

Legislators Deluged With Mail On Basic School Support Bill

By MARIJANE DUNCAN

It is a sad but indisputable fact that about the only contact the average citizen has with his government is the writing of a check or money order every few months, (all the while calling down maledictions upon the heads of "those politicians who are running things") and the mailing it off to pay his taxes.

What becomes of the money thus wrung from his exchequer is to this average citizen a dark mystery, illuminated only by newspaper accounts of congressional junkies, exorbitant demands made by some state agency, some "boondoggie" achieved by some "log-rolling" politician or other, or gay-goings-on in the state or national capital while the "forgotten" taxpayer morosely reflects, the country (or state) goes to pot!

If this is, indeed, a true picture of how our democracy works, then it is high time indeed that Mr. Average Taxpayer snaps out of his perennial state of self-pity and finds out why. If it is a partially true picture, then it is about time he finds this out and sets about tidying up his government (for it is his government, no matter what, in his state of self-imposed ignorance he may think!).

Stop Wallowing

If it is not true, then he should know this and forthwith stop wallowing in lethargy and disinterest, stop his griping, and start taking a reasonable pride in the very real accomplishments that our form of government has brought to our civilization.

However you look at it, Mr. Average Citizen needs to wake up, look around, and learn. Some people are realizing this and are making real efforts to dispel the fog of misconceptions that surrounds government and politics and to jog the voters and taxpayers of our communities, states, and nation into thinking and doing.

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Such organizations as the League of Women Voters, the Oregon Citizenship Clearing House, and the Great Decisions groups are pointing the way. Most labor unions and granges have legislative chairmen who try to keep the membership informed; this is an encouraging step.

All this is by way of preamble to my own personal account of what is going on in Salem, your state capital, during this, the 50th legislative assembly. It is, to my way of thinking, too bad that so many of you must depend upon my point of view, rather than your own. I wish it were not so.

Part of Education

My great wish right now is that every voter and taxpayer in Oregon could make it a part of his education to really become acquainted with his state capital, his state government, his legislature. Out of such acquaintanceship would, I am sure, come really constructive ideas for improvement and betterment of government and the legislative process.

And, I am equally certain that with a personal experience of this process (which is really so little understood by those not directly involved) would come greater understanding of what we have politics and the two-party system; and why it is so vitally important that Mr. Average Citizen take a very real and active interest in the field of practical politics.

Since this is obviously an impractical wish, I can only hope that more of you can and will come to visit a couple of sessions, attend some committee meetings, talk with your legislators, get the broad view of why we are all here from all over the state, and what we are trying to do in the short time necessarily allotted to us.

Bills Introduced

In the 74 days we have been here so far, 1,243 bills have been introduced in both House and Senate, 257 bills passed by the House and 192 by the Senate, and 213 bills finally signed into law by the Governor. We are considerably ahead of the progress at the same point in the 1957 session, and there is real hope that we may all be able to pack up and go home in 100 days or less.

This does not mean, however, that legislation is being rushed through or given less careful attention than heretofore.

Pre-Pink Spray to Be Applied Soon

Pre-pink spray should be applied to pear trees for scab control as soon as buds are separated in the cluster. L. G. Gentner, Southern Oregon Experiment station, and Clifford B. Cordy, county extension agent, reported.

They explained that the spray is of particular interest to orchardists because it mainly protects fruit finish.

Spray to be used in high pressure hose gun rigs on Bartlett and bosc is 2 1/2 gallons of liquid lime sulfur and 4 pounds of polysulphide per 100 gallons of water.

For D'Anjou, comice and nelis they recommended 1 1/2 pounds of Ziram or Ferbam for each 100 gallons of water. If mildew is also a problem on D'Anjou, 6 pounds of Kolo-fog per 100 gallons of water should be used.

Postcards have been mailed by the extension office, it was reported, which gives information regarding amounts to use when sprays are mixed on a per acre basis, rather than for high pressure rigs.

RR SPEEDS RECORDS

Chicago—UPI—The Illinois Central railroad has installed the first high-speed teleprinter in the railroad industry. The machine which is capable of transmitting 600 words a minute compared with the usual 60 and 100 word-per-minute teleprinters, will expedite classification of more than 50,000 on-line freight car records daily, the railroad said.

Boundaries Set Up For Clatsop Park

Portland—UPI—The Interior Department here said Friday boundaries have been designated for the new Fort Clatsop National Memorial near Astoria. The Department now will proceed with acquisition of lands.

The memorial will include within its boundaries about 125 acres of land lying on both sides of the Lewis and Clark river. The site is about two miles south of the Columbia river and three and one-half miles from the Pacific ocean.

The site will commemorate the journey of Capt. Meriwether Lewis and Lt. William Clark from the Mississippi to the Pacific and back in 1804-06.

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