

State Flax Industry Protests Veterans Administration Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Administration has delayed action on a contract to buy linen rugs while it checks complaints by the Oregon flax industry that its bid specifications are too restrictive.

The protests are based on specifications on flax linen. The VA produces only fiber linen. The protests, relayed to the VA by the office of Rep. Kilworth (R-Ore), asserted that not only were the specifications eliminating competitive bidding but also that fiber linen has been proved in government tests to be more durable than seed linen.

Former County Employee Sues

A former casual county employee is suing Klamath County for a total of \$710.48 he claims is due for overtime work he performed last summer.

He is Willie Platt, now of Lakeview, who was an agricultural worker for the Klamath County Infirmary—now called the Klamath Nursing Home—for several months.

Platt claims that he worked 166 hours overtime in April and May, 1951, when his regular pay was \$190 a month, and 400 overtime hours during May, June, July and August when his regular pay was \$200 a month.

He says he was worked more than eight hours a day and more than 48 hours a week without overtime compensation at time and a half, as required by state law. He also claims that he was promised, because of his long hours of work during the summer months, compensating time off with pay in later months.

However, he was fired in the latter part of August. On Sept. 5, 1951, Platt put in a claim against the county for overtime pay, which at that time he had figured out to \$627.90. The claim was disallowed and a note accompanying the denial of the claim said: "Let him sue." The district attorney will defend.

Platt's claim now is for \$710.48, made up of 166 hours at 75 cents an hour and 400 hours at \$1.24. He is represented by Charles H. Foster, a Lakeview attorney.

EFFORTS REVEALED
An effort is now being made to form a military band here to take part in various civic functions as efforts revealed as in military parades and expositions elsewhere in the state.

It would be a regimental band of the National Guard Reserve. Warner H. Fett has been commissioned bandmaster, a warrant rank in the National Guard Reserve, and the authorized strength of the organization is 28 bandmen.

action pending a study of the Oregon claims. A spokesman told a reporter the agency had "walked innocently into a trapset over sectional interests." He said the agency was unaware that certain linen is available only from certain areas.

Previously, he said, bids on the rug had been called under a brand name with the usual "or equal quality" provision in an effort to spell out the specifications in more detail, the agency had asked the manufacturer for the information.

Three bidders responded to the bid but only one, the Schiele Carpet Co., New York City, bid \$6.90 a square yard for both linen and lin-cotton carpeting. I. O. B. Duluth Theodore Johnson Carpet Co., St. Paul, Minn., bid \$8.30 for linen and \$6.63 for linen-cotton. Both included additional sums for sewing, binding and cutting.

Oregon Flax Textiles of Salem, Oregon, a division of the National Automotive Fibers, Inc., protested the bidding but submitted a bid of \$4.75 a square yard for both types of carpeting.

If the agency's check bears out the Oregon claims, the spokesman said the specifications probably will be rewritten and new bids asked.

State Polio Count Down
PORTLAND (AP) — Five fewer cases of polio were reported in Oregon last week than in the previous week, the State Board of Health reported Tuesday.

Two of last week's total of nine cases were in Umatilla County. The previous week's total was 14.

20-30 Club Sets Car Keys Drive
Annual drive of the 20-30 Club to discourage the practice of motorists leaving keys in their parked cars is set for Aug. 13 to 16. Dates were announced last evening by Ed Maurman, project chairman, as the club held an open air meeting.

At Aldrich reported plans for the coming Hobby Show, jointly sponsored by the 20-30 Club and the YMCA, were shaping up rapidly.

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While a special police force will be maintained during the show and every precaution will be taken for the safety of exhibits, it must be understood the owners are required to assume all risk, should any exhibit be damaged, lost or stolen. The committee will render all possible aid in recovery of same, but will not recognize any claim for payment of the value or portion thereof.

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State Board of Education Endorses Television Plans

ASHLAND (AP) — The State Board of Higher Education endorsed earlier committee action Tuesday to recommend a state-owned educational service television station near Corvallis.

A five-month television study was referred to Gov. McKay as background research information, on which to base further action. The governor is expected to call a meeting of various state agencies interested in using the TV station, to consider adding their endorsement.

OFBF Notes Ballot Stand

BEND (AP) — Directors of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation announced Tuesday the organization's stand on three controversial measures which are to appear on the November election ballot.

Marshal Swearingen, president, said the group will oppose: 1. Any change in the state milk marketing act. 2. The school district reorganization measure. 3. The trucking firm's measure to eliminate the weight-mile tax on trucks.

Approval was given a committee recommendation that \$100,000 be spent at Oregon State College for campus street improvements and other projects and \$20,000 for a parking area adjacent to the Gill Coliseum.



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