

# 51st Oregon Legislature Underway



**FRESHMAN** legislators George Flitcraft and Carrol Howe try on their new desks and chairs for size. With Mr. Howe is Mrs. Howe and an unidentified page, who was in the process of obtaining vital statistics from Howe regarding his driver's license and car license number. Parking is a problem at the capitol, and legislators have reserved areas in which only their vehicles are permitted.

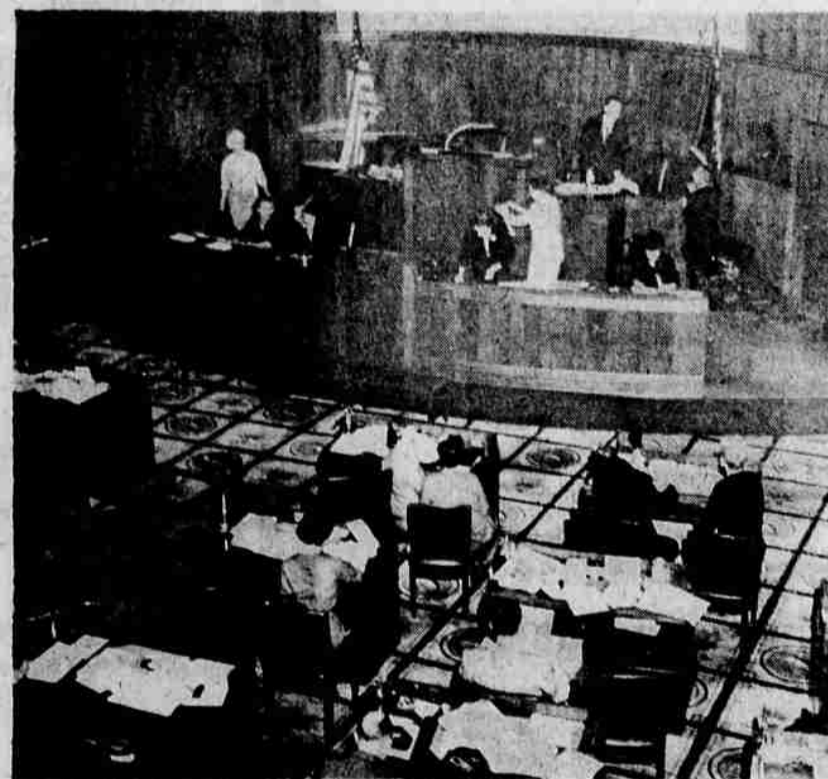
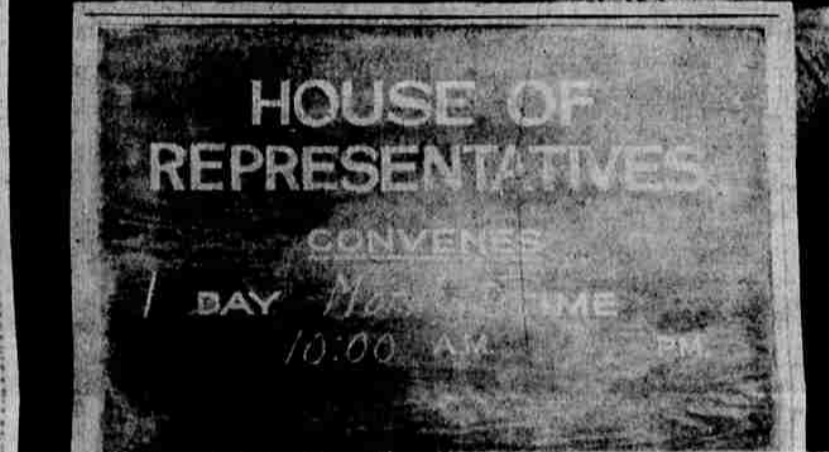
**ORGANIZING** the 51st Oregon Legislative Assembly was no easy job. And Klamath Basin legislators found themselves right in the middle of the activity preliminary to that organization Sunday night and Monday morning. Attending caucuses, committee meetings and joint sessions were Representatives Carrol Howe and George Flitcraft, and Sen. Harry Boivin. The sessions lasted until the late hours Sunday night, and resumed at early hours Monday morning. Herald and News publisher W. B. Sweetland was on hand to record some of the activity of the legislators for this page of pictures.

Boivin's election as President of the Senate Monday morning climaxed an intense fight between him and Sen. Alfred Corbett of Portland for the top legislative post. Boivin, in his position, also serves as the state's lieutenant-governor, taking over reins of that office whenever the governor leaves the state.

Sen. Boivin is the first Democrat ever to preside over both houses. He was House speaker in 1937.



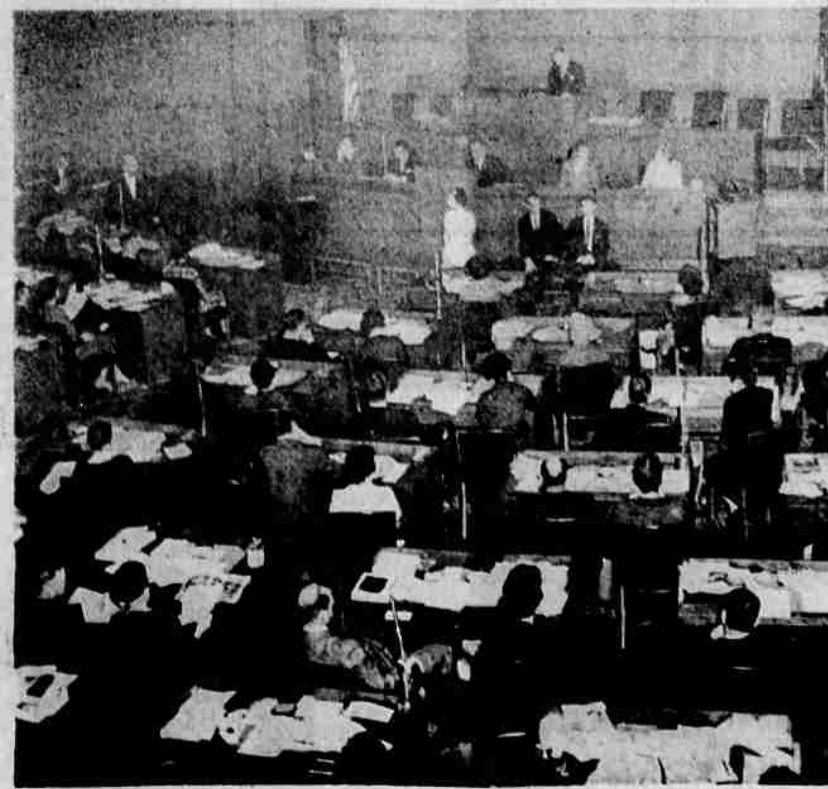
**UNDOUBTEDLY**, the most tense and frustrating drama of the entire pre-session maneuvering came in the battle for President of the Senate. Klamath County's Senator Harry Boivin was confident that he had the votes to get the job, and the final vote proved he was right. But there were plenty of planning and strategy that went into the final round Sunday night. Here, Senator Boivin (background) completes a strategy meeting with some of his closest advisers. They include Mrs. Boivin (chief adviser), seated; Sen. Anthony Yturri, Senate minority leader; Sen. Thomas R. Mahoney, and Mrs. Yturri.



**MONDAY MORNING** found that Sen. Boivin had all but clinched the job as President of the Senate, but there was not formal concession from his opponent, Sen. Alfred H. Corbett of Portland. So, cleaning up plans for the Monday morning final session were Sen. Boyd Overhulse, Madras, and Sen. Walter Pearson, Portland, retiring president. They met in the office of the president, which Sen. Boivin had by this time taken over.



**FAMILIAR SIGHTS** at each session are shown in these four photos. Top shows Capitol policeman George Darland, 21, Salem. Lobbyists Walter Turner, Railway Conductors and Brakemen, and Jerry Rutledge, state representative of the B of RT, both of Klamath Falls, were on hand for the opening session Monday. Third picture shows one of the caucus sessions that were so numerous Sunday night. Bottom photo shows a long-time state official — Mrs. Ada Boardman, left, taking a Monday morning break with Mrs. Ellen Sweetland, Klamath Falls.



**THESE GENERAL** views show both houses of the legislature as they convened Monday morning. Sen. Harry Boivin is shown just after he was formally named President of the Senate, and House Leader P. B. Duncan, Medford, is shown at the House podium.



**SENATOR JEAN LEWIS** of Portland was elected president pro tem of the Senate. Shown here at her desk with mother is daughter Judy, 12, who has acted as Senator Lewis's first-day secretary since she was six years old. Mrs. Lewis was elected first to the House in 1955, and to the Senate in 1957. She is the only woman to have served on the Ways and Means Committee and the Emergency Board.