



Statehouse, Salem, Feb. 20—Tomorrow, February 21, marks the end of the so-called regular session of 40 days. From now on until sine die the legislators will work for glory and no pay. Nearly every indication is for a 60-day session. Wednesday saw one of the most controversial bills in either house up for debate—the "big truck" bill, which is now being lambasted all over the senate. The political posters say it will pass.

All of the so-called hot bills are still in committee. Old-age assistance, small loans, state civil service, sales tax, unemployment insurance, wine, and the reapportionment measures are resting in the arms of Morpheus. However, they are scheduled to awake with a bang the latter part of this week or soon thereafter. Then the fireworks will start. This very quiet session promises to wind up in a blaze of glory—or something.

The reapportionment bill, which will carve out a new congressional seat for Oregon and also give the state one more vote in the electoral college, would create the new district out of the first district, the committee members having definitely agreed to leave the second and third district as is. Under no consideration will any county be split—half in one district and half in the other. At this writing it looks as if the north county line of Lane will mark the new or fourth district and take in everything south to the California line, which would include Lane, Douglas, Josephine, Jackson, Coos and Curry, with a good chance that Linn county will also be included. The 1940 census gives these seven counties a combined population of 214,590, or about 25 percent of the people of the state. Representative Neuberger (D) of Multnomah county introduced a resolution to hold a public hearing on the subject of a new district, but the house voted it down to the tune of 40 to 20.

There seems to be a growing tendency on the part of each legislator to exempt different classes of real property from the tax rolls. Last week the lawmakers passed a bill to exempt the parsonages, or residences, of clergymen from any real property tax. It has been conservatively estimated will cost the state at least \$100,000 in taxes lost. Another measure passed would exempt druggist from a license fee for selling alcohol and liquor.

If this movement to give tax exemption keeps up, and should the large utilities which pay close to \$3,000,000 a year in taxes from the rolls through municipal ownership, Old Man Oregon would have to find other sources of revenue running into many millions of dollars, which would be far from any easy thing to do.

Many times in past sessions, including also the present one, efforts have been made by the lawmakers of both houses to tap the saintly, untouchable state highway fund for other necessary state needs. This aloof body has by far the largest bankroll of any state commission and the largest source of revenue. The gasoline tax alone brings in many millions and the commission budget always shows several millions in reserve. But let anyone even think of tapping this huge pot of gold for other purposes and a howl goes up that can be heard all over the state.

However, all good things must come to an end. A bill is in the making which would take away all of the commission's funds. The legislature would then allot the highway commission each biennium its budget requirements. All other state commissions must have their budgets approved by the ways and means committee at each legislative session, and some of the lawmakers can't see why the highway commission should be an exception to the rule.

Observations: The beauticians are here in behalf of beauty parlors; they don't like the beauty schools which do work for half price. . . . And the wine boys are beginning to gather around the lobby; their bill comes up this week. Mr. Ralph Cake, the big shot Republican, is here again for about the fifth time; he doesn't want anything to happen to the money lending business—he is in it. . . . The sergeant-at-arms has a tough time with ventilation; some want the windows open and others want them closed. . . . Rep. Carson of

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY GIVES AUDIENCE PLENTY OF LAUGHS

Laughter was the order of the evening at the high school gymnasium Friday night when the Port Orford high school student body presented the three-act comedy, "The Sunshine Twins", before a full house.

Although long in length, requiring nearly two and a half hours, the play did not drag, and members of the cast were so nearly letter perfect in their parts that the whole thing went off without a hitch.

Comments were heard about town of the exceptionally fine performances turned in by Wayne Newman, as the harassed father, and Eugene Beck, as the young man whose political and economic ideas were on the radical side.

Other members of the cast whose ability made the comedy such a success were Pat Johnson and Donald Sweet, as the inimitable Sunshine Twins, Elmyra Holcomb, Ruth McClintock, Betty Cummings, Bruce Zumwalt, Doris Corson, Sidney Sweet, and Barbara Marsh.

Miss Ruth Clark, director of the play, was presented with a book by the cast in appreciation of her help and patience. Stage managers were Gordon Forty, Don Babel and Don Mills.

BABY BORN FEB. 13

A daughter was born February 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller in the Leep Memorial hospital in Bandon. The little girl, who weighed six pounds and four ounces at birth, has been named Joretta Lee.

VALENTINE PARTY IS GIVEN BY MORSINGS

Valentine's Day was the occasion for a party given Friday night of last week by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morsing. Pinechle was played during the evening with Mrs. Olive Dobbema and Virgil Chilson receiving high scores, and Mrs. Chilson and Olive Dobbema receiving low scores.

EXAMINER TO COME

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs is scheduled to arrive in Port Orford Wednesday, February 26, and will be on duty at Dowdell's Shell Service between the hours of 1 and 5, according to a recent announcement released from the Secretary of State's office.

PORT ORFORD BREVITIES

A son, weighing 7 lbs. 7oz., was born Feb. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Swartz of Port Orford.

Mrs. Nick Perkins, Jane Perkins and Leita McClure spent the weekend in Myrtle Point where they visited Niek Perkins who has been in the hospital for some time. They were guests of the N. W. Perkins family.

Arlin Johnson was here over the weekend from Camp Stevens to visit friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Woodworth, Frances and Pat Moyer, Leah Spoon, Elliott Woodworth, Jerry Gray and Tony Luchene made a trip to Crescent City on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moyer and daughters, were Coquille visitors Saturday.

Washington's Birthday Ball, Saturday, February 22, sponsored by Bandon Post No. 26 American Legion, at Langlois Pavilion. Music by Bum Gartin's Silver Spray orchestra. Don't miss it; all your friends will be there. Popular prices.

Mrs. Clarence Campbell spent the weekend in Gardiner where her husband is employed in the mill.

George L. Stevenson was in town Sunday from Coquille.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Crow and friends of Eugene stopped in Port Orford to see Mrs. F. F. Eddy on their return trip from Carmel, Cal., where they vacationed for two weeks.

Dr. L. R. Pugh returned from a business trip to Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weeks returned early this week from a trip to California.

John Lyle left Saturday on a business trip to Portland.

Mrs. Kathryn Smith, county school superintendent, came to Port Orford from Gold Beach Friday night of last week to see the high school play.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Johnson returned Monday from several days' visit with friends in Brookings and Harbor.

Grade School Tournament Is Saturday

Spring Activities For County Grade and High Schools Are Scheduled

Youthful basketball players from all parts of the county will arrive in Port Orford Saturday for an all-day session of the county grade school basketball tournament, at the high school gymnasium.

The Port Orford school will be host to students from Brookings, Gold Beach, Langlois and Ophir. The tournament will begin in the morning and will be completed in the evening when the championship playoff decides what team will be the winner of the trophy.

PLAY DAY WILL BE IN PORT ORFORD

Grade and high schools throughout the county will see much activity during the spring. On April 11, the Port Orford high school will be host for the annual Play Day. The typing contests will be held at this time also. The one-act play contest for high schools will be held April 18 at the Ophir high school.

On May 9, the high schools will hold the county track meet at Brookings while the grade school meet will take place at Gold Beach.

Another occasion of interest to students throughout the county is Music Week, May 4 to 10. Mrs. Irene Dewart of Gold Beach is county chairman for Music Week. Community chairmen will be selected soon.

LUCILLE CUMMINGS OPENS COFFEE SHOP

The restaurant in the Western Hotel building reopened Saturday under the management of Mrs. Lucille Cummings. The name has been changed from the Western Cafe to Cummings's Coffee Shop.

Mrs. Cummings, who has managed the Knapp Hotel Coffee Shop, moved into the new quarters as soon as remodeling and redecorating were completed the latter part of last week.

Gasoline has been rationed in Switzerland since the beginning of the war.

Mrs. Piercy Sweet of Bandon was visiting in town Tuesday with friends and relatives.

Mrs. Fay Ambrose, associate grand matron of the Eastern Star, was the guest of Mrs. N. S. Nilsson during her stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Morsing of Spokane, Wash., arrived Wednesday of last week to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Morsing.

Mrs. Roy Corson left Friday to visit friends and relatives over the weekend in Portland.

M. E. Kelley returned Saturday night from a week's business trip to Portland.

Dance with American Legion at the Washington's Birthday Ball, Sat., Feb. 22, given by Bandon Post No. 26 at the Langlois Pavilion, with music by Bum Gartin's Silver Spray orchestra. Popular prices.

Don Mills left the first of the week to join his parents in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Demps Gillilan of Fairview and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Gould of Roseburg were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Colquhoun.

C. C. Smith of Coquille was in town Tuesday on business.

Visiting here from Eugene with Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Kelley are Mr. Kelley's parents.

The Thursday Bridge club was entertained last week by Mrs. Tracy Corbin. High score went to Mrs. Roy Babel, second high to Mrs. Charles Weaver and low to Mrs. Charles Haines.

High bowlers for last week on the Pot o' Gold alleys were Frances Moyer and Tracy Corbin. Dorothy Marsh and Howard Edwards were second and Maude Campbell and Earl Ellis, third.

The citizens' committee for the promotion of a Port Orford band met Monday afternoon at the high school.

Mrs. Lizzie Lane spent a few days this week with Mrs. Alice White.

TWELVE CURRY MEN WILL BE DRAFTED BY JUNE 30

Altogether 12 draftees will have been inducted into the army from Curry county by June 30 if the tentative quota is not changed, it was announced this week by Lloyd A. Hickok, clerk of the county local board.

Hickok stated that this quota includes the six men who leave the latter part of this month to go into training. Only three Oregon counties have a lower quota than Curry, Jefferson and Sherman with six each, and Gilliam with eight. Wheeler county will send the same number of men as this county.

Tentative state quota for the same period has been announced as 2806.

Gay 90's Ball Is March 4

March 4 has been set as the date for the Gay Nineties vaudeville contest and Belle of the Nineties Ball at the Curry county Art Center in Gold Beach.

Rules for the vaudeville contest were released by the art center committee this week and are as follows: Choose a skit, monologue or song of the type used in the "Gay 90's"; any number of persons may participate in one skit; entry blanks will be mailed on request by writing the art center and must be returned there by February 25; all participants will receive one free ticket each to the ball which will follow the show.

Prizes will be given for the two best skits, the judging to be done by a committee made up of representatives from each community participating.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MRS. FARRIER WERE THURSDAY

Mrs. Ivy Farrier, wife of Henry Alle Farrier of Langlois, died at Portland February 17, 1941, at the age of 55 years, four months and nine days. The body was shipped to Curry county for burial in the Denmark cemetery. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. Thursday at the Langlois Gymnasium, under direction of Schroeder Bros., with the Reverend Elmer E. Rosonkild of Bandon officiating.

Ivy Sydnam was born in New York state, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George Sydnam of Langlois. She came to Curry county with her parents when she was five years old and has lived here since that time. In December of 1904 she was married to Henry Alle Farrier.

Besides her husband, deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Orvil Barrows of Bullards, and Harold Sydnam of Lynden, Wash.; also by four grandchildren, Pauline Hambleok, Morton Rosendale, Velma and Virgil Smith.

GROUP HONORS LINCOLN

Lincoln's birthday, February 12, was observed by 24 members of the Ladies' Aid Wednesday with a program appropriate to the occasion given by Mrs. Douglas Johnson and Mrs. C. A. Brigham. Mrs. Johnson displayed a quilt made by her aunt at the beginning of the Civil War.

Next meeting of the group will be at the home of Mrs. Roy Babel on February 26.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Douglas Johnson entertained the Tuesday Bridge club at her home this week. Mrs. Lella McClure was guest for the luncheon served at one o'clock. Mrs. L. R. Pugh made high score, Mrs. Nick Marsh, second high, and Mrs. John Masterson, low.

GOLD BEACH NEWS

Mrs. Warren McNeely and her infant daughter, Beverley-Ann, left the Gold Beach hospital last Monday and returned to Carpenterville.

Mrs. George Sutton entertained a group of friends at a pot luck dinner at her home last Saturday evening. After the dinner, the group attended the Valentine Dance at the Community Hall.

Mrs. Fay Ambrose, associate grand conductress of the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star of Oregon, was a Gold Beach visitor last Sunday, February 16. A luncheon was given for her at the Sunset Inn.

Fescue Grass Proves Use In Curry

3,600 Pounds of Seed From County Seed Pool Used by 27 Farmers

Twenty-seven farmers used 3,600 pounds of tall fescue grass seed obtained through the Curry County seed pool last fall. The seed is the first of this kind used in Curry county and is making a very good showing, according to R. M. Knox, county agent, who is recommending it as substitute for, and in some cases an improvement over, orchard grass.

Tall fescue grass is by no means a new grass in Oregon, but the extent of its possibilities for forage in this state is only now becoming fully appreciated, according to farm crops specialists at Oregon State College, who have been watching the performance of this grass throughout the state.

OLDEST GROWTH OF SEEDING AT EXPERIMENT STATION

Tall fescue is now being grown for seed purposes, for pasture use, particularly for sheep, and is even cut at times for hay because it produces a rank leafy growth that makes hay that compares favorably with that made from other grasses.

Probably the oldest seeding of tall fescue in Oregon is on the central experiment station farm at Corvallis. This seeding is now in its 22nd year of growth and during this entire period it has been a consistent producer of forage and seed.

Tall fescue is a development from meadow fescue but is a larger and more vigorous plant than its parents. It is extremely long lived and has a wide range of adaptability, being able to grow on a wide variety of soils and under practically any climatic conditions prevailing in western Oregon and in quite a number of regions in eastern Oregon.

IS VALUABLE ON LOGGED-OFF LAND

When it was first introduced as a pasture grass many stockmen thought that, because of its coarse growth, it would be unsatisfactory for sheep pasture. In recent years, however, some sheepmen in the state have obtained a phenomenal amount of pasture from it, and find it particularly valuable for late fall and winter grazing. Its ability to remain green and produce forage in the late summer and fall months can be attributed to its deep root system, according to the agronomists.

Tall fescue is also proving valuable on logged-off land and it is being used successfully in irrigated pastures in combination with other grasses and legumes. Improved seed producing strains have been introduced in the state by the experiment station, so that now fairly large supplies are available for planting by farmers and stockmen.

LANGLOIS NEWS BRIEFS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Breedlove of Myrtle Point were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Breedlove.

Red Jeffery and family of Coquille were visiting friends and relatives in Langlois over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Walt Gilkison and Mrs. Art Aldropp were Marshfield visitors on Friday.

Dick and Johnnie Bjerg went to Roseburg Saturday to visit over the week end.

Mrs. E. W. Black was a Coquille caller on Wednesday.

Clarence and Earl Yost were Langlois visitors Saturday and Sunday.

Clint Malehorn of Portland visited in Langlois recently.

Mrs. Myrtle Noah and son Nevy and Horace Bond of Coquille spent Sunday afternoon and evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Voick.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Griffith of Oakland, Ore., visited the George Edwards family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Osborne and children, Albert and Katherine, of Ophir visited with the E. W. Blacks Sunday of last week.

Charles Krick is expected back from Portland where he has been in the hospital for some time. Mrs. M. M. Spangler and Mrs.

S. S. PORT ORFORD IS DUE HERE ON SATURDAY

Harbormaster Otto Johnson reported yesterday that he had received word that the S. S. Port Orford would leave Oakland Thursday and would arrive in Port Orford Saturday.

It is expected that the Port Orford will take back a full load of lumber from the Trans-Pacific mill if weather permits. A month ago the boat had to leave with only part a load due to stormy weather.

OREGON HAS CAR FOR EVERY 3.3 PERSONS

Oregon fell just 187 short of registering 400,000 motor vehicles during the year 1940, it was revealed today by Earl Snell, secretary of state, when he announced that motor vehicle registration for the year totaled 399,815 vehicles. This was the first time in history, however, that automobile registration in this state came so near the 400,000 mark.

The 1940 registration is an increase of 24,575 vehicles, or 6.54 percent over the total for 1939. Fees for 1940 totaled \$2,961,636.83, compared to \$2,738,036.33 in 1939.

There were 326,992 passenger cars registered in the state at the end of 1940, or one passenger car for every 3.3 persons living in Oregon. Only two states top Oregon in the ratio of passenger cars per person. California with a rate of 2.7 topped the nation, with Nevada second with 3.1 and Oregon third with 3.3. Lowest on the list was Arkansas with a ratio of 11.3. The ratio of all registered motor vehicles embracing passenger cars and commercial vehicles is one vehicle for every 2.7 persons living in Oregon, one of the highest ratios in the United States. The ratio for the nation as a whole in 1939 was one vehicle for every four persons.

Registration of light delivery trucks for 1940 totaled 31,547 vehicles an increase of 8.28 percent over 1939 while trucks totaled 38,749, an increase of 5.41 percent.

Corresponding with the total motor vehicle registration increase of 6.54 percent in 1940, was the increase in gasoline consumption in this state, Snell's figures disclosed. There was an increase of 7.4 percent in the amount of gasoline consumed in the state, the gallonage for 1940 amounting to 260,121,736 compared to 241,169,975 in 1939. In the fact of this increase in vehicles and their use on the highways and streets of the state, the traffic death rate, as expressed in persons killed per 100,000 miles of travel, dropped from 12.3 in 1939 to 11.9 in 1940.

LEGION PARTY, DANCE IS SATURDAY NIGHT

An old-fashioned dance and farewell party will be sponsored Saturday night by the American Legion at the Legion hall. The occasion will honor the boys who leave Sunday to enter the army training camp.

Featured acts will be given between dances. A small admission will be charged for the party which is open to the public.

PORT ORFORD GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

By Doris Clark, Reporter
Pupils who have moved from this district during the past week are William Howard and Glenn Orton.

Dr. Baird talked to the fourth and fifth grade health club about first aid. Girls in these grades are organizing a 4-H sewing club. Barbara Holcomb is president, Sylvia Adams, vice-president, Jean Sparhawk, secretary, and Betty Adams, reporter.

The seventh and eighth grades have been fixing posters for the basketball tournament which will be held in the gymnasium Saturday, February 22. The team and subs for Port Orford are: Keith Miller, Jerry Clark, Jimmie Holcomb, Jack Masterson, Billy Hartner, Kenneth Fromm, Clarence Corbin and Orris Smith.

Blaine Marsh is back at school. Blaine has fully recovered from his appendicitis operation. Louise Campbell is attending school in Marshfield while her mother is ill.

Sixth grade students are working on world maps. The third graders have finished their cabinet.

SEWING CLUB NEWS

Reported by Shirley McKenzie
The Jolly Tailor Sewing club had a meeting Saturday. The girls are to have their dresses ready to put sleeves and hems in by next meeting. Part of a booklet about how to act was read by Patricia Johnson. Cookies were judged.

REA Wants More Facts On Project

Coos Engineer Maps Port Orford Electric Distribution System

That progress is being made in the attempt to extend facilities of the Coos Electric Co-operative under the R. E. A. into Curry county was indicated by the appearance in Port Orford this week of J. N. Gearhart, county engineer of Coos county, who has been employed by the Co-op to map the electric distribution system of Port Orford.

According to R. J. Connors, superintendent of the Coos Co-op, this mapping has been requested by the application and loans division of the REA in Washington, D. C. They also have asked for a more detailed inventory of electric facilities to be acquired in event of purchase by the REA.

EFFORT BEING MADE TO EXPEDITE EXTENSION

While official confirmation of the "D" project which would bring the RHA power to Curry is still forthcoming, definite assurance has been received by Connors that everything is being done to make the extension possible. A recent letter from Washington states: "At this time, every effort is being made to expedite the allocation of funds for your "D" section."

ART CENTER SHOWS FRENCH PAINTINGS

The Curry County Art Center will feature the works of the famous French painter, Henri Matisse, in the local gallery beginning this week-end. These reproductions of drawings provide opportunity to study the work of one of the most vivid and arresting figures in modern art. These sketches are studies of large compositions by the French artist which are shown in the greatest galleries in the world.

Matisse spent two years in Morocco where he found a wealth of material, the richly patterned fabrics, architectural arabesques, and oriental atmosphere which characterize many of his paintings. He has spent much of his time in Southern France and Nice in particular where he has produced innumerable figure subjects, still life pictures, landscapes and exotic interiors. He is considered one of the most eminent of French painters.

This exhibition will be on display for three weeks.

RECREATION GROUP TO MEET

According to announcement from Mrs. Florence Ponting, the Community Recreation association will meet Monday, February 24, at 2:30 o'clock.