Grangers Oppose Measures

Midland Grange, No. 781 in regular meeting Feb. 17 went on record as opposing Senate Joint Resolution 11, and House Joint Resolution 1 and amendments, relating to revision of the state constitution.

Grange members favoring retaining the present constitution, subject to amendment conforming to wishes of the electorate. Grangers assert the proposed new constitution would eliminate largely citizen participation in state government.

The grange proposes study and revision of the present constitution.

The members also went on record as opposing House Bill 1210-Sec. 2, which would make bail forfeiture equivalent to conviction which could lead to conviction without benefit of trial.

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Uninsured Motorist Law Amendment OK'd By House

SALEM (UPI)—A revision of Oregon's uninsured motorist law was passed by the House in a 41-17 vote Monday and sent it to the Senate.

Rep. James Redden, D-Medford, said the measure was intended to clear up a number of problems which appeared after passage of the first law in 1963.

The amendments approved Monday included a description of who was covered and under what conditions, provided coverage in accidents involving hit-and-run drivers, and set up the mechanics for arbitration.

Rep. Dale Harlan, D-Milwaukie, said he hoped the Senate would consider changing the House-passed version to make insurance companies spell out some of their practices more completely. He said he would not oppose the bill, but he feared the House Judiciary Committee had made too many concessions to insurance companies.

Sing Slated

FOREST GORVE (UPI)—The 19th annual Original All-Northwest Barber Shop Ballad singing contest will be held Friday and Saturday.

Thirteen quartets have registered for the competition.

There is no special retirement law for the U.S. vice president, but he is covered by the general retirement law for senators and representatives.

Fire Truck Purchased By Bonanza

BONANZA — A special-made fire truck, described as a 750-gallon-per-minute Class A front mounted pumper truck, has been purchased by the Bonanza Rural Fire Protective District.

The Rural Fire Department Board contracted for the truck from Peter Pirsh and Sons of Kenosha, Wis., through their representative, American Fire Protection Incorporated of Portland. The delivery date is expected to be the first of October of this year.

The fire chief of both rural and city districts of Bonanza, Lloyd Sparks, will fly to Wisconsin when the truck is ready to take a week-of training and then he'll drive the truck back to Bonanza.

Rural fire department board members are Richard Brown, H. E. Oberheide, Keith Turner and Roger Reid.

Another project currently underway on the property of the Bonanza City Fire Department is the drilling of a well by Bill and Bob Hartley of the Bonanza Well Drillers. The Hartleys are donating their time and equipment for the needed well.

THE SQUIRREL CAGE

By Douglass Welch

SQUIRREL CAge Tues r

So I said to Green Eyes: "A prominent authority says something pretty interesting here. About housewives."

And she said: "Big deal."

And I said: "He says that housewives are woefully disorganized."

And she said: "I don't care to hear anything about it."

And I said: "He is sort of a time-study man. He follows housewives around with a stopwatch."

And she said: "I am elaborately disinterested in the whole thing."

And I said: "He says housewives should think of housework as kind of a ballet, and they should go through the day with the precision of a ballet. He says every little movement should have a meaning of its own."

And she said: "Are you sure he's talking about housework?"

And I said: "You can see here by his picture that he is an artist to his fingertips. He has this silk shirt opened to show his manly chest clear down to his belt buckle."

And she said: "One look at him and I know his mother was sitting just out of camera range."

And I said: "You must not have a closed mind about these things. He says the tippy-toe approach to housework can be fun."

And she said: "What makes him a prominent authority? Where did he ever keep house?"

Memorandum

And I said: "You'll be interested in his memorandum system for housewives."

And she said: "I very much doubt it."

And I said: "He proposes that housewives wear a uniform with pockets so that they can clip a memorandum pad to the upper righthand pocket. And as they dance through the day, they take notes about what has to be done soon, or what is needed, and at the coffee-reflection break in mid-afternoon they go over their notes."

And she said: "I would like to fetch him one right in the nose."

And I said: "The housewife pencils her schedule for the next day and she includes the times on her memorandum pad. The whole idea is that she budgets her time, increases her efficiency, forgets nothing, and preserves her energies. When her husband comes home from a hard day at the office, she is radiant."

And she said: "On the other hand, if she has saved that much time, and is so radiant, maybe when her husband comes home he finds that she is out of the house engaged somewhere in riotous living, perhaps even getting new underwear for her kids downtown."

And I said: "Not a chance. It says right here she greets him at the front door in a slinky outfit, and she is radiant."

And she said: "Tell me, my fat, lovable prince, where did he get this simply nauseating idea about memorandum pads? He must have had help. No one man could think up something so stupid by himself."

And I said: "The maids at a famous Phoenix, Ariz., resort carry memorandum pads around in the pockets of their starched uniforms, and management says it keeps the little jobs from piling up."

And she said: "Why, I like the idea better already! Because room maids in resorts get tips. I belive the going rate is a tip amounting to a dollar a day per room — $365 a year. I shall be very glad to carry around memorandum pads for a dollar a day, and please kindly note same in the future."

And I said: "How ca I give you a dollar a day tip per room when I give all my money to you and you let me have $10 a week back?"

And that's the way it goes around our house all the time. You go to Green Eyes with any kind of a helpful housekeeping suggestion, why, she has to laugh it up, or she gets sore. But other husbands have the same experience. Mr. Fumbles told me on the bus last night that he called Mrs. Fumbles' attention to the fact, in the most helpful manner possible, that the floor under kitchen stove was dirty, and he says she has scarcely given him a civil answer since last Thursday.

FS Slates Millions For Roads

The U.S. Forest Service has allocated $3.6 million to the Pacific Northwest Region to help finance the massive job underway to repair flood-damaged roads, bridges, and culverts.

J. Herbert Stone, regional forester, said the authorization bolsters the effort to speedily restore timber access roads in many flood-ravaged areas.

The $3.6 million is in addition to $1 million regular program funds already committed to emergency use. These funds are not sufficient to repair all flood damage to roads, Stone said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of the Budget are reviewing proposals to meet the total restoration need.

An estimated $12.2 million damage, mostly in Oregon, was dealt national forest roads and trails in the December 1964, flood.

Twelve national forests will benefit from the new forest service allocation. They are the Mt. Hood, Willamette, Umpqua, Siskiyou, Rogue River, Umatilla, Siuslaw, Gifford Pinchot, Ochoco, Fremont, Winema, and Deschutes.

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Medics Try Liver Change

DENVER (UPI)—The world's only living liver transplant recipient was reported "progressing satisfactorily" Monday at Veterans Administration Hospital.

The man, Robert Griffith, 50, of Fort Collins, underwent the delicate 10-hour transplant operation Saturday night. The transplanted liver was taken from the body of a man who died earlier that day.

A team of doctors performed the operation. It was the sixth attempt at a liver transplant. The longest any person has survived such an operation was 23 days.

Officials said Griffith was admitted to the hospital Jan. 26. They said examinations showed he had an incurable liver ailment.

WILD WEST HOLDUP

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (UPI) — Bruce Morrison, 18, Canoga Park, Calif., was booked on suspicion of robbery Monday, following a brief chase by police.

Officer said the suspect, attired in a cowboy outfit, tried to hold up two women with a bow and arrow and a knife.

Morrison assertedly told police he was trying to get money to buy an antique gun.

Physician - Legislator, OEA Support State Cigarette Tax

SALEM (UPI)—A physician-legislator and the executice secretary of the Oregon Education Association opened House Taxation Committee hearings on a cigarette tax Monday with strong support for the proposal.

Rep. Morris Crothers, R-Salem, said the legislature seemed "to be engaged in a game called 'no new taxes,'" while at the same time talking about property tax relief.

The Salem physician said the lawmakers were fooling themselves, but not the people, if they thought they could reduce one form of taxation without getting money from some other source.

Crothers scoffed at claims the cigarette tax was unfair because it fell on one group of people.

"It does so on the completely free choice of the taxpayer," he said, pointing out the smoker could always quit.

Cecil Posey, representing the OEA, pleaded for more state support for schools.

"Key Position"

Never has there been a period in our history in which schools held such a key position in the fabric of our nation," he said.

He contended some new source of revenue for school support must be found, and said Oregon is the only state with neither a cigarette tax nor a sales tax.

He told the committee his information showed that a cigarette tax would be easier to pass.

The committee has two bills, each calling for a tax of 4 cents per pack. Posey and Crothers said they preferred the one introduced by Rep. James Redden, D-Medford, which would put all the money in the basic school support fund and which makes no provision for mandatory referral to the people.

The other bill, by Rep. Joe Rogers, R-Independence, automatically refers the measure to the voters and has a different distribution formula.

H. J. Maddock, St. Louis, representing the Tobacco Tax Council hit on what may be one of the strongest arguments against the tax when he pointed out that Washington tax records show the average per capita sale of cigarettes in that state was 94.5 packs per person per year. The national average is 131.

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