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Salem Scene

by Robert L. Darnedde

After nearly four hours of intense debate March 4, the House approved and sent to the Senate a completely new workmen's compensation law for the state of Oregon.

House passage of the new job-injury law, which was strongly supported by business and industry and opposed by ALF-CIO, winds up a fierce six-year political battle which plagued the state for three legislative sessions and one general election. Previous proposals have been approved by the Senate but never by the House.

Greatest argument during the six-year period was over whether the act should be a state-run monopoly or a competitive system. Voters last November overwhelmingly defeated an initiative plan for a state monopoly, thus opening the door for passage of HB 1001.

Members of the House Labor and Management committee, who spent countless hours reviewing the proposal, began floor debate March 3 with brief but comprehensive explanations of the bill's provisions and a thorough comparison of the present system and that proposed in HB 1001.

After a long oration which began to resemble a congressional filibuster, Rep. Berkeley Lent (D-Portland) moved to re-refer the bill back to committee without specific instructions—an attempt to delay House action on the measure. But a majority beat down Lent's motion 34-26.

After additional debate, the proposal sailed through the House by a 36-24 affirmative vote.

The measure, which has been hailed as a "model bill" and milestone for the injured workmen, will increase benefits an average 25 percent. It seeks to encourage greater safety, prompt payment to injured workmen and sets up a new system of claims and appeals handling.

For the first time since 1913 when the first job-injury act became law, employers will have a free choice of coverage which is allowed in practically all other states. The so-called "three-way" feature allows employers to insure either with the state, private

insurance or become a direct responsibility employer. A provision for group coverage is also included.

The State Industrial Accident commission is completely reorganized by separating conflicting functions into two agencies: supervisory board and insurance agency. Compulsory coverage will be required of all workmen except casuals, domestics, farm workers not involved with machinery or other dangerous work and a deferral of coverage until Jan. 1, 1967, for all farming, small non-hazardous employers with three or less employees.

Broadened rehabilitation, second injury and retroactive relief programs are also included in the proposal.

Rep. Morris Crothers, M.D. (R-Salem) said, "No other state provides the unlimited medical care for the injured workmen as does this bill," and Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene), who led much of the debate urging passage, said there are "things in this measure which do not exist anywhere else in the United States . . . all to the working-man's advantage."

HB 1001 is now in Senate committee where limited hearings will be held. Although attempts will be made by the AFL-CIO to amend the bill, it is expected to get Senate and Governor Hatfield's approval without too much trouble.

METHODIST WSCS CIRCLES SLATE THURSDAY MEETINGS

Methodist WSCS circle meetings are scheduled at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon, March 18, in area homes.

Members of the Lowry circle will meet with Mrs. Ralph Lawrence. Program will be presented by Mrs. J. Martin. Thelma Case circle meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. W. D. Holcomb with Mrs. W. W. Foster presenting the program.

Mrs. Cora Rookstool will be hostess to members of the Marcia Ball group. Presenting the program will be Mrs. Gene Honey. Evening circle members will meet in the home of Mrs. Richard Miller with Mrs. Bud Sappe as program leader.

LETTERS To the Editor

Chester, California
March 1, 1965

The Nyssa Gate City Journal
Nyssa, Oregon

Dear Sir:
Please change my paper address back to Box 127, Adrian, Ore.
Thank you so much for sending it to me. I never missed a single copy while visiting in Tennessee and California.

Sincerely,
MRS. HENRY E.
(MARIE) MOORE

Nyssa, Oregon
March 3, 1965

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

Dear Editor:
I would like to use your column to express my appreciation for the assistance and support given to me in the Oregon State Regional Junior Bowling tournament held in Ontario Feb. 27-28.

My heartfelt thanks go to Pat Marcum and Stella Ross of Nyssa, Dorothy Dunbrasky and Jean Ludwig of Ontario as acting assistant supervisors; Edna Freese of Ontario and Ida Miner of Nyssa for securing scorekeepers; to Nora Snodgrass, Aut Stedman, Diane and Earlene Jennings for making up the telescope sheets; to Betty Wilt of Nyssa for all the mimeographing; to the 30 or 40 men and women of Ontario and Nyssa who donated their time to keep score during the tournament; to the newspapers and ra-

Lenten Series Begins At Methodist Church

The Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence announces that the new Lenten series of "Six Nights With the Bible" began last Sunday evening at Nyssa Methodist church with a crowd larger than anticipated. All textbooks were sold out and more have been ordered for next Sunday's session.

The March 14 meeting will open promptly at 8 p.m. with benediction at 9:29 p.m. All interested young people and adults are welcome to attend.

The Rev. Lawrence will give a lecture entitled "Creation: Man's Dominion and the Relation Between the Sexes." The entire evening's service will include worship, hymn singing, Bible study and moments of sharing.

LUTHERAN PASTOR REPORTS THEME OF LENTEN SERVICES

Pastor John Milbrath announces that mid-week Lenten services began March 3 at Faith Lutheran church. The services consist of a series of meditations, "On the Passion of Our Lord," with theme, "They Were There," meaning the people around the Cross. The services will be conducted at 8 o'clock on Wednesday evenings through April 15, Pastor Milbrath said.

dio stations of the northwest for the coverage.

A special thanks to Jack and Sherry Sather of Bye Lanes for their unlimited cooperation.

Sincerely,
KAY BRENDE
Region 6 Supervisor
Oregon State Junior
Bowling Association

New Pastor



THE REV. DELBERT SMITH . . . who on Feb. 28 assumed pastoral duties of Park Avenue Baptist church. He and his wife, Roxie, are now residing at 718 Locust avenue. They came to Nyssa from Emmett where Pastor Smith taught high school public speaking and economics during the past semester.

CATHOLIC LADIES DISCUSS VARIOUS PROJECT PLANS

A recent meeting of Saint Catharina's circle of St. Bridget's Catholic church was held in the home of Mrs. Don Stults. In attendance were eight members and Father C. M. Kirkpatrick.

Plans were discussed for a new hall and kitchen and final arrangements were made for the March 28 Mexican dinner.

Memorial Flag Given To Methodist Church In Sunday Ceremony

Charles Steffens and Clarence Pours, representing Nyssa American Legion post 79, presented a new 50-star American flag to Nyssa Methodist church Sunday, March 7, during a special ceremony in the morning worship service.

The flag, a gift of Mrs. Nora Graham in memory of the late Don Graham, was posted during the singing of the hymn, "America the Beautiful." Steffens presented the flag to the church and it was officially accepted by Cliff Main, chairman of the church board. Words of dedication and a prayer were given by the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence and the ceremony was conducted with pledge of allegiance led by Steffens.

Girl Scouts, attending church in observance of Girl Scout Sunday, with their leaders Mrs. Tom (Alberta) Morrow and Mrs. Robert (Marie) Wilson, also participated in posting of the colors and the salute to the flag.

CWF DISTRICT SECRETARY TO ATTEND LOCAL MEETING

CWF members of the afternoon group held a meeting March 4 in the home of Mrs. Wallace Prowell. Women of the evening group met that night with Mrs. Bill Spittler as hostess. Ralph Warren was guest speaker and showed a film, "Effects of Alcohol on the Human Body."

General meeting for both groups will be at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, March 16, in the Christian church. Mrs. Jim Platz of Pendleton, new district secretary of CWF, plans to attend.

Youth Counseling Series Scheduled At Payette Church

High school students or unmarried older youth including college and working young people are invited to a special series of meetings during March and April sponsored by the Payette Ministerial association. Classes will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 in the fireplace room of the Payette Methodist church, 502 North 11th street.

Topics on the general theme of "Courtship, Dating, Creating and Sharing Happiness, etc." will be as follows:

March 16—"What to Do for Money" or "Financial Teamwork" (budgets, etc.) with discussion leaders being Miss Betty Stalker, Payette county Home Extension economist, and Gilbert Matsen, county agricultural agent.

Coordinators of the program are the Rev. George Trobough and the Rev. Don Hardenbrook. Further information on these programs may be obtained by contacting the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence at 372-2245.

NEW CLASS FOR ADULTS SLATED AT LOCAL CHURCH

A new adult Sunday school class will begin March 14 at Faith Lutheran church, it is announced by Pastor John Milbrath who will serve as teacher. Topic to be studied will be "Your Neighbor's Faith" which will be a study of major religious denominations in a comprehensive and comparative way, Pastor Milbrath said.

Area adults are invited to attend these informative sessions, the minister concluded.

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