

Stunz Predicts Passage of 700 Bills; Governor Has Signed 26 This Session

To date only 26 bills have been signed by the governor. The legislature will probably pass approximately 700 and if we are to get through in a 100-day session things will need to move along a little faster than they have been. Tomorrow (Feb. 27) will be the 50th day and much important legislation is still in committee without action by either house.

On Feb. 24 Senator Yturri and I met with Phil Schnieder, director of the Oregon Fish and Game department, to find out if there is any possible chance of getting any money from that department to be used for improvement of the Lake Owyhee road. He doesn't know if that department would be allowed to use money for that purpose but will take the matter up at their next meeting which will be held in March.

He furnished us with a statement of fish license sales in Malheur county, which is approximately correct for the year 1959 and states that Malheur county fish license sales amounted to \$32,915, which included \$10,059 daily anglers' license fees. During this same period, Oregon licenses sold in Idaho amounted to \$15,642 which included \$8,745 daily anglers' fees. This makes a total of \$48,557 worth of fish licenses to fishermen who no doubt did most of their angling in Lake Owyhee.

Irrigation Bill Introduced

I introduced a bill Friday concerning irrigation districts which relates to maintenance and operational costs for lands withdrawn from districts to be used as state highway rights-of-way. I will keep you informed on this bill. The three-way Workman's Compensation bill, which would let employers choose between a state fund, private insurance or a plan of their own making, was the subject of three hearings last week, with labor taking the stand that they, under the provisions of this bill, would receive less protection than they do at present and that in most cases they would not have recourse through the courts.

On the other hand, industry claims that with the passage of this bill a weakness would be covered as to whether the employment was considered hazardous or not and less money would be paid out for legal fees. This bill is still in the Senate Labor committee.

Bill Referred to Committee

I have introduced a Migrant Farm Labor bill (HB 1647) that was prepared by farmers of Malheur county, the Bureau of Labor and the Legislative council. It has been referred to the House Agriculture and Livestock committee.

HB 1010—Repeal of the business inventory tax has been called for by both large and small business concerns at a public hearing. This bill is part of the interim committee tax package and would replace the business inventory tax with a 1 1/2 percent tax on net business income. (An amendment to this part of the bill would extend a proposed repeal of the business inventory tax so that it would also do away with all personal property taxes.)

Witnesses at the hearing consisted of wholesale and retail lumber dealers, grocery men, jewelers, etc., who testified that the fear of accumulating large taxable stocks at the end of the year stifled business all down the line, from the manufacturer to the retail outlet. Even witnesses such as doctors, lawyers and representatives of service industries, who would pay more on income than on inventory, agreed the change would be fairer and would promote a better business climate for Oregon.

The Senate has oked a bill that would permit parents to claim children going to school as dependents in figuring state income taxes — even though the children earned more than \$600 per year, thus making the state law the same as the federal income tax law.

Bill Regulates Trading Stamps

A trading stamp bill provides that value of the stamp must be printed on the face, that stamps must be either redeemable in cash or merchandise, and that the stamp companies cannot give exclusive franchises to stores or to firms.

The teachers' sick leave bill

has been amended to allow teachers to accumulate 100 days of sick leave and should come up for a vote of the house this week.

The bill regarding summer work camps for boys is in the Joint Ways and Means committee with passage recommended by the Senate State and Federal Affairs committee.

SB 236 is the school bus bill that I explained to you last week. It would prohibit use of school buses for transporting of students any place other than to and from schools. This bill is in committee and it seems very doubtful if it will pass.

No committee action has been taken on the bills that would provide educational television in the classroom or to establish junior colleges.

Hearing Held on Liquor Bill

A public hearing has been held on the bill which would require that places selling liquor by the drink to account for 25 percent of their establishment's receipts by the sale of food. Amendments are being prepared which would state that the percentage of food sales as required by the bill be deleted and more thought given to the requirements of the restaurant facilities and the availability of a choice of good foods for patrons.

Another amendment to be considered is one that would require that the entire establishment, both liquor and food, be under one ownership.

A bill was introduced in the Senate recently requiring lobbyists to register, giving name, firm, for whom they work and expense accounts. And now, the lobbyists have sent out questionnaires asking for background information on legislators, asking such questions as who is the legislator's doctor, who does he bank with, and who in the bank does he deal with, and who are his customers and clients. Turnabout is fair play!

Visitors from home this week included Paul House of Nyssa; Joe Hobson and his son, Joe, Jr., of Ontario. Young Joe acted as honorary page and everyone agreed that he did a fine job. I believe that the regular pages were sorry to see him leave.

Sincerely,
EMIL A. STUNZ
State Representative

Sugar Company Men Given Service Pins At Annual Banquet

Approximately 440 area residents were served at East Side cafe in Ontario Feb. 17 when Amalgamated Sugar company employees, their wives and husbands met for their annual "end of campaign" dinner and dance.

Committee members for the event were Frel Blair, Raymond Larson, Ward Tyler and Lloyd Wilson.

Following invocation by Waynard Talbot, service pins for continuous employment were presented by Dick Forbess. Henry Zobell was recipient of a 25-year pin. Twenty-year awards were given to Leland Ricks, Frank Russell, John Moran, Earl Boston and Leo J. Gonyer.

Retired employees and their wives were introduced. They included Dean Smith, Lee Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Kay Cottle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Points, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Pounds, Mr. and Mrs. George Poulson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McConnell.

Musical selections were presented by Reed Child, Reed Patterson, Dick McPartland and D. L. Fife. Thirty floral arrangements and house plants were given as door prizes.

Following the dinner and program, a dance was held with music furnished by Nyssa high school dance band, "The Sugar Beats."

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Gann visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hobbs at Kuna.

Mrs. Rigney Attends Speech and Hearing Association Meeting

Robert W. Blakeley, president of Oregon Speech and Hearing association, announces the annual spring meeting will be held March 3 and 4 in Oceanlake, Ore., at Surfside resort.

Professional personnel engaged in treatment of speech and hearing handicaps will come from all parts of Oregon. This area will be represented by Mary Ann Edwards of Ontario and Mrs. J. W. Rigney, special education department, Nyssa schools.

Keynote speaker will be Dr. William Perkins, director of the Speech and Hearing clinic at University of Southern California. His topic Saturday morning will be "Childsmanship: An Exercise in Autonomy." At the banquet Saturday evening his subject will be "Metaphorical Language of Mis-articulation."

Functional articulatory defects and articulatory problems as related to deafness, cleft palate and other organic speech disorders will be topics highlighting this meeting. Articulation makes up a major area of speech disorders. There is a greater percentage of school children with articulation

GIRL SCOUT MEMBERS GIVE FLAG INSTRUCTIONS

Fourteen members and one visitor were present Friday when Girl Scout troop 80 met at the Methodist church.

Junia Kay Mitchell and Teresa Hamilton, advanced and retired the colors. President Evelyn Weeks presided during the business portion of the meeting. The group discussed the matter of refreshments to be served at meetings and all members rehearsed "The Mexican Hat Dance."

Miss Mitchell and Miss Hamilton were selected to visit Mrs. George Rush's Brownie troop at their next meeting to give flag instructions.

—Teresa Hamilton, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Chard and sons of Boise were Sunday dinner guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farr.

Edison Dee Child, a student at Utah State university, Logan, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edison Child.

problems treated in Oregon as compared with the problem of stuttering. Professional and commercial exhibits will be a feature of the meeting.

Veterans Must File For Exemptions Prior to April 1

Disabled war veterans and widows of veterans must apply for their state of Oregon property tax exemptions by April 1, Vere A. McCarty, service division manager for the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs, said recently.

Application for the exemption, which amounts to \$7500 of the true cash value of the property, must be filed with the county assessor on or before April 1 of each year, McCarty said. He cautioned applicants not to wait until the last day, however, because April 1 falls on a Saturday this year and the law makes no provision for extending the deadline. Persons entitled to the exemption include:

1. War veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by the Veterans administration or the Armed Forces, regardless of the amount of income.
2. Unremarried widows of war veterans, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Spanish-American war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.
3. Spanish-American war vet-

Use of Electricity By Oregon Residents Holds Upward Trend

The upward trend in the use of electrical energy by Oregon residential consumers continued through 1960 with the 450,940 consumers served by the five operating utilities, using 9,447 kilowatt hours on the average for the 12 months. This compared with 8,966 in 1959, 8,253 in 1958, 8,128 for 1957 and 7,805 in 1956, according to year-end figures released this week by the public utility commission.

Commissioner Jonel C. Hill said that although 1960 revenue per

erans, regardless of disability or income.

Veterans whose 40 percent disabilities are certified by a private physician and the county health officer, rather than by the VA or Armed Forces, are also entitled, but in these cases they must not have received more than \$2500 total gross income in the past year.

Further information is available from county assessors, county service officers or the Department of Veterans' Affairs in Salem or Portland.

SCOUT CERTIFICATES RECEIVED BY TROOP 99
Members of Brownie troop 99 met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dick Tensen. The girls received their certificates of membership and are also learning the Girl Scout promise. The group practiced singing songs.
—Barbara Fangen, Reporter.

kilowatt hour was up 2.40 percent over 1959, the cost of 1.28 cents per kilowatt hour was still low when compared on a national basis.
A total of 9,750,109,000 kilowatt hours of energy was sold in the 12-month period ending in December, up 7.23 percent over the previous year.

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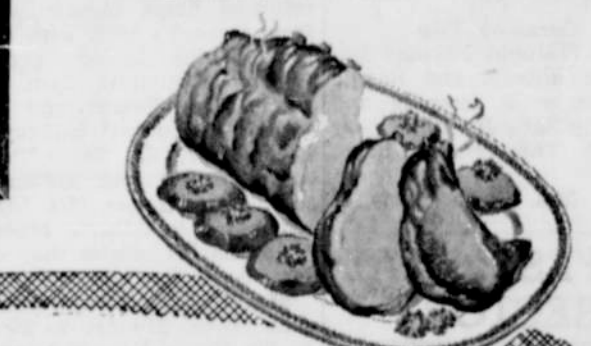
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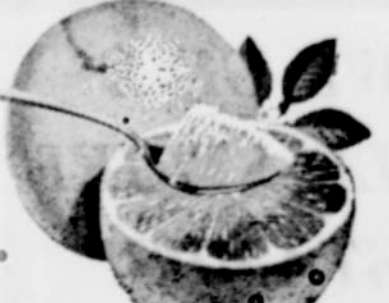


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