

DETROIT IDANHA

Boots Champion
The Detroit City Council will hold their regular meeting of the month March 11, at 7:30 p.m. at Detroit City Hall.
Some 39 upper canyon area people signed up for the Blitz Weinhard Brewery Tour March 4. Robert Layman reported, due to the number of people signing up here, a change in bus plans was made. The bus departing here at 5:00 p.m. was a non-stop run to Portland. Another chartered bus picked up fares in the Gates - Mehama areas. Layman said total number of people throughout the canyon area taking the tour ranged in the 80's.

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Deanha Extension Group To Meet Wed., March 12

DETROIT — The Deanha Home Extension Study Group will meet Wed., March 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Detroit home of Mrs. Ruth Thomasson, chairman. The meeting place for the March meeting was changed due to Mrs. Thomasson's recent surgery.
All members are being reminded to bring an article to be auctioned. The project lesson will be on "Let Down, Up Tight," which will be presented by June Mennis, assisted by Theo Houck. Those who want to learn about how to eliminate some of today's stresses and tension and learn how to cope with the present, and make tomorrow a brighter day, this is a lesson they should not miss.
Everyone is invited to attend. A baby sitter will be provided for those with pre-school children. For further information contact Ruth Thomasson or Barbara Whiteley.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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Occasionally I find it interesting to compare this session with the one two years ago — which was the all-time record breaker for the number of bills introduced. As of Feb. 27, in 1973, a total of 1964 had been placed in the hopper—1,255 by the house and 709 by the senate. As of Feb. 27, of this year, 1,335 by the house and 956 by the senate. This is an increase of 327 bills. There is more and more evidence that a lid should be placed on the number that each member can introduce. I will comment, however, that I doubt very much if this session passes as many measures as the last one did. Just because they are introduced is no reason for some of them to pass.

Once in a while it seems that one issue begins to overshadow all others — at least for a period of time. This is presently true as far as "field burning" is concerned. All our meetings of senate agriculture and natural resources pertain to this subject at this point, and more, including hearings in Eugene and Albany, are scheduled for next week.

Our field burning hearings are beginning to bring out some accusations that all the testimony that we hear is not factual. For instance, PGE was named as a big grower of seed grass (8,000 acres) by one witness. When I questioned an executive from that company, I was informed that they do not have a single acre in grass seed. And so it goes!

Tuesday night the Farm Bureau entertained the members of the Legislature with a very nice dinner held at the Salem Armory. I was pleased at the number of legislators that turned out for this bi-annual occasion. I was also pleased at the number of farm bureau members attending who reside in my senatorial district.

Army Unveils New Education Plan

The U. S. Army has announced a plan called Project AHEAD that enables young people to start college at the same time they enlist in the army.

According to local army representative SFC Rowland, individuals who qualify apply to one of over 800 participating institutions. The college serves as an academic fieldholder. The soldier/student attends classes provided by accredited colleges right on post or near his place of assignment.

"In the course of his army career, the individual may attend classes offered by any number of colleges," SFC Rowland said. "His 'home' school keeps a record of his credits for review when he returns as a veteran."

An academic advisor at the "home" school assists the individual in developing a program of education.
"Project AHEAD is a program that benefits everybody involved — the young people, the colleges and the army," SFC Rowland said.

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This week I will discuss the role the legislature is involved with in consumer legislation. This is informational and does not reflect my approval or disapproval of the same.

Consumers — and that includes all of us — are riding an economic roller coaster. Prices rise, and the value of the dollar continues to drop. And there are plenty of curves thrown in.

Only congress has the power to control the ups and downs, but the Oregon Legislature can deal effectively with many of the curves.

One of our roles is to attempt to protect consumers from deceptive business practices. This covers everything from sloppy workmanship to open fraud. In sum, we can make sure you're getting goods and services as promised, and at the prices you were led to believe you'd pay.

We have already added a lot of consumer laws to the books. During the last session alone, more than two dozen measures were enacted. Among the new protections are warranties on consumer goods, age dating of perishable foods and civil penalties for violations of consumer laws.

Much remains to be done, and the 1975 legislature is closing in on a number of problems that contribute either directly or indirectly to higher prices.

One of the most significant measures, House Bill 2086, would require major grocery stores and supermarkets to adopt unit pricing. Committee approval was given Feb. 27.

With unit pricing in effect, shoppers would be able to tell at a glance which of several similar items on a grocery shelf is the best value.

This would be achieved by marking items with both the selling price and the price per pound, quart or other unit of measure.

In view of the wide variety of shapes and sizes of packages and containers, quick cost comparisons could result in considerable savings to consumers.

A bill has been introduced to require food processors to list ingredients on labels in descending order of weight, so that consumers know exactly what's inside. House Bill 2062 was given a "do pass" recommendation by the labor committee on Thursday (Feb. 27) and sent to the house floor.

Another bill would require that labels carry information on the cost of packaging. This cost, of course, adds to the purchase price.

Senate Bill 530 would extend Oregon's open date labeling law to canned goods. The statute, which requires labels to carry either the date of packaging or the "pull" date, presently applies only to perishable foods.

Also on the senate side, two bills are aimed at halting the practice of re-marking consumer goods already in stock to reflect price increases. SB 460 applies only to grocery stores, while SB 362 is directed at merchants in general.

Legislation was introduced last week in SB 495 to require pharmacists to dispense the lowest priced product in stock when doctors prescribe drugs by generic names.

House Bill 2269 would require pharmacies to display the retail prices of the 100 most commonly prescribed drugs in their most frequently dispensed quantities, as determined by the Oregon State

Mobile Cancer Clinic Participation Fair

DETROIT — Thirty-six women from the Detroit, Idanha and Mill City areas participated in the free mobile cancer detection clinic held at Detroit City Hall Thursday. Although this was considered a fair turnout, it had been hoped more women would take advantage of the clinic. However, women of all ages visited the clinic.

Tests and examinations were conducted by Marion County physicians, gynecologists, Dr. D. Beard and Dr. H. McGee of Salem, assisted by R. N.'s Ellen Byrd and Theresa Wickman. Traveling with the mobile clinic was Bob McDonald, medical assistant and Pat Winters, medical assistant recording secretary. Assisting with the clinic program was the American Cancer Society area representative Vera Griffis (three counties) and Joe Ann Heyer.

The Mobile Cancer Detection Clinic was sponsored by the American Cancer Society, Oregon Division, Inc.

Area volunteers assisting in the program and lending their support are to be commended for their efficiency in welcoming the patients and aiding them in filling out questionnaires. Volunteers were Barbara Whiteley, chairman; Bertha Duren, Joyce Crist, Tina Michaelson, Myrlene Ableman and Edith Bittner. Mrs. Bittner very ably ran the city hall projector showing continuous colored films on monthly breast self-examinations and procedures of collecting pap smears.

The Detroit Woman's Civic Club furnished free cookies and coffee and free baby sitting was provided.

The area volunteers and the civic club extends their appreciation to Harold Baker for his assistance at the Detroit City Hall.

Board of Pharmacy

Consumers would benefit from this legislation by being made aware of the cost differences between generic and brand names drugs, as well as price differences among pharmacies.

A bill I introduced seeks to place limits on consumer interest rates.

House Bill 2550 would limit service charges on retail charge accounts and revolving credit accounts to 12% per year. In other words, consumers would be charged no more than one percent each month on the unpaid balance.

Proposals to increase public protection through the regulation and licensing of specific types of business are found in a number of house bills.

HB 2445 would create a state board of mobile salesmen within the department of commerce to license door-to-door salesmen. HB 2313 calls for licensing and regulation of dispensing opticians. Both HB 2159 and HB 2385 propose state regulations governing the preparation of tax returns.

Additional controls would be placed on evasion and racial dealers under provisions of HB 2495. This measure would require dealers to employ only certified technicians, and would prohibit them from charging in excess of 20% above an original estimate without the permission of the customer.

The legislature is being asked in Senate Bill 265 to repeal Oregon's Fair Trade Act, which allows certain manufacturers to forbid local merchants to charge less than a specific price for a product.

More than half of the people in the United States live in states with similar retail pricing laws, and the president's council on economic advisors estimates that such programs cost American consumers \$1.5 billion annually.

In the words of the U. S. Attorney General, repeal "could make a swift and immediate impact on our inflationary problems."

SB 265 was unanimously passed by the senate last week (Feb. 18) and sent to the house.

If you have any questions concerning legislative problems, please contact me at 107K Capitol Bldg., Salem, Ore. 97310. My phone number is 373-8849. Information on bills or legislative matters can be obtained by calling the toll free information number 1-800-452-0290.

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Capitol's Tunnel Links Corrying Heavy Traffic

Eighteen months ago this column suggested the 1975 legislature might go underground. The prediction was only partly correct. It was offered tongue-in-cheek and based on plans to build the capitol forum, a \$2.8 million two-level sub-surface hearing room complex west of the capitol building in Willson Park. The forum was to be linked to the capitol by a series of tunnels and once in operation would have meant lawmakers would be doing what is the most time-consuming portion of their jobs — under ground.

Plans for the forum since have been scrapped following a court decision that a portion of the project jutting above the ground would be inconsistent with present park purposes.

The reason the prediction remains partly correct involves the fact the assembly for the first time has expanded out of the capitol building itself into the nearby Public Service Building. And those two structures are linked by a quarter-century-old pedestrian tunnel. Some 275 feet long, this tunnel today is carrying considerable more foot traffic than its proponents ever dreamed when the board of control authorized construction in 1948.

At the public service building basement end of the tunnel is the legislature's distribution center, containing the all-important mail and bill rooms. Three flights up on the second floor are offices of eight legislators, three hearing rooms, offices for five legislative committees, legislative research and part of legislative administration.

Lump the functions of each together and you find lawmakers, their staffs, newsmen, lobbyists and the interested public all contributing to the underground prediction suggested in the summer of '73.

So far there is no official traffic count for pedestrian use of the tunnel. And conscientious housekeeping, that has removed the bulk of miscellaneous furniture and other articles once stored there, appears to be keeping congestion at a minimum. But it is a busy place with starkly painted walls, ceiling and concrete floor constantly resounding to the voices and footsteps of users.

Highly utilitarian, the tunnel was the brainchild of Harold Philippe, former assistant secretary of state, who retired in 1968 after 45 years of service in that office. He recalls that during construction of the present capitol in the late thirties he was intrigued with the possibility of using an underground room that housed the older, fire-damaged capitol building's heating plant as a vault for record storage. The idea didn't catch on and the old subterranean chamber was filled.

Later he discussed the plan with Sec. of State Earl Newby in the late forties when the public service building was under construction and it sparked the link between the two buildings. In fact, the tunnel was so popular the board adopted it unanimously on the bases of a preliminary \$47,000 estimate and simply added it to the cost of the public service building.

Two years later in 1950, the same body okayed a tunnel linking public service to the highway farther west. That 100-foot tube was built for about \$20,000. On the strength of use of both, provisions also were made for an underground link between the highway building and still-newer labor and industries structure west-

ward across the capitol mall. This tunnel has yet to be built, however, and there is little official clamour to launch the project.

Another underground movement started in 1951 though, and it involved plans to create a sub-surface parking area between the mall. That project gained legislative sanction in 1969, plans were drafted during the following interim but soaring costs — last reported at about \$6,000 per vehicle space — forced lawmakers to withhold funding in 1971. Capitol planners still are discouraged and it's doubtful the parking facility will be revived in the near future.

A third tunnel has been created beneath capitol grounds — although its existence is not widely known and its use somewhat restricted.

The newest underground link stretches 75 feet between the supreme court building and the state office building and was part of the \$1.2 million remodeling project on both buildings completed in 1973. It facilitates access between supreme and appeals courts and the department of justice. It also provides supreme court building employees with weatherproof access to the office building's cafeteria.

Oregon weather, of course, was the prime reason for constructing these below-ground passageways. But in addition to keeping people out of the rain, they also reduce surface pedestrian traffic on many of the busy thoroughfares crisscrossing the area.

Second only in popularity to the capitol's tower among school children visiting the seat of state government, the older tunnels are about eight feet tall and slightly less in width. The most recent supreme court-office building passage is slightly taller and wider and boasts a less claustrophobic atmosphere.

Security people and maintenance personnel report none of the tunnels are particularly problematic and they are locked tight at 6 p.m. daily and on weekends. Drainage has been a problem in the older tunnels but no serious flooding has occurred recently. Vandalism also is nearly nonexistent.

Furthermore, it's doubtful capitol tunnels have or will be used as trysting places — similar to reported use by state hospital patients of regions beneath that nearby facility.

"Even if ours weren't so well lighted and more suited to privacy, the acoustics aren't conducive to tunnel therapy," quipped one capitol guard.

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