

Yturri Asks That Bond Issue Include Bridging Snake River; Says Salaries For State Employees Will Be Raised

By Sen. Anthony Yturri

A delegation from Ontario appeared before the Highway commission to urge construction of the bridge across Snake river east of Ontario. The Highway committee in the senate has a bill calling for issuance of bonds to extent of \$4,235,000 for a bridge across the Willamette near Oswego. I have proposed an amendment to this bill to provide for \$800,000 for the bridge at Ontario.

It is late in the session, and there may be much "howling and gnashing of teeth," but if special bond issues are justified for other roads and bridges, Eastern Oregon should be no exception. However, it is late in the session and the bill will probably not pass. Nevertheless, it may serve to point up the dire need for the Ontario bridge, and this may serve to prompt speedier action from the commission.

Dignitaries Visit Salem

Dignitaries have come to Salem in bunches! First we had Frederick Boland, president of the United Nations. He is also permanent ambassador from Ireland to the UN. It was my privilege to escort him into the senate chambers where he briefly addressed the chamber.

After that, Senator Mahoney of Portland and I escorted him to his car outside the capitol. He was to fly from Portland and preside over the United Nations the following day. It was an interesting experience. President Boland is typically Irish—sense of humor, accent and all, but his knowledge of world affairs is amazing.

"Perry Mason" also visited Salem in behalf of a drive to raise funds to complete a new addition to Salem Memorial hospital. Raymond Burr (Perry Mason) was well received.

Maharaja Addresses Senate

Next on the list was the Maharaja of Mysore. He delivered a thought-provoking address to the senate, and it was my privilege to have lunch with him. Mysore is one of the states of India, and it was surprising to learn of the rapid progress that is being made in parts of India in educational and industrial fields. The maharaja is the only original "prince" of a state to have been selected to continue governing his area. He told me that his position is parallel with that of a governor, and that they, too, have a bicameral system for law making, just as we have in Oregon.

Salaries have been the consuming topic at the legislature during this week. It appears the governor will be paid \$20,000 a year, plus \$600 a month for expenses. Secretary of state, state treasurer and other elected state officials will be paid \$15,000 per

year instead of the \$12,500 they now receive. Supreme court justices will be paid \$19,000 a year, while circuit judges will receive \$16,500 a year.

Others Increased 10 Percent

Salaries of other state employees will be increased about 10 percent. The Ways and Means committee is still wrestling with this problem, but a substantial increase seems a certainty. The chairman stated that the salary bill for state employees will be voted upon early next week.

Members of the legislature do not have an opportunity to examine every position. The bill simply provides for an increase of some \$7,500,000 from the general fund, and then this amount is spread out among the various classifications by various departments.

Two more reorganization bills have gone down the drain by very close votes. One would have consolidated the Industrial Accident commission, the Bureau of Labor and the Employment department into one department and would have made the office of labor commissioner appointive rather than elective.

Vote Close on Each Bill

The other bill would have created a Department of Transportation and Utilities and would have included the Highway commission, Public Utilities commission and several other small agencies. The vote was close on each bill, but 16 affirmative votes are required for passage in the senate while only 15 were cast on the second measure.

A request which Representatives Weatherford and Bob Smith, myself and a few others made of the Oregon Congressional delegation for expenditure of more funds for fire protection in Eastern Oregon has received a warm welcome. For years the Clark-McNary law has provided that congress authorize \$20,000,000 annually for this purpose.

Promise Action on Matter

The authorization has been made, but only a half has been appropriated with the result that the original formula for division of expense between the federal government, state and owner has been distorted. Each congressman and senator has promised to do something about it.

The senate has passed Senate Bill 94 which will restrict the indiscriminate distribution of obscene magazines and literature from news stands and other sources. The bill does not require the news stand operator to personally examine each magazine, but if this bill becomes law it will be a deterrent upon publishers of obscene literature.

My guess may have been wrong. It now appears that final adjournment will not be until the first day or two in May!

Mrs. Verda Steinko returned home April 15 from Burns, Ore. She spent last weekend visiting her son, Darel and family in Vale.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Wolff and family of Roswell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Capper and family. Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Robertson and Bernice of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Storm of Marysville, Calif., were afternoon and evening visitors in the Capper home.

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Missionary Speaks To Honored Seniors At Methodist Dinner

"Faraway Places" was the theme used April 19 when Methodist graduating seniors and their parents were honored at a banquet given in the church fellowship hall.

WCS members sponsored the dinner, under chairmanship of Mrs. Orland Chelidlin. Mrs. Raymond Sager, secretary of youth, and Mrs. Walter McPartland, secretary of students, headed the arrangement committee, with Mrs. Robert Wilson in charge of tables.

The orchid and white covered tables were centered with bouquets of vanda orchids, furnished by Fangen Bros. Floral shop. Each senior girl and Miss Margaret Toothman, speaker for the evening, were presented with one of the flowers.

Gene Chester, principal of Nyssa high school, served as toastmaster. Mrs. Kinsey Keever, WCS president, welcomed the honored group with Mike Wilson giving the response. Musical selections included vocal solos by Judy Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. Dwight Wyckoff, and saxophone solo by Roger Maulding with accompaniment by Mrs. Bob Q. Smith.

Miss Toothman, a graduate of Fruitland high school and Idaho State college at Pocatello, was then introduced. She had just recently returned from La Paz, Bolivia, where she was a missionary for three years, sent there by

VISITS IN COREY HOME

Miss Alma Walker of Spokane arrived Tuesday by bus to spend a week with her long-time friends, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Corey. While here she will attend the Nampa rock show.

Mr. and Mrs. Olney Marcum of Salem arrived Wednesday at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Muriel Marcum and family. The two couples and Glenn Marcum attended funeral services Thursday in Meridian for Charles Marcum.

women's societies of the Idaho conference. She had worked as a registered nurse there.

Her talk was in the form of a personal testimony, using as her topic the senior motto, "If You Fail to Prepare—You Prepare to Fail." She stressed the many things which seem unimportant during school years, but in later life are things which one should have learned when the opportunity was at hand. Her advice to the group was to avail themselves of every opportunity to gain more knowledge and learn how to do more things.



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Women of Today Is Program Topic Of WSCS Circles

Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church held circle meetings last Thursday. Ten members were present when Iris Bell circle met with Mrs. W. W. Foster. Mrs. Eugene Butzer presided at the business session. Mrs. D. L. Hurst led devotions and presented the program.

Mrs. Charles Garrison was hostess to members of the Marlene Harmon group which was attended by 13 members and a guest, Mrs. G. W. Pennie. Mrs. Grover Lytle conducted the business portion. Mrs. Merrilean Robbins was devotional and program leader.

Jessie Lee circle members met with Mrs. Earl Boston with 16 members and a guest, Mrs. Lester Larkin, present. Mrs. Sherman Wilson presided during the business session. Mrs. Charles Pitman led devotions and program leaders were Mrs. C. Fritts and Mrs. Waldo Smalley.

Celia Cowan circle met Thurs-

day evening with Mrs. Kenneth Toomb as hostess, assisted by Mrs. Bud Sappe, co-hostess, Mrs. Duane Holcomb presided at the business meeting for 10 members and a guest, Mrs. T. H. Salzman. Mrs. Norville Robbins led devotions and Mrs. Richard Pounds presented the program.

Projects discussed in all groups pertained to the spring breakfasts slated for Friday and Saturday of this week and a rummage sale to be held the same days and also Monday and Tuesday of next week. Jessie Lee circle members are painting the Apple Valley church basement and Celia Cowan ladies served luncheon Tuesday for the Nydia club.

Programs for all circles concerned women of today, young and older mothers and how they can best find their place in the church to the best of their abilities and talents.

Journal Classifieds Get Results!

Owyhee Community Church News

Sunday school, 10 a.m.
Morning worship service, 11 a.m.

Youth fellowship, 7:30 p.m.
Evening service, 8:15 p.m.
Young people of the church and their friends went to Ontario Sunday for dinner, followed by a business meeting.

Sunday school teacher's training class was held Tuesday evening at the church.

Mid-week Bible study group met Wednesday evening at the church.

A May day party will be held Saturday, April 29, at 2 p.m. at the Ken Lorensen home. Those attending will be members of the nursery, beginner and primary classes and their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Towne were Sunday dinner guests of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Towne near Boise.

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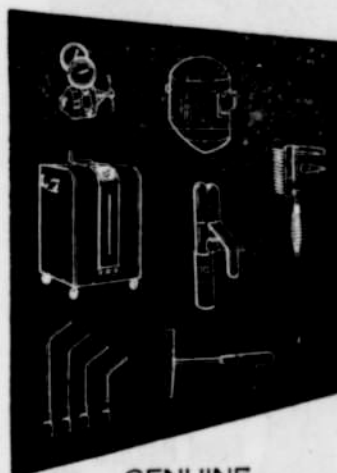
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