

Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, a newspaper editor, a woman's editor and two writers. Each article is a summary of an actual case history. The Council reports on problems that have been dealt with by responsible agencies and counselors.

Stuart I.—Now that he no longer needs mother's services, he wants to send her to live with us.

Herman I.—We want to sell our home and travel. He has room.

Stuart I.—Our mother is in her 70s and for the past 21 years, since our father died, she has made her home with Herman. While his children were growing up she acted as maid, nurse and babysitter. Now that she can no longer be of service, Herman and his wife feel she's in the way. They want me to take her now.

Of course they don't admit the real reason that she's outlived her usefulness to them. Instead he says she's like a fish out of water, doesn't enjoy being with the type of friends Herman invites over, doesn't fit with the new pattern of their life.

She'd certainly be no more happy here. We're 1,000 miles away from her familiar haunts. Our children hardly know her. To them she's a picture over the desk and a dim recollection from two visits over a span of 15 years.

Herman's thinking of himself, not mother, with this proposal.

Herman I.—I took mother in 21 years ago, when she had no place to go. Stuart could have had her then, too, but he was just setting up house-keeping with his bride, and they played dead and dumb on the subject of mother.

No domestic work was ever asked or expected of her. Certainly it was never forced on her, as Stuart hints. We always had part-time help. But since mother wasn't the club-woman or career-woman type, she kept busy and derived pleasure, I'm sure, from cooking and baking and sewing for the children.

Now they're grown up and not living at home. Our home is the center for many committee meetings from organizations devoted to political and social causes that my wife and I are interested in.

We'd like to move to a tiny apartment and be free to travel in a few years. Stuart has a big house and can easily settle mother there. His young children would delight her. She misses ours and is bored and discontented here. There is nothing in our community to hold her.

The Council: All through this harangue, one listens for the still small voice—mother's. What's her line? In this game of who'll take mother, she probably feels like a ball and she'd rather hide or go out of bounds than belong to either side! She may want to get away from both "adoring" sons, but doesn't want to hurt them by saying so.

From what we gather, Herman can no longer accommodate her and Stuart doesn't want her. So the logical compromise would be for the principals to get together and work out a pleasant living arrangement for mother, preferably with a "foster family," since she enjoys a commingling of age groups. The local family service agency can assist in a congenial placement.

There's quite a demand, incidentally, for displaced grandmothers to serve as foster grandmas, in homes that never knew a real one. It's been found that old and young, when not hampered by the kind of emotionally tinged memories about each other which blood relations have, can get along famously.

But a word about these sons. Stuart's excuse about not uprooting mom from familiar haunts sounds like hogwash. Her roots from one son's home to the other's are easily transplantable. She'd have a new set of grandchildren to nurture and watch grow. And the kids would get a flesh-and-blood ancestor to get acquainted with, rather than a picture on the wall. As for Herman, if he wants to move to smaller quarters and mom wants to be nearby, he can't relocate her by "dumping" her on Stuart, but must bend every effort to meet her wishes. In a three-way talk, we hope, the I's will each speak up honestly on what they really want.

We're reminded of the words of a judge in a Domestic Relations court in Brooklyn last year: "In all my years on the bench I've heard hundreds of parents fight over who gets the children, but never have I heard children fight over who gets the parents!"

Washington (UPI)—The U.S. Forest Service has asked Congress for a supplemental appropriation of \$68,717,000 to pay for Klamath Indian forest lands.



ROCKET TOWER—Service tower for America's mightiest space rocket, 1½ million-pound-thrust Saturn, now dominates Cape Canaveral, Fla., skyline as tallest gantry in Free World. Gantry shown here rising above

Saturn blockhouse stands 310 feet. Construction of tower is finished, and electrical installations are expected to be completed by April. First Saturn is expected to be launched from Cape Canaveral in fall, 1961. (UPI Telephoto)



STATEHOUSE SPECIAL

By
Marguerite W. Wright

The real work of Oregon's 51st Legislative Assembly already was under way by the end of the first week with 161 bills, many of them ticking like timebombs, in the hopper awaiting explosions of debate in committee and on the floor. Indications were becoming apparent of the legislators' future action on such proposals as Gov. Mark Hatfield's government reorganization plan, 62 appropriation bills already introduced, some of the tax measures being discussed, and other hot potatoes.

The real workers, legislators and employees, had their tasks assigned to them as organization of the 20 House and 20 Senate standing committees proceeded as fast as clerks were hired and their offices set up.

And the real movers and shakers, men who would wield the power and reap the glory, if any, made their first efforts to exert influence and draw battle lines.

In Line of Fire
Senate President Harry Bolvin (D-Klamath Falls) and House Speaker Robert B. Duncan (D-Medford) were the first to place themselves in the line of fire as they announced committee appointments. Bolvin, by shunting aside his chief opponents (Sens. Alfred Corbett of Portland and Robert Straub of Springfield, both Democrats) in the presidency contest to relatively unimportant committees, firmed up the Democratic liberal opposition which will dog him throughout the session. Duncan drew prompt Republican sniping for keeping the most powerful House committee positions firmly in Democratic hands.

Standouts in the week's skirmishes were Reps. Clarence Barton (D-Coquille), who spearheaded the House's passage of a resolution allowing expense money (over and above salary and travel funds) to legislators, and Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) who led the unsuccessful opposition.

Court Test Seen
The resolution itself (not requiring the governor's signature like regular bills) probably is headed for a court test of constitutionality if Secretary of State Howell Appling refuses to hand over the requested expense money.

Among other requests for funds was Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton's announcement that he would ask the Legislature for \$52,958 to continue his crime prevention program. Hatfield had chopped the amount from the state executive departments budget. This was a direct slap at the Democratic attorney general for which the Democratic lawmakers may retaliate by giving Thornton what he wants for what many believe is a needed and popularly-supported attempt to "do something" about juvenile delinquency and adult crime.

The Ways and Means committee, headed by Sen. Dan Thiel (D-Astoria) and Rep. Barton this week began consideration of Hatfield's highest-ever state government budget (including appropriations for such state agencies as the expensive Highway department—\$192,936,000). The Democratic leadership has given notice that it wants to cut down on some of the governor's money requests.

Among Chief Topics
Party lines are not so clear in the expected battle over Hatfield's government reorganization plan. This, including a Senate bill for creation of seven new government departments, is one of the chief topics for the House and Senate State and Federal Affairs committees this week. The chairman, Sen. Walter Pear-

son (D-Portland) and Rep. Norman R. Howard (D-Portland), will have a great deal to say about how much of the governor's program passes.

Whereas Republicans expect to get conservative Democratic support for some of the governor's other programs, it is the Republicans who are balking at some of Hatfield's reorganization ideas. Both the liberal Democratic leaders, such as Sen. Robert Straub (D-Springfield) and conservative Democratic leaders, such as Pearson, have expressed strong approval of the governor's wish to abolish the Board of Control (which runs state institutions), for example.

Speaker Duncan challenged Gov. Hatfield to round up Republican support to pass his own program, much of which the Democrats favor in principle. But observers are wondering if the Democrats might not be tempted to attach a price-tag to their support—other words, find out if Hatfield wants his way badly enough to make some deals to get it.

The governor's troubles are not only with the legislators. His long-brewing disagreements with the state Public Welfare commission appear to be about to boil all over the stove.

Work Programs Praised
In his message to the Legislature, Hatfield praised the work programs for able-bodied welfare recipients now under way in some counties. He has long favored such programs but the state welfare people have dragged their heels in setting them up, he feels. Similarly, he is critical of the welfare officials for not making federal surplus food easily available to needy families in Oregon, some of whom are said to "go to bed hungry every night."

The governor's demand that the state welfare commission move its offices from Portland to Salem has aroused active opposition by many of its employees, and a bill to block the move has been introduced by Reps. Grace Peck, Beulah Hand, Juanita Orr, Edward Fadel, and Sens. Richard Groener, Robert Straub, and Monroe Sweetland, among 26 others (mostly Democrats).

Hatfield could take drastic action and fire people who do not agree with him, but that is a risky business—illustrating the dilemma facing a governor under the present government set-up of quasi-independent boards and commissions.

The joint meeting of the State and Federal Affairs committees to give the reorganization bills their first consideration before splitting them up for discussion by the separate committees in turn, follows the pattern already set by a joint meeting of the House and Senate Education committees the first week.

School Needs Higher
Led by committee chairmen Sen. Sweetland and Rep. Tom Monaghan (D—Milwaukie), members learned that public schools in Oregon will need \$55 to \$65 millions more to operate by 1966-67, and heard the education interim committee's proposals.

One of the most widely-discussed of these is the proposal that state support for operational costs of schools gradually be increased to 50 per cent. This would help relieve the property tax burden, strained to the limits in some areas now, and assure an adequate basic "foundation program" education for each Oregon child no matter how poor or remote his school district.

One recommendation by the interim committee is that state aid should be distributed so as to guarantee every school district the same amount of money for its school children. Every district (there are now 504 widely varied school districts) would receive a minimum of state aid. But districts would have to meet certain standards of safety, efficiency and general operation (set by the State Department of Education) to get that state money.

Distribution to schools of the state's basic school funds has been fought over ever since the fund was set up in 1947. This interim committee's report notes that "the hardest task undertaken by the committee was its attempt to resolve the distribution controversy that has so long split educators, the public and legislators."

Major Wrangle Seen
The committee recommends that the question of the ultimate 50 per cent goal of state support should be referred to the voters so that the citizens of Oregon will all have a chance to become better informed about the school financing problems and then express their opinions at an election.

Despite the committee's walking-on-egg-shells approach to the fund distribution problem, there is bound to be another major education wrangle this session. At the joint session of the education committees, when the distribution plan was revealed, conservative-minded Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles), said flatly, "I don't think I'm going to like it."

He may turn out to be a rallying point for the "aging" once the real war breaks out again.

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Grange Notes
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County Deputy Roscoe Roberts installed five new officers. They include Forbes Brown, treasurer; Martin Grier, gatekeeper; Lulu Brown, Flora; Ed Finley, Stewart; and James Winningham, executive committee. Lee and Floran Westphal were obligated in the third and fourth degrees.

Deputy Roberts also instructed the officers in the new flag presentation ceremony.

The final report of the Home Economics club chairman Edna Sawyer was given. The Ruch Parent-Teacher association is to give a recording, "Communist Indoctrination," on Feb. 3. The meeting will be open to the public.

Bruce Manley gave an explanatory talk on the county planning commission.

An open house meeting will be held Feb. 24.

The lecturer announced that each committee is to put on the program once each year. Men's and women's quartettes are to be organized. Ed and Eleanor Ramsy offered to train the singers.

Dana Gearhart announced there would be a white elephant sale at the next meeting. Deputy Roberts closed the Grange. Refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Offenbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Henderson, under the direction of Dana Gearhart, serving chairman for the first quarter of the new year.

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McLellan Upper Applegate Grange held its first meeting of the year Jan. 5 with Howard Bishop, m. e., presiding.

Mrs. Neuberger Initiated Into Formal Senate Hearing Rites

By YVONNE FRANKLIN
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Washington Bureau

Washington (Special)—Sen. Maurice Neuberger and Secretary of Agriculture-designate Orville Freeman were initiated into the formalized rites of Senate hearings on prospective cabinet officers last week, and both were properly subdued as befits the novice amongst his seniors.



Franklin amongst his seniors.

The small agriculture committee room was as bulging with humanity as the storage bins are with wheat. At a long table in the center of the room sat 11 senators, flanking the witness. Spectators, reporters, TV cameras and cameramen were jammed so closely to them as to be almost participants.

Chairman Allen Ellender of Louisiana presided at one end, Mrs. Neuberger was near the other. Freeman sat between Democrats Talmadge and Holland, facing the Republicans. Questions of each senator focused attention on all the pressures which will play upon Freeman in the months ahead. Most pressed the agricultural interests of his state:

Sens. Aiken of Vermont, dairying; Holland of Florida, citrus fruits; Talmadge of Georgia, cotton and poultry; Young of N. Dakota, and Hickenlooper of Iowa, grains, cattle and hogs; Cooper of Kentucky, tobacco; McCarthy of Minnesota, dairying; Johnston of S. Carolina, Jordan of N. Carolina, tobacco and other; Mrs. Neuberger, fruit, lumber, wheat and other.

Four-Year Man

The ritual demands that he would and promised that he would have someone on his staff responsible for this area. Mrs. Neuberger had interrupted herself during comment on consumers to say,

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with seasoned veterans. He will be but a four-year man; some agriculture senators have served 20.

Sens. Holland, Talmadge and Hickenlooper slowly and pointedly reminded him that the administration proposes, Congress disposes. Freeman bobbed his head "yes sir" when asked if he understood that "Congress makes the laws, you only carry them out, regardless of whether you agree with them or not."

Those Senators are the men to whom Freeman must come time and again to plead for authority for whatever plans he and his experts propose. On direct questions asking for specific answers to agriculture's problems, he pleaded lack of time for study, and the need for consultation with the experts—particularly the Senators. He proposed "to increase farm income; to assure the U. S. an adequate supply of food, and to put America's farm abundance to constructive use at home and throughout the world."

After two hours of questioning, luncheon was imminent. Sen. Hickenlooper had just led Freeman on a wearying 20 minutes down the labyrinthine path of specific proposals on surpluses and controls when Mrs. Neuberger's turn finally came to speak. She spoke briefly, turning attention to the consumer by saying,

Consideration for Consumer
"The consumers are inclined to feel he is receiving a double-barreled shotgun approach, that in order to give the farmer a good income he has to pay the high price and the taxes to support it. I would like you to give consideration to the consumers."

Freeman assured her that he would and promised that he would have someone on his staff responsible for this area. Mrs. Neuberger had interrupted herself during comment on consumers to say,

"I don't think being a farmer is necessary for the

secretary's job. I have been a farmer and have done cow milking and appreciate it from both sides."

Mrs. Neuberger also expressed interest in the Forest Service and the reforestation program: "I am concerned with its administration and development because I have seen in the immediate past a decline in reforestation. I think this is important and I think the lumber supply is being affected by present policies."

Freeman pointed to his

Unwed Mothers Bill Introduced

Salem (UPI)—A bill was introduced in the Oregon Senate Monday allowing an unmarried mother to take Circuit court action against a man accused of being the father of her child.

At present, such complaints go to the Justice court. The bill was recommended by the Interim Committee on Public Welfare.

A senate joint resolution was introduced amending limits on extent of public indebtedness in water development and other projects. Sponsored by Sens. Vernon Cook (D-Troutdale), Donald Husband (R-Eugene), and Alfred Corbett (D-Portland), the purpose is to equalize taxation procedures in all counties.

The resolution calls for a public debt not to exceed 1½ per cent of true cash value of all taxable property. The 1½ per cent compares to the six per cent figured on assessed valuation.

Also introduced was a bill by Sen. Robert Straub (D-Eugene), for creation of state-operated summer work camps for boys 15 to 19. Straub emphasized the program would be voluntary and not tied to the state's correctional program. The camps would concentrate on forestry work.

Mrs. Bash To Attend Oregon City Meeting

Mrs. Frank Bash, Medford, a state commissioner for the Oregon State Public Welfare commission, is expected to attend the last of a series of six monthly sessions of the OSP-WC held outside of Portland.

The meeting will be hosted by the Clackamas county welfare commission, and is scheduled Friday, Jan. 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Oregon Tri-City Chamber of Commerce building in Oregon City.

The meeting, which is open to the public, will recess for a noon no-host luncheon, and the afternoon session is expected to adjourn by mid-afternoon.

Similar sessions, drawing county public welfare commissioners, and administrators, civic leaders, officials and other interested persons statewide, have been held in LaGrande, Salem, Grants Pass, Bend, and The Dalles.

Salem (UPI)—The House Committee on Public Health and Welfare will begin consideration Wednesday of a bill to prevent transfer of public welfare commission headquarters from Portland to Salem.

All new officers were present but one. During the lecture hour a musical program was presented by Dewayne and Clifton Chapman and Don Gillispie. Mrs. Dorothy Tackstein, past president of the Home Economics club, presented the past masters pin to Mrs. Eda Torrance. The next social night will be Thursday, Jan. 19.

The Home Economics club met Jan. 12 at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Tackstein on Big Butte. Mrs. Carl Richardson was co-hostess.

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record as Minnesota's governor where an expanded reforestation program is under way, and promised his interest would continue as secretary.

As each Senator questioned, some lauded Freeman's courage in taking the job, but they wanted particular assurance from him that their state's interests would be protected.

Sen. Holland wanted to be sure that Freeman would not interfere with treaties under which foreign labor from Mexico, the Bahamas and Jamaica is brought into his area to pick citrus fruit. Freeman assured him.

Kennedy Not Mentioned
Sen. Talmadge, who said brothers were important to his state, pressed Freeman to agree to "use chickens, the lowest priced high protein food" in the school lunch program. Freeman agreed. Talmadge also got from him vigorous assurances that he would "sell agricultural products overseas," and he had Egyptian cotton in mind when he said, "even if it makes Nasser mad." Freeman amended his statement later by hesitatingly saying that he would have to consult with others in the administration to see if the selling policies were in line with foreign policy. The name of the new president was not mentioned during the hearing.

Mrs. Neuberger spoke for less than five minutes and Freeman's answers were also brief. He paid ringing tribute to American agriculture several times and denounced no man or middleman.

Most of the Senators thanked him for his "forthright" answers, and Sen. Talmadge laconically allowed as he pulled on his cigar and blew smoke toward the ceiling that "he was glad the farmers had found a friend."

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