

# WEST GARNERS APPOINTMENTS IN CONGRESS

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—The west was riding high as the 79th congress inched through its first business week.

In committee assignments so far announced the west claimed two new senate chairmanships—Murray (D-Mont.) for labor and education, O'Mahoney (D-Wyo.) for Indian affairs, while Thomas (D-Utah) shifted from education to military affairs.

It also placed Rep. Anderson (D-N.M.) on the house ways and means committee, Reps. Gillespie (R-Colo.) and Horan (R-Wash.) on appropriations. Most others found themselves strategically assigned to aid their states' interests.

President Roosevelt presented a budget that seemed to meet the needs of most western activities, including \$44,000,000 for reclamation. But he also renewed his suggestion for water resource development on a basin-wide basis, which isn't too happy a prospect for most western members.

Westerners forced a postponement of increases in grazing fees and proposed to look into the necessity for the change, but lost their fight against OPA ceilings on beef "on the hoof." Some were consoled by the belief that the new ceilings were not so bad as had been expected.

The rivers and harbors bill came back to the senate containing several needed projects to fit western harbors for the new, heavier-type vessels and minus the item which blocked approval of the half-million dollar program last session. This was the proposal of Rep. Elliott (D-Calif.) to waive the reclamation law's 160-acre limitation for the central valley project.

Twenty-nine of the 43 western house members cast a futile vote against the bill to re-create the Dies committee to investigate un-American affairs.

## Nurses Swarm Into Recruiting Offices

PORTLAND, Jan. 13 (AP)—Nurses who want to serve in military hospitals have been swarming into Red Cross nurses recruiting offices here, Mrs. Elinor Kell, state recruiting secretary, reported today—but few qualify.

Most applicants are supervising hospital floors or teaching student-nurses—executive posts which cannot be abandoned, she said.

## Card-Room Stabber Awaits Sentence

THE DALLES, Jan. 13 (AP)—Sam Brendel, convicted of manslaughter last night in the September 30 card-room stabbing of Willie Carl Jones, awaited sentence today.

The trial of Brendel, indicted for first degree murder, lasted four days in circuit court. He came here from Pendleton shortly before the stabbing.

## Chairman Named to Head Committee

CORVALLIS, Jan. 13 (AP)—Frank McKennon, head of the bureau of plant industry, Oregon state department of agriculture, Salem, is chairman of a new permanent committee to combat virus diseases of stone fruits in western states.

Committeemen, named at the close of a two-day conference of western agricultural leaders at Oregon State college yesterday, include Fred Deselhem, Washington agricultural department; Earle C. Blodgett, University of Idaho; Earl Hutchins, Utah agriculture department, and D. G. Milbrath, California agriculture department.

## Second Judge For Circuit Court Asked

MEDFORD, Jan. 13 (AP)—A law adding a second judge to the Josephine-Jackson county circuit court is asked by Grants Pass residents, State Representative O. H. Bengston said here today.

The Jackson county bar will support the plan which will be submitted to the state legislature, Bengston predicted.

## Checks Sent to Health Association

The Klamath County Health association has received a check for \$100 from a corporation in Gilchrist, and another \$100 check from a Klamath Falls corporation, according to Mrs. Zola Parker, secretary of the health association. These checks were given to assist the organization in carrying on its work in the county.

The association wishes to express its thanks for the splendid response from both county and city, and remind anyone who has not as yet made donations that it is never too late.

## Prisoner Escapes From Work Gang

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Walton, who was received at the prison April 9, 1944, to serve three years for burglary in Multnomah county, dodged behind a building and disappeared.

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# Flashes of Life

## 'S NO JOKE!

POMPEY, N. Y., Jan. 13 (AP) Roy Clark, one of a gang of shovelers attempting to clear a road of drifts ranging from 6 to 17 feet in depth, was asked how long it would take to complete the job.

"We ought to fetch it by spring," Roy answered. "I figure we're about down to the 1941 layer now. There shouldn't be more than two years' snow under that."

ALL IN HARLINGEN, Tex., Jan. 13 (AP)—The entire student body of Sodville high school in San Patricio county was on hand for its team's appearance in the semi-finals of the 14th annual Laferia lettermen's basketball tournament.

The student body consists of seven boys—all on the team—and two girls.

## FASHION NOTE

DALLAS, Jan. 13 (AP)—George Louis Gaudreau, 25, boatswain's mate second class from Detroit, attracted plenty of attention here with that gold earring he wore in his left ear.

"Why, I'm just one of at least 500 guys in the South Pacific who wear a single earring," explained Gaudreau, on leave from that area.

Ever since I had my ear pierced to wear the Saipan circle, Lady Luck has been skirting my heels."

## OUTSMARTED

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 13 (AP)—Police, answering a military police sergeant's plea for help, arrested a civilian for swearing at the sarge.

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# To the Rescue



(NEA Radio-Telephoto) Coming to the rescue of the besieged garrison in Bastogne, an American Third Armored Division infantryman followed by his buddies crawls under barbed wire over snow-packed ground between advancing U. S. forces and Nazi gun positions. Action took place about five miles from Bastogne as doughboys fought bitterly to relieve troops holding up the Nazi drive there.

# Bang's Disease in Cattle May Affect Public Health

During recent months the problem of Bang's disease in dairy cattle has shifted from one only of economic importance to the dairy industry to one which may also affect the public health, according to a statement issued by Lee Holliday, president of the Oregon Dairy association, and Antone Larson, president of the Oregon Dairy Manufacturer's association.

All reasonable precautions are being taken in order that dairy products will meet standards affording safety to the health of the consumer, however, and the following program has been proposed.

A complete pasteurization program for all milk and dairy products which would include food products containing milk, manufactured in Oregon or elsewhere, has been suggested. This appears to be impossible as the war production board recently released a statement, saying that equipment for such a program cannot be obtained before at least one year after all hostilities have ceased.

Recognition must also be given, say the officers of the two statewide dairy organizations, to the plight of small dairymen who are selling raw milk from herds that may be considered disease free under the most rigid interpretation of that term. It is therefore suggested that all milk and cream sold in Oregon in the bottle trade be either pasteurized or produced by carefully controlled clean herds and that all butter, ice cream, cottage cheese and milk drinks and fountain concoctions be pasteurized.

It is also suggested by these organizations that herd testing laws and procedures be stepped up to the limit of available inspection and veterinarian service. Herd testing laws are now being carefully rewritten and administrative policies outlined with the purpose in mind of doing everything possible to control Bang's disease and undulant fever at the source.

Recent surveys indicate a wide variation in sanitary levels throughout the state of Oregon. It is therefore believed imperative that a state standard for fluid milk be established below which no city ordinance will be permitted to go, according to the released statement.

It is further suggested that both the public and the industry may be better served if legislation is enacted to bring about a better correlation between the state board of health and the department of agriculture.

The department is now enforcing sanitary laws covering all eating houses, but it is felt by these dairy organizations, that this activity should be transferred to the board of health, since the serving of food to the public is purely a health problem.

# Naval Academy to Strengthen Coast, Believes Cordon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP)—Defense of the Pacific coast would be strengthened, Senator Cordon (R-Ore.) says, by establishment of a naval academy in that area.

Cordon, like his predecessor, the late Senator Charles L. McNary, has introduced a bill to establish such a federal school.

Men trained on the Pacific coast, Cordon told a reporter, would have a more comprehensive knowledge of defense needs of the coast; they would encounter every conceivable condition of terrain, climate and navigable water.

Opposition of the war and navy departments heretofore has prevented enactment of a bill authorizing an additional academy, Cordon said, but he expressed belief that opinions may be changed by experiences in this war.

# Portland Man Named To Racing Committee

SALEM, Jan. 13 (AP)—Dr. Frank R. Menne, Portland, was appointed by Governor Earl Snell today to the state racing commission, succeeding Theodore B. Wilcox Jr., also of Portland, who resigned yesterday. Governor Snell also announced the reappointment of Huntington, Eugene, to the commission.

The governor said Wilcox pressed a desire to be relieved of the responsibilities of the pressure of business other activities in which engaged.

# HOME MADE

CHALK BUTTES, Mont., Jan. 13 (AP)—Jim Keith sports a nifty home-made pair of overalls of plaid bed ticking.

A search of a half-dozen communities and several mail order houses failed to turn up a pair of ordinary work overalls, he said, so Mrs. Keith went to work with thread and needle and made her husband one of Montana's best dressed sheepherders.

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