps.

She spoke in favor of a bill which would make education mandatory in all Oregon school districts by 1964.

The House Taxation Committee

tabled a bill which would have granted special tax concession to a farmer for construction of housing for migratory labor.

DEATH TAKES POET

Brookline, Mass.—(UPI)—Scudder Middleton, 70, poet, writer and magazine editor, died Thursday.

'Herblock' Receives Lauterbach Award

Cambridge, Mass.—(UPI)—Herbert Block, syndicated cartoonist, whose drawings appear under the name of "Herblock," Thursday night received the 1959 Lauterbach Award for distinguished service in the field of civil liberties.

The Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University presented the citation to "Herblock" for his penetrating cartoons that "express a daily concern for our common humanity."

"Herblock's" cartoons

appear in the Washington Post and Times-Herald as well as several other newspapers across the nation, including the Medford Mail Tribune.

GETS GRAY CADILLAC

Los Angeles—(UPI)—The husband of actress Lyn Thomas says the only reason his estranged wife wanted a gray Cadillac along with \$200 monthly alimony was because of the color. "I was perfectly willing to let her have a new white station wagon," architect Jules Salkin said. "But no, she wanted that Cadillac. Just because of the color." A judge awarded her the Cadillac and alimony Thursday.

Agency Heads Oppose Merger Of Civil Defense

Salem—(UPI)—Heads of various state agencies were opposed Thursday to a plan to merge Civil Defense functions into their agencies at a hearing before the Joint Ways and Means Committee.

Agency heads protested that they either could not take on the civil defense function or would have to have more manpower to do so.

Not Set Up

Testifying before the committee were Col. Robert Irving, acting adjutant general; H. G. Maison, state police superintendent; Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer; Miss Jeanne Jewett, state welfare director, and Col. Arthur Sheets, Civil Defense director.

Col. Irving said the National Guard was not set up to care for evacuations with all their welfare, health and medical services now coordinated by Civil Defense. He said a study would be needed before such a move could be made.

He said that during an emergency the guard would be in the federal service and could not cope with CD tasks.

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Dr. Erickson said a master coordinating agency such as CD was needed, because even "small disasters" put a strain on hospital and emergency medical facilities.

Feeding the Family

By ZOLA VINCENT
Food Editor

Molded Salmon Salad

Lenten Luncheon Fare

Molded salads are so easy to prepare ahead of time, so easy to serve, and so easy on the eyes. We molded this elegant salmon salad in a ring mold and garnished it inside and out with tomatoes cut in eighths topped with a green pepper, onion and mayonnaise dressing. As a luncheon main dish during Lent it is superb. Recipe makes eight servings.

- 1-pound can salmon (or 2 cups other cooked fish)
- 2 hard-cooked eggs, chopped
- 1/2 cup chopped ripe or stuffed green olives
- 1/2 cup sliced toasted almonds
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon grated onion
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- Lettuce leaves
- 2 tomatoes, cut in eighths
- 1/3 cup chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 4 tablespoons mayonnaise

Drain salmon; flake, removing bones and skin. Combine salmon, eggs, olives, almonds. Soak gelatin in cold water for five minutes; dissolve over hot water; stir into mayonnaise. Add sour cream, onion, salt, lemon juice and parsley. Combine with fish mixture. Pour 1 1/2 quart ring or other mold and chill until firm. Unmold on chilled lettuce plate garnished with lettuce leaves. Arrange tomato sections as desired and top with combined green pepper, onion and the four tablespoons mayonnaise.

Lunch Box Extras

The little extras in a lunch box or sack are the best monotonous breakers-uppers we know of. Celery stuffed with cream cheese or any of the wonderful cheese spreads is always a welcome morsel. Or, stuff celery with a crab, shrimp or egg mixture for varieties sake.

Carrot and celery sticks, radishes, cucumber wheels or sticks, raw cauliflower or broccoli flowerettes, green onions and tomatoes become gala bits when a small container of a "dip" travels along. Deviled eggs continue to beguile the small fry as well as their fathers. Fruit and vegetable gelatin salads carry easily today, thanks to perfected paraffined containers.

Crackers, rye crisp, thin slices of melba toast and other similar foods can be used for that second sandwich when put together with jam, peanut butter, cheese spreads or other fillings. A delightful texture change, we think you'll agree.

Eye Appeal for Sandwiches

Since people eat with their eyes as well as their mouths, remember to perk up sandwiches with crisp lettuce leaves, diced celery, a bit of parsley, pickles, pickle relish, sliced cucumbers or watercress. Vary the dressing; mayonnaise and butter aren't the only two in existence. Vary the way you cut the sandwich; diamonds and triangles are interesting shapes. Try out different kinds of bread, too, for both eye and taste appeal.

Hothouse Rhubarb, Asparagus, Lamb, Harbingers of Spring

It may seem cold and dreary but "spring is just around the corner" from the looks of the hothouse rhubarb and fresh asparagus appearing in our markets. Not exactly inexpensive, we'll admit, but oh so good! Botanically speaking, rhubarb is a vegetable, but we use it as a fruit. Select rhubarb that is crisp, fresh appearing and of medium size. Well-colored stalks are usually well-flavored. Choose asparagus that is firm with close compact tips. An excessive amount of white stem usually indicates tough, stringy asparagus, however a small amount at the base helps to preserve moisture in the green part.

Quality lamb is in good supply. Lamb growers are deprecating the fact that not enough homemakers take advantage of the less expensive cuts of lamb. True, leg of lamb and lamb loin chops are wonderful, but have you noted the down-right low prices marking neck slices, breast of lamb, lamb for stews, shanks and shoulder roasts? For inexpensive chops, ask your butcher to slice a shoulder roast into chops just the thickness you like.

Other Meat Buys

There is plenty of beef with good eating at low cost in a wide variety of economy cuts. Pork is in more than adequate supply with correspond-

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Vets Warned of 'Milking' Practice in Some Areas

Veterans who get behind in payments on their GI home loans should check carefully any offers strangers may make to supply the delinquent payments if the veteran will "sign here," S. T. Brannock, contact representative, VA Domiciliary, Camp White, said today.

Brannock warned veterans to check immediately with their mortgage holders to determine whether or not the offer is legitimate.

In some parts of the nation, he said, a film-film practice called "milking" has been revived. An offer to pay delinquent installments is made if the veteran will sign an "acknowledgement." Later the veteran learns he has signed a deed and must "buy" his property back at a higher price.

Area Canvassed

Brannock said in another version, entire neighborhoods are canvassed to learn which veterans are having trouble meeting their GI loan payments. Then a "salesman" will offer each veteran a nominal amount for his equity, plus the privilege of buying another home in a lower cost development.

His signature is secured on a deed giving the right of possession in 60 days. Later he is advised that no lower cost homes are available and he now faces eviction from the home he has sold.

Brannock pointed out that although no such practices had come to light in Oregon, he felt it advisable that veterans be cautioned against entering into any such deals until the proposal had been discussed with the holder of his mortgage.

Specialist Checks General Marshall

Ft. Bragg, N.C.—(UPI)—A Duke University specialist examined General of the Army George C. Marshall here Thursday and concurred in the findings of Army doctors in the case of the 78-year-old soldier-statesman.

Dr. Hans Lowenbach, head of the university's neurology department, examined Marshall during a routine consultation visit at Womack Army hospital.

Marshall, whose condition remains "unchanged," is fighting the effects of two strokes since Jan. 15. Treatment has been complicated by a pneumonia attack and a pituitary gland disorder.

SCHOOL INFESTED

Tampa, Fla.—(UPI)—Only 36 of the 275 pupils at a vermin-infested elementary school turned up for classes Thursday. School officials fumigated the school Wednesday night and reported the building would be cleaned up during the week end and ready for occupancy on Monday.

MILLIONAIRE DIES

Palm Springs, Calif.—(UPI)—Funeral services were set for today for millionaire Harrison Leussler, 68, who died of cancer Wednesday night at his winter home here.

ingly good prices. Fully cooked hams are well-priced and are a real boon when you find yourself in the need-a-meal-in-a-hurry class.

Eggs and Poultry

Potatoes and onions of excellent quality head the list of vegetable plentiful. Other vegetable buys include fine quality cabbage, cauliflower, celery, topped carrots and lettuce. Reasonable prices mark tomatoes, bunched vegetables, cucumbers, peppers, broccoli and squash. A good selection of sweet potatoes and yams are still around.

Citrus fruits, naval oranges, California and Arizona lemons, and firm juicy grapefruit, are among the best fruit buys. A variety of good quality apples are in the markets. Avocados and bananas contain a lot of good nutrition for your money.

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