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Salem Scene

by Robert L. Dermedde

Since the Nov. 3 election, much has been in the news concerning who will be Speaker of the House and President of the Senate for the ensuing legislative session. But little attention has been given the importance of these two legislative posts other than they represent the majority political views of each house.

Although seldom recognized as such by the public, the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate are the strongest and most powerful legislative representatives in the state.

Their duties—powers by their very nature—are derived from rules of proceedings adopted by the legislature at the start of each session. They include the right to appoint all committees, committees, chairmen and vice chairmen, to refer bills to committees and preside over the assembly.

The importance of these powers can best be measured by the committee system itself, for it is in committee where legislation receives its most careful and thorough scrutiny. It is here where bills are either killed, amended or sent on their way for floor consideration.

The combined appointive and referral powers permit the Speaker or President to establish committees whose majority views represent a conservative or liberal, Republican or Democrat, urban or rural approach to solving state and local problems. Thus, the treatment of legislation can be predetermined to some degree by the makeup of committees to which bills are referred.

The fate of legislation can also be determined on the floor of a house by a simple ruling from the Chair. Although seldom used, refusal to recognize a legislator or deciding a close vote one way or another can effect the ultimate outcome of legislation.

The right to appoint also carries with it the power to enhance a legislator's political future simply by his appointment to important committees and chairmanships. Conversely, the power to appoint can also diminish his political prospects by relegation to less important positions.

And finally, the combined powers and leadership abilities of the Speaker and President directly effect the efficiency, harmony and cost to the taxpayers of the entire legislative session, not to mention the course of future government practices.

While the reputation of the 1963 legislature was tarnished because of bitter fights, its record length and the attempt to increase taxes, it is generally agreed that new Speaker of the House F. F. "Monte" Montgomery (R-Eugene) and Senate President Harry Boivin (D-Klamath Falls) will bend every effort to improve the legislative image by using their powers wisely in pursuit of a responsible and productive session.

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Caldwell Minister To Conduct Services At Christian Church

Pastor Wallace Prowell has announced that beginning at 7:30 Sunday evening, Nov. 29, special services will be conducted at Nyssa Christian church.

The Rev. Charles M. Hill, pastor of Treasure Valley Christian church in Caldwell, will be featured speaker. The Rev. Hill recently went to Caldwell from a pastorate in Montana. He attended Northwest Christian college in Eugene and Christian Theological seminary in Indianapolis, Ind.

Services will be held nightly through Sunday, Dec. 6, except on Saturday.

Sunday, Dec. 6, has been designated as "Women's Day" at the church and Mrs. Frank Marler of Nampa will be guest speaker during the 11 a.m. worship hour.

Pastor Prowell and his congregation extend an invitation to the public to attend these special services.

Nazarene Pioneers Honored at Banquet

The recreation room in the Clark Clark home was the scene of the Nov. 16 Thanksgiving banquet in honor of the Pioneer class of Nyssa Nazarene church. Members of Hamlin Missionary chapter were hosts for the event.

Dinner was served to 14 Pioneers, 19 teens and six special guests. A quartet, comprised of Lonnie Clark, Terry Martin, Joe Seward and the Rev. John Bullock, sang "The Old Country Church."

Highlights of the church history were given by Mrs. Ed Wild, John Haight, Mrs. Mabel Fox, Mrs. Russell Smith and Omar Maine. Poems were recited by Joe Kellogg and Connie Price.

Following the group singing of "Onward Christian Soldiers," the program closed with prayer given by Mrs. Robert Martin, local NFMS president.

Reporter Tells Recent Butte Church Events

Lincoln Heights—Women's Missionary Fellowship group of Malheur Butte Baptist church held a work day on Nov. 12. The women spent the day cleaning the church and cutting blocks for a child's quilt with luncheon served at noon.

The group purchased clothing for Mark Penner, son of the Rev. and Mrs. James Penner of San Jose, Calif. The family will be leaving soon for a church mission in Japan.

Next meeting of the fellowship group will be Dec. 10 at the R. A. Hadeen home. The evening meeting will carry a Christmas theme.

Century class of the church held its Thanksgiving potluck dinner Friday evening, Nov. 13. Hosts were the Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Hadeen who carried out the holiday theme in decorations, devotions and the entertainment.

LETTERS To the Editor

STATE OF OREGON
Oregon State Senate
Salem

November 5, 1964

Mr. Ted Brammer, Editor
Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Mr. Brammer:

I trust that you will be willing to accept my effort to use this medium to thank not only the Gate City Journal for its excellent reporting and support, but also the voters for the confidence which they expressed in me in the general election.

I merely wish to thank your newspaper and the voters and to assure them that I will endeavor to the best of my ability to justify the confidence which they expressed in me.

Very truly yours,
ANTHONY YTURRI

SALMON FOR ALL, Inc.

Portland, Oregon
November 17, 1964

Mr. Ted M. Brammer
Publisher
Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Mr. Brammer:

Our sincere thanks for your support in preserving the Columbia river salmon industry. It was no accident that the overwhelming defeat of Ballot Measure No. 4 was matched by the weight of newspaper and radio-TV editorials opposing the bill.

A field as complex as fishery management presents a real problem for the voter, but your thoughtful and well-balanced presentation of the facts enabled your readers to vote intelligently on Nov. 3. Without your support and that of other Oregon media, thousands of jobs and a major industry might have been lost.

Salmon for All will continue its work on a long-range program of fishery conservation and enhancement to benefit all who share in the resource. We hope that, together with the responsible state and federal agencies, our recent opponents will join with us in this vital effort. We shall also look to your continued assistance and counsel as we develop this program for more "salmon for all."

Again, we are heartily grateful for your support.

Most sincerely,
TED BUGAS
Treasurer
DAN SCHAUSTEN
Public Relations Counsel

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Jury Duty

Today as yesterday, our jury system is under fire.

Critics say that juries waste time, that people don't want to serve, that jurors make stupid mistakes. Let the experts administer justice, some critics say.

These criticisms hold true only if citizens forsake their right to serve, or if they do not do their level best to reach just verdicts.

We'd like to do our duty, of course, but it is hard to break up our routine of pleasant living. As citizens, some of us shirk voting and some try to get out of jury service.

Perhaps we don't value our freedoms enough. We inherited them and didn't earn them the hard way.

Only a free people can enjoy the privilege of jury duty. An ancient philosopher once said that the mark of a citizen, as opposed to an alien, is his right to take part in the due administration of justice.

When jury duty calls, think of yourself as a juror seeking truth, hearing all the evidence and heeding the court's instructions. Follow the lawyers' arguments and lay aside prejudice and follow your intelligence and not your emotions.

Respect your fellow jurors, as they must respect you. In tolerance try for agreement, but never a verdict which violates the court's instructions or finds as a fact what you know is untrue.

When they call you to jury duty, make a liar out of the critics. Be a good juror and make our system of justice work.

(Oregon lawyers offer this column as a public service. No person should apply or interpret any law without the aid of an attorney, who is completely advised of the facts involved. Even a slight variance in facts may change the application of the law.)

STUDENT ARRIVES HOME

Carolyn Tensen, a student at OTI in Klamath Falls, arrived Wednesday evening to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her mother, Mrs. Anne Tensen and other relatives.

Friday Performance Of 'House Talk' Set By LDS Youth Groups

Youth groups of the Nyssa stake MIA are combining their musical, dancing and dramatic talents to present "House Talk" at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening, Nov. 27, at the Nyssa LDS stake house.

Production chairmen are Mrs. Frank Skeen, YWYMA president, and Charles Mann, YWYMA superintendent. Mrs. Clyde Bybee is director, assisted by Mrs. Tom Mitchell and Mrs. Dee Garner.

Others in charge are Jerry Williams, lighting; Mrs. Mel Beck, publicity; Mrs. Darwin Jensen, invitations; Vernon Montgomery, Marvin Jefferies and Charles Mann, properties and staging.

Lutheran Church Sets Annual Harvest Event

The congregation of Faith Lutheran church will meet for the annual harvest dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, at East Side cafe in Ontario.

According to Pastor John Milbrath, the annual congregational meeting will be held and the stewardship program presented.

Featured speaker will be the Rev. Robert Hermansen, mission developer for the Lutheran church in America. A movie, "Our Partnership in the Gospel," will be shown.

All members of the congregation are urged to attend, Pastor Milbrath added.

ARRIVE FROM MADRAS

Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Mitchell and family of Madras arrived Saturday to spend the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brower and other relatives.

EVENING DINNER GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Art Colby, Mr. and Mrs. Art Bosselman were guests for a chili supper Sunday evening at the Charles Quinowski home.

FARM BUREAU FURROW

By SCOTT LAMB, Information Director

Farm-City Week

The Kiwanis International sets aside a week each year to promote better understanding of agriculture in America. This year it is the week of Nov. 23-28. Speakers across the land will be quoting agricultural statistics to prove certain points about the most basic of all American industry.

Since we are close to Thanksgiving, maybe a few figures on the optimistic side would serve to make us count our blessings, as we should at this time of the year.

For instance, U.S. farmers are doing such a good job of providing food and fibre in plentiful supply at very reasonable prices that they are the envy of the entire world.

Russia by comparison is about equal to our per farmer food production as U.S. farmers were in 1840. If we had to return to the state of agriculture Russia is in today, we would require some 25 million industrial workers to return to farming just to provide us with a meager food supply.

Instead, we have some 116,000 employees of the Department of Agriculture whose main job is to figure out some way to keep farmers from producing more than we now have. Because of the plentiful supply of food, we spend millions giving it to other nations where food is so badly needed.

Since 1920 science and agriculture have teamed up to make giant strides never dreamed possible. Farm production has increased 65 percent per acre. Each breeding animal produces 94 percent more than in 1920. Through the 1950's farm labor efficiency increased at a 5.5 percent rate per year compared with 2.2 percent for industry.

In China a laborer works two to four hours for a pound of rice. Americans work five

minutes. A Russian woman works 75 minutes to buy a pound of sugar. In the U.S. the worker works only three minutes.

So, come this Thanksgiving day, consider the "turkey and trimmings" and consider the American farmer and the system that made him king in the production of vital food for both home and abroad. For if all the world's charities were put together, they would not do so much for so many as does the American farmer.

SUNDAY EVENING GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Schoen were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schultz in Apple Valley.

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