

Billboard Question Discussed by Chamber's Governmental Committee

The billboard question came before the governmental operations committee of the Medford Chamber of Commerce last week when Dale Hearrell of Pulver's Motel pleaded for support of the tourist committee's position in maintaining and building a stronger economy through providing the best tourist information possible compatible with standardization and good taste of the billboards.

tourist and convention committee) unanimously passed a motion asking that regulated billboards be permitted on the elevated freeway through Medford. He maintained that curtailment of such billboards adversely affected Oregon's third largest industry, tourism, and as a consequence injured the outside industries serving Medford and the state.

Suggest Another Chance
Robert D. Heffernan, Jr., chairman of the governmental

operations committee, which is considering legislation, suggested that the committee give Hearrell another opportunity to present his position after the mayor's special committee reports back on its findings regarding the elevated freeway signs.

The chamber committee also devoted considerable time to a discussion of House Bill 1129, which permits the district attorneys to instigate circuit court proceedings to determine whether a suspected

individual is a sexually dangerous person.

Dr. Paul Bray spoke in support of the measure. He stated that the bill does provide for a hearing and a trial by jury, if demanded by the accused. He further stated that just because Oregon does not now have prescribed treatment and facilities to house and treat sexually dangerous persons is no indictment of the bill.

Voices Objections
He voiced objections to the comments along this line in an editorial in the Mail Tribune. A few years ago, he explained his stand, there were no known cardiac proce-

dures, but because of strides in medical research, due to need, these procedures have been developed. Such would be the case, Dr. Bray argued, with a new field such as sexually dangerous persons.

Some committee members expressed concern for the personal liberties of an accused individual under the restrictions of the measure.

Chairman Heffernan recom-

mended that further study be given the measure and that it be brought before the committee again.

Opposes House Bill
County Judge Earl Miller spoke before the committee in opposition to House Bill 1288, which permits public employees to join labor organizations for purposes of representation and collective bargaining with the employer.

Miller said he does not oppose the union principle, believes that this is not an effective bill, but permissive in nature and has no place in respect to public employees. He said the budget committee unanimously opposed the bill when it appeared in the 1961 legislature.

The Jackson County Employees association also opposed it and so did the chamber of commerce.

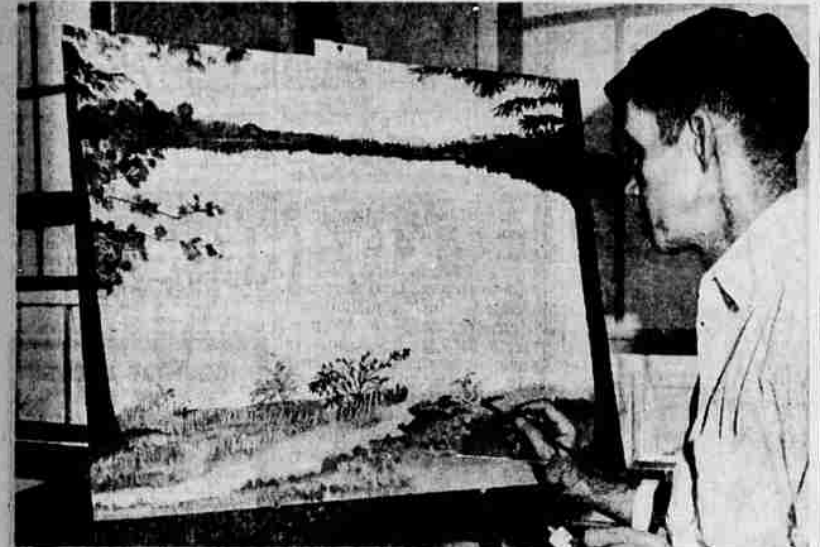
The governmental operations committee went on record unanimously opposing the bill following Miller's presentation.

Attorney Dewey Wilson was the fourth guest appearing before the committee. He spoke on the service being offered the legislature by the lawyers of the state.

This year 21 lawyers are provided by the Oregon Bar to assist legislators in drafting measures for the 1963 session

and in solving legal questions at hearings, and in other activities where legal advice is needed, Wilson said.

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