

Legislators Faced With Annual Bids For Patronage Jobs

Salem — The scramble for jobs is on, and legislators face their biennial headache. They have more applicants for patronage positions than jobs to offer.

Senate president-designate Sen. Ben Musa (D-The Dalles), said he would appoint a three-member committee to screen applicants.

The House already has formed its screening committee, which meets next week. On the house committee are Reps. Cornelius C. Bateson, (D-Salem), Gracie Peck, (D-Portland), and Beulah Hand, (D-Milwaukie).

To be filled are jobs such as pages, doorkeepers, mailers, and committee staffs. Musa said his committee will include two Democrats and a Republican representing the Portland, Salem and Southern Oregon areas.

Musa said he had already received 75 applications for the 45 jobs available. The Senate will have a new chief clerk and new reading clerk, Musa said. New faces also are expected in the House.

Frank Roberts, chief clerk in the House in 1961, apparently is not seeking the job again.

And Richard Kennedy, last session's reading clerk, will occupy a different role this session — he was elected as a representative from Lane county.

Bids Called for Chiloquin Station

Klamath Falls — Bids will be received by the forest service regional forester Dec. 21 for construction of improvements at the Chiloquin Ranger station site in Winema National forest.

Included in the present contract offering are four residences, an office, warehouse, barracks and gas and oil house. These are separate from a bid call issued earlier for buildings at Chemult and Chiloquin to be constructed under the accelerated public works program.

Forest officials said the current invitation is for construction of improvements planned under the regular forest service development program.

The Chiloquin Ranger station site, located on the west side of Highway 97 opposite the Chiloquin airstrip, is being developed to house the Chiloquin District Ranger and his staff. It will serve as an administrative headquarters from which to administer nationally Klamath Indian Reservation land.

Des Moines, Iowa — Police today sought some thorough thieves who visited the Wyckoff - Horn Heating Co. They looted a piggy bank before hauling off the firm's safe.



ARRAIGNED—John Donahue, 26, of La Puente, Calif., is shown during his arraignment in Los Angeles after he confessed to Portland, Ore., police the August slaying of actress Helene Jerome in her Hollywood apartment. (UPI)

Disapproval of Airline Merger Recommended

Washington — A Civil Aeronautics Board examiner has recommended that the board disapprove the proposed merger of American and Eastern airlines on the grounds that it would restrain competition.

Ralph L. Wiser, in a strongly worded 73-page recommended decision, said that the merger would create a monopoly in seven major air passenger markets in the eastern half of the nation, thereby jeopardizing the continued existence of Northeast Airlines Inc.

If consummated, Wiser said, the merger would violate a section of the Clayton Antitrust Act. It would give the merged carrier "a concentration of resources and power" that would "enable it to dominate trunkline air transportation in the United States," he said.

The merger also "would make impossible" continuation of the CAB policy of maintaining competition among the big four longhaul carriers and between them and other airlines, Wiser held.

He rejected contentions by the carriers that their profits have declined primarily as a result of excessive competition. "The decline has been caused in large part by the procurement of a fleet of jet aircraft designed for a volume of traffic which has failed to develop" and by other factors, Wiser said.

The merger of Eastern and American was opposed in hearings before the board by eight of nine other long-haul carriers, by several unions, the Justice Department and by the CAB staff.

Eastern primarily flies north-south routes in the eastern half of the United States, with terminals as far west as Minneapolis and Fort Worth. American is primarily a transcontinental carrier.

Agriculture Department Press Releases Deal in Exotic Matters

By DICK WEST

Washington — Anyone who thinks of the Agriculture Department as just another dull administrative agency is about 99 per cent right. But that other 1 per cent, Brother! I have here at hand a couple of recent departmental press releases which deal with matters that are as exotic as bureaucracy can get, give or take the Export-Import Bank.

"Evaporation is prime factor in cow's adjustment to hot weather, says USDA scientist." That was the headline heralding the work of J. R. Weldy, a dairy husbandman of the Agricultural Research Service, who has been studying the perspiration traits of cattle.

"Evaporation of water from the skin of cattle through sweating is the most important way these animals dissipate heat from their bodies,"

Weldy reported. Cows differ widely in their ability to sweat, he added, and the more they perspire the better they adjust to constant high temperature.

The next step in the research is to determine whether sweating is hereditary, but I strongly suspect that is only a "cover" story. I would be willing to wager that Weldy actually is trying to develop a bovine deodorant.

"Genetic discovery brings hybrid wheat nearly ready." That was the headline on the other release which revealed that departmental agronomists had discovered a "missing link" in grain evolution.

"In order to produce hybrid wheat seed, a seedsman must first grow wheat plants with flowers that are male sterile and therefore cannot fertilize themselves," the department explained.

"But before a farmer can make practical use of the hybrid seed, from male sterile plants, the seedsmen must

make another cross with a plant that will restore male fertility. Otherwise, the farmers' plant would produce no kernels."

It now appears that fertility restorer genes have been discovered. The hope is that this will make it possible for sterile plants to restore their own fertility, and thus increase the yield.

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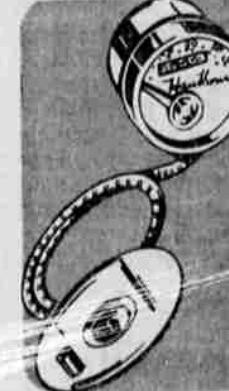
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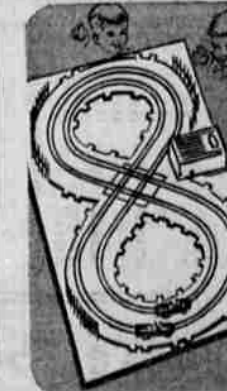


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