

# Durno Carries Dalles Mental Hospital Bill To Senate Victory

Salem—UPI—The Oregon Senate, by a 21-6 vote, Tuesday approved conversion of Eastern Oregon Tuberculosis hospital at the Dalles to an institution for care of mentally deficient persons over 50 years old.

The present TB hospital at the Columbia river city would become the Mid-Columbia Home. The bill now goes to the House.

The Senate action came upon recommendation of the Ways and Means Committee. An advisory committee of the Board of Control earlier had

urged retention of The Dalles TB hospital and use of the TB hospital here for the mentally ill.

**Durno Carries Bill**

Sen. Edwin Durno (R-Medford) carried the bill on the Senate floor. He said it had been amended so that only elderly persons requiring no maximum security and who where harmless would be admitted to the Mid-Columbia home.

The only spoken opposition came from Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles) who said he would not oppose it if it was

amended to set aside the hospital annex built in 1937 as an outpatient clinic for treatment of tubercular patients.

An attempt by Musa to have the bill referred back to the Ways and Means Committee to have the amendment inserted failed.

**Safeguards Written**

Durno said no persons held by a court on a criminal charge could be admitted to the facility. He said a further safeguard has been written in the bill allowing the superintendent of the new home to return a transferee to the institution from which he came if he felt it necessary.

Durno said both Fairview home and the State hospitals were crowded and the facility at the Dalles with a starting population would help relieve this condition.

Sen. Jean Lewis (D-Portland) paid tribute to Sen. Musa and his wife, Rep. Katherine Musa. She said they were merely expressing their own firm convictions but added the bill had protective features to safeguard the people of The Dalles if the home is established.

In addition to Musa the senators voting against the bill were Alice Corbett (D-Portland); Richard Groener (D-Milwaukie); Andrew Naterlin (D-Newport) Boyd Overhulse (D - Madras) and Monroe Sweetland (D-Milwaukie).

# McLEOD Lion's Auxiliary Meets

By CAROLINE L. HARDING

McLeod - At the April 8 meeting of the Prospect Lions auxiliary held at Beckies cafe at Union Creek, the honored guest was Mrs. Frank Christian, District E. Director of Phoenix, and Mrs. Fern Norton of Phoenix. There were 27 women present.

Other guests were Allen Twombly, Mrs. James Sparago and Mrs. James Conaway, all of Union Creek. The executive board meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Leo Hoag on Wednesday, April 22, with 29 women present.

Mrs. George Hubbard attended spring board meeting in Portland April 21. The next auxiliary dinner meeting will be May 13 at Beckies cafe at Union Creek. Plans for the state convention, which will be held in Portland June 17 to 20, will be made at that time.

Bill Miller are Mr. and Mrs. McGreorg of Newport Beach, Calif., and Miss Rose Stessen of Milwaukie, Wis.

Mrs. Ralph Goode and son, Jimmy, have gone to Redding to spend a week with Mrs. Goode's daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Don Hamman.

Mrs. Vic Chapman, chairman of the Cancer drive is busy calling on neighbors and friends in and around McLeod ad Prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Simington and family from Yreka, Calif., were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denninger recently.

Also visiting at the same time was Frank Mullins from Shady Cove, father of Mrs. Simington. Bobby Simington finished his required training and is now in the Naval Medical school in San Diego, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Chapman returned from Sanger, Calif., where they attended the funeral of a brother-in-law, Mr. W. H. Habekott.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moorehead have returned to their home here after spending the winter with relatives in San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Upper Rogue Grange held their social party in their hall Friday evening, April 24, with a good attendance. The evening was spent in playing cards and other games. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, May 7, with the lecturer Caroline Harding telling of her recent trip to Hawaii.

Bill Miller will show slides that he took when he and Mrs. Miller visited the islands in February.

Mrs. Minnie Eastin, who spent the winter in southern California, has returned to her home here for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Torrance are home after a business trip to Vancouver, B.C.

Mrs. Wyles Berry and Mrs. Chamberlain returned from Portland Sunday, April 19, where they attended an Eastern Star meeting.

Mrs. Marie Shere of Medford was calling on old friends here and around McLeod Sunday, April 19, having lived here for many years.

Mrs. Caroline Harding returned home Saturday, April 18, from Hawaii after visiting for two weeks with friends here.

Houseguests of Mr. and Mrs.

# Mars 'Lowlands' May be Suitable For Exploration

Los Angeles—UPI—Man may be able to exist without a space suit for short periods of time in the "lowlands" of Mars, America's "first professor of space medicine" said Tuesday at the 30th meeting of the Aero-Medical association.

However, man still would need a "pressure-breathing oxygen mask" such as used in today's high-flying airplanes, Dr. Hubertus Strughold, research advisor to the Air Force School of Aviation Medicine, Texas, told a press conference.

**Would Simplify Mission**

"It might be advisable for a space ship to land in the lowlands of Mars, depressed areas at least 3000 to 5000 feet deeper than the general Mars level," Strughold said.

He indicated this would simplify the mission of the first Mars explorers, meaning perhaps they could leave their space ship and explore without a cumbersome suit in the daytime, returning to the ship at night.

Strughold and his colleague, Col. Paul A. Campbell, chief of the school's space medical division, said that in the Mars lowlands the "climate" might be similar to an altitude of 40,000 feet above earth.

**Forced Into Lungs**

They said it is known that man can adapt himself to live at that height with only a mask feeding him oxygen under pressure.

In breathing oxygen under pressure, the oxygen actually is partially forced into the lungs because there is not enough outside atmospheric pressure to help man breathe, they explained. The two added that man would never be able to breathe the Mars atmosphere because it contains too much carbon dioxide.

**THIS ONE STAYS**

Columbus, Ohio—UPI—Prison barber "Slick" Cameron reported to the warden Tuesday he's quite unable to comply with regulations and shave off the mustache of new prisoner Tom Campbell. The handlebar decoration is a tattoo, the Ohio Penitentiary News reported.

Silver is an excellent conductor of both electricity and heat.

# Tax Program Still Pending on 106th Day of Session at Salem

By EVELYN NYE Representative from Jackson County

This (Monday) is the 106th day of the session and the most important legislation expected to come out of it - a tax program - is still to be agreed upon, due to the intra-party conflict raging among the Democrats.

The chairman of the Senate Taxation committee has insisted from the beginning that they would write the tax program although of course by law it must originate in the House, and as of now the job is theirs. I only hope that they can do what the House tried but could not do.

We passed on Saturday afternoon, over heavy Republican objection, a tax program which would, as one Republican member of the House Tax committee said, "broaden the base at the top end." This would completely reverse the recommendations of Dr. Sly, of former Governor Hatfield, all of whom have insisted that to maintain the high standards of service which Oregon citizens demand, a tax program must be adopted which requires some participation by everyone who has an income and benefits from government services.

**Accepts Principle**

This does not mean a "soak the poor and save the rich" philosophy. Rather, it accepts the principle that every citizen who is earning money has an obligation to his government in accordance with his ability to pay.

A couple of days earlier, the House Taxation committee had unanimously passed out for the approval of the Assembly, a bill which embodied this principle to a considerable degree, but the Democrats, in caucus, rejected it completely because organized labor objected, and the bill was taken from the calendar and sent back to committee.

The bill which came out as a substitute put the burden right back on the people who are now carrying it, and this is the bill which was passed and sent to the Senate. It is our hope that they will rewrite it, as they have indicated.

Keith Skelton and Clarence Barton, both Democrats and members of the Ways and Means committee which had approved the budget, had spoken strongly on the floor of the House in favor of it. The State and Federal Affairs committee, I might add, is the burial ground for bills which the President of the Senate doesn't like. This one won't be buried, of course, but it will undoubtedly be reduced in some degree.

All of this is disillusioning and discouraging - not only to Republicans, but to some Democrats, too. The policy decisions which should have been made weeks ago by the majority party, have not been made and the result, it appears from here, is going to be a last-minute compromise which will be made in the necessity of bringing the session to a close.

**Rep. Barton Lauds House Tax Program**

Salem—UPI—The House taxation program would give Oregon "the most equitable, the most broadly-based, the most growth-inspiring and the most flexible program the state has ever had," Rep. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) said Tuesday.

Barton, chairman of the House Tax Committee, is architect of much of the House package.

While Barton commented, the Senate Tax Committee had the House tax proposals under scrutiny. The Senate group later drastically amended the House plan.

Barton said of the House tax plan: "Our tax program this year strides toward our goal of equalizing taxes to conform with ability to pay, of broadening the tax base to spread tax responsibility and of helping industry to diversify and grow."

# Quotes From the News

By UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

Miami Beach—J. Simpson Dean, on his son-in-law, New York socialist F. Haring Chandor, who fled to Caracas, Venezuela, with his five-year-old son, Peter:

"Chandor is using \$107,000 he has taken from my daughter to defray the expenses of getting hold of Peter. He hasn't a penny of his own money. He's never worked."

Warsaw—Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, warning the West against making any unilateral moves prior to the Geneva foreign ministers' conference:

"It is important for the success of the conference that nobody should take any one-sided steps before it starts."

Washington—Republican National Chairman Thurston B. Morton, cautioning members of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce not to pin a "business" label on the GOP:

"It would be disastrous for the nation and for the party itself if any single economic, racial, regional, or religious group were to win unchallenged control of the Republican party."

Washington—President Eisenhower, expressing to Gov. J. P. Coleman of Mississippi his hopes for the quick capture of the man who kidnaped a Negro from a Poplarville, Miss., jail cell:

"It is my earnest hope that there will be swift apprehension of the guilty persons."

**PPL Rate Increase Hearing Recessed**

Salem—UPI—A Public Utility Commission hearing on Pacific Power and Light company's case in support of a proposed rate increase of 14.5 per cent was recessed Tuesday to allow study of company exhibits.

The proceedings will be reconvened Thursday, according to Commissioner Jonel C. Hill.


The recess was declared by Examiner Louis Greenberg after attorneys for both sides agreed to enter the balance of company exhibits and prepared testimony by stipulation, in the interest of speeding up the case.

Thursday's session will be devoted to questions of clarification only on the prepared material. A final hearing will be scheduled later.

PP&L has asked for an annual increase in gross revenue of \$3,935,713.

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