

### Newby Reports On Hearings Before Committee

(Editor's note: The following is a report from State Sen. L. W. Newby, Ashland. He discusses his work in committees.)

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State Senator

Most of the so called "house cleaning measures" have been passed out of committee and are in the process of going through the House. We are now getting to the real issues of the session and are holding hearings on the controversial matters.

The committee on local government has proven to be of extreme interest. This committee has been assigned nearly all of the bills having to do with city and county government as well as the bills on water and air pollution. Most of the measures to date concerning municipalities have been non-controversial. The water and air pollution bills are of extreme importance and have consumed a considerable amount of time.

We have finished hearing testimony on water and have one more hearing scheduled on the air problem. The testimony in regards to the water pollution problem produced some interesting facts.

#### Beneficial Legislation

The legislation before our committee will be beneficial in controlling water pollution and will tend to minimize it, but the real solution in my mind lies in the storage of a considerable volume of water in the upper reaches of our rivers. These dams should be constructed with the idea of maintaining stream flow during periods of low water. This is a new concept and one that is now being considered in the construction of dams by the federal government.

It is difficult to evaluate the benefits of increasing minimum stream flow but water pollution is a matter of dilution and the more water flowing the more wastes that can be handled.

I think that we should start now to give serious thought to the concept of storing water for increasing stream flow. This is a natural resource that we have and it could materially influence the growth of our area.

#### Different Problem

The air pollution problem is somewhat different in that there is at present no way to artificially increase air movement. Here the solution lies in legislation alone which will minimize the amount of pollutants and at the same time recognize the very important practical problem of providing the people with their material wants and needs through industry.

There are, of course, many things of interest to the people of our county going on in other committees in the legislature and I will try to report on them as time will permit.

The life of a legislator is most interesting and rewarding and presents a fascinating challenge. I have received many letters from home and have tried to answer them as rapidly as possible. It is my hope that people will continue to advise me of their views and opinions. I find them very helpful.

### Grange Notes

**Eagle Point Grange**  
For the lecturer's program at a recent meeting of the Eagle Point Grange, William Lord of White City Domiciliary gave a demonstration of his "Making the Most of Mind," a performance showing how he can use his mind in doing two or three demonstrations at the same time.

During the business meeting, Lester Wertz reported on the sale and new set-up of the auction yard at Phoenix, and said livestock prices are showing signs of increasing, but that price of hay is declining.

Legislative Chairman Wilford Davies reported the state senate had voted down the bill favoring taxation of fraternal organizations.

Mrs. Lester Wertz, HEC chairman, announced the HEC would meet at Mrs. Lester McFall's Wednesday, Feb. 22. Community service chairman, C. C. Hoover, was absent because of illness, but a report was given concerning the four days spent in potting trees for the tree planting project.

Wilford Davies, a member of the home rule committee, gave an explanation of the duties of the rule committee and what it hoped to accomplish by such a committee. Master Robert Bitterling announced a dinner which will be held at the grade school gym today. The dinner is being sponsored by the community hall committee and the proceeds will go toward finishing the community hall. He also announced that the Granges were participating in a visitation program.

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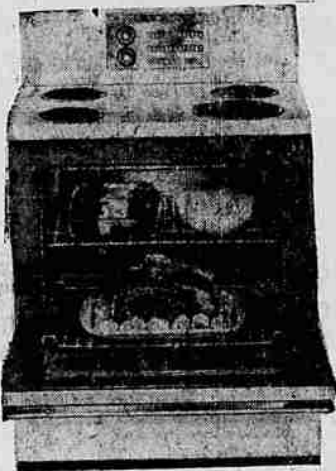
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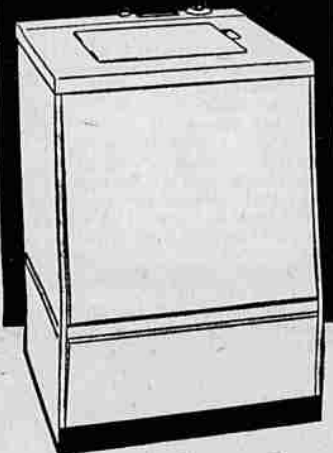
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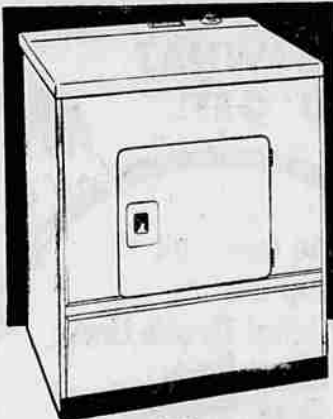
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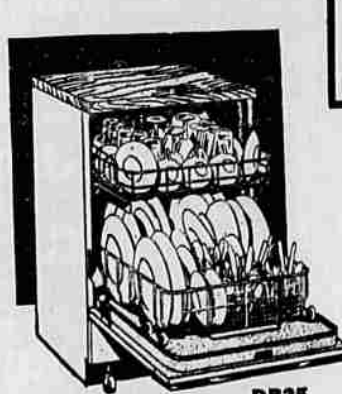


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