

Senate Passes Bill To Educate Retarded Children

Salem —UPB— The Senate Wednesday passed House bill 59 providing for special classes for retarded children capable of being educated. Only one vote was registered against it. The bill now goes to the governor.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 1964. Under its terms a school district where there are 12 or more retarded children capable of being educated must set up special classes. The state would pay \$4,000 a year for support of such classes.

Sen. William Grenfell Jr. (D-Portland) quoted the state constitution assuring education of all children and said that at the interim committee studying mental retardation felt the state had an obligation to educate these children. Francis Opposed.

The only vote cast against the bill was by Sen. Carl Francis (R-Dayton), who was a member of the interim committee which brought out the bill. He said he was not opposed to the education of these children but felt that the bill gave the state control over local school districts.

Sen. Ward Cook (D-Portland), asked for permission to abstain from voting on a bill in which he was personally interested. The permission was granted.

The bill in question, Senate bill 74, re-codifies the savings and loan code of Oregon and includes a provision spelling out that Oregon savings and loan associations may apply for federal insurance under certain conditions.

There was no opposition to the bill which now goes to the governor.

Cook told the Senate that he and others had recently completed organization of the Pioneer Savings and Loan association in Portland and that the application of the new firm for federal deposit insurance had been held up on a ruling that the Oregon law was not clear on the subject.

Support of Associations

The bill, Cook said, had the support of savings and loan associations and also had been approved by the State Banking department.

A bill providing that any public officer holding one position and elected to another in mid-term must resign as of Dec. 31 following the election was approved.

If the bill had been law at the time of the last election it would have required Mark Hatfield, then secretary of state, to resign almost two weeks before he became governor.

Water Supply Meetings Set

Corvallis-Oregon's nip-and-tuck irrigation water supplies for 1959 are scheduled for final forecast in a series of 10 regional meetings early in April.

Some areas depending upon stream flow rather than stored water supplies may be headed for the shortest water year in recent years, according to earlier winter forecasts.

W. T. Frost and Manes Barton, water supply forecasters for Oregon State college experiment station and the Soil Conservation Service, will give the final water supply outlook at all meetings. Also cooperating in the series are OSC extension service and other cooperators.

Irrigation water outlook is based on records of measured snow courses throughout Oregon, present moisture condition of soil, stored water, stream-flow and expected precipitation.

Local water conditions will also be reported by irrigation district managers, county extension agents, OSC branch experiment station staff members, soil conservation district representatives, and others.

Among meetings scheduled is one for the Rogue-Umpqua district at the Jackson county courthouse auditorium in Medford, April 6.

THEY WENT THATAWAY

Houston, Tex. —UPB— Mrs. J. L. Alexander of Houston is now convinced that television has an influence on children, especially on her three-year-old daughter Vicki. Mrs. Alexander reports that when she mentioned Vicki's grandmother to the youngster one day, the girl asked, "Where is my grandmother?" When Mrs. Alexander explained that grandmother had died many years ago, Vicki wondered a moment and asked: "Who shot her?"

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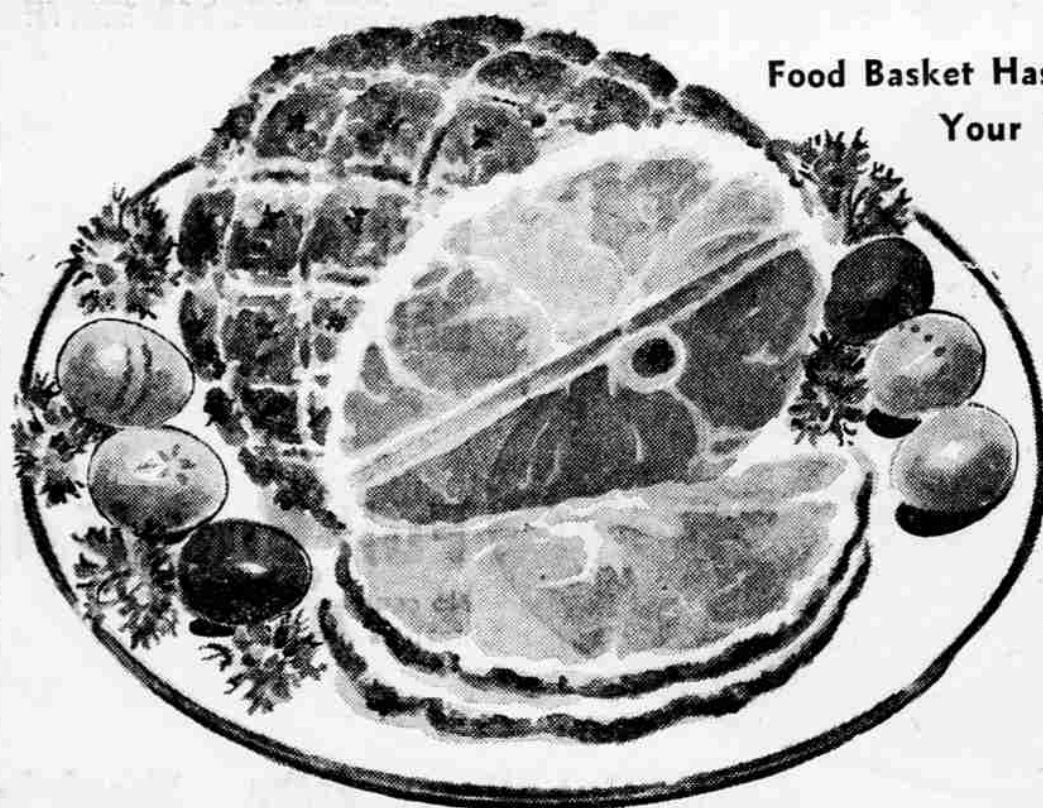
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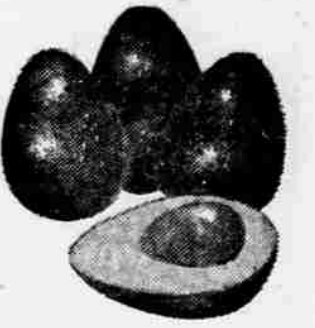
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