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(UPI Telephoto)

House Gets Off to Fast Start; Bills Go to Committees Early

(Editor's note: The following is the first dispatch from Marijane Duncan, wife of Speaker of the House of Representatives Robert B. Duncan, Medford. Mrs. Duncan discusses some of the early bills introduced and life in Salem.)

By MARIJANE DUNCAN

Though this legislative session officially began Monday, Jan. 9, with the election of officers in the two houses and the Governor's message, actual work started Wednesday. Tuesday was devoted to an orientation conference, a new wrinkle instituted by the Legislative Counsel, which served to accustom the new members, or freshmen, to some of the routine of legislative life.

Marijane Duncan

The first bills in the hopper on Wednesday were numbered from 1001 through 1011, and were committee bills – that is, introduced via interim committees. This reserved a block of numbers which will be used by individual bills as they are introduced one and two at a time. It also serves to quickly identify bills from particular committees – for instance, taxation bills start with the number 1000 – ways and means with 2000.

The rules were suspended on the first two work days in order to get the bills immediately into committee. Ordinarily a bill (or rather, its title) must be read on two succeeding days before being referred by the Speaker to the appropriate committee. Suspending the rules simply enables the committees to get right to work on legislation.

Other action has been taken to insure a fast start (and perhaps an early end) to this session. Early morning and evening committee meetings and hearings are already being scheduled. Already the workers in Engrossed and Enrolled Bills are talking about the heavy work-load. Generally one doesn't hear this until the come in changes the preferential primary bill so that a candidate for President or Vice President whose name has been entered by petition may withdraw it by filing an affidavit with the Secretary of States.

House Bill 1095 raises basic school support to $115 per census child and specifies $10 per census child (between 4 and 20) as property tax offset.

Another House Bill would change the law so that when an office becomes vacant, the appointee does not have to be of the same political party as his predecessor.

Lots of mail has been received by legislators concerning the proposal to move up to July the date of requirement of a child's sixth birthday for school admission. Mothers of prospective first-graders, including many legislative wives, express themselves in no uncertain terms as opposed to this.

Other bills cover such varied subjects as county officials, civil defense, kindergartens, fire control, timber taxation, National Guard, workmen's compensation, the [illegible] bills middle of the session.

One of the early bills to introduced are available upon request from your representative or senator, or copies of individual bills. Complete sets of all Senate and House bills are being supplied to the library, court house, and newspapers. It is possible to supply complete sets to individuals if they are willing to pay the cost of postage.

A couple of precedents have been shattered this session. The first, of course, was the election of a speaker for the second consecutive session. Then Bob appointed himself to a committee – judiciary – which had not been done before. However, there is a shortage of lawyers in the House, so he was needed. Since this is always a busy committee with lots of bills to consider, it will mean cramming his already full daily schedule. This afternoon, for instance, besides judiciary meeting at 1, Bob has three or four appointments and at least six or eight people or delegations will "drop in." He has a 6 o'clock dinner meeting and a speaking engagement at 8. Nor is this an atypical calendar for him.

Social events are squeezed in, mostly during evening hours. Governor and Mrs. Hatfield led off with a reception the Sunday before the opening of the session. Legislators' wives had looked forward to viewing the interior of their newly - decorated house, which they had only started to remodel last session. It proved just as elegant as magazines and newspaper articles had described it. Some mothers of young children couldn't help reflecting on what problems would arise when the Hatfields' two youngsters grow older and livelier.

The Oregon Farm Bureau and Lebanon Chamber of Commerce have put on their traditional dinners for legislators and their wives. At the former, Bob (in absentia) and Senate President Boivin were presented with handsome Stetsons. I accepted Bob's and found it fit me just about right. Senator Boivin's was too small for him, so both hats had to be exchanged. This occasioned some comment about what happened to head-sizes when people were elected to public office.

One of the highlights of the dinner in Lebanon was a program of excellent music furnished by a local choral group. They sang selections from "Oklahoma" and had several fine soloists. The leader and organizer of the group was later presented with a "Woman of the Year" award.

Mrs. Hatfield is holding informal "coffees" on Thursday afternoons this session. Out of town guests are welcome, as well as ladies of the legislature. I have not had a chance to attend one yet, but have been invited to assist next Thursday.

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Results of Mapping Of Crater Lake To Be Article Subject

San Francisco–The National Park service announced today that an analysis of the charts resulting from the underwater mapping of Crater lake will be published in an article in the forthcoming February issue of the "American Journal of Science."

The mapping survey was done in 1959 at Crater Lake National park by officers of the U.S. coast and geodetic survey under cooperative research agreement with the National Park service.

The resulting underwater map shows that the deepest part of Crater lake is 1,932 feet, somewhat less than the previously estimated depth of 1,996 feet. The lake, however, remains the deepest in the United States and seventh in the world.

The National Park service requested Dr. Howel Williams of the department of geology, University of California in Berkeley, to undertake the analysis of the hydrographic charts. Dr. Williams is a recognized authority on the geology of Crater lake.

Describes New Volcano

In his article, Dr. Williams describes a newly discovered volcano with a nearly symmetrical cone rising 1,320 feet from the floor of the caldera under the blue waters of Crater lake.

He calls this volcano the Merriam Cone after the late John C. Merriam, former President of the Carnegie Institute of Washington, and former chairman of the Department of Paleontology at the University of California, Berkeley campus. Dr. Merriam's son, Lawrence C. Merriam, is the National Park service regional director in San Francisco.

Bottom Samples

Dr. Williams' analysis of the floor of the lake was aided by a collection of bottom samples secured by Carlton H. Nelson, University of Minnesota graduate student in geology, as a part of a thesis he is preparing on the Crater lake region.

Merriam said today that Dr. Williams' article represents the success of one of a number of cooperative research projects that the National Park service is conducting throughout the United States with other federal and state government agencies and universities.

This research, Merriam said, is creating new knowledge in the fields of natural science, history, and archeology, that is proving of great value to students in these fields, and the National Park services program of interpretation of the parks for their millions of visitors.

Reservists Complete Required Training

Nearly half of the enlisted personnel attached to Naval Reserve Electronics division 13-5, Medford, completed their required two-weeks active duty for training during the first half of the current fiscal year.

Charles Lake, Medford, and Bruce Burns, Ashland, completed a six months course in electronics at Treasure Island, Calif.

Completing active duty requirment were Don Courtright, Bill Allen, Marvin Hansen, Charles Johnson, Gary Johnson, Bob Bibey, Dick Orr, Bill Deckard, Dave Sills, Markey James, Dean Lamp, John Scott, Wesley Kight, Bob Johnson, Don Milligan, Glen Bundy, Gene Shelton, Jon Clifford, Jon Culp, Gary Callahan, Ed Foulon, Bob Ditsworth, Paul Levison, Bob Williams, Gary Richardson, Jim Evanson, Cliff Coiner, Ron Miller, Jack Allen and Wallace Bowen.

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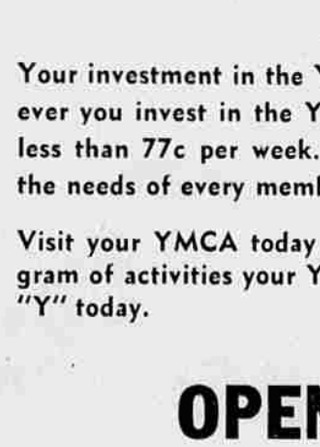

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