



MERRILL CITY COUNCILMEN are, front from left, Orville Eifert, Louis Stewart, mayor, and Bob Woods; back, same order, Dal Reed, Ben Murphy, Lawrence Geraghty, Otis L. Thompson and Forest Winter. — Photo by Illys Reeves

**IN THE LEGISLATURE . . .**

**Motion To Limit Capital Sessions To 100 Days Defeated In The House**

SALEM (AP) — The House defeated 32-26 Wednesday a bill to limit future legislative sessions to 100 days.

Rep. Leon Davis, R-Hillsboro, author of the bill, said it would save \$140,000 if 20 days could be cut off the length of sessions. The 1959 session was 115 days, while the 128-day 1957 session set a record of 128 days.

Rep. Clarence Barton, D-Coos Bay, argued that it is the duty of the legislature to stay on the job until its work is done, and that the bill would put the lawmakers under severe pressure to get through.

Republicans supported it 17-11, while Democrats voted 21-9 against it.

**Kill Bond Issue**

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to issue \$1 million worth of self-liquidating bonds to provide off-street parking at Portland State College was killed Wednesday by the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

Chancellor John R. Richards of the state System of Higher Education said the "bill is no answer to the problem."

He said it wouldn't provide enough money, and that installing parking facilities would only encourage more students to drive their cars to school.

Richards added that the board is studying the problem, and that it plans to develop a pilot parking program within the urban renewal area of Portland.

Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, committee chairman, said that the downtown college should be rebuilt on less expensive property.

**Revenge Approved**

SALEM (AP) — A House-passed bill to require that a \$6 million drydock for the Port of Portland be built in Portland won the unanimous approval Wednesday of the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee.

Rep. Ed Whelan, D-Portland, said the bill would accomplish that by giving a 10 per cent differential to contractors who would build it in Portland.

Whelan said the bill's aim is to get revenge against California and Washington.

He said Oregon shipbuilders were not allowed to bid on ferryboats built for the state of Washington, or on fish biology boats built by the state of California.

The Port of Portland will call for bids Thursday on the big drydock.

Whelan also said the bill is aimed at preventing Japanese builders from getting the contract.

He said he thought the 10 per cent differential was sufficient to insure its construction in Portland.

He also said that Bethlehem Steel Co. is so anxious to build it in San Francisco that it would give the steel away for its construction.

**Need Defense**

SALEM (AP) — Sen. Dan Thiel, D-Astoria, introduced a memorial Wednesday asking Congress to locate some defense installations in Oregon.

There are 26 naval installations in California, eight in Washington and only one in Oregon — the Tongue Point Naval Station near Astoria, and this is being closed, he said.

**OK Museum Fund**

SALEM (AP) — The House approved Wednesday and sent to the Senate a \$50,200 biennial appropriation for the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Gov. Mark O. Hatfield had recommended \$39,750. The vote was 51-0.

Rep. Carlton O. Fisher, R-Eugene, told the House that OMSI serves the entire state by promoting interest in science. Some 100,000 students will take part in its science fair this year and 2,500 teachers will participate in its workshops, he said.

Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Athens, opposed it on grounds the state should not give any money to private organizations without controlling how the funds are spent.

**To Governor**

SALEM (AP) — The House completed legislative action Wednesday on a bill designed to save the Portland School District \$100,000 by reducing the number of precincts from 850 to 200 for the coming school election.

The House action, which sends the bill to the governor, was on minor Senate amendments.

**Interest Bill**

SALEM (AP) — Sen. Richard Groener, D-Milwaukie, said Wednesday he would introduce legislation to make small loan companies quote their interest on an annual basis, instead of on a discount or monthly interest basis as they do now.

He said the companies are deceiving the borrowers.

**Asks Name Change**

SALEM (AP) — A bill to change the name of Mid-Columbia Home at The Dalles to Columbia Park State Hospital was introduced Wednesday by Rep. Stafford Hansell, R-Athens, at the request of the state Board of Control.

The institution was a tuberculosis hospital until the 1959 legislature changed it to a mental hospital.

**Names Committee**

SALEM (AP) — House Republican Leader P. F. Montgomery of Eugene Wednesday named a 12-member committee to study legislative reapportionment.

The committee, with three men from each of the state's four congressional districts, will hold its first meeting Sunday. It must report to the House Republicans by March 15.

**Commend Ike**

SALEM (AP) — The House Wednesday passed a Senate resolution commending ex-President Eisenhower for his service to the country.

**Pass Blast Bill**

SALEM (AP) — Legislation to allow holly growers to use fire-works to get rid of starlings was passed 47-10 by the House Wednesday and sent to the Senate.

The bill would permit any farmer to get permits from the state fire marshal to get rid of predatory animals or birds, but it is intended mainly to help growers of holly.

**Former Mental Patient Is Charged With Murder**

PORTLAND (AP) — Wesley M. Foughty, 38, recovering from a self-inflicted shotgun wound, Wednesday was charged with first degree murder.

Foughty, a former mental patient, is accused of wounding one health officer and killing another when they called at his home Friday to take him to a sanity hearing.

Gale T. Ellis was killed by a shotgun blast and Darrell Perman suffered a serious arm wound before Foughty turned the gun on himself. Perman also is recovering.

Circuit Judge Charles W. Redding has assigned two psychiatrists to examine Foughty to determine if he should stand trial.

**Asks For Funds**

PENDLETON (AP) — The Umatilla County Welfare Board wants the state Finance Department to make funds available for distribution of surplus government food to needy persons.

The board voted the action at Wednesday's meeting here.

The state Welfare Commission is making a study of the surplus food program, now that President Kennedy has increased the amount and quality of the food available.

**Suspect Jailed**

PORTLAND (AP) — The man accused of robbing a bank at Drain, Ore., last week was jailed here Wednesday.

He is Donald Gene Kelso, 35, who was arrested at Drain the day after the \$2,400 holdup of the Drain branch of the U.S. National Bank of Portland.

Douglas County authorities turned Kelso over to federal agents to face a federal bank robbery charge. Bond was set at \$10,000.

Kelso, who formerly lived in the Coos Bay, Ore., area, said he now considers Yakima his home. He said his wife and five children are there.

**New Manager**

HERMISTON (AP) — I. T. Harper, formerly of Hutchinson, Kansas, is the new city manager of Hermiston.

His appointment was announced Wednesday by Mayor Walter Pearson. Harper has served as administrative assistant to the Hutchinson city manager for three years.

Hermiston voted in last November's election to use the city manager form of government.

**Is Depressed**

PRINEVILLE (AP) — The Prineville Chamber of Commerce wants its city to be declared an economically depressed area, apparently in the hope of gaining federal benefits.

Chamber President Bob Love said in a letter to Sens. Wayne Morse and Maurine Neuberger and Rep. Al Ullman, all Oregon Democrats, that the community's economic situation was bad.

Love said in the letter: "One major lumber mill and two molding plants have closed permanently in the past months, involving more than 400 employees. The remaining mills are on a part-time basis with the employees receiving reduced paychecks."

**4-Hers To Meet**

SALEM (AP) — Sixty-six teenagers, two from each county with 4-H clubs, will attend a state government conference in Salem Thursday through Saturday.

The delegates will study organization of the legislature, how bills are handled and the executive branch of the government.

They also will meet the lobbyists and will visit the Supreme Court and its library.

**New Director**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Karl S. Landstrom, a native of Lebanon, Ore., is the new director of the U. S. Bureau of Land Management.

He was sworn in Wednesday to succeed Edward Woolley of Malad, Idaho, resigned. Woolley has become an aide to Sen. Henry C. Dworshak, R-Idaho.

**Will Confer**

CORVALLIS (AP) — A number of Oregon high school principals will go to Oregon State College Saturday to confer with former pupils.

The principals want to find out if the students think they received adequate preparation for college.

The program was originated by the college nine years ago. As a result of the conferences, a number of significant changes have been made in both high school and college programs.

**Shots Inadequate**

PORTLAND (AP) — Nearly one half of the state's residents have inadequate immunization protection against disease, the state Board of Health said Wednesday.

The board said that everyone,

**Special Course**

CORVALLIS (AP) — A special two-week discussion program on community junior colleges will be held at Oregon State College this summer.

Dean of Education Franklin R. Zeran said the course is designed to provide information about organization and administration of such colleges.

Bend has had a community college for some time. A number of other communities are considering establishing such schools.

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