

Legislator Reports:

Legislature Speeds Up As Home Stretch Nears

By George C. Flitcraft

A noticeable increase in the speed with which business is transacted will be noted in the legislature as it moves into the home stretch. Senate President Harry Bolvin issued a "hurry up" call and the House has been held in session for longer periods by its speaker.

Ways and Means Committee one of the most important in any session of the legislature, has been working hard since the session opened and the results are now being seen.

As this column is written, a total of about 90 of the 97 budget bills which the committee must consider have been studied. More than 50 of them have been sent out for final consideration.

In addition to the regular budget bills for the major departments and activities of state government which the ways and means studies, both the House and Senate refer to it other measures which require an expenditure of money and these too must be considered. Up to this time more than 25 such measures have been submitted to ways and means and that committee has in turn sent them back to the appropriate house.

It is interesting to note that about 100 bills which have been produced by this session of the legislature would require an expenditure of about \$74 million if they are passed. These bills, of course, ask for money which is not already requested in the regular budget of about \$358 million presented by Gov. Mark Hatfield. They represent requests for additional state services, interim committee studies, and other proposed activities which would require an outlay of money.

The largest single budget is one of about \$192 million for the State Highway Department for the next biennium. The House has already passed this budget and sent it along to the Senate. This particular budget, however, does not come out of the general tax fund money for the highway department is raised by truck taxes, gasoline taxes, registration fees and other revenues on motor vehicles.

Among the budgets which have been approved by both houses and sent to Governor Hatfield for his signature are those for the state fair and the public utilities commissioner.

This past week the House re-

jected House Bill 1001, personal income tax revision. The following day the vote was reconsidered and the measure was re-referred to the Taxation Committee. Prior to the session I was opposed to the Interim Tax Committee proposal. After listening to the testimony of tax experts, studying pertinent facts and figures, I felt that this simplification of our tax structure would be of great benefit to everyone. Some persons have attempted to compare this measure with the last session's House Bill 670; however, bear in mind this vast difference—House Bill 1001 provides an income tax reduction of approximately 10 percent. Carol Howe and I, believing this bill to be in the best interests of the people of Oregon, voted in the affirmative.

Talk in the halls indicates that a compromise reappointment bill will hit the floor of the House in the very near future. It is my understanding that this plan differs only slightly from the "proffered plan" and retains Klamath County's present status.

The first of several bills which will reorganize our state government has been passed by the Senate and the vote on several others will be coming up. The Senate gave overwhelming support to a measure which would create a department of commerce. Governor Hatfield has said that the fate of this measure will to a great extent foretell the fate of the other bills which will follow. On the other side of the political aisle, House Speaker Robert Duncan had yet a different comment on this problem.

Speaking at Eugene recently he said that he thinks that some, but not many, of the reorganization bills will be passed. He also said that, "whether it is this session or the next, the government will be reorganized."

A public hearing on the controversial bill which would raise the driver's license age in Oregon has been scheduled for March 23 at 1 p.m. in Room 6 in the statehouse. This bill has drawn much attention and will probably pull an overflow crowd into the hearing room. Those interested in the bill should study House Bill 1002.

Visitors at the capitol this past week were Mayor and Mrs. Robert Veatch, Mike, Don, Cathy and Chip; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mest and Judy; Commissioner E. K. (Ken) Allison.

City Dweller Doubtful About Urban Government Department

The Lighter Side
By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — There has been some talk this year of creating a new government department to do for the city dweller what the Agriculture Department does for the farmer.

Surveying Job

SEATTLE (AP)—Horton Dennis & Associates, Seattle, has been granted a \$40,000 contract for making surveys and topographic maps at Camp Adair, Ore., and on the Sammamish River near Seattle, the district Army Engineers office said Monday.

As a city dweller myself, I view this proposal with some misgivings. I am not certain that I want to have done for me what has been done for the farmer. Most of the problems in a city spring from surplus population. If the government tried to handle that the way it has handled surplus farm production, it could lead to some rather involved situations.

For instance, I wouldn't mind being paid for not producing any more children, the way farmers are paid for not producing crops. But on the other hand, I wouldn't be especially keen about plowing under the ones I've already got.

Some of those who proposed setting up the new agency suggested that it be called the "Department of Urban and Municipal Problems." Then they abruptly withdrew their suggestion.

They did so after someone observed that the abbreviation for Department of Urban and Municipal Problems would be "DUMP."

As you can see, the sponsors of the proposal were not in step with this age of the organization man. Had they been in step, they would have known that they were doing things backward. Nowadays, it is considered bad form to give first consideration to a name. What you do now is start out with an abbreviation. Then you think up a name that will fit it.

The "initials first" trend started, as best I can tell, about 15 years ago with the formation of a post-war relief program. Some one apparently decided that "CARE" would be a fine abbreviation for the organization.

So, after a great deal of brainstorming, they managed to come up with a name to match the abbreviation. "Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe" was the result.

Later the name was changed to "Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere," which broadened the scope of the program while preserving the original initials.

Since the advent of CARE, all sorts of initialisms groups have come into being. None, I suspect, was named until after it had been abbreviated.

We have a medical relief ship project called "HOPE" (Health Opportunity for People Everywhere), which is not to be confused with "COPE" (Committee on Political Education).

reached the regional level. That was when some people in Atlanta formed an anti-integration group named "GUTS" (Georgians Unwilling to Surrender).

Good Samaritan physicians go overseas for "MEDICO" (Medical International Cooperation Organization) and the National Council of Churches sponsors "CROP" (Christian Rural Overseas Program).

The custom of initial naming was confined to national organizations until last October when it was named until after it had been abbreviated.

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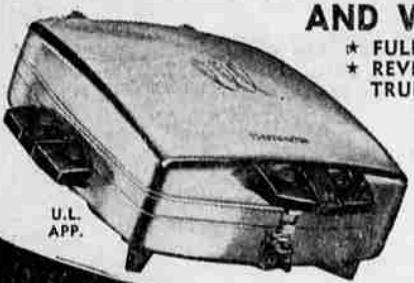
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STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide According to the Stars To develop message for Thursday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

DATE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
ARIES	10-20-45-53	11-21-36-41	12-22-37-42	1-23-38-43	2-24-39-44	3-25-40-45	4-26-41-46	5-27-42-47	6-28-43-48	7-29-44-49	8-30-45-50	9-31-46-51
Taurus	10-21-46-54	11-22-41-46	12-23-42-47	1-24-43-48	2-25-44-49	3-26-45-50	4-27-46-51	5-28-47-52	6-29-48-53	7-30-49-54	8-31-50-55	9-1-51-56
Gemini	10-22-47-55	11-23-42-47	12-24-43-48	1-25-44-49	2-26-45-50	3-27-46-51	4-28-47-52	5-29-48-53	6-30-49-54	7-31-50-55	8-1-51-56	9-2-52-57
Cancer	10-23-48-56	11-24-43-48	12-25-44-49	1-26-45-50	2-27-46-51	3-28-47-52	4-29-48-53	5-30-49-54	6-31-50-55	7-1-51-56	8-2-52-57	9-3-53-58
Leo	10-24-49-57	11-25-44-49	12-26-45-50	1-27-46-51	2-28-47-52	3-29-48-53	4-30-49-54	5-31-50-55	6-1-51-56	7-2-52-57	8-3-53-58	9-4-54-59
Virgo	10-25-50-58	11-26-45-50	12-27-46-51	1-28-47-52	2-29-48-53	3-30-49-54	4-31-50-55	5-1-51-56	6-2-52-57	7-3-53-58	8-4-54-59	9-5-55-60
Libra	10-26-51-59	11-27-46-51	12-28-47-52	1-29-48-53	2-30-49-54	3-31-50-55	4-1-51-56	5-2-52-57	6-3-53-58	7-4-54-59	8-5-55-60	9-6-56-61
Scorpio	10-27-52-60	11-28-47-52	12-29-48-53	1-30-49-54	2-31-50-55	3-1-51-56	4-2-52-57	5-3-53-58	6-4-54-59	7-5-55-60	8-6-56-61	9-7-57-62
Sagittarius	10-28-53-61	11-29-48-53	12-30-49-54	1-31-50-55	2-1-51-56	3-2-52-57	4-3-53-58	5-4-54-59	6-5-55-60	7-6-56-61	8-7-57-62	9-8-58-63
Capricorn	10-29-54-62	11-30-49-54	12-31-50-55	1-1-51-56	2-2-52-57	3-3-53-58	4-4-54-59	5-5-55-60	6-6-56-61	7-7-57-62	8-8-58-63	9-9-59-64
Aquarius	10-30-55-63	11-31-50-55	12-1-51-56	1-2-52-57	2-3-53-58	3-4-54-59	4-5-55-60	5-6-56-61	6-7-57-62	7-8-58-63	8-9-59-64	9-10-60-65
Pisces	10-31-56-64	11-1-51-56	12-2-52-57	1-3-53-58	2-4-54-59	3-5-55-60	4-6-56-61	5-7-57-62	6-8-58-63	7-9-59-64	8-10-60-65	9-11-61-66

Dog Fanciers Hold Meeting

Klamath Dog Fanciers' obedience group will conduct its first meeting Saturday, April 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the open shed next door to West Memorial Building at the Klamath County Fairgrounds.

Mrs. Vernon Retan will be trainer for obedience classes offered during the meetings. Dog Fanciers should not bring their animals during the first session, said Mrs. Ethel Nichol, chairman of the obedience group.

The club will offer a trophy for any dog winning a CD (companion dog) title that has been trained in the fanciers' obedience training class.

Those desiring more information concerning the class are asked to call Mrs. Nichol at TU 4-9638.

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Grange News

SCOTT VALLEY

Beverly Polston, Mrs. Jessie Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. John Van Vorhes were voted into membership at the Scott Valley Grange March 1 meeting. The first and second degree will be exemplified for them on April 5.

Pauline Mallow was elected publicity chairman for the paper.

Permission was given to the Cecil Harris Friendship Club to use the grange hall for a food and rummage sale March 29. Cecil Harris Friendship Club to

