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Ways-Means Hikes Parole Board Budget

SALEM (AP)—The Joint Ways and Means Committee Saturday approved budgets for the next biennium totalling nearly 30 million dollars and including a substantial increase in the program of the state Board of Parole and Probation.

The committee approved a budget for the parole board of \$1,033,558 to provide 36 new staff members and increase the size of the part-time board from three to five members.

It involves a \$200,000 increase over the recommendation by former Gov. Robert D. Holmes and a \$400,000 hike over the 1957-59 budget period.

The House already has passed and sent to the Senate the bill increasing the size of the board.

The other budget approved by the committee which provided a large change from the recommendation by Holmes was the state Water Resources Board.

Its budget for the next two years was increased from Holmes' recommendation of \$262,473 to \$398,039. This was done to provide more funds for surveys of streams.

The other budgets approved and sent to the floor included:

State Penitentiary, \$5,153,735; Unemployment Compensation Commission, \$3,154,749; Tax Commission, \$6,891,232; new correctional institution at Salem, \$3,267,513; penitentiary industries, \$644,911; MacLaren School for Boys, \$3,393,307 and Hillcrest Girls' School, \$1,545,085.

Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), co-chairman of the committee, said the committee has about 15 budgets left to consider.

He named as the biggest problem the building program for higher education and state institutions, the welfare program, and salaries for district attorneys and judges.

OSC Teacher Faces Trial

CORVALLIS (AP)—David C. England, assistant professor of animal husbandry at Oregon State College, failed Friday to win dismissal of a manslaughter charge against him.

That means England, free on \$10,000 bond, will stand trial for the death of his adopted son, Charles Edwin, 12. He is accused of causing the boy's death by hitting him too hard.

England had asked that the charge be dropped, contending death was excusable homicide.

Dist. Atty. John Fenner argued this applied only when due caution is used by the parent, and said England failed to exercise due caution.

Circuit Judge Fred McHenry said the indictment sufficiently charged a crime.

England was accused in the indictment of acting without due caution in striking his son.

JOINS ASIA FOUNDATION

NEW YORK (UPI)—Adlai E. Stevenson has been elected to the board of trustees of the Asia Foundation. It was announced today. The foundation, with headquarters in San Francisco, is a non-profit organization contributing private American assistance to Asian education, cultural and civic activities.

Researchers Making Test Of Radioactivity On Body

WEST ORANGE, N.J. (AP)—How much radioactivity can you absorb without danger to your health?

A research team of the New Jersey Department of Health thinks present yardsticks may be wrong. It is trying to find an exact guide. The team is searching for 1,000 people who worked in industries using radium in New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania 35 or 40 years ago. In a year and a half, the task force has turned up the names of 500 workers and examined 100.

Many had painted watch hands and dials with a paint containing radium. Some of these put the paint brushes in their mouths to get a finer point.

Others prepared the paint, conducted experiments with it or worked in offices or laboratories where they had some contact with it.

The State Health Department says these people form the largest group in the United States to be living for any length of time since exposure to radiation. Some have children and grandchildren.

The radium research project has a \$65,000 grant from the Atomic Energy Commission, which is backing two similar studies in the country.

One at the Argonne National Laboratory in Chicago, is investigating about 100 radium dial painters in Illinois and others who had radium injections in that state. The other, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology,

is studying 150 to 200 former workers in the Connecticut radium industry.

Some of the onetime radium workers had radioactive materials inside them for 43 years, said Lester A. Barrer, senior investigator of the staff.

"This doesn't mean they have suffered any ill effects," he added. "We haven't determined that yet."

Once located, the workers are given a simple breath test. It shows the amount of radium and mesothorium, two constituents of the radium paint.

After this, the task force asks the workers the names of physicians, dentists, medical specialists and hospitals they visited.

"We will compare the findings on this group to those on a group who have never worked in a radium factory," Barrer said.

Radium and mesothorium are natural radioactive materials not found in the fallout from nuclear explosions. But their effect, Barrer said, is similar to materials such as strontium 90 present in fallout.

The present search stems from an old survey of 30 radium dial painters who worked in the Newark area after World War I.

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Diamond Buys 55,000-Acre Timber Tract

SPOKANE (AP)—The Diamond Gardner Corp. announced Friday the purchase of 55,000 acres of timberland and a mill from the Ohio Match Co. at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

The sale price was not disclosed. Plant facilities five miles west of Coeur d'Alene on the Spokane River include a sawmill, a match block factory, dry kilns and a planing mill. The mill has a capacity of 65 million board feet a year and employs about 270 persons.

The timberlands involved lie generally within the Coeur d'Alene and St. Joe National Forests in Northern Idaho. The transaction also includes Ohio Match cutting rights on some federal, state and private timber, together with logging facilities and equipment.

Leo V. Bodine, a Diamond Gardner vice president here, said the deal is "a major step toward our goal of integrated manufacturing facilities for lumber and wood products here in the Inland Empire" area of Eastern Washington, Northern Idaho and Western Montana.

Diamond Gardner already has three mills in Idaho, Montana and Washington and a match block plant here. It is the world's largest manufacturer of both book and wooden matches and produces a number of paperboard products.

Ohio Match is a division of Hunt Foods and Industries Inc. Diamond Gardner has extensive holdings in Maine, Minnesota, New York and on the western slopes of the California Sierras. Holdings total more than 453,000 acres.

Governor Slams Tax 'Patchwork'

SALEM (AP)—The taxation program being worked out by the Legislature's Democratic leadership was called "strictly patchwork" Saturday by Gov. Mark Hatfield.

The Republican governor said the program is "nothing more than a little dribble here and a little dribble there in order to squeeze enough through for the biennium, and then let the next biennium worry about itself."

"The people are going to be the victims of this lack of leadership in the field of taxation," he said.

He said the Legislature has "a record of very little accomplishment," and that the "people deserve more constructive legislation than that which they have received so far."

CAN'T KEEP IT UP! YORK, England (UPI)—East Riding County officials said they were sorry, but there seemed to be nothing they could do about a complaint contained in the annual report of County Librarian E. W. Fryer.

He had protested bitterly that too many books are being printed.

High Flying Water Skiers Facing Trouble In Iowa

By ART SRB
Associated Press Staff Writer
If some legislators had their way:

Blind persons could get hunting licenses.
Nudism would be outlawed.
Cigarette packages would bear skull and crossbones inscriptions.
Downtown Chicago would be a sand dune.

Bills calling for such laws were introduced in the state legislature. Some of the odd or whimsical measures even managed to become law. A tipsy water skier will find the sport even riskier if he performs on Iowa rivers and lakes.

Why? Legislators in the Hawkeye State decided some water skiers were flying too high and passed a law making it a misdemeanor to ride skis while under the influence.

Nudism came under scrutiny in Vermont and Missouri, the Show-Me State. But Missourians were having a tough time deciding which committee should handle the bill to ban nudism. The Appropriations Committee argued it deserved the measure because it deals with figures.

Some 40 sunbathers in Vermont's lone nudist colony can continue basking in the altogether, thanks to the defeat of an anti-nudist bill.

Wyoming considered, then defeated, a bill which would have

permitted issuance of hunting licenses to blind persons. It would have required the actual shooting to be done by another licensed hunter with the game animal going to the blind person.

South Dakota's Senate thought all cigarette packs should bear a skull and crossbones stamp. The House considered the bill — then killed it. A similar measure died in the Utah Legislature.

Exasperated with attempts by Chicagoans to prevent industry from building on Indiana's Lake Michigan sand dunes, a Hoosier legislator proposed that Chicago's business district be converted into a sand dune.

The bill, which even provided for empty beer cans to give the proposed Chicago beach the proper picnic look, died in committee, almost before Chicagoans got wind of the matter.

Maine tried to straighten out the somewhat fuzzy provisions of its liquor law forbidding cocktail lounge patrons to stand and tavern customers to sit. Bills were drawn up to allow lounge patrons to arise and those in taverns to be seated.

Three Colorado legislators, who have a total of 25 grandchildren among them, agreed that teacher should be allowed to whack Johnny on the posterior when necessary. They introduced such a bill.

New Mexico kiddies were spared such classroom embarrassment by their governor's veto. But unruly pupils in South Dakota, whose Legislature and governor like the idea, will have to take their licks in stride.

The younger set found a friend in Wisconsin, where a bill says a child could sue mom and dad. The parents weren't left without recourse, however. They could sue right back.

Yankee beekeepers, who transport their charges south in the winter to keep the little stingers from freezing, apparently didn't always confine the bees securely. Stings, and angry rebel yells, prompted legislation in South Carolina calling for better hives. A bill in the Wisconsin Legislature would require taverns to post a blacklist of all alcoholics. It failed, however, to state whether wives would have a voice in nominating candidates.

Wyoming legislators, aware of the tavern owner's plight, passed a law which classifies bartenders under the "hazardous occupation" provision of the workmen's compensation law.

Lawmakers also were concerned with fistfights. A soft-hearted Wisconsin assemblyman wants to move heavy-weight boxing matches a little closer to pillow fights. His bill would increase the weight of gloves from 8 to 10 ounces.

California dealt with the problem of fights between workers on the job. A bill stated that a worker starting a fight—and coming out on the short end—couldn't collect benefits under the workmen's compensation law.

San Francisco Recalls Quake

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI)—San Francisco took time out Friday to look back on that gray day 53 years ago when the city was rocked by the earthquake and fire which leveled the central part of town.

The disaster was recalled by William A. Marcus, consultant with the American Trust Company, who told the annual Insurance Day luncheon of his own participation in the events of April 17, 1906.

He called the disaster "a great human leveling experience."

"While the bricks were still hot," he said, "rebuilding commenced. And I can say that from personal experience, because I was one of many who pitched bricks on lower California Street for 25 cents an hour."

He described the four days of fire which swept through the city and the crowds of homeless who fought to stay alive in the parks and hills of the city.

But then came the rebuilding and rebirth of the city.

"Confidence in the city's future never diminished," he said.

Historic House Appears Doomed

ROSEBURG (AP)—Virtually all hope of saving the historic Lillie Moore house here appeared lost Saturday.

The county Historical Society planned previously to move the 101-year-old house to a location near the Umpqua River. This would cost about \$3,500.

Mrs. V. J. Micelli, society president, said the money is not available. All plans to move the structure proved too expensive, she added.

The society expects to save mementos from the house before it is torn down so the downtown lot where it is located can be used for a parking lot.

More than 40,000,000 Americans now living will develop cancer if present rates continue. The American Cancer Society says a regular health checkup offers the best protection against the disease today.

Coaster Death Probe Ordered

PORTLAND (AP)—An inquest into the death of a lad hurtled to his death from a Jantzen Beach roller coaster car here April 10 will be Thursday, Dist. Atty. Charles E. Raymond said Friday.

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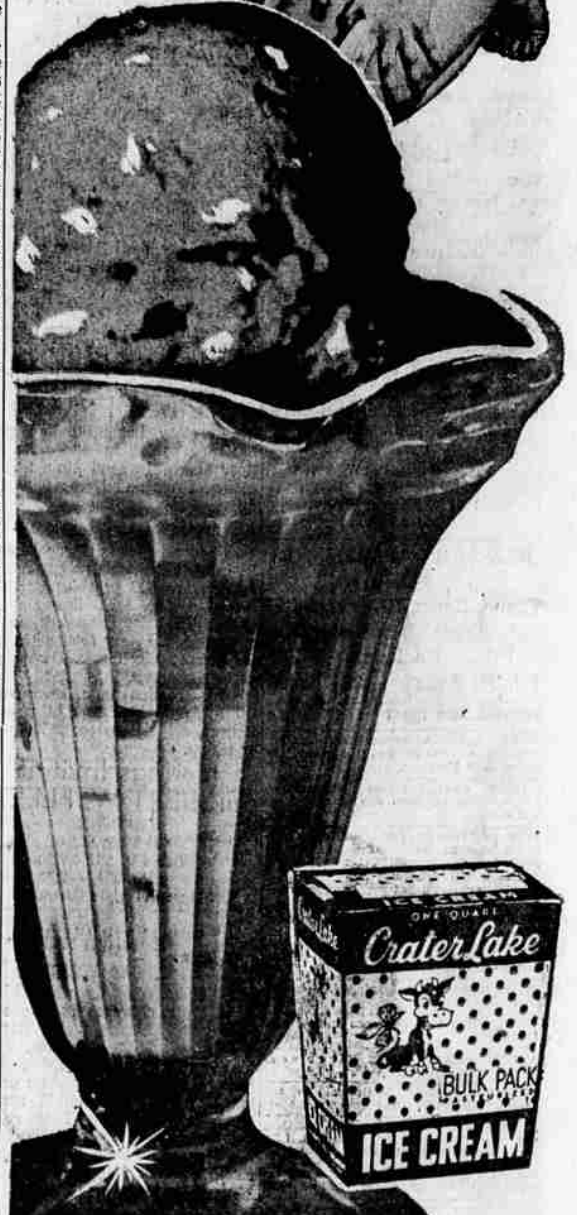
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