

# Basic School Support, Other Issues Due for Salem Hearings This Week

Salem —UPI— The 50th Oregon legislature will hold hearings on several important measures this week as it rolls into its 71st day Monday.

The biggest crowd is expected for a joint hearing of the Senate and House Education committees tomorrow at 8 p.m. when basic school support proposals will be discussed.

Senate Bill 94 by Sen. Francis Ziegler (R-Corvallis) and others would increase basic school support from \$105 per census child to \$120 starting July 1.

House Bill 514 by Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland) and others would raise basic school support from \$105 to \$125 by setting up a public school account in the state general fund, from which \$20 a year would be distributed to districts operating standard schools.

**Rough Time**

Both bills were expected to have a rough time in this session of the legislature, which is seeking ways to avoid raising taxes and to hold down state budgets.

Gov. Mark Hatfield has said that the big education needs are an overhaul of the tax structure broadening the base to provide the flexibility that increased school needs will require and also a study of the revenue and distribution formulas for school support.

Hatfield charged Friday that Cecil Posey, executive secretary of the Oregon Education association, had dealt a "deadly blow to the cause of education" in his attack on Hatfield Thursday.

**'Darkened Outlook'**

Posey told the OEA convention in Portland that Hatfield had "failed to give positive leadership" and had "darkened the outlook for continued improvement of public education in Oregon."

The governor replied: "I hope that both sides of the political aisle will left education out of the mire of partisanship where it has been plummeted by the executive secretary of the OEA."

The governor said he was not going to deal in personalities or continue the debate, but he added:

"If educators will face reality and consider the taxpayers and the tax base, they will recognize that the greatest contribution my administration can make to education is to provide leadership for the changing of the tax structure

**Hatfield Quoted On Edward's Fate**

Portland —UPI— Gov. Mark Hatfield was quoted in a court hearing Thursday as saying Cecil Edwards, ousted state racing steward, was not in favor and "might have to go."

The hearing was on Edwards' suit for a temporary injunction to prevent the state racing commission from naming someone to succeed him.

Scott M. Kelley, special assistant attorney general representing the commission, made the reference to Hatfield when he was questioned by Pat Dooley, former speaker of the Oregon House, who represented Edwards.

Kelley said he did not recall when asked if Hatfield had specifically demanded Edwards' replacement.

Pro Tem Judge Barnett H. Goldstein said he would announce a decision on the temporary injunction March 30.

Charles Huntington, Eugene, veteran racing commission member, said he had received no complaints about Edwards, who was racing steward for eight years.

**Medford Man Held On Shoplifting Charge**

Emmett Gabriel Devlin, 54, of 10 Quince st., was held in city jail yesterday on charges of shoplifting, Medford police reported.

Devlin was apprehended Saturday afternoon by a Groceteria clerk and charged with taking a bottle of wine, police said.

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# DA's Information Urged as Method In Criminal Cases

Salem —UPI— A resolution calling for vote of the people to allow Oregon to use the so-called "information system" as well as the grand jury indictment system in criminal matters passed the House Friday and went to the Senate.

Rep. George Van Hoomissen (D-Portland) quoted letters from justices of the Oregon Supreme court and lesser courts favoring use of the alternative method of bringing cases to trial.

The information system is used now in some Oregon counties if the accused waives his right to a grand jury hearing.

Supporters of the measure, including Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) said the

# Legislators Seek Revival of Statute For Scholarship

Salem —UPI— The Oregon House yesterday passed a bill clarifying an old statute under which legislators may award a college scholarship to an Oregon student every year.

The old law, which had not been used for the past 20 years or so, was discovered by Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg).

The bill, passed 52-5 yesterday was sponsored by Rep. Shirley Field (R-Portland).

It provides that the scholarships would be good at all public institutions of higher education, including Oregon Technical institute at Klamath Falls. The old law was good only at Oregon State college.

Layman said that grand juries for the most part were led by the district attorney seeking prosecution and that in "99 out of 100 cases it is a mere formality."

Under the information system, a hearing is held before the case goes to trial upon an information being presented by the district attorney.

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accused would lose none of his rights under the information system and justice would be speeded by not going through a grand jury.

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Rep. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale) opposed the bill on the grounds it smacked of "political patronage." He said scholarships should be given only

on the basis of need and scholastic attainment.

Rep. Field explained that each legislator would submit a name or names of worthy students to the county court or commission which would then draw names by lot.

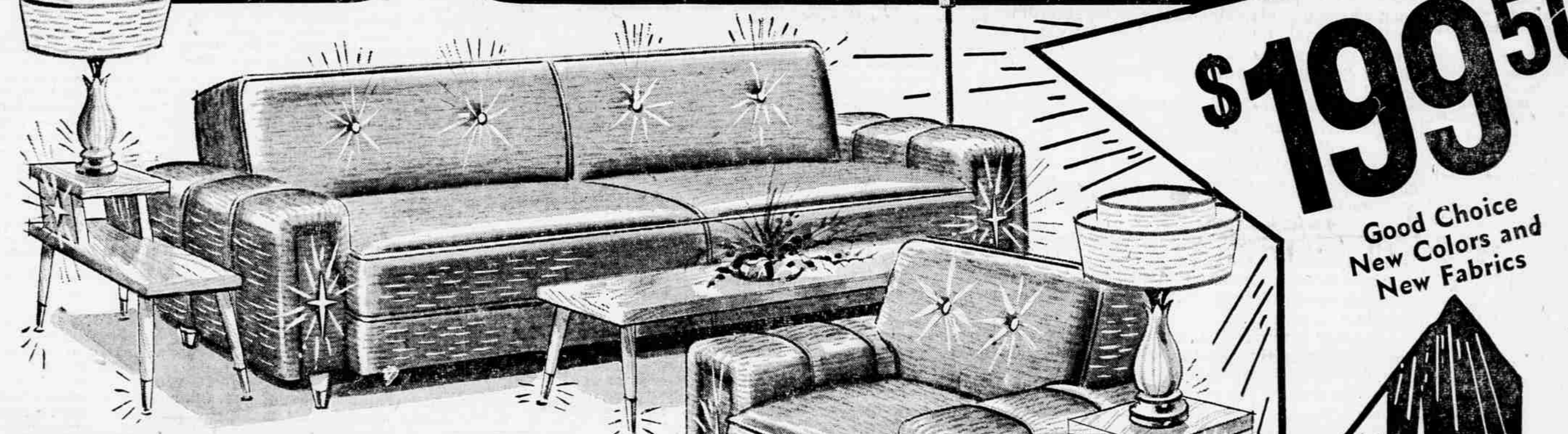
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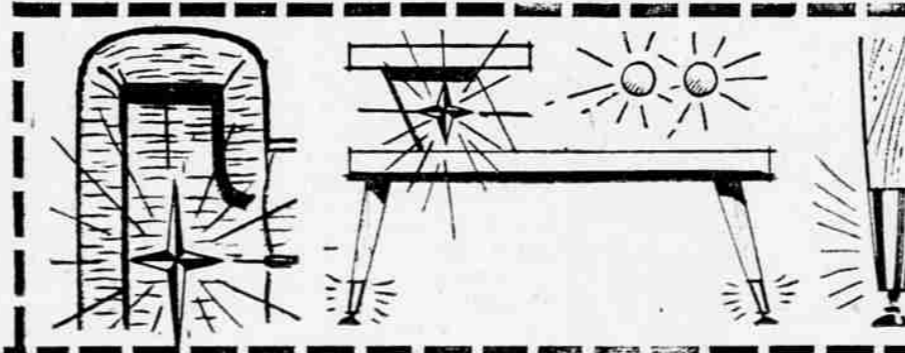
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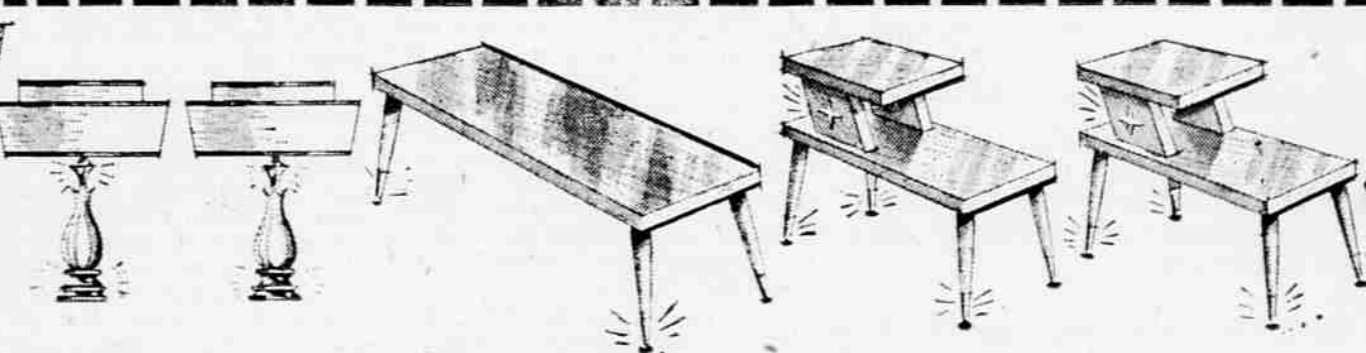


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