



By

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Tempers grew short and hot words flew in the muggy Ways and Means Committee room while weary lawmakers sweat to shear off any visible frills within the firm outlines of the state's record-breaking \$362,188,800 budget for 1961-62.

While most attention lately has been focused on Ways and Means chopping away at budget requests, some special interest groups have been faring better at the hands of the Legislature.

Some observers say Big Business (or at least, as big as it gets in this state) is in the saddle in Oregon again.

One legislator said, "The same old lobbies are running the show. You can't get anything passed unless the utilities write the bill."

Certainly, labor union representatives, who opposed the "Little Landrum-Griffin" bill, are dissatisfied this session. Others Not Happy

But some segments of Big Business are not happy, either. The trucking industry faces the governor's veto of a Legislature-passed bill to cut truck taxes \$1 million.

And the insurance companies, together with the Associated Oregon Industries, put up an unknown total of thousands of dollars to pass the Three-Way Workmen's Compensation plan, will take little comfort in the compromise bill amounting to a Two-Way Plan (allowing state insurance and industry self-insurance for injured workmen, and possibly universal coverage of all workmen) which, at this writing, is the most they will get for their money.

Making out in fine style, on the other hand, are other vested interests.

The House's refusal to remove the property tax exemption for fraternal organizations should please the Elks Lodges, etc., but it may lessen the average taxpayer's respect for his elected representatives.

Another Example

And the bill to cut by 40 per cent the state's share of money bet on the ponies is another example of expected Legislative bowing to a minority group. Ostensibly introduced to assist thoroughbred horse breeders by increasing purses at races, the bill is said by opponents to give up to a quarter million dollars back to the race track operators (mainly Portland Meadows) and, in effect, put the state in the position of subsidizing horse racing.

That half million would have paid for far more than the medical school research facilities Gov. Mark Hatfield asked for, only to be turned down by Ways and Means.

The big timber companies (who got the compromise tax program they wrote themselves), the oil companies (who are getting the off-shore oil bills with minimum safeguards for the public's interest), the paper companies (easements across the beaches) the utilities (a bill to prevent future electric service duplication), the Oregon cattlemen and other farmers (tax favors, milk audit, anti-picketing, etc.) all seem to be getting pretty much what they want out of this session.

For the average man-in-the-street there was still talk of an income tax cut, now down to five per cent in the drastically-changed Senate's version of the House's ten per cent cut incorporated in a net receipts bill.

There was still hope for a basic school increase of more than the \$10 asked by Gov. Hatfield in his budget, but anything more than a possible

field could hire four more aides at an average of \$10,000 per year each. These assistants supposedly would help the governor keep in closer touch and maintain firmer control over the government's widespread operations — a substitute for the statutory cabinet system of government that Hatfield wants and has failed to get when legislators refused to pass his government reorganization plan.

Among other innovations approved by Ways and Means was a \$10 million bill to begin a medicare program for about 55,000 Oregonians over 65 years old with limited incomes.

New buildings for Ways and Means approved for higher education totaling \$9,715,750 included the governor's recommendations plus a \$150,000 computer building at Oregon State University. If the Legislature concurs, this means a new \$2,385,000 library at OSU, a new \$2,540,000 science building at Portland State, a \$1,035,000 humanities building at U. of O., and \$2,750,000 for Oregon Technical Institute campus development at K. Falls.

Institution Buildings

Another major appropriation bill cleared by Ways and Means was \$5,037,320 for new buildings at state institutions — work projects which mean jobs and paychecks for many Oregon workers.

Also approved by Ways and Means was the \$7,700,000 Civil Service pay adjustment plan that means an average 75 per cent of the cost for expected college buildings in Bend, Coos Bay and Astoria, plus additional funds for operating expenses.

Long-Range Costs Eyed

Elsewhere, as when Ways and Means refused to spend \$48,000 requested by Hatfield to remodel part of the U. of O. Medical School Hospital for a research unit, lawmakers showed how carefully they were considering long-range costs which small initial expenditures might entail.

Similarly, a proposed greenhouse at Dammasch State Hospital and a swimming pool at Hillcrest School (for delinquent girls) was stricken from the original Hatfield budget as expendable items.

A bill for a cerebral palsy unit at Fairview Home (for feeble-minded) was tabled.

The appropriation for equipping the new Salem National Guard Armory was cut from \$150,000 to \$112,000 by eliminating a timeclock and scoreboard and specifying cheaper chairs.

The governor's request for a new \$800,000 women's prison in Salem to replace the present overcrowded quarters at the penitentiary was cut to \$346,700 — eliminating a nifty possibility of fancy luxuries for the lawbreaking ladies.

Legislative fiscal committee alertness resulted in a \$1,168,152 cut in the governor's requested budget for welfare funds (an error was found in the state-federal funds figures), bringing the total appropriation to \$40,844,770.

Another half million was pinched off the state's emergency board fund earmarked for possible pay increases for state employees during the 1961-63 biennium.

However, state civil service employees still are scheduled to get an average 10 per cent raise, and substantial salary increases for state elected officials, department heads, and other non-civil service workers already are assured (some listed in a previous column.)

Also, preliminary approval has been given a bill appropriating \$100,000 for more assistants for the governor. Currently, Hatfield's office staff includes: Warne Nunn, administrative assistant (\$12,600 a year salary); Travis Cross, publicity and political liaison officer (\$11,500); Loren Hicks, legal adviser (\$9,720); and Dan Allen, natural resources (\$8,940).

If the new bill passes, Hat-

The Family Council

Editor's Note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. 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. (Copyright 1961—General Features Corp.)

Mrs. G. A. — Without any warning, he walked in on us with a beard.

Warren A. — Why should they care? It's a personal project, isn't it?

Mrs. G. A. — Imagine my humiliation when Warren

Subcommittee Calls Former GE Official

Washington—UPI—A Senate anti-trust subcommittee today summoned a man once believed headed for the presidency of the General Electric Co. to tell about price-rigging schemes that cost him his job.

William S. Ginn, former \$135,000-a-year executive with GE, and 15 other executives of the company were found guilty of criminal violations of the antitrust laws last year.

The Senate investigators intended to ask Ginn about previous testimony from other former employees who said higher-ups in the company knew about, and in some cases encouraged, their price-rigging with competitors.

GE's high command has disclaimed any knowledge of the price-rigging.

Ginn, for his part in the schemes, was fined \$12,000 and given a 30-day jail sentence—the heaviest penalty imposed on any of the individuals.

Warren A. — I wanted to try growing a beard. Lots of the men at school are doing it. Since when is a guy supposed to write home for his mother's permission? It's just too bad that my vacation coincided with my beard-cultivation period. In another month I'll decide whether I want a Vandyke or mutton-chops, and then I'll start to tame it and train it.

I like the shrubbery. I admit it's going haywire now, but when I begin to groom it, my mother may like it too. As to her friends, I'm not worried about their opinion.

If my mother is embarrassed, that's too bad. Some of the Junior Miss dresses she goes around in embarrass me, while we're on the subject, but like my beard, that's personal and I don't dictate.

The Council: Breathes there a man, Mrs. A., who doesn't wonder how he'd look with whiskers and an Abe Lincoln or Rip Van Winkle beard? What color, what directions, how long? These are questions some of them find answers to at some time and under various pretexts. Warren chose the ideal time of life for Operation Beard—a period when he doesn't have to worry about anybody's frowns, not his boss's nor his wife's nor his customers'. Only his mother's, and she's a pushover.

Perhaps we can help Warren push her closer to equanimity by pronouncing beard-growing a harmless pastime. Whatever the motivation, be it curiosity, experimentation, or out-and-out exhibitionism, the whole project dwindle usually and, in retrospect, becomes a "passing fancy."

At any rate, we doubt whether Warren will hold on to the bush after graduation, when he goes out into the business world for a job. Unless, of course, he looks for a job in a barber-college, or as a grizzled Forty-Niner in a TV western. And there's always a chance the Man-from-Schweppes may seek a stand-in, while he satisfies his own curiosity as to how he'd look without a beard.

Warren's only booboo was in not tipping his ma off ahead of time, so she (and "the girls") could be steered emotionally for the fuzzy wuzzy. It does take some adjusting to. Kissing through a "mattress," for example, is a bit of an art. Failing to have warned Mrs. A., he might have stopped off and had the adornment trimmed, shaped, and dressed a bit, so as not to burst in like a survivor of a shipwreck.

No, Mrs. A., there's nothing wrong with growing a beard. It's an innocent way of making life exciting and interesting for a young man. It brings him a fleeting distinction and recognition which he needs. When he sees how much real care it actually requires to look smart, he may well decide to chuck it for the good old safety blades.

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Try and Stop Me

By BENNETT CERF

SAMUEL HOPKINS ADAMS, always willing to try anything once, consented to attend a nudist party one Fourth of July afternoon. Describing the experience to

evening, Sam said, "Those folks didn't do things by halves. Even the butler who opened the door for me was nude."

"If he was nude, how did you know he was the butler?" asked Mr. Adams' literal-minded publisher.

"Well," said Mr. Adams, "it certainly was not the maid!"

Lynn Farnol reports that a crowded elevator was about to ascend the other afternoon when a happy drunk shouldered his way into it. As the car arose, he faced his fellow riders and announced cheerfully, "I'll bet all of you are wondering why I called this meeting..."

A chronic bad check passer suffered his greatest indignity recently. He received a call from his Red Cross blood bank. It seems his blood bounced.

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Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins
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How Underwater Feeding Was Accomplished

Some of the "higher" animals seem as active and developed at birth as they will be at several months of age. These are whales and porpoises. These creatures are practically "born swimming."

We watched the birth of a baby bottlenose porpoise. He was as active "as a cricket" within minutes after entering his watery world. Right from his very first gasp the little guy seemed to know what it was all about. Peculiar, too, for apparently he had one strike against him right from the first, because he was born tail-first—a reversal of the regular biological order of warm blooded animals. As soon as the little guy entered this world, he took but a moment to get his bearings, then away he went, full speed ahead, right alongside his proud mother, who had slowed down a little.

It was several hours before the baby manifested any desire for food. In some unknown way, maybe by sense perception, both mother and baby had the same idea at the

same time. The little guy indicated his hunger. His mother slowed down and set the table for the first meal. He took a deep breath, ducked under the water and nursed. In but a few seconds he was up again on the surface, swimming alongside his mother. It seemed impossible that he had received enough in such a short time but he appeared satisfied.

During the next several days the feeding schedule became regular. It occurred at about the same time, almost like clockwork.

Mother porpoise had now developed a new technique. She would roll far over on her side. The baby could almost get his little head above the water-line. It was when the two animals were in this position, that an unforeseen occurrence separated mother and son, just as the feeding began, and revealed just how all the meals had been served so quickly. A lumbering turtle had rammed into the pair of porpoises, knocking the youngster away from his mother. At the same instant a stream of milk shot out

into the water. There was pressure behind it.

Nature had foreseen the difficulties of underwater feeding and had equipped mother porpoise with the necessary muscles to force the milk into the baby's mouth.

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House Endorses Milk Price Bill

Salem—UPI—The House Monday gave strong endorsement, 46-11, to a bill that would give Oregon milk price controls for the first time since 1954. The bill went to the Senate.

There was no opposing speakers.

Dairymen said the emergency legislation is necessary to protect the industry, threatened by cuts in prices of two cents per quart in much of the Willamette Valley.

Rep. Joe Rogers (R-Independence) says the loss to producers amounts to \$1.12 per hundred pounds, and the loss is running \$250,000 a month.

The bill would allow the State Agriculture Department to set up minimum prices for producers, based on five criteria:

1. Average cost to produce milk.

2. Purchasing power of the consumer.

3. Price of milk used in manufacture of milk products.

4. Supply and demand.

5. Price of milk in adjoining states.

The controls would be in effect until July 1, 1963.

Rep. Don McKinnis (D-Summaryville) said although government price controls are generally disliked HB1752 is "justified" because this is a case where free enterprise is "spitting a little."

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