

Selection Of Senate Chief Heads Agenda For Monday Demo Meet

PORTLAND (AP) — The Democratic Senate caucus called by state Chairman Robert W. Straub for Monday evening in Salem will have selection of a candidate for Senate president the No. 1 item on the agenda.

This is the issue that has split the party's Senate membership and on which a coalition of Republicans and conservative Democrats appears likely to beat the Democratic majority.

Straub, in an announcement Saturday, said he was making the agenda public because he felt confident most senators would attend and consider problems before the party. Some have said they will not.

In addition to the presidency, the agenda lists as topics: Election of a majority leader and other floor leaders; discussion of the Democratic legislative program and recommendations of the platform convention; consideration of Senate rules and possible changes; and method of selecting legislative employees.

Sen. Walter Pearson, the hold-over Senate president from last session, said recently that Straub ought not have called the caucus. It is the business of the president, not the chairman, he said. But Straub said that in 1956 and 1958 the party chairman had made the call.

Besides, said Straub, he had asked Pearson to call a caucus and Pearson had refused. He called that a denial of an opportunity to make party decisions.

Straub said that Pearson instead had called the whole Senate to meet Jan. 8, a day in advance of the regular start. He described this as allowing Pearson and Sen. Harry Boivin, Pearson's choice for Senate president, to dictate the decisions.

The Democrats have a 20 to 10 edge over the Republicans, and Sen. Alfred Corbett, Portland, is the choice of a majority of Senate Democrats for election as president.

Arguments Are Silenced At Hearing On Resources

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Legislative Interim Committee on Natural Resources had a full house, and an indignant one, Friday as it presented recommendations on three measures and cut off arguments against them.

"You could say the boating people were hysterical in their anger," said a committee aide when opponents of a proposal that the Marine Board be put under a new Department of Outdoor Recreation, got cut off.

The meeting, with the recreation proposal listed first on the agenda, opened instead with discussion of the recommendation to merge the game and fish commissions.

The report was read. It said growing conflicts between sports and commercial fisheries made it advisable for a unified agency over both.

Questions were allowed but arguments were not. One question asked why the report could not be discussed by those who attended the hearing. The chairman, Sen. Walter Leth of Salem, said the proper place for that would be before the legislature after bills were introduced. The committee recommendation is just a blueprint, he said, which might be altered in the drafting of bills.

The three measures outlined were the game and fish merger, the recreation department proposal and merger of three agencies dealing with state water problems.

CITY BRIEFS

ALTAMONT PTA will meet Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:45 p.m. in the junior high school music room. Guest speaker will be Dr. Cliff Robinson, new county school superintendent. Junior high chorus will entertain with Christmas music. All parents of elementary and junior high school students are invited. Child care will be provided.

VANESSA BUTLER, senior regent, 423 Arthur Street, will host the meeting of the executive officers of the Women of the Moose, 487, Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m.

WOMEN OF THE MOOSE 487, Academy of Friendship and Secret Pals, will have their gift exchange and Christmas party in the lounge at the Moose home, 1610 Pine, Tuesday, Dec. 13.

EWANA TOASTMISTRESS CLUB will meet Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the Willard Hotel. Carol Whetstone will be presenting the fourth in a series of orientation makes the difference.

BASIN BRIEFS

MT. LAKE GARDEN CLUB workshop will meet at the Henley Grange Hall Monday, Dec. 12, at 10 a.m. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch and their own Christmas greenery to work with.

BONANZA HOME EXTENSION Unit will meet for a Christmas social in the library Dec. 13, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. No gift exchange is planned, but members are asked each to bring \$1 to send to Fairview Home for Girls. Everyone is welcome.

MR. AND MRS. ED SIMMONS were hosts here recently to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bray, Redding; Mr. and Mrs. George Bray, Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Andrews and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bray, Eagle Point; Mrs. Nels Nelson and her sons, Sparks, Nev., and daughter, Mrs. Angie Fryburg, Lake Tahoe, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bray, Bonanza.

SAM DAVIS lost his black and tan bound near Keno Springs last week. He asks anyone who has found or seen the dog to notify him.

MRS. HARRY FRAZIER is in Portland visiting her granddaughter, Linda Frazier, who is recovering from surgery at Scripps Hospital.

OUR LADIES CIRCLE

of King'sley Field will meet Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. at the home of Nancy Abel, 7284 Wright Avenue.

DEGREE OF HONOR

will hold its annual Christmas party for members and their families Monday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. in the KC Hall. A business meeting will precede the party at 7 p.m. Members are asked to bring cookies.

SOJOURNERS

members will hold their annual Christmas party and installation of officers Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 12 p.m. at the Willard Hotel. The luncheon will be followed by gift exchange. Members are asked to make reservations by calling C. N. Garrison, TU 2-4329.

JOLLY NEIGHBORS

Christmas party and gift exchange will be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m. at the home of Maxine Olsen, 1432 McClellan Drive. Co-hostess will be Jean Collins. There will be an auction of canned and baked goods. Members are asked to bring food for the Christmas basket for needy families.

MR. AND MRS. A. H. HALVERSON

of Klamath Falls spent last weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mettler here.

MERRILL WOMEN OF THE MOOSE

Chapter, will serve a potluck dinner and sponsor a gift exchange Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Moose Hall. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Those attending are asked to bring a gift for exchange and secret "Moose sisters." A short meeting will follow the program.

MERRILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Women's Association will conduct a Christmas program Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. in the church recreation room.

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Youths Found Guilty in Utah Murder Case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Two teen-aged youths were convicted of first-degree murder Friday night, but a jury's recommendation for mercy spared them the death penalty.

The all-male jury deliberated about three hours before returning the guilty verdict against George H. Mitropoulos, Monterey, Calif., and Dale Johnson, Salt Lake City, both 15.

The two showed little emotion as the verdict was read, but Dist. Judge Stewart Hanson had tears in his eyes. Later, however, Mitropoulos broke down but tried to hide his tears.

The boys had chatted and joked with deputy sheriffs while the jury was deliberating their fate. Judge Hanson set sentencing for Dec. 19. He indicated he would follow the recommendation for leniency, which carries a life sentence for each youth.

The two were convicted of killing Gordon W. Bloxham, 18, a substitute night watchman at a suburban war surplus store the night of Sept. 5. Bloxham had surprised the two youths in a burglary attempt.

Hearing Phase Nears Its End

WASHINGTON (AP) — The current phase of a Power Commission hearing on proposed dam construction in the Middle Snake River between Idaho and Oregon is expected to end about the middle of this week.

After cross-examination of witnesses for Pacific Northwest Power Co., the hearing will be recessed until Jan. 4.

PNP is seeking a license to build Mountain Sheep Dam. The application is opposed by Washington Public Power Supply Systems Inc., which seeks to build Nez Perce Dam instead.

Frederick C. Tonetti of New York, an engineer for Ebasco Services Inc., testified Friday that steam plants to provide equivalent power for the Pacific Northwest would cost at least \$5 million more per year than Mountain Sheep Dam.

California Briefs

EDWARD LATCHER, Grouse Creek, attended a meeting of Siskiyou Miners' Association Sunday at Yreka Inn. He is chairman of the association. He recently made a business trip to San Francisco and to Los Gatos for a visit with his mother.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES ARBUCKLE, East Callahan Road, drove to Red Bluff to visit Mrs. Arbuckle's relatives for a recent weekend.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS BURCELL and their seven children of Hornbrook spent the weekend visiting Burcell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burcell, here.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN CAMPBELL drove to Redding Friday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Campbell's sister-in-law Saturday. They returned Sunday.

MR. AND MRS. JOE ROBERTS drove Sunday to Yreka, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Halbert Smith on their wedding anniversary. They had dinner at Shamrock Cafe.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH CUMMINS left Tuesday for Sonora, where they will spend the winter.

MR. AND MRS. E. V. HELM, Callahan, have returned home after spending a few weeks at Teocapa Hot Springs in Southern California.

Bridge Players Attend Session

ETNA—Scott Valley Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. Walter McCrary on Dec. 1. This club is 38 years old and there were five charter members present.

A noon luncheon was served. Bridge was then played by the following: charter members Mrs. Nerve M. Hayden Sr., Mrs. John Jenner Sr., Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Mrs. Walter McCrary, Mrs. Pansy Davidson, and others present were Mrs. Kelsey Glendening, Mrs. Robert DeNure, Mrs. Dora Marlahan, Mrs. Nellie Burton.

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TWO CAREER AIR FORCE MEN congratulated each other last week after receiving certificates of retirement from Col. Rupert C. Welch, Kingsley Field base commander. Capt. Earl R. Mitchell, left, and M.Sgt. Roy E. Dow each earned retirement after completing more than 20 years in the military. Captain Mitchell spent most of his career as a bomber pilot while Sergeant Dow was an aircraft maintenance specialist. Colonel Welch commended both men for their long and faithful service.

Retirement Certificates Presented Air Force Men

Two Air Force men were presented with retirement certificates last week by Col. Rupert C. Welch, Kingsley Field base commander, after completing more than 20 years active military service.

Both men, Capt. Earl R. Mitchell, 459th Radar Squadron, Red Bluff Air Force Station, and M.Sgt. Roy E. Dow, 408th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Kingsley Field, received the coveted certificates, signifying more than half their lives spent in service for their country.

Captain Mitchell, a native of Slick, Okla., enlisted in the Army Air Corps as a private in February, 1940. After completion of aviation cadet school, he was commissioned a second lieutenant and attained the rank of captain prior to his release from active duty on Oct. 10, 1953. On Jan. 8, 1954, he enlisted in the Air Force as an airman first class, and has served continuously since that time. During the past 20 years, Captain Mitchell served as a bomber pilot, logging more than 2,900 hours flying time in B-25s and B-26s. His final duties saw him performing with efficiency in the organizational supply career field.

M.Sgt. Roy E. Dow calls Big Sandy, Tex., his home and enlisted in the regular Army early in 1940. He attained the rank of master sergeant before his release in 1945. Re-entering the service in 1946, he has served continuously since that time.

Their commendations, in part, read: "His standards of leadership and conduct have provided an excellent example for those who have been associated with him during his military career."

Both men left Kingsley shortly after the ceremonies, each taking a different path — Captain Mitchell to Cupertino, Calif., and Sgt. Dow to Littlefield, Tex.

Bad Check Passers Busy Now

SALEM (AP) — The attorney general's Crime Prevention Division today said this is the time for everybody to be on the alert for bad-check artists—who increase their activity in the holiday season.

The American Bankers Association, in a letter to Division Director Philip G. Averill, said bad-check artists try to take advantage of the Christmas rush.

"These swindlers are well acquainted with the fact that during the holiday season, the rush of business is greater and the desire to be accommodating is stronger," the association's protective bulletin said.

The bulletin said this practice can be curtailed if the public and businessmen will be alert and join with law enforcement efforts to stop it.

It warned that the bad check artist depends upon the gullibility of his victim—particularly the clerk hired just for the Christmas rush.

"The need for alertness on the part of bank personnel is borne out by the fact that during December checks will be negotiated in greater volume and by more people than during any other month," the bulletin said.

Pollard Rites Set On Monday

LAKEVIEW — Funeral services for H. A. Pollard of Lakeview will be Monday at 2 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church here.

Interment will be at Sunset Park with the Rev. William Snyder officiating. Interment will be under the direction of Lakeview Masonic Lodge. The body will lie in state at Osterman Chapel until 1 p.m. Monday.

Bishop Visits

Mrs. Vesta Shogren and Larverne Smith have been given honorary memberships this year in the United Presbyterian Women's work by the Association of Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Shogren's membership is in Missions. Mrs. Smith's is Christian Education.

Sharon Hjertager, News Reporter.

State Studies \$9.9 Million In Low Road Bids

SALEM (AP) — The Oregon Highway Commission received low bids of \$9,975,000 Friday on 20 road projects.

The bids were 5.3 per cent less than Highway Department estimates.

The projects and low bid included:

Baker County — Construct over-crossings over Union Pacific tracks at Encina and Alder Creek Road on Baker-Pleasant Valley section of Old Oregon Trail Highway, Morrison — Knudsen Co., Boise, \$254,066; and over tracks at Pleasant Valley on Old Oregon Trail Highway, Morrison-Knudsen, \$443,856.

Coos County — Grade and oil 3.9 miles of Sugarloaf Mountain-King Creek section of Coos Bay-Roseburg Highway, White Brothers Construction Co., \$1,051,420.

Douglas County — Grade and pave 7.16 miles of Rice Hill-North Oakland Junction section of Pacific Highway 25 miles south of Cottage Grove, Roy L. Houck Sons Corp., Salem, \$1,581,649.

Douglas County — Install 2.41 miles of median barrier on Garden Valley Road-Roseburg section of Pacific Highway, J. C. Denton & Sons, Portland, \$32,612.

Douglas County — Grade and pave .32 miles of Douglas Avenue-Sluth city limits section of Oakland-Strady highway, southbound, Pine Street, in Roseburg, B F Construction, Inc., Salem, \$80,547.

Douglas County — Install traffic signals on Coast Highway at 19th Street in Reedsport. Steck Electric Co., Medford, \$5,990.

Douglas County — Construct South Rice Hill undercrossing at South Rice Hill interchange on Pacific Highway 7 miles north of Oakland, Sig Anderson, Coos Bay, \$63,560.

Hood River County — Grade and pave 5.56 miles of Multnomah County line-East Cascade Locks section of Columbia River Highway, Vernie Jarl, Gresham, \$1,363,736.

Jackson County — Elk Creek-Robbers Roost section of Crater Lake Highway, 2.88 miles of widening, Roy Norquist, Sweet Home, \$29,974.

Josephine County — Grade and pave 5.87 miles of Applegate River-Grants Pass section of Redwood Highway, 21 miles north of Cave Junction, Roy L. Houck Sons, Corp., Salem, \$839,848.

Lake County — Grade 9.63 miles of west unit, Adel-Bizzard G a p section of Adel-Nevada state line road, Stanley Will, Corvallis, \$212,379.

Lane County — Install traffic signals at Monroe and Washington streets on Pacific Highway in Eugene, L. H. Morris Electric Co., Eugene, \$10,983.

Bids had initially been asked to grade and pave .69 miles of S.E. 9th-S.W. 4th streets section of northbound Pendleton - John Day Highway in Pendleton but that was cancelled.

School Men Will Study Book Tiff

TIGARD, Ore. (AP) — The Tigard School Board plans to take under advisement the matter of subversive authors.

But school Superintendent Delbert Fennell said the board is not planning an investigation of the loyalty of authors whose works appears in a textbook that is under fire here.

The book has been criticized as "cheap" and "dime novel stuff" by a group of Tigard mothers. It is "Adventures for Today," used as a supplemental reading text in English classes. Mrs. James Willock, who acts as spokesman for the mothers' group, said also that some of the writers whose work appears in the anthology have been investigated by a California agency which probed subversive authors.

Chairman Warren Forsyth told Mrs. Willock that the book has been approved by the state Textbook Commission and that teachers and school administrators have recommended its continued use.

The book, which was withdrawn when the mothers first protested, has since been returned to the school's reading program.

Mrs. Willock also asked that parents be allowed to aid the teachers in selection of books. Forsyth said that all books would be available for public inspection.

Town Assists Fire Victims

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) — Townspeople today began collecting clothing and household goods in an effort to get the James Sigler family re-established after fire Friday destroyed all they had.

Mr. and Mrs. Sigler and their five children, aged 1 1/2 to 6, slept upstairs in their frame house. One of the children awakened his parents to tell them his bedroom was hot, and he was frightened.

Sigler investigated, found fire breaking out, and he and Mrs. Sigler gathered the children and ran outside into 15-degree weather.

By the time they had reached a neighbor's, the upper part of the house was engulfed in flame and smoke. It burned to the ground.

The family is living with relatives temporarily. Sigler is a wholesale grocery employe.

4-H NEWS

ETNA—Recently a meeting was held of both the junior and senior members of the Etna 4-H Club to practice for Parents' Night.

Parents' Night is held for the parents of the 4-H members so they can see what their children are doing and how they are progressing. After the practice the meeting was adjourned.

Former Socialite Pleads Innocent To Child Murder

PORTLAND (AP) — Mrs. Joseph L. Garrett, 33, a former Dallas, Tex., socialite, stood before Circuit Judge Charles M. Redding Friday and in a clear tone said "not guilty" to a charge of murdering her youngest child.

One of her attorneys told the court he would file a written intention to enter the plea as innocent by reason of insanity.

Mrs. Garrett, a tall blonde who made her debut at Dallas in 1947, was returned to the county jail where she is held without bond under indictment on a charge of first degree murder.

Although only the death of her 5-month-old daughter Gaye is charged, two other of her children and their governess died in a fire at the Garrett home Oct. 7.

The state says Mrs. Garrett set the fire. She was rescued from a porch roof as she stood screaming in the night. Neighbors managed to save Wendy, 3, too, but flames beat them back as they tried to enter the house to get others.

Gaye was found in the arms of the governess, Patricia Mae Gravat, 21, and nearby were the bodies of Vickie, 15 months, and Angela, 3.

Mrs. Garrett is the former Constance Owsley. Her father, Alvin M. Owsley, was one of the founders of the American Legion, and her maternal grandfather founded the Ball Brothers Co. of Muncie, Ind.

She was removed to a hospital for psychiatric treatment after her rescue. Her attorneys sought to get her released from jail to continue treatment but this failed.

Mrs. Garrett's husband, representative of a steel fabricating company, was not home the night of the fire. Police said he had left to spend the night in a motel far from the scene.

State Asks Enforcing Of New Law

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has appealed a case to the state Supreme Court in an effort to enforce its food-liquor regulation.

The regulation, announced last May, requires that food sales in bars equal at least 25 per cent of the gross sales.

The licenses of a number of bars were canceled this summer because of violation of the regulation. Three bar operators took the matter to court.

Circuit court judges in Portland and at Coos Bay ruled that the commission did not have legal authority to enforce the regulation.

The commission is appealing one of these rulings to the high court. The case involves Van's Olympic Room in Portland, operated by Elwin Van Riper.

In other action Friday, the commission:

Reported that liquor sales were down for the second month in a row. November sales were down 3.02 per cent from November of last year.

Canceled the license of Liberty Store, Salem. The establishment was accused of selling alcoholic beverage to a minor.

Baccalaureate Stand Clarified

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland School Super. J. W. Edwards Friday clarified the school system's policy on baccalaureate services.

On Thursday it was announced that the services would no longer be held in Protestant churches because of objections by the Roman Catholic clergy.

Edwards said that if a large majority of students want baccalaureate services in a church, they probably can be arranged. A definite decision will be made by high school principals before next spring.

He reaffirmed that Easter programs in schools have been banned because of the objections of the Jewish clergy.

Tighten Curfew Since Abduction

SEATTLE (AP) — King County Sheriff Tim McCullough says the county's 10 p.m. curfew will be enforced more strictly because of the recent Portland lovers' lane slaying and probable abduction.

McCullough instructed his deputies to enforce the curfew and asked the cooperation of young people in avoiding late-hour parking. The curfew requires that all persons under 18 be home by 10 p.m.

A sheriff's spokesman said the recent slaying in Portland "should be a very tragic reminder of what can happen on a parking date."

Larry Peyton, 19, was stabbed to death Nov. 27. His companion, Beverly Allan, 19, of Port Townsend, Washington, vanished and police fear she was abducted.

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