

### Labeling Bill in Subcommittee

A bill proposed by Representative Charles O. Porter to require adequate labeling of shoe materials has been referred to a subcommittee on commerce and finance.

The bill, which would require putting labels on shoes listing materials used, is to be acted upon as soon as the house committee is able to, according to reports from Washington, D. C.

In a regional poll, Porter has indicated that of the 20,349 who replied, some 18,000 have given their support to the legislative action.

HR 1320 is advocated by shoe repairman Wilbur L. Gardner of Gardner's Shoe Service, Medford.

### Strong Bidding Noted in Auction Of BLM Timber

An oral auction sale held by the Medford district of the bureau of land management Thursday, attracted many bidders and strong bidding, according to Ross Youngblood, district manager.

As a result, the 14,672,000 board feet of timber located on the four tracts sold for a total price of \$583,475.30.

In the first sale, Joe Oliver of Trail, with an offer of \$55.60 per thousand board feet for Douglas fir, and \$56.75 for Sugar pine, was the high bidder for 1,431,000 board feet located near the Butte Falls - Prospect rd. His total bid for the sale was \$85,033.30. Three other bidders took part in the oral bidding.

Kogap Manufacturing company of Medford was the higher of two bidders competing for 4,164,000 board feet located near North Fork of Little Butte creek. Their bid of \$164,584.25 included \$53 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir and \$15 for the white fir.

**Timber Products High**  
The high bidder for 2,137,000 board feet located in the West Fork Evans creek area was Timber Products company of Medford. They bid \$36 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir and a total of \$68,731.65. Only two other bidders competed for the tract.

Medford Corporation was the highest of four bidders competing for 6,940,000 board feet located near Butte Falls with an offer of \$50 per thousand board feet for the Douglas fir and \$287,126.10 for the tract.

On June 9, eight tracts of timber will be offered for sale by the Medford district. The eight tracts contain 31,988,000 board feet appraised at \$714,549.80. One of them is located in Jackson county and the other seven are in Josephine county.

A special sale is planned for June 16 at which time an additional six tracts containing about 31 million board feet are expected to be advertised to complete the district's sales for the fiscal year.

### Transportation Committee of Association Airs Proposals

One of the more important committee meetings held during Oregon Association of County School Superintendents in Salem was that of the association's transportation committee, of which Bruce Hitt, assistant superintendent of Jackson county schools, is chairman.

The committee considered rough drafts of bills it will recommend to the state legislature's interim committee on education, Hitt said.

These are aimed at making traffic laws involving school buses more practical, and alleviating the costs of operating and maintaining school buses by the various school districts in the state.

**Other Members**  
Other local members of the committee are Dr. Leonard B. Mayfield, Medford school superintendent, and Russell Acheson, Medford's assistant superintendent.

The chief of these bills is a proposed refund on state gas tax on vehicles used by school

districts for official purposes.

Transportation committee members estimate that some of the larger districts in the state could save about \$5,000 a year by elimination of this double taxation. The law now provides that any incorporated city or town may secure fuel used in any vehicles owned and operated by the city or town.

The proposed law merely adds school districts.

The committee also recommends a proposal to change the apportionment of transportation aid to school districts.

**Basis of Allotment**

The law now allows apportionment of transportation aid money to school districts on a 2-cent-per-pupil-mile basis or on a 60 per cent of the net operation costs basis. The new proposal would require all districts be paid a flat grant of 60 per cent of the approved net cost of transportation.

The committee said if this formula is established, it would lower the amount of pupil transportation aid now paid most of the largest and most efficient school transportation systems.

Funds saved would be used to bring the pupil transportation aid of the rest of the transporting districts up to 50 per cent, Hitt said. This would not require any additional funds for pupil transportation aid, it was explained.

One required change would be that the annual cost in transportation aid would increase about \$675,000. The state department of education would have to establish a uniform method of cost accounting and reporting.

The committee believes that school districts should keep accurate transportation costs whether they receive transportation aid or not. The department of education would have to define approved costs, and make necessary regulations to insure accuracy and consistency in reporting. Only two cost accounting forms would be used, thus eliminating some of the paper work.

**Allocation Won't Change**

Now 196 school districts receive 60 per cent of the cost. Their allocation would not change. However, 262 districts would have their pupil transportation aid raised 60 per cent. Most of these are second and third class districts.

Another proposal to make school bus transportation more economical is that of establishing state purchasing of transportation equipment for school districts.

This bill would permit school districts to purchase only school buses and other material, equipment and supplies in quantity through the state department of finance and administration.

Another bill would permit school districts to purchase only school buses through the department. This would include buses, fuel oil, gas, and bus tires and any other items and materials, equipment or supplies which the department, at its discretion, adds

not like state control. They are not able to buy equipment they deem best.

(3) Imposition of arbitrary controls by the state creates problems in local districts. In some cases, school budgets and bond issues have been turned down because of this issue.

Committee members feel this plan is important since bus purchases have grown from 1955 when 179 buses were purchased by state districts at an approximate cost of \$1,270,900 to 196 buses in 1956 at total estimated cost of \$1,411,200.

The committee also proposes that the allowable school bus

speed be increased from 45 miles an hour to 55 miles an hour in keeping with speeds allowed trucks and similar vehicles.

**Students Transported**

Statistics gathered by the committee shows that Jackson county transported during 1957-58 year, 7,047 children on school buses at a net cost of \$278,371.61. Of the total, 5,024 elementary pupils were transported and 2,023 high school youngsters.

Central Point school district transported the most, 1,148 elementary and 413 high school pupils for a total of 1,561.

Butte Falls transported the fewest, 53 elementary and 21

high school pupils for a total of 74. Medford transported 631 elementary youngsters and 241 high school youngsters for a total of 872.

Besides educators, members

include representatives of the state attorney general's office, state police, state highway department, state department of education, and state department of motor vehicles.

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### Copies of Health Code Available

Copies of the health code for farm labor camps are now available for public distribution at the Jackson county public health office, Sanitarian Ori Moore has announced.

The health code is included in Oregon's new farm labor law. It was adopted recently by the state board of health following public hearings which established minimum standards for sanitary facilities in farm labor camps and fields.

It will be administered jointly by the state and local health offices, state employment service and the state bureau of labor, Moore explained.

The health code includes regulations for camp areas, water supplies, sanitation facilities, kitchen facilities, sleeping quarters, and other aspects of the farm labor sites.

Facilities found in violation of the health code may be closed 24 hours after the health department posts a notice giving reasons for closing it. After the condition is corrected, it may be reopened with approval of the health officer.

Farm labor camp operators may appeal a closing to circuit court within 30 days after the closing order is confirmed. However, the order continues while the case is being appealed, unless the court orders it suspended or rescinded.

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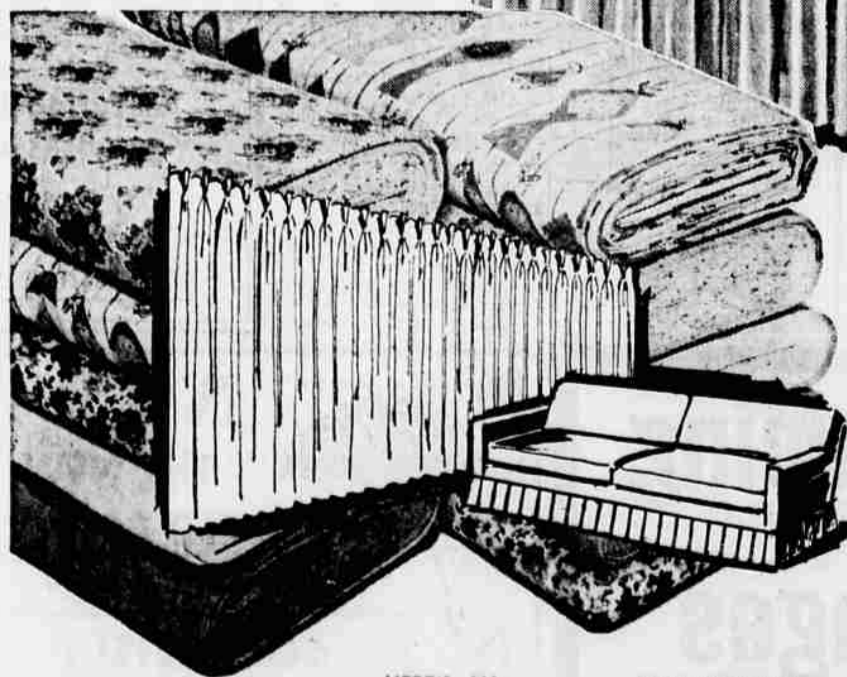
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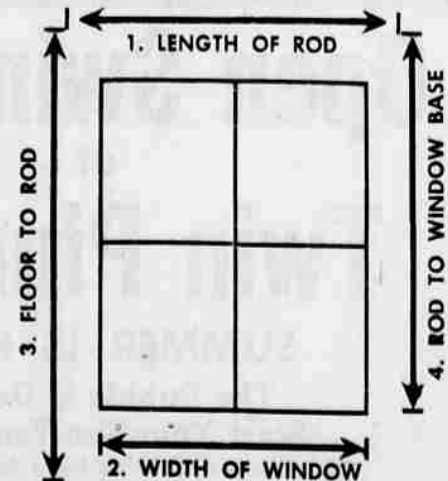


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