

# Featherbedding Fight Is Brought to Legislature

**By ANN H. PEARSON**  
Salem — In the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision, railroads brought their anti-featherbedding campaign before the Oregon Legislature Wednesday night with a plea for elimination of "an unneeded, unwanted, excess brakeman."

They asked amendment of Oregon's full crew law to reduce from six to five the number of crewmen required on a freight train of more than 15 miles.

Speakers for Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and Great Northern accused the railroad brotherhoods of perpetuating a "make-work scheme."

They said 165 surplus brakemen in Oregon are costing the railroads \$1,750,000 a year for "useless, meaningless, soft jobs" that contribute nothing to train safety.

The unions, in a brief rebuttal, insisted the six-man crew is needed for safety. They disputed the railroads' safety and revenue statistics. The safety theme was borne out by an audience of several hundred, filled with railway workers wearing name cards with the slogan, "Your safety is our job."

**Unions to Testify**  
The unions will give their main testimony against the measure March 13 at a second hearing before the Senate Commerce and Utilities committee. The railroads will get a brief rebuttal.

The testimony came just a few days after the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the right of railroads to change work rules to eliminate jobs. Laws such as Oregon's, however, remain in force.

Oglesby H. Young of Southern Pacific said even the term "brakeman" has become obsolete in the 50 years since Oregon's law was passed. He said brakemen no longer have anything to do with braking trains.

Young said only six other states require a six-man crew. He said accident rates are the same whether six or five men are used.

Young said other employers from ranchers to mill operators are free to determine their own crew numbers. He said railroads should be allowed to do the same.

## Horse Club Leaders Clinic Scheduled

A 4-H horse club leaders clinic will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 16, on the Jackson county fairgrounds, according to Jackson County 4-H Agent Jerry Brog.

Ed Mayfield, Double D Herford and Quarterhorse ranch, will instruct. A talk on parasite control will be given by Dean Frischknecht, animal science specialist, Oregon State University.

Horsemanship classes will be held in the afternoon. Jackson, Josephine and Klamath county leaders have been invited.

## Medford Girl Found Fainted Along Street

A 17-year-old Medford girl was found lying beside the street near the intersection of East 12th and Spencer sts., shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday, according to Medford police.

The girl was taken to Rogue Valley hospital by Medford Ambulance. The girl's mother told officers she had had an argument with her daughter earlier in the evening and the girl left the house. A physician said the girl, suffering from hypertension, started breathing rapidly, flooding her brain with oxygen, causing her to faint. The girl was released to her mother.

Ice cream contains all the important nutrients in milk, but in different proportions.

The railroad witnesses said the railroads cannot afford to keep rates competitive for farmers and lumbermen unless they can modernize to cut costs.

**Drain on Industry**  
"The excess brakeman is an obvious drain on the railroad industry and ultimately on the people... for it is they who pay the freight bills which pay his wages," said A. W. Kilborn of Southern Pacific.

He said automation and radio equipment have vastly changed railroad safety factors in the last 50 years. The third brakeman is busy today, he said, only when he "assumes tasks that can be performed by one of the other men."

Kilborn conceded the third brakeman could be a help in an emergency. But for the most part, he said, the idle brakeman in fact becomes a hazard: "Horseplay and foolishness result out of sheer boredom."

Kilborn said it was in the interests of the unions to help the railroads modernize in order to remain a competitive means of transportation. Otherwise, he said, other railroad jobs could be lost.

John T. Andrew of Great Northern stressed modern safety factors he said make the third brakeman obsolete. The railroads said some Oregon trains would retain six man crews through agreements with the unions.

Attorney Alex Parks of the Railroad Brotherhoods told the Senate committee it would be hasty to take action this session. He said a Presidential Commission spent two years studying a similar situation in 1948-49.

Parks also questioned the motivation of the railroads. He said the way the bill was drafted could leave the full crew law in question for diesel trains whether or not the legislature acted.

# Foreign Briefs

**THIRTEEN ARRESTED FOR PROPAGANDA WORK**  
Duesseldorf, Germany — Thirteen persons have been arrested in the state of North Rhine Westphalia for Communist propaganda distribution, the state interior ministry announced today. State Interior Minister Willi Weyer said the arrests represented "a successful blow against Communist underground activity in the state."

**SOVIET MOVIE TO OPEN IN LONDON**  
London — A Soviet "Circiorama" movie theater will open in London next month, it was announced today. "Circiorama" was described as a Soviet-developed circular screen that encircles the audience and enables it to feel in the midst of the action flashed from 11 projectors.

**POLISH MINISTER RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS**  
Warsaw — Polish Foreign Minister Adam Rapacki is on the mend following minor heart trouble but has not returned to work, informed sources said today.

**FORMER TURKISH PRESIDENT ILL**  
Istanbul, Turkey — Foreign Turkish President Celal Bayar, now serving a life prison term, is suffering from high blood pressure, diabetes and an intestinal infection, his doctors said yesterday.

Thirteen doctors who examined Bayar in his prison cell, recommended he be hospitalized, but Bayar is resisting the move.

Bayar's government was overthrown in 1958 and he was sentenced subsequently to life imprisonment for anti-state activities.

## Stocks Ride Crest Of Closing Rally; Electronics Rise

New York — Stocks rode the crest of Wednesday's late rally today, moving higher.

Electronics showed some of the best gains with Litton, Fairchild Camera, Burroughs, and IBM up large fractions to more than a point. Dow tacked on nearly 2 in a firm chemical group and Chrysler added nearly a point in the motors.

Steels were firm at best but rails weakened following word from the White House that both airline and railroad mergers are going to have a tougher time in winning government approval. Baltimore & Ohio featured the rail losers, down more than a point.

**DOW JONES AVERAGES**  
New York — Dow Jones final stock averages: 30 industrials 668.08, up 0.92; 20 railroads 152.15, off 0.30; 15 utilities 193.09, off 0.10, and 65 stocks 237.80, off 0.15. Sales Wednesday were about 3.1 million shares compared with 3.28 million shares Tuesday.

Wednesday's prices on selected stocks:

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|--------------------|---------|
| Allied Chemical    | 44 1/2  |
| Alum Co Am         | 33      |
| American Air Lines | 18 1/2  |
| American Can       | 48 1/2  |
| American Motors    | 120 1/2 |
| AT&T               | 120 1/2 |
| American Tobacco   | 29 1/2  |
| Airco              | 32 1/2  |
| American Standard  | 13 1/2  |
| Bend Sin Corp      | 11 1/2  |
| Bethlehem Steel    | 30 1/2  |
| Boeing Air         | 38 1/2  |
| Brinwick           | 17 1/2  |
| Caterpillar Corp   | 35 1/2  |
| Chrysler Corp      | 89 1/2  |
| Coca Cola          | 25 1/2  |
| C.B.S.             | 53      |
| Columbia Gas       | 27 1/2  |
| Continental Can    | 14      |
| Crown Zellerbach   | 48 1/2  |
| Crucible Steel     | 18 1/2  |
| Curtis Wright      | 21 1/2  |
| Dow Chemical       | 57 1/2  |
| Du Pont            | 23 1/2  |
| Eastman Kodak      | 113 1/2 |
| Firestone          | 39      |
| Ford               | 28 1/2  |
| General Electric   | 73 1/2  |

## GP School Board Announces Policy On Athletics, Pay

Grants Pass — The Grants Pass school board has announced adoption of a new policy for athletics and coaches salaries.

Under the new policy all activities pertaining to team practice will be carried on outside the regular school time except at the ninth grade level.

The ninth graders are in the Junior High school and they will continue to practice during the last period of the school session as at present.

Senior high school coaches will be limited to the coaching of two sports in the future. Some have been coaching three sports in addition to their regular classroom assignments. This ruling also will have an exception. It will not apply to present assignments, but to all future hirings.

The regular schedule of pay over and above the amount received for regular classroom assignments is to range within prescribed limits with each case to be judged individually.

The board is investigating the possibility of sponsoring a three weeks summer class in remedial reading on a tuition basis, which will involve no cost to the district, it was also announced following the board meeting.

**British Stage Actor To Make Film Debut**  
Madrid — British stage actor Eric Porter has been signed to make his film debut in "The Fall of the Roman Empire" being filmed here by Samuel Bronston production. The film stars Sophia Loren, Stephen Boyd, Alec Guinness, James Mason, and Christopher Plummer. Anthony Mann is directing.

# Vocational School Building Plans Approved by Board of Education

technical vocational school buildings were approved Wednesday by the State Board of Education.

The board also extended the operation of the Oregon City Technical Vocational school, approved teacher internship programs at two Oregon colleges, and deferred action on a curriculum publication, "Understanding the Nature of Communism."

The board approved the detailed plans for the construction of a building for the Salem Technical-Vocational school.

**Widowhood Totals Expected to Rise**

New York — More than half a million wives are widowed annually in the United States, according to statisticians at Metropolitan Life Insurance company.

There now are well over 8 million widows in the country and it is expected their total will continue to rise rapidly, the statisticians said.

a shop building and laboratory building at Southwestern Oregon College were also approved.

The State Emergency Board has obligated \$225,000 for each project.

The board approved a request by Oregon City Supl. Edwin C. Ditto that the Oregon City Vocational school continue operation under the community college law through June 30, 1964.

The internship programs approved by the board will involve students in teacher education programs at Oregon State University and at Eastern Oregon college.

The internship program is part of an organized five year program of teacher education.

Action on the teachers resource unit on Communism Regional Edition

was delayed to the June meeting to give board members more time to study the document.

In other action today, the board approved: —Appointment of John Maurice Adams as consultant for veterans' education and training and vocational school licensing in the State Department of Education.

—Appointment of Robert William Demers as vocational rehabilitation counselor in Eugene.

—A contract with McMinnville, No. 49 in Yamhill county to conduct a migrant education program during the 1962-63 school year.

—Consolidation of school district 61-R, Stanfield, and school district 6-R, Hermiston.

—Candidate petitions for

directors in central Douglas county area education district and recommended that they be placed on the ballot.

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