

Solons At Halfway Mark Face Mountain Of Work

By GEORGE FLITCRAFT

As the current session of the legislature approaches the halfway mark it has become apparent that a mountain of work faces this body.

A new deluge of proposed legislation was introduced before the cut-off deadline and it is a certainty that the speaker of the House and the president of the Senate will be asking for longer work hours in the very near future.

Up to this time both the House and Senate have spent a limited time on the floor. The bulk of the work has been done in committee. Now there must be an increase in both committee work and in the hours we spend on the floor.

It will be up to the committees to take the necessary action to send the bills to the floor for "third reading" so that they can be voted upon.

At a recent meeting of the Elections and Reapportionment Committee of the House, some of the newer voting machines and methods of tallying ballots were discussed and displayed and they proved to be an eye opener for those attending the meeting.

One large company has produced machinery which will count as many as 10 conventional paper ballots per second and still be more than 99 per cent accurate. Still another company has developed a voting machine using a punch card system which enables an operator to process or "count" as many as 1,000 votes per minute.

At least one machine which was demonstrated before the elections committee was radically different from the old-style voting machines which are now seen in the East. This particular machine is about 21 inches high and nine inches wide. It weighs about 35 pounds. It uses a punch card instead of a normal ballot.

Whether machinery of this type will come to Oregon in the near future is a matter of conjecture. A bill has been introduced which would give the secretary of state funds to make a study of Oregon's needs. He would then be expected to come to the next session of the legislature with recommendations as to what Oregon should do about taking advantage of new methods in casting and counting ballots.

A number of hearings which will attract statewide attention have already been scheduled for the weeks ahead. A public hearing on House Bill 1340, which probably will be known as the "strikebreak-

er bill," is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 28. This measure would place restrictions on anyone wishing to hire people to replace regular employees who are out on strike. It specifically would prohibit a person from employing "in place of an employee involved in such labor dispute, any individual who customarily and repeatedly offers himself for employment in the place of employees involved in a labor dispute."

House Bill 1402 creates an accelerated bond retirement fund. Continuously appropriated to that fund for early retirement of state general obligation bonds unappropriated sums in excess of \$10 million at the end of each fiscal biennium. This measure is definitely a two-edged sword as it would not only have a tendency to improve the state's debt position, but would also tend to curb rapid expansion of the budget. It would still allow the state to invest these funds if the rate of interest derived is greater than the rate being expended on bonds.

Information received from the highway department indicates that work on the Lake of the Woods secondary highway is progressing satisfactorily. On the west side of the mountain the 5 1/2 mile Hanley ranch-fence boundary section is under contract and approximately 50 per cent completed. The estimated completion date of this \$658,000 project which includes grading, oiling and structures is August, 1961. This project is financed with state and federal aid secondary funds.

From the forest boundary to approximately five miles east, grading has been completed. On the next 12 miles to connect with the end of the paved road at the Lake of the Woods, a contract was let by the Bureau of Public Roads in the fall of 1960 to finish the grading. The cost of this project is estimated at \$1,200,000 and the project is expected to be completed in the fall of 1961. A contract for surfacing and oiling the entire 17 miles is expected to be let by the Bureau of Public Roads late in 1961 or early 1962 with completion expected in the fall of 1962. This project, estimated to cost \$800,000, and the current grading contract are financed with federal forest highway funds. Under present plans we will have a completely surfaced highway by the fall of 1962.

Klamathites I have seen in Salem this past week: Mr. and Mrs. Dick B. Miller, Ted Durmet, Paul Buck, Mayor Bob Veatch and Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Padgett and son, Joseph.



Weed Control Program Sought

LAKEVIEW—Petitions are being circulated throughout Lake County by several farmers and ranchers enlisting support of promotion of a weed control program in the county.

The petition originated with the board of supervisors of the Lakeview Soil Conservation District in deciding recognition of the "need for a planned, coordinated weed control program on private, state and federal lands in Lake County." It is stated that the program should consist of a survey to determine noxious weed infestations county wide; an educational program to acquaint landowners with identification and control of noxious and other weeds. Such a program will include field demonstrations, educational meetings,

farm contacts and timely publicity to encourage effective weed control; a program to coordinate weed control efforts of state, county and federal agencies, and private landowners.

To implement the program it is recommended that the Extension Service be asked to employ an additional County Extension Agent whose major responsibility would be to the weed control program. It is further recommended that actual control work on public lands be done on a contract basis by a commercial applicator under direct supervision of the agent and a five man weed committee appointed by the county court.

Estimated cost of the program is \$5,000 per year with \$3,000 for

local operational expenses of the agent, whose salary would be paid by the State Extension Service and \$2,000 for materials and labor for control of noxious weeds on county roads. This is currently being budgeted as approximately \$1,400 was spent in 1960.

Federal agencies have funds for survey and control work on their lands and on adjacent private lands which constitute infestation hazard. Availability of such funds depends upon having a program as outlined above operating in the county. An ASC weed control practice could also be available if an organized county program was in operation.

A turnout of farm and ranch operators at a meeting called with the county court on Jan. 31 showed definite interest in the program and circulation of the petitions has followed this.

According to County Agent Oris Rudd there are at least a dozen types of weeds that are now causing bad infestations in the county. Medusa Head rye and Mediterranean Sage are the worst threat to rangelands, while Canada Thistle, Morning Glory and Russian Knapweed are among the worst in the agricultural lands.

Availability of an agent to coordinate the work is assured and, while this would not constitute a full time job during the year, his help could be enlisted in other programs of extension work.

Federal Aid Assured For Lakeview Airport

LAKEVIEW—While confirmation will not be made until an engineer goes over the project there is virtual assurance that federal aid will be available for improvement work on the Lakeview-Lake County airport.

The application for assistance was made during the past week to the Federal Aviation Agency district office in Seattle. Last November the Lake County voters approved a 10-year serial levy of \$12,000 per year for 10 years for maintenance and repair of the lo-

cal airport. The first installment of this will be available after July 1 and can be used with the federal matching funds.

The amount to be spent will be approximately \$27,000 and the project will include some drainage and additional base rock at the southeast corner of the runways with laying of landing mats at each end of the lighted runway to be 100 feet wide, 500 feet long and two inches thick.

In the formation of an airport commission to handle airport projects the town has appointed Howard Goodnough, Choc Shelton and Bob Alger. Three county members are expected to be named in the near future. The two groups will recommend a seventh member, and all decisions will be subject to the approval of the county court and town council.

4-H NEWS

MALIN WOOLIES

The second meeting of the Malin Woolies Sheep Club was held at Jeanne Stastny's home on Feb. 8. Patty Walker led the members in the 4-H pledge. Tommy Tofel passed out pictures of the different varieties of sheep which are found in this area.

Our club would like to welcome a new member, Emily Rose. Election of officers will be made at a later date.

Guests present were Mrs. Dick Stevenson and Mr. Charles Street. The next meeting will be held at Kristi and Jimmy Ottomann's home on March 1.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served by Mrs. Walter Stastny.

Evelyn Rajnos, News Reporter.

HENLEY BEEF CLUB

The report on the dance highlighted the February meeting of the Henley Beef Club held at Sandy Woodard's home. Carolyn Browner and Sandy Woodard said the dance was open to all livestock 4-H Club members including Malin, Bonanza, Keno, Merrill, and Henley. No date has been set but it will be held at Henley High School. There will be further discussion next meeting.

Feeding problems regarding the steers were also discussed. The leader gave the members hints on how to overcome these problems.

In the morning, Mr. Alvin Cheyne, the leader, and Bob Browner and Larry Petersen weighed calves. The weights are as follows:

David Cheyne, 335; Steve Cheyne, 305; Carolyn Browner, 663; Bob Browner, 655; Sherry Breithaupt, 510; Don Breithaupt, 460; Kathy Helmer, 630; Bob Helmer, 573; Scott Rice, 440; Juanna Goodie, 470; Karen Dixon, 660; Phillip Dixon, 630; Neal Buchanan, 840; Cheryl Anderson, 630; Lila Ritter, 395; Judy Hollister, 603; Steve Dixon, 673; Larry Petersen, 725; Sandy Woodard, 625; Jean Thompson, 495; Robert Ritter, 710.

Roll call topic for this meeting was pounds gained per day. After the meeting Mrs. Woodard served refreshments. The next meeting will be held at the home of Bill Taylor on March 12 at 1:30 p.m. Lila Ritter, News Reporter.

Treat Mean Dad With Kindness

By ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: I'm a boy 17 years old who doesn't know where else to go with this problem. It's my father.

When business is bad (which is almost always) he is so mean to us kids that sometimes we think maybe we'd be better off if we left home.

We aren't perfect but we aren't as bad as he says, and we can't be in the wrong ALL the time. To listen to him he has never made a mistake in his whole life.

Mom can't help, so please don't suggest that she talk to him for us. She can't even talk to herself. He's very abrupt with her and I think she is as scared of him as we are. His bad temper is ruining our childhood. We are 14, 16 and 17. Please help.—BILL

Dear Bill: If you kids are 14, 16 and 17 your childhood is over. You'd better start to think in terms of adulthood.

You aren't going to change your father's disposition. The best you can do is to try to understand it. When people are mean they are usually lashing out against the world because they are unhappy. Your dad probably feels that he is a failure and takes it out at home.

Instead of holding a grudge against your dad, try to be especially nice to him and I'll bet his behavior improves.

Dear Ann Landers: How does a wife know for sure that her husband is really through with "The Other Woman"? Does it seem reasonable to you that a man would cut off an 11-year-old alliance just because his wife found out?

The Other Woman in this case is shrewd, brazen and conniving. My husband fooled me for a long time. He swears the affair is finished and has begged me to believe in him. I want to, more than anything in the world, but is

it possible that a man can change his ways completely?

You're smart. I'm dumb. I've proved it. Please help me.—WOOL PULLED

Dear Wool: Some things in life must be accepted on faith—and this is one of them. A woman who could demean herself by checking and shadowing a man isn't worthy of his love. Believe in him and let him know it. It's bound to bring out the best.

Dear Ann: I hope you'll consider this important enough to discuss in your column, even though nobody's marriage is hanging in the balance. Many people could use the education.

I hear "beg your pardon" and "excuse me" used interchangeably all day long. I know this is incorrect, but exactly why I cannot say. Can you tell me—and millions of others—when to use these commonly abused expressions?—BEGGING YOUR PARDON

Dear Begging: Pardon me, but common usage has made these terms virtually interchangeable. If you want to be precise use "beg your pardon" when you cause inconvenience (such as climbing over someone to get to a theater seat). Use "excuse me" when you wish to be excused or take leave.

Confidential to Twenty—Three Skidoo: Sorry but I don't go along with "the good old days" propaganda. They weren't that much better. Your memory is failing you, Chicken Inspector.

If alcohol is robbing you or someone you love of health and dignity, send for Ann Landers' booklet, "Help For the Alcoholic," enclosing with your request 20 cents in coin and a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope.

Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of this newspaper enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

NEW NETWORK

THE HAGUE (AP)—With commercial television gaining ground all over Western Europe, the Netherlands cannot remain "in splendid isolation," the government said Wednesday. In a note to Parliament it recommended a second network to compete with the Netherlands television foundation but opposed American style sponsored programs.

Malin Future Farmer's Observing FFA Week

MALIN—The Malin chapter of FFA will observe National FFA Week Feb. 18 - 23.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political rural youth organization of voluntary membership. It has its origin and roots in a definite part of the school curriculum—vocational agriculture.

Mothers Back School Principal

OREGON CITY (AP)—Nine mothers marched in the rain Monday in front of the School District Administration Building here, urging officials to retain Hugh W. Edwards as principal of Jennings Lodge Elementary School.

"He is highly qualified as a principal. . . . We have asked what all the charges against him, and apparently it is just hearsay and innuendo," said one of the marchers, Mrs. Roy Smith.

Neither Edwards nor School Superintendent Edwin C. Ditto would disclose details of what the marchers considered a move to not renew Edwards' three-year contract as principal of the school, which has 315 pupils.

"No recommendations have been made and no action has been taken," Ditto said. He added that the problem is an administrative one. "I don't choose to discuss it."

The School Board has until March 15 to renew contracts for principals, or not renew them. The board meets here tonight. There was a possibility the matter of Edwards might be discussed.

IRRIGATION

MEXICO CITY (AP)—The Agriculture Ministry says it will start an \$8-million program in April to rehabilitate irrigation facilities in northwest Mexico.

There are about 4,000 members.

The Future Farmers of America is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political rural youth organization of voluntary membership. It has its origin and roots in a definite part of the school curriculum—vocational agriculture. Among other things, members learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in a public meeting, to speak in public, to buy and sell cooperatively, to solve their own problems, to finance themselves and to assume civic responsibility.

The foundation upon which the Future Farmers of America organization is built includes leadership and character development, sportsmanship, cooperation, service, thrift, scholarship, improved agriculture, organized recreation, citizenship and patriotism.

The Malin chapter, organized in 1931 with A. E. Street as advisor, has done its part in rounding out the total educational program at Malin High School. Chapter membership stands at 16 this year. Although small in number, the Malin FFA is very active. In addition to its regular program, the chapter participates in local, district, and state farm and shop skills contests, FFA state convention, local and district public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests. The Chapter is completely self-supporting and uses part of the money raised to send representatives to the various contests.

This year the Malin chapter will kick off National FFA Week with a campaign of Farm Safety. Articles will appear in the newspapers from time to time. Representatives of the chapter will contact people throughout the area to encourage safety on the farm.

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Compensation Bill Clash Followed By Apology

SALEM (AP)—A hearing Wednesday on the proposed three-way industrial accident compensation bill drew an apology from a labor leader to a business representative.

"I am sorry I called him a liar if he isn't a liar," James T. Marr, Oregon AFO-CIO executive secretary, told the Senate State and Federal Affairs Committee in reference to Gerald J. Meindl.

Meindl, general counsel for the Associated Oregon Industries, appeared before the committee to speak on personal privilege as an aftermath of a three-way hearing the night before.

Meindl quoted from a National Safety Council report that said Oregon is the fourth worst state in the nation in terms of industrial fatalities.

When Marr heard that Tuesday night he called it a "damnable lie." Meindl asked Marr to apologize and Sen. Walter J. Pearson, D-Portland, the committee chairman, said Marr should apologize.

The committee then undertook a point-by-point examination of the bill. It would permit employers to insure with the state, to insure themselves or insure with a private company under the Industrial Accident Act. Only state insurance now is under the act.

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