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They'll Do It Every Time — By Jimmy Hatlo

Bills Relating To Trial Procedure Approved by House

Salem –(UPI)– Six bills relating to trial procedure have been passed by the House and sent to the Senate.

All the bills were requested by the State Bar Association. They were introduced at the last session of the legislature but died in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Two bills would broaden the scope of depositions taken before a trial and also provide safeguards so that a person could not be harrassed.

Another bill would allow parties to a trial to know whether documents to be used in the trial were considered genuine before the trial started.

To Inspect Evidence

A fourth bill would allow parties to inspect items of evidence to be presented by the opposing side before the trial.

A fifth bill would provide for written questions being submitted to a person as well as a deposition before the trial. This procedure also would have safeguards.

The final bill would provide that handwriting evidence would be ruled on before a trial by the judge as well as all other types of evidence. In the past, handwriting had been treated differently.

Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) said the package of bills would help make trials "less of a game and more of a search for truth." He carried all six bills on the House floor.

The House passed and sent to the Senate a bill taxing all house trailers in the state over 12 feet long.

$6 Registration Fee

Rep. Clinton Haight (D-Baker) said that under the bill the Motor Vehicle Department would register all such trailers for a $6 fee, of which it would keep $2 for administrative costs.

There also would be a license fee at the time of registration amounting to two per cent of the wholesale price of the trailer when new, with allowances made for depreciation for six years. This money would be returned to the counties and local taxing districts.

Haight said the bill was favored by the Oregon Mobile Home Owners Association, trailer dealers and manufacturers.

He said that 6,000 trailers now were on the tax rolls, but that there were an estimated 30,000 to 70,000 trailers in the state.

In the past, Haight said, it had been hard to collect taxes on trailers because assessors did not know where they were.

Voluntary Commitment

A bill providing for voluntary commitment of mentally retarded children to Fairview home was sent to the governor.

Rep. Grace Peck (D-Portland) explained that many parents did not want to take their children to court to get them committed to Fairview, but would put them on the waiting list for the school voluntarily.

A bill which would have done away with the three-day waiting period for marriages was tabled by the Public Health Committee.

Boyd Appears in Magazine Picture

Ashland – Appearing in the current bulletin of the Citizenship Clearing House is an article featuring a picture of Howard J. Boyd, Southern Oregon college student, with the house, at the recent student-faculty conference conducted at Lewis and Clark college to evaluate the Oregon internship program and to discuss the 1958 campaign.

According to Dr. Marshal E. Woodell, SOC professor of political science, Boyd was appointed because of his interest in political affairs and the resulting experience to be gained during the one-week assignement in Salem when the interns were afforded the opportunity to work with state legislators and study public policy issues and legislative processes.

Sixty students from 13 Oregon and Idaho colleges participated in the general seminar; prominent state legislators and lobbyists took part in panel meeting attended by Boyd and other interns; and Gov. Mark Hatfield discussed his legislative program with the group.

Local Youth Arrested As Parole Violator

A 17-year-old Medford youth was arrested Wednesday as a parole violator from McClaren School, Medford police reported.

Police said the youth admitted taking numerous items, including a rifle, a portable radio and an engagement ring from his mothers' residence here recently.

Utility Tax Again Tabled

Salem – (UPI) – The House Tax Committee revived and then again tabled a bill which would tax utilities at a 30 per cent higher ratio than other property.

The bill passed the Senate and was tabled by the Committee first on April 1. The vote to table it again was 4-2.

Rep. Victor Atiyeh (R-Portland) said he hoped this would settle the issue once and for all. Joining in the tabling vote were Reps. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), Clinton Haight Jr. (D-Baker) and Douglas Heider (R-Salem). Opposed to tabling were Reps. Ben Evick (D-Madras) and W. O. Kelsay (D-Roseburg).

The bill in addition to the higher utility assessments would have required that 10 per cent of the true cash value of any single family dwelling be exempt from taxation.

Patrol Car's Light Reported Damaged

The rear red light atop the Medford police department's vehicle No. 1, a Pontiac, was broken early yesterday morning by an object thrown by an unidentified youth, according to the patrolman driving the vehicle.

Patrolman Gordon K. Wright reported that the youth, whom he described as about 15 years old wearing a white jacket and dark trousers, was standing in the shadows at the southeast corner of Beatty and Edwards sts. Wright said he chased the youth for several blocks afterward but was unable to overtake him.

Entre'acte is the French word meaning between acts of a show, otherwise "intermission." But, originally it was called "acttune" meaning audience could smoke or carry on conversations while an orchestra played soft music.

All-Woman City Officers Plan No Chintz Curtains

Inona, Kan.–(UPI)–Mrs. Marie Wycoff, new mayor of this western Kansas village has promised that she, her woman police judge and all-woman city council won't hang chintz curtains in the windows of the two-room city hall.

But it wouldn't surprise Winona's menfolk if they did, after what happened in the municipal elections Tuesday.

The seven women, none with any political experience, successfully waged a last-minute write-in vote campaign and ousted the seven unopposed male candidates for the city offices.

Nothing Like It

"I never saw anything like it in my life," said E. T. Huntington, editor and publisher of the weekly Winona Leader. "The town is full of characters."

"We girls got together Saturday and decided to run after several people called us and said it was time for a change," Mrs. Wycoff said.

"It's quite an honor, I think . . . but we didn't really expect to win. I shouldn't say that, should I?" she added.

The girls have no special ax to grind, Mrs. Wycoff said.

"But we've been thinking about the sewer system and cleaning up the town a bit. We also plan an addition to the school."

Some of the male candidates still can't understand how their opponents logged a 2-1 margin over them with the write-in votes, Huntington said.

PROFESSOR DIES

New York – (UPI) – Dr. Kisle C. John, 66, associate professor of English at Hunter college for the past 30 years, died Tuesday.

East Lansing, Mich.–(UPI)–The Great Lakes will become a "new Mediterranean" with the opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway, according to Harry C. Brockel, Milwaukee municipal port director. Brockel told a Michigan State University audience the basic job of the seaway would be to serve the growing interdependence of the United States and Canada.

Contract for Pipe Awarded by Court

The county court has accepted the bid of Armco Drainage and Metal Products company, Portland, for galvanized metal culvert pipe for the county highway department, the court reported Thursday.

The company's bid was $20,498.48. The pipe is for general use by the department, Judge Earl Miller explained.

Bids were also received by Beall Pipe and Tank corporation, Portland; Rogue Equipment Sales, and Moore Steel Service company, both Medford.

The original Mayflower was only about 100 feet long.

SURPRISE VERDICT

Niagara Falls, N.Y. – (UPI) – Court observers were sure they knew how a $200,000 negligence suit against the New York Central Railroad would turn out when one juror broke down and cried during the testimony. However, the Supreme Court jury decided in favor of the railroad.

Washington – (UPI) – The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has given preliminary approval for a $49,416 grant for 31 beds for the Physicians and Surgeons hospital in Portland, Ore., Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D-Ore.), reported.

Montclair, N. J.–(UPI)–Amzi Lake, 94, retired hospital administrator, died Tuesday.

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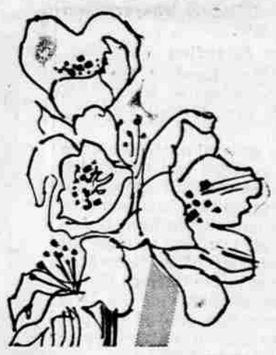

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