

Salem Scene

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COOL HEADS PREVAIL PRODUCING POSITIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Few will argue the 56th Legislative Assembly got off to a "negative" start last January 11.

Four months later, it's just as difficult to find anyone to argue the fact Oregon and Oregonians will be better off because of the work by 1971 lawmakers.

The session's early going was marred by partisan wrangling in the Senate, a deluge of bills, a plethora of pressure groups and polar bear weather. GOP House leadership had declared for no new taxes and it was obvious lawmakers were dissatisfied with Gov. McCall's proposed budget.

After a two-week organizational delay, unheralded John Burns (D-Portland) emerged as a new coalition president of the Senate and Legislators began playing "catch-up."

Sixteen weeks into the session with adjournment sine die likely within a month, it would appear reason is prevailing and emerging legislation will provide the greatest good for the greatest number.

Local governments likely will wind up "wealthier," by virtue of enabling legislation designed to solve financial problems. Local government also may be more flexible and capable of solving problems on a regional basis.

The Legislature isn't giving anything away to local government. But it is putting the finger on cities and counties to solve their own problems with new tools.

In the realm of natural resources, observers call the 56th Assembly one of the most responsible when it comes to proper utilization of "natural" gifts. And progress in this field is considered an accomplishment in spite of—not because of, environmental extremists.

A new Forest Practices Act is acclaimed as a major step toward environmental protection. Likewise are measures such as the Mining Reclamation Act and laws that regulate slash burning and create recreation trails.

Employers are expressing continuing concern for the health and welfare of employees and their families by supporting laws that would provide higher workmen's compensation benefits for temporary total disability, permanent partial disability and dependent children in the event of a worker's death.

On the consumer protection front a Judiciary Committee Deceptive Trade Practices Act appears destined to become law.

A combination of two or more bills, the act specifically defines a dozen or more unfair trade practices, provides stronger remedies for consumers and stricter enforcement by the Attorney General, prohibits referral selling, abolishes the holder in due course doctrine and provides a three-day cooling-off period for home solicitation sales.

New unemployment compensation laws provide 13 weeks of additional benefits and likely will produce an 8% increase in the size of benefits.

Environmentally the 56th Assembly is working overtime to control litter, phase out open field burning, provide stronger tools with which to crack down on persistent pollution violators, conform with federal anti-pollution legislation, provide additional bonding for pollution control and solid waste disposal study, preserve estuaries and coastal areas and control nuclear power plant sitings.

Yeoman work of Ways & Means Committee, however, is odds-on favorite for legislative accomplishment.

Faced with predictable revenue shortages, Ways & Means has made up for the two-week Senate organizational delay and apparently is holding the line on ballooning expenditure requests.

Feeling the pinch are both higher education and welfare budgets, along with those of the Executive Department and many other agencies. Republicans are standing pat on their desire to avoid major new taxes. A five-cent cigarette tax is likely and lawmakers may tinker with income tax pre-reporting procedures to obtain additional funds on a one-shot basis.

At this state of the game, reorganization of school districts probably will remain status quo. Basic school support will be increased moderately—but could provide some property tax relief due to stabilizing enrollment projec-

tions. Meanwhile, total bill production tends to enforce the contention the 56th Assembly is playing it "cool."

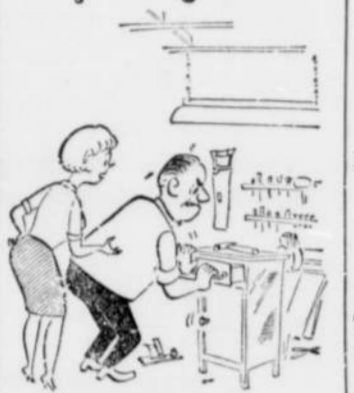
On May 2, 1967, some 80 Senate bills and 139 House bills had passed both houses for a total of 219 ready for signing by the governor. Of 1,462 bills introduced in that session, 638 became law.

On the same date in 1969 some 53 Senate bills and 95 House Bills had passed both houses for a total of 148. Of 1,554 bills introduced that session, 710 were passed by both houses.

On May 2 this session 26 Senate bills and 129 House bills had passed both houses for a total of 145. What lends special significance to the statistics this session is the fact bill production progresses apace with 1969—but more than 2,000 bills have been introduced.

Statistically and realistically, it would appear the 56th Assembly's cooler heads will prevail.

My Neighbors



"Maybe you should try Dial-A-Prayer—"

HIGHEST LIONS HONOR TO BOB HOPE



Comedian Bob Hope accepts the 1971 Lions International Humanitarian Award from Dr. Robert D. McCullough of Tulsa, Oklahoma, President of the world's largest humanitarian service organization.

The award was given to Hope for his continuous efforts and work in behalf of sight conservation and eye research, one of the major concerns of Lions Clubs throughout the world.

The presentation was made this past weekend in Washington, D.C. because film commitments will prevent Hope from attending the Lions world convention in Las Vegas this June.

School Lunch Menu

Thursday, May 13—

Meat Balls
Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
Hot Rolls
Buttered Carrots
Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Friday, May 14—

Wiener on Homemade bun.
Corn
Potato chips
Apple Cake & Butter Sauce
Milk

Monday, May 17—

Spaghetti
Warm Garlic Bread
Carrots and Peas
Fruit Jello
Chocolate chip cookie
Milk

Tuesday, May 18—

Hamburger Vegetable Soup

Peanut Butter Sandwich
Celery Sticks
Bread pudding and Lemon Sauce
Milk

Wednesday, May 19—

Turkey and Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
Hot rolls
Green Beans
Dressing & Cranberry Sauce
Pumpkin Custard
Milk

Thursday, May 20—

Chili Beans
Buttered Toast
Lettuce Salad
Peaches and Cookie
Milk

Friday, May 21—

Creamed Tuna on Biscuit
Harvard Beets
Applescrisp
Milk

OBITUARIES

ARTHUR SHAFER
MEHAMA—Arthur S. "Tony" Shafer, 62, Mehama, former Salem resident, died Wednesday at a Portland hospital following a long illness.

Born in Downeyville, Calif., he moved in 1961 to Mehama, where he operated a hardware store. He was a member of Masonic lodge and Shrine Club.

Surviving are widow Gloria; son Richard, Kinnelon, N. J.; stepsons Donald Landess, Thomas Landess, both Salem, Robert Landess, Portland; brothers William, James, both of Modesto, Calif., Eugene, Hesperia, Calif., John, Mehama, Henry, Alameda, Calif.; sister Mrs. Margaret Claussinius, Lafayette, Calif.; four grandchildren.

Services were held at 10 a.m. Saturday at Weddle Funeral Home, Stayton, Rev. Byron Pickering officiating. Masonic Lodge will conduct ritualistic services. Interment was at Restlawn Memory Gardens, Salem.

Family suggests contributions to the Shrine Hospital for Crippled Children.



Make me to know thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths. —(Psalms 25:4).

Let us dedicate our lives to our Creator. Let Him take our will and mold it according to His. Let Him teach us the truth and all that is good, to love with all our hearts, our souls, minds and strength. Teach us to love others as He loves us. Help us to help others in the spirit of true brotherliness.

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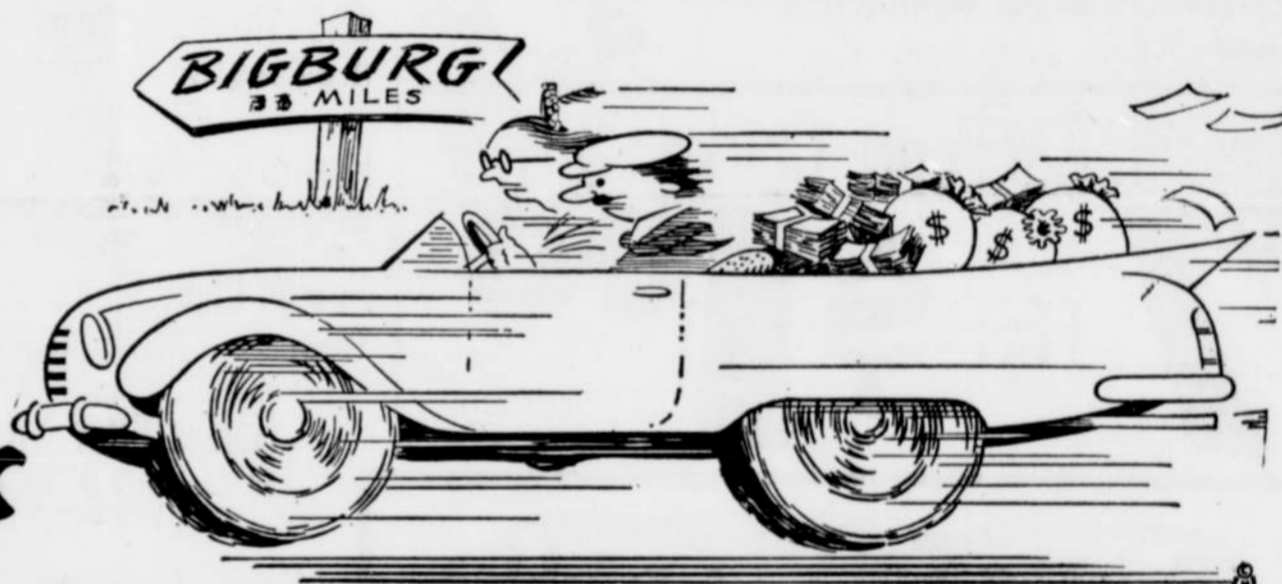
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