

NEW SCHOOL LAW TALKED TO LIONS

Mrs. Rodgers Explains Act Which Governor Wants Applied.

BLOOM FAVORS LAW

Present System Natural Develop- ment Said Antiquated; Club Cooperates in City Plan.

Whys and wherefores of the so-called county unit law which, under HB 4 would be enforced effective in all counties of the state unless rejected before April 1 next, were explained by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent before the Lions Monday noon luncheon. House bill 4, one of the governor's bills, brings this law into the spotlight as one of major interest as it would effect drastic changes in school administration in all but four counties of the state.

Klamath, Hood River, Crook and Lincoln counties are now operating under the county school law, often misnamed the county unit law, Mrs. Rodgers said.

Under the law as it now stands, counties may come under its provisions at any time by a majority vote. But under HB 4 any county which does not vote to reject it before April 1 of next year will automatically come under its provisions.

The law makes a single school district of each county, setting up zones within the county from which directors are named to have supervision of all schools of the county. The law makes the county school superintendent an executive officer of the board, with duties similar to those performed at present, and conferring upon that officer the power of official representation of the state department of education with authority of legal advisor and counselor.

The county school board, while having considerable power of administration, must see that schools are provided wherever needed with adequate buildings, facilities and instruction force. It has the power to employ teachers, levy taxes, and to perform the other duties now incumbent upon the district boards; except that each school shall have an advisory committee through whom objections to teachers or other matters may be presented.

Mrs. Rodgers "spiked" a current objection to the law, in explaining that present indebtedness of any district could not be shifted to any one outside the district under the county school law. The bonded and warrant indebtedness of any district at the time the law goes into effect will remain an obligation of the people of that district alone.

Adoption of the law, however, would cause a leveling of the tax burden for school purposes throughout the county. The levy made by the county board would be applied equally to all property in the county, causing the levies of districts with extra high millage rates at present to be lowered, while raising the rate in districts which now have extremely low levies. Based on the experience of counties where the law is now operating, however, the economies effected would considerably lessen the total amount required for school purposes, Mrs. Rodgers said.

Edward F. Bloom, city school superintendent, spoke briefly in behalf of the county school law. He depicted the present local district system as a natural outgrowth of the development of the country which has now become antiquated. Local districts were the natural order, he said, as the country was developed in widely scattered settlements with few common interests. Thorough settlement of the country, with good roads and fast communication facilities have completely changed the picture and brought about a new era calling for more efficient methods, such as the county school law contemplates. Though it is a tendency toward unification and centralization, it removes little if any of the privileges of the local community in dictating the policies of its schools.

Unanimous endorsement of the club was given to the proposal of cooperation with the city administration in obtaining federal aid for a program of planned city improvement as outlined by Mayor Smead. The mayor told of questionnaires received from C. C. Heckley, state PWA administrator, through which it was hoped might be provided the foundation for receiving federal assistance for such projects as may prove feasible. He asked suggestions from the club and from the community generally for projects of any kind looking to improvement of the city.

As an example of what is already being contemplated, he cited permanent street improvement and replacement of the wooden pipe in the city water line with iron pipe. Definite information is yet lacking as to the exact nature of the new federal set-up for which the information is being gathered, though it is known that an enlarged program of public works is included in the administration proposals now before congress.

Ray P. Kinne, second vice-president, presided in the absence of C. J. D. Bauman, president. A piano

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By MARGARET BLAKE

Everyone is looking forward to the play, "The Little Clodhopper," to be given at the school gym Friday evening, Feb. 1, by the school faculty. Proceeds will go to the high school student body and to the school hot lunch fund. Proceeds from a dance at Legion hall after the play will be used in the same way.

Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mrs. Omar Rietmann entertained the ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary with a social afternoon last Wednesday. Court whist was played, high score being won by Mrs. Roy Brown and low by Mrs. E. G. Sperry. Delicious refreshments were served at the end of the play.

Mrs. Clell Rea entertained a group of friends at her home last Wednesday night in honor of her husband's birthday. Three tables of bridge were at play. High score was won by Mrs. Frank Lundell and low by Mrs. Garland Swanson. Delicious refreshments were served at a late hour. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Dorr Mason, Richard Lundell and Carlton Swanson.

Mrs. Louis Bergevin, Mrs. Bert Mason, Mrs. D. M. Ward and Miss Emmer Maynard were dinner guests of Mrs. C. F. Feldman on Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in quilting.

The Women's Topic club had their January party at the Masonic hall last Friday night with Mrs. Clyde Denny, Mrs. C. F. Feldman, Mrs. Roy Lieualien and Miss Kathryn Feldman as hostesses. Seven tables of bridge were at play. High scores were won by Mrs. Werner Rietmann and D. M. Ward and low scores by Mrs. David Rietmann and Werner Rietmann. Delicious refreshments were served. Guests other than Topic club members were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dick, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer, Mr. and Mrs. David Rietmann, Mrs. Roy Brown, Miss Lucy Spittle and Ture Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Ward entertained a group of friends with a turkey dinner last Sunday. After dinner bridge was played. High scores were won by Miss Kathryn Feldman and Roy Lieualien and low scores by C. F. Feldman and Mrs. Agnes Wilcox. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Corley, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lieualien, Mrs. Agnes Wilcox, Miss Kathryn Feldman and Elway Lieualien.

Ted Blake and Robert Rietmann attended the school of instruction for census takers held in the county agent's office at Heppner last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Blake is enumerator for the Boardman and Cecil precincts and Mr. Rietmann for the Ione precinct.

Mrs. H. E. Yarnell has returned from Portland where she has been receiving medical attention the past month.

The Past Noble Grand club met with Mrs. Lee Howell last Friday afternoon. The regular business of the club was attended to, then an annual election of officers was held. Mrs. Cleo Drake was elected president, Mrs. Ida Fletcher vice-president and Mrs. Frank Lundell secretary-treasurer. The hostess served refreshments at the close of the meeting.

Willard Miller and Keithley Blake of Kinzua were week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Blake.

Mrs. John Louy was stricken with a stroke of paralysis at her home last Friday night. At present she is reported to show a slight improvement.

Edward, Victor and David Rietmann were Pendleton visitors on Tuesday.

Word has been received in Ione of the death of Frank Wilson at the home of his daughter near Huntington Beach, Calif. Mr. Wilson farmed near here for many years. He was seventy-eight years old at the time of his death. The exact cause of his death was not learned but it was stated that he was bedfast just a week before he passed away on January 12.

The high school basketball squads played the Arlington teams at Arlington last Friday night. At the end of the first half of the boys' game the score was 8 to 8 but from then the Arlington team took the lead, the final score being 24 to 8 in their favor. The Ione girls defeated their opponents by a score of 18 to 10.

The following students made the honor roll in high school for the past six weeks: Seniors, Harriet Heliker; Juniors, Elaine Nelson, Virginia Griffith, Irene Zinter and Francis Treadson; sophomores, Wallace Lundell, Junior Mason and Nola Keithley; freshmen, Bertha Akers, Jane Huston, Ruth Crawford and Maxine McCurdy. In the third and fourth grades Iris King, Allen Hawk, Marianne Corley and Mable Davidson made the honor roll.

Mrs. H. D. McCurdy, Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mrs. Louis Bergevin spent Tuesday with Mrs. G. E. Tucker at her home in Echo.

Mrs. Irvin Padberg of Lexington was an Ione visitor Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDonald of Hardman, January 29, at the home of Mrs. Corda Saling in this city, a 9-pound boy.

solo by Miss Marjorie Parker was well received.

CORN-HOG DEAL STARTS FEB. 8TH

Meeting in Heppner Next Week for Explanation; Work Simplified; Benefits Given.

The new 1935 corn-hog program will get under way in Morrow county on Friday, February 8. Harry Lindgren, livestock extension specialist at Corvallis, will be in to instruct community committeemen in the details of the new set-up and to explain the plan to all contract signers in Heppner and Ione districts. All contract signers in these two districts are urged to attend the meeting which will be held in Heppner at 1:30 p. m.

This year the work connected with signing the contracts will be very much simplified for all those men having had contracts in 1934. In all such cases the 1934 base will be used as a basis for the new contract and it will therefore not be necessary as it was last year to get evidence for the sale of hogs. Benefit payments under the 1935 plan will be \$15.00 per head on ten percent of the average number of hogs raised for market during 1932 and 1933. This will result in a reduction of the benefit payment to hog growers, but on the other hand will permit them to grow 15 percent more hogs for market than their last year's contract allowed.

Payments on corn contracts will be greater than last year, being 35c a bushel on the estimated yield of that percentage of the average corn acreage which is kept out of corn for 1935. The acreage of corn which must be left out of corn production for 1935 must be not less than 10 percent nor more than 30 percent of the average corn acreage for 1932 and 1933. Another variation of the 1935 program as compared to the one last year is that the grower must have raised at least 25 percent of his permitted production last year in order to use the same base figures. This rule, however, is subject to certain exceptions at the discretion of the allotment committee.

The whole program this year promises to work out much more smoothly and much more quickly than was the case in 1934. Both the county allotment committees and the state control board are given far more authority than they had last year.

No closing date for signing applications and contracts has been set. The probability is, however, that this date will be about March 1st.

Ralph Jackson Awarded International Agency

Ralph Jackson of Lexington this week announces the establishment of Jackson Implement company, recently named distributors of International Harvester products for Morrow, Gilliam and Grant counties. The local company is sponsoring a diesel tractor school at the Norydke garage in Lexington this Saturday.

L. Van Marter of Heppner has been named sales representative of the company, and arrangements have been made with Gilliam & Bisbee of this city to handle parts for local trade. Mr. Jackson was in Heppner yesterday.

Spray Road Work Starts After Enforced Lay-Off

Construction work on the Heppner-Spray road with Fischer Bros. of Oregon City in charge was started full blast again yesterday after an enforced lay-off of more than a week due to the cold weather.

W. H. French of Blue Mountain farm, who came over the road Tuesday to transact business in town, reports that fine progress has been made with the work to date.

HAS INTERESTING LETTERS.

L. Van Marter who recently attended the funeral of his father, the late Rev. Charles M. Van Marter, at Portland, brought home with him a couple of heirlooms from the belongings of his father. They are two well preserved letters, one written in 1832 and the other in 1853 which journeyed from California to Minnesota via pony express. Private in nature, the letters reveal some of the tribulations experienced in winning the west. Mr. Van Marter reported another letter in his father's collection dated in the 1830's which was 30 days in transit from a point on the Hudson river to New York.

BIBBY CAR DAMAGED.

In passing a hay wagon near Monument last week, the car of Luke Bibby was forced to the edge of the icy road. Slipping off it struck a fill and upset on its top with considerable damage to the car. Mr. Bibby escaped injury and caught a ride into John Day where he spent the night. The car was towed back to Heppner for repairs which were checked over by an insurance adjuster Monday.

"Every member bring a member" is the slogan for the next meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary to be held Tuesday evening, Feb. 5, at 8 o'clock. The discussion of the legislative program which was announced for January 15, will be presented at this time by the legislative chairman, Mrs. Estes Morton. A large attendance is desired to hear the presentation of these important questions. Mrs. Lucile McAttee and Mrs. Walter McGhee will be the hostesses for the evening.

County 4-H Club Winners For Past Year Named

The winners of scholarships to the 4-H club summer school at Corvallis have just been announced by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, and Joseph Belanger, county agent.

Edna Stephens, Rhea creek, who has had five years of club work, won first in canning. Irene Beamer, Heppner, who has had four years club work, won first in clothe in at this same fair. Clara Mae Dillon of Boardman, who has completed her third year club work, won first in cooking.

In the livestock and crops clubs, Joe Stephens of Rhea creek won first in poultry and first in garden. Maude Cool of Ione won first with her yearling heifer and second with her ewe lamb. Alvin Cool of Ione won first with his ewe lamb and first with his senior calf.

The two weeks summer school which is held in Corvallis each year in June after school is out is one of the high lights of the 4-H club year. Any 4-H club member can attend by paying the nominal fee of \$12.00 which covers both room and tuition for the full two weeks. The scholarships which these 6 4-H club members for Morrow county have just been awarded take care of this expense.

The two weeks' program at summer school is a full one. Club members are routed out of bed at 6:30 for setting-up exercises. Breakfast is at 7:15 and by 8:00 everyone answers the roll call for class work. Every 4-H club member attending this summer school is in some class or other during the entire morning. Following the noon hour there is a general assembly. Programs at these assemblies are broadcast over KOAC every day. In the afternoon from about 2:30 on all the 4-H club members participate in supervised recreation. In the evening everyone assembles again for some sort of a program. Details of the program for the 1935 summer school will be announced later.

Sheep Club Started on Upper Willow Creek

The Willow Creek Sheep club was organized last Friday night with R. I. Thompson and Frank Wilkinson as joint 4-H club leaders. Officers of the club are: Dick Wilkinson, president; Mary Eleanor Florence, vice-president; Rufus Hill, secretary; Alex Thompson, treasurer; and Frances Wilkinson, reporter. The club decided to meet the last Friday in each month.

At the next meeting Alex Thompson will give a report on Breeds of Sheep, explaining the special purposes for which each of the common breeds is best fitted. Dick Wilkinson will give a report on lambing, explaining how the ewes are handled at lambing time, with a special reference to shed lambing. Mary Eleanor Florence will discuss the raising of a bumper lamb.

ATTENDS CONFERENCE.

Rev. Joseph Pope was in The Dalles Monday to attend a conference of Methodist churches of the Oregon district from Hood River east. He accompanied Rev. Gleister of Pendleton, Rev. Briggs of Hermiston and Rev. Weaver of Arlington. Bishop Titus Lowe addressed the convention on "Christian Testimony," citing a swinging back to the old belief of the church and a passing of modernism. Edward Laird Mills, associate editor Christian Advocate, spoke on the history of the church, and Dr. Bruce Baxter, president of Willamette university, gave a discourse on the responsibility of the church to youth. The conference drew a large attendance and proved highly successful, Mr. Pope said.

BETTER BALANCE URGED.

Corvallis.—Orders to the Oregon State college faculty to arrange the technical curricula so that more social science courses are made available to students in these professional schools have been issued by President George W. Peavy. President Peavy told his staff that there has been too little coordination in the past between "the scientist, the technologist and the power engineer," on the one hand and the social scientist on the other, and that it behooves the modern educational institution to help correct the situation. More complete understanding between those who plan for human relationships and those who create for human needs will aid in correcting the present condition of unsatisfied wants in the midst of abundance, he believes.

ARE YOU A FORMER TEACHER?

All people who taught school in this county 25 years or more ago are asked to convey the information to Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent. She would like the women teachers to send word when they taught, in what district, and give the name under which they taught. Prompt response with this information will be much appreciated, Mrs. Rodgers said.

ATTENDS NATIONAL MEETING. J. G. Barratt, president Oregon Wool Growers association, departed Saturday for Phoenix, Ariz., to attend the convention of National Wool Growers association.

BIG PARTY HONORS PRESIDENTIAL DAY

Dancing and Cake Auction Enjoy- ed; Felicitations Sent; Goodly Sum for Health Netted.

Morrow county folks celebrated President Roosevelt's 53rd birthday at the Elks hall here last evening, contributing generously to funds to combat infantile paralysis, in the second annual nation-wide festivity of its kind. Dr. A. D. McMurdo, general chairman of the event, announces that total receipts will exceed \$150, with contributions still coming in from folks who were unable to attend the party.

Of the net receipts 70 per cent will make up a fund to combat infantile paralysis in this district, and 30 per cent will go into a national fund of similar nature.

Dancing to music by Beckett's orchestra, auctioning of cakes, reception of the special radio broadcast, and sending of felicitations to the president featured the local party. Cakes contributed by the ladies brought good prices under the hammer of Elbert Cox, auctioneer. Eleven cakes were placed on the block, and many more would have been available had notice been given in time. Dr. McMurdo said.

To the ladies making cakes, Dr. McMurdo extends his warm thanks. He extends appreciation also to those who served on the committee, J. O. Turner, R. C. Phelps, Dr. R. C. Lawrence, C. J. D. Bauman, R. B. Ferguson and Jap Crawford. Apology is made to Mr. Campbell of the Lexington school for the inadvertent oversight of a promised announcement of the carnival and dance to be given tomorrow evening, which was overlooked under the pressure of various work of the evening. Thanks are also extended to the public generally for their fine support.

Support Syndicalism Act; Lodge Inducts Big Class

Heppner lodge 358, B. P. O. Elks, meeting last Thursday, subscribed to a resolution sent out by the Corvallis lodge asking retention of the present state criminal syndicalism act. Petitions from the grand lodge opposing communism and other anti-government "isms" were also signed, in line with one of the major activities, support of American government.

Eight candidates were inducted into the lodge in the initiation ceremonies presided over by Jas. G. Thomson, Jr., exalted ruler. The largest attendance of the season participated in the evening's activities.

Annual past exalted rulers' night was announced for the next meeting, February 14, when all officers' positions will be filled by past exalted rulers. The gang of past headmen promise an exciting time for all who attend. The entertainment committee announces extensive plans for the lodge's large social event of the year, the annual Washington's birthday ball to be held the evening of February 22.

Beach Equipment Co. Takes Allis-Chalmers

Beach Equipment company of Lexington, formerly known as Beach Hardware company, this week announces annexation of Allis-Chalmers farm power equipment to their lines of farm machinery. One of the tractor models is now on display in their showrooms and they expect others to arrive soon.

Lawrence Beach, sales agent for the company, was in Heppner this morning on business in connection with announcement of the new line.

COMMITTEES NAMED.

Officers and committees for 1935 of the local Union Missionary society were named at an executive committee meeting at the home of Mrs. L. E. Bisbee last Friday. Mrs. Bonnie Pope was elected president, Mrs. Emma Jones, vice-president, and Mrs. Ruth McMurdo, secretary-treasurer. Named on the refreshment committee were Mrs. Jessie Pruyn, Mrs. Chris Brown and Mrs. Blanche Barlow. Miss Lucile Moyer, Mrs. Kleinfeld and Mrs. Ethel Clark constitute the program committee. The first meeting of the year will be at the Episcopal church March 8, the World Day of Prayer. The program provided for that day will be used.

GIRLS ENJOY HIKE.

The Nakomis Camp Fire troop met last evening and planned a program for the rest of the school Saturday morning. Cocoa was made over an open fire and cinders were enjoyed by all. Cowboy and Indian were played with much enjoyment. Shirley Wilson broke the early swimming record by taking a plunge in the creek.

RODEO DATES SET.

August 22, 23 and 24 are the dates for the Heppner Rodeo this year, the dates having been set at a meeting of the board of directors this week. Plans were discussed for improvement of the grounds which it is hoped may be obtained as a public works project.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Con McLaughlin, January 28, at the home of Mrs. Jas. Doherty in Blackhorse, an 8-pound boy. The new arrival is the eighth son and twelfth child of Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

An interesting meeting of the Parent-Teachers association was held at the schoolhouse Wednesday afternoon. The Parent-Teachers organization is non-partisan but favors constructive legislation. In accordance with the policies of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, the Oregon branch thru its board of managers in regular quarterly session at headquarters in January, endorsed federal and state measures which affect the interests of children. Among federal measures endorsed were the federal pure food and drug act, a measure providing for the continuance of maternity and infancy health service, a measure against blind and block booking of films and for a federal commission to supervise subject and treatment in making, and a measure providing for a federal department of education, which was also endorsed last year.

The announcement of plans for the fifth annual Home Interests conference at Oregon State college is of outstanding interest to Parent-Teacher people as well as to alert citizens all over Oregon. Miss Alice Sowers, parent education specialist, is to have a prominent place on the program, which is good news to those who heard her previously. Her visit is made possible by Founder's Day contributions of last year and by the cooperation of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Jimmie Williams of Condon is in this city where he will remain for a few weeks while he is in training as an accompanist to Laurel Beach, preparatory for a contest which will be entered by Mr. Beach, conducted by the Women's Federation of Music clubs, February 23.

Arrangements for the carnival at the gymnasium Saturday night are practically completed and a successful evening is anticipated.

The Lexington Home Economics club will meet on Thursday afternoon, February 7, at the home of Mrs. Marion Palmer.

The program for next week for the adult classes is as follows: Monday, February 4, 7:30 p. m., "Disarmament," and review in grammar; Thursday, Feb. 7, 7:30 p. m., "Insurance," and spelling review; Friday, Feb. 8, 2 p. m., "What Can Handicrafts Teach Children," and instructions in making packets and bindings.

Among Lexington people who spent Saturday in Pendleton were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt and family, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Beulah Nichols, S. G. McMillan and George Gillis. The men attended the Caterpillar diesel tractor school which was held in the Braden-Bell show rooms.

Miss Clara Ruff of Boardman spent the week end with Miss Shirley Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch entertained with a pinocle party Wednesday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rauch and family, Lloyd Fuller, Dale Bundy, Julian Rauch and Delpha Merritt.

While at play Friday evening little Marjorie Miller fell and cut her head. Three stitches were required to close the wound.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt are spending the week in Portland.

Miss Delpha Merritt entertained with a noodle supper at her home Friday evening. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch and family and Gene Majeski.

Mrs. Adella Duran and son Moses spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Turner at their home in Sand Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson motored to Pendleton Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan and daughters Delpha and Georgianna were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Warner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ingles of Boardman were calling on Lexington friends Thursday. Miss Grace Burchell accompanied them home for a visit.

Laurel Beach spent the week end in Walla Walla.

Paul St. Germaine of the International Harvester company, Portland, was transacting business in this city Thursday.

Eva Wilcox of Hermiston is visiting with Delpha Merritt.

School Notes.

Reporters: Edith Edwards and Delpha Merritt.

Alma Van Winkle, Helen Breshers and Delpha Merritt were absent from school Monday.

Woodrow Tucker has been absent from school for the past week with an attack of flu.

Don't forget the carnival and dance Saturday night. Music by Beckett's orchestra.

The senior class has begun practicing for the play, "Hobgoblin House." The play cast includes Vivian White, Edward Hunt, Delpha Merritt, Rose Thornburg, Fern Luttrell, Lester Cox, Alma Van Winkle, Alfred Van Winkle, Helen Breshers, LaVern Wright, Jack McMillan and Doris Klinger.

The grade school honor roll for the first semester is as follows: 1st and 2nd grades, Gerry Cutler, Gene Schriever, Dean Hunt, Roberta Miller and Jack Miller; 3rd and 4th grades, Marcella Jackson, Jean Rauch, Colleen McMillan and Bunny Breshers; 5th and 6th grades, Jerrie Edwards, Kenneth Jackson, Duane Johnson and Junior Lane; 7th and 8th grades, Danny Dingee, Robert Campbell, Wilma Tucker, Joyce Biddle, Maxine Way and Zelma Way.

The letter that was ordered for Doris Burchell in appreciation for her wonderful work during the last year as yell leader has arrived. The

NEW COMMITTEE TO STUDY SOIL EROSION

Fatland Named Head of Legislative Body; Shift in District Up.

MORROW AFFECTED

County Would be Linked With Gil- liam, Sherman, Wheeler for Sen- ate Post, Says Salem Report.

By A. L. LINDBECK
Salem.—Representative Fatland of Condon has been honored by selection as chairman of a new House committee on soil erosion and flood control. Other members of the committee had not been determined by Speaker Cooter but will be announced before the end of the week. This new committee will have charge of all bills dealing with soil erosion and flood control, several of which are already in with others still in process of being drafted.

Senator Steiwer and Representatives Lynch and Fatland introduced two bills into the senate hopper Tuesday designed to continue the salaries paid to officials of Wheeler and Sherman counties the past two years in effect for another two years. The new salary schedule provides slight changes in a few salaries but in the main is substantially the same as that of the past biennium, it was said. It is not expected that any bills will be introduced at this session affecting salaries of Gilliam and Morrow county officials.

Morrow county would become a part of the eighteenth senatorial district along with Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler, under the terms of a bill introduced into the House hopper this week by the delegation from Klamath and Lake counties.

The measure is designed primarily to give Klamath and Lake counties a senator of their own, these two counties being divorced from the present seventeenth district comprising Crook, Deschutes and Jefferson in addition, and created into a new 19th district. The present 19th district consisting of Union, Umatilla and Morrow and represented in the senate by Jack Allen of Pendleton would be dissolved entirely.

Sentiment among central Oregon members of the legislature seems to favor the proposal. Representatives Fatland and Lynch will probably support the measure, pointing out that the addition of Morrow county to the 18th senatorial district would then make this district conform exactly with the present representative district.

Designed to simplify the description of lands in the West Extension Irrigation district in Morrow county by a bill introduced in the House this week by Representatives Fatland and Lynch and Senator Allen would require that the plat of the district be filed with the county clerk so that lands in the district may be described by lot and block. At present lands in the district, which is located near the town of Boardman, must be described by meets and bounds.

Harry Tamblin, county engineer of Morrow county, and J. O. Turner, former representative from the twenty-second district, were visitors at the capitol Monday, looking in on the legislative session and conferring with the Morrow county delegation.

TEAM HAS GOOD RECORD.

The Lexington town basketball team has a record so far this season of eight wins out of nine games played. The only defeat was sustained at the hands of Condon, which the Lex boys hope to retaliate when they meet the Condon gang for the second time in the home gym tomorrow evening. Among teams defeated are Heppner, Boardman, Echo and two teams from Ione. Kenneth Warner, center, has the season's high point record. Also on the squad are Vernon Warner, Dale Lane. Vester Thornburg, Laurel Beach, Jack McMillan, Emmet Kuns, Vernon Scott, Archie Munkers and Edward Burchell.

PREPARES FOR CONTEST.

Laurel Beach of Lexington who recently participated in a presentation of Portland Symphony orchestra as guest tenor soloist, is preparing to enter a nation-wide contest sponsored by Federated Womens clubs, Oregon try-outs for which will be held in Portland on February 23. Jimmie Williams of Condon has been practicing with Mr. Beach as accompanist.

Big game! Condon vs. Lexington! Friday evening. Double header! Admission 10c and 25c. Everybody out!

A pep rally was held in the auditorium last Friday afternoon. Delpha Merritt was a guest of Edna Rauch one night last week.