

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Laurel Beach Injured in Fall, Reported**

By Bertha Hunt  
Laurel Beach, who is teaching at Gresham, fractured a knee cap in a fall Friday night, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. Elsie M. Beach. The injury is progressing satisfactorily at present but it will be necessary to keep the knee in a cast for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger and family spent Saturday and Sunday in Boardman.

A small crowd was present at Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. A contest which has run for some time ended with Edith Edwards' side winning by 40 points. On Sunday the 6th Rev. Cecil Warner of Hermiston will be present at 2:30 to speak to the young people of the Christian Endeavor. In the evening officers will be elected. Walter Myers of Eugene is also expected to be present.

Rae Cowins spent the week end in Heppner with her mother, Mrs. J. G. Cowins, who has been ill.

Carty Luck of Pendleton was doing business in Lexington on Saturday.

Mrs. Elsie Beach made a short business trip to Portland this week.

Doris and Erma Scott spent the week end with their grandmother, Mrs. L. D. Neill, at Pine City.

Mrs. Fred Fulgham is visiting in Kennewick at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. F. Graves.

Ralph Jackson made a business trip to Pendleton Friday.

George Nesbit with the International Harvester company of Portland was here for several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert J. Staats of Baker, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. G. J. Ryan, were visiting at the Ryan home on Thursday. Patsy Ryan accompanied them home for a visit.

Sam McMillan and Vester Thornberg were in Hermiston last Wednesday.

Anne Johnson, Margaret Leach and Rita Cutler were hostesses at a stork shower honoring Mrs. Lonnie Henderson at her home on Thursday afternoon. Fifty-six guests were present and refreshments of cake, salad and coffee were served.

Conrad Bissenger, service man for the Jackson Implement company, was in Lexington Monday.

Edna Rauch and Margaret Scott were hostesses at a pot luck supper held at the Vernon Scott home last Saturday evening. Those present besides the hostesses were May and Faye Rauch, Edith and Jerrine Edwards, Glenn Willmschew, Glen Thompson, Henry Rauch, Jr., Stanley Way, Vernon Scott, Kenneth Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch. Games were played throughout the evening which were enjoyed by all.

Dale Lane motored to Portland on Sunday. Howard Lane, his father, who has been in the city for some time recovering from a major operation, is expected to accompany him home one day this week.

Among those motoring to Pendleton this week were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruhl, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Marquardt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Smouse, Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell and daughter Patsy, Mrs. James Leach and Mrs. Trina Parker.

Bert Bowker was in town Monday from his home in the Echo district.

The next P. T. A. meeting will be held in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, Feb. 9. There will be a special program and refreshments will be served. It is hoped that a large number will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker and son Woodrow and daughter Wilma motored to Portland Saturday morning. They were accompanied by Mrs. Arthur Hunt and daughter, Shirley Anne.

Mrs. Thompson of College Place, Wash., is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Beach.

W. S. Wade, district traffic superintendent of Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, was in Lexington on Wednesday.

Harold Henderson of Stanfield was a business visitor in Lexington Tuesday.

The Lexington class play "Tiptoe Inn" given last Friday evening was attended and enthusiastically re-

ceived by a large crowd. The cast was well rewarded for its efforts by the applause and favorable comment.

Lexington high school basketball team defeated Stanfield at Lexington, February 1. The score was 30-11. The Stanfield grade school defeated the Lexington grade school, 33-10.

Ladd Sherman, who up until the recent cold snap, has suggested we grow palm trees in eastern Oregon, is now having his original views of the climate verified.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Simpson of Condon visited over Sunday and Monday at the Carl Whillock home.

**STATE CAPITAL NEWS**

- Zimmerman Again
  - Senator Reames
  - Utilities Spending
- By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem, Ore.—Appointment of Evan Reames, Medford attorney, to succeed Frederick Steiwer as United States senator from Oregon has met with varying reactions. Conservative Democrats express themselves well pleased with the governor's choice. Republicans, also, generally commend the selection. Left-wing members of the governor's party, however, are not overly enthusiastic over the selection. Reames, they claim, is too conservative to fit into the New Deal program and can be expected to oppose rather than cooperate with the national administration.

A native of Oregon, born in Jacksonville of pioneer parents, Reames will be 68 years of age Saturday, February 5, when he expects to take the oath of office for his re-appointment.

Sam Brown of Gervais will announce himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor immediately upon his return from a trip to Mexico, according to Walter Bliven, Salem real estate dealer. Bliven said that he had been authorized by Brown to make the statement. Brown is expected to return within the next week or ten days.

Governor Martin experienced a noticeable start one day this week when one of the press representatives asked him if he had had his mustache shaved off. He quickly raised an inquiring finger to his lip to ascertain the extent of his loss. It was still there as was revealed upon closer scrutiny but an overly ambitious barber had treated him to a trim that could hardly be detected from a shave.

Oregon taxpayers contribute \$8,500,000 a year or more than \$700,000 a month to the coupon clippers who hold the bonds and warrants issued by the state and its numerous subdivisions, it was revealed this week by State Treasurer Holman. At that this figure represents a material improvement over the situation in 1931 when interest on Oregon bonds and warrants—state, county, city, school district, etc.—totalled more than \$10,000,000 a year or in excess of \$800,000 a month. Holman says that much of the improvement in the financial condition of the state and its subdivisions is due to remedial legislation sponsored by himself providing for the issuance of serial bonds and the use of idle state funds in carrying financially embarrassed departments over emergency periods.

Reports reaching Salem indicate that a committee representing the State Teachers association is drafting a measure for presentation to the voters at the November election providing for state support of the common school system on the basis of \$10 for each child on the school census. On the basis of the 1937 census which listed approximately 266,000 children that would require an annual appropriation of \$2,660,000. State support of the common school system is now limited to the interest-earnings of the irrevocable school fund which last year amounted to \$1.38 per capita. The increased allocation of \$8.68 per child would necessitate an additional outlay of more than \$2,300,000 from some source as yet not revealed.

Of more than 40,000 claims for compensation passed on by the Industrial Accident commission dur-

ing the last two years, only 303 claimants asked for a rehearing, the commission reported.

First claim checks mailed out by the Unemployment Compensation commission last week averaged slightly more than \$12.60 each. More than 40,000 idle workers have filed claims for jobless insurance.

Slowly but surely the little one-room school house is passing out of the Oregon picture. A survey just completed by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, reveals that their number has been reduced by 249 in the past six years—from 1326 in 1930-31 to 1077 in 1936-37. That is at the rate of more than 40 a year, a rate which if maintained will see the complete disappearance of the one-room schools within the next 25 years. One-teacher high schools are also on the way out, Putnam explains. Whereas there were 30 of these small high schools in Oregon in 1930-31 there are now only five to be found in the state.

Peter Zimmerman, state senator from Yamhill county, may decide on a try for the United States senate. While in Salem this week Zimmerman admitted that he was being urged by many farmers to enter the race and that he was giving the matter his serious considerations.

"Many farmers feel that we need more farmer representation in the senate," Zimmerman said. "If I decide to run I shall enter the Republican primaries, reserving the right, however, to run as an independent candidate in the general election if I am defeated for the Republican nomination."

While some authorities hold that Zimmerman would be prohibited from running as an independent in the event of his defeat in the primaries others believe that he could compel the secretary of state to accept his filing if he should take his case into court on a mandamus proceeding. These latter base their op-

inion on the action of the state supreme court in requiring the secretary of state to accept the filing of W. A. Ekwall as a candidate for Congress while he was still serving as circuit judge in Multnomah county. The high court in that case held that the state was without authority to prescribe the qualifications of federal officers. Attorney General Van Winkle in an earlier opinion had held that whereas the state law precluded a defeated primary candidate from running as an independent candidate there was nothing to prevent his friends from writing in the candidate's name and nothing to prevent his serving in any office to which he might be elected by that method.

Zimmerman, it is recalled, ran a good race for the governorship in 1934 when he was an independent candidate finishing second in a field of three, 21,000 votes behind Chas. H. Martin the democratic candidate but 9000 ahead of Joe Dunne, republican.

Oregon utilities plan to spend \$8,217,210 in new construction during 1938, according to estimates filed with Utilities Commissioner Wallace. Telephone companies also plan to spend \$3,889,350 in improving and extending their service, and electric utilities have budgeted an aggregate of \$3,864,695 for expenditure on construction work during the year. While these estimated expenditures show an increase over expenditures during 1937 they fall far short of annual improvements by the same utilities during the period from 1935 to 1930, Wallace points out.

There will be no need for the services of the Gresham gentleman who generously offered to play the role of a human guinea pig in order to test out the state's new lethal gas chamber. Neither is there any intention of sacrificing a dog or even a rat in the new chamber. Warden Lewis of the state prison brands these stories, some of which arouse-

ed public indignation to a high pitch, as figments of the imagination with no substantial foundation. Lewis says that as far as he is concerned the new gas chamber is all set up and ready for its first victim.

Income tax collections by Oregon during 1937 totalled \$5,344,047 it was reported by the state tax commission. Of this amount \$3,328,683 was received from individuals and \$1,741,039 from corporations. The 1937 total was more than twice that of 1931 when only \$2,278,767 was collected from this source.

### Statement of Taxes

Levied in Morrow County, Oregon for the Year 1938  
(Assessed March 1, 1937)

General Taxes Levied for State and County Purposes				Special Taxes Levied in Other Taxing Districts			
Character of Tax	Valuation	Rate Mills	Tax	West Extension Irrigation District \$5,362.05 Forest Fire Patrol 1,670.90			
State, County and General School	\$9,015,426	6.5	\$ 58,600.27				
Roads & Bridges	9,015,426	4.0	36,061.70				
Market Roads	9,015,426	.9	8,113.88				
Bond Sinking Fund and Interest	9,015,426	4.5	40,569.42				
Non-High School Districts	4,967,111	3.4	16,888.18				
Gain			.66				
			\$160,234.11				

  

Special Taxes Levied in Towns				Special Taxes Levied in Union High School District			
Town	Valuation	Mills	Tax	Dist. No.	Valuation	Mills	Tax
Heppner	\$692,057	13.3	\$ 9,204.36	1	\$477,916	2.7	\$ 1,290.37
Lexington	75,163	19.1	1,435.61	Bonds & Interest	477,916	7.0	3,345.41
Ione	120,555	17.4	2,097.66	*Bonds & Interest	2,990	7.0	20.93
Boardman	25,872	36.8	952.09	Gain			.02
Loss			.01				\$4,656.73
			\$13,689.71				

(Comprised of Districts Nos. 19, 40 and 51)

\*This is on land taken from Union High School District and put into District No. 6.  
Union High School No. 1 is not a Standard High School. Valuation is included in and tax extended in Non-High.

  

Special Taxes Levied in School Districts							
Dist. No.	Valuation	Mills	Tax	Dist. No.	Valuation	Mills	Tax
1	\$897,339	18.7	\$ 16,780.24	29	\$ 65,786	7.2	\$ 473.66
2	240,905	4.9	1,180.43	31	137,296	3.2	439.35
3	186,019	1.7	316.23	32	125,567	5.6	703.13
4	117,367			33	14,460		
5	307,901	.5	153.95	34	167,318	2.4	401.56
6	191,909			35	605,694	6.6	3,997.58
7	140,309			36	109,918	3.0	329.75
8	122,092	.7	854.64	37	132,653		
9	871,296	14.0	12,198.14	38	110,438	.8	88.35
10	88,461			39	313,411	1.3	407.43
11	426,937	15.2	6,489.44	40	234,065		
12	175,766	2.6	456.99	41	186,028	5.2	967.35
13	125,377	5.6	702.11	42	137,878	2.7	372.27
14	48,681	16.1	783.76	43	68,424		
15	119,588	4.3	514.23	44	49,543		
16	77,875			45	134,601	.9	121.14
17	84,906			46	158,945		
18	93,200			47	82,528		
19	17,190			48	83,080	7.8	648.02
20	101,527	5.0	507.64	49	194,751		
21	92,083						\$ 65,052.56
22	918,590	12.2	11,206.80				
23	328,459	11.5	3,777.23				
24	129,315	1.4	181.04				

  

Special Bonds and Interest Taxes Levied in School Districts				General Summary	
Dist. No.	Valuation	Mills	Tax		
1	\$879,339	5.2	\$ 4,666.16	State, County and General School	\$ 58,600.38
10	871,296	4.0	3,485.18	Roads and Bridges	36,061.67
12	426,937	4.3	1,835.83	Market Roads	8,114.09
25	918,590	7.2	6,613.85	Bond Sinking Fund and Interest	40,569.62
27	129,315	5.4	698.30	Non-High School Districts	16,888.35
35	605,694	5.5	3,331.32	Towns	13,689.71
59	83,080	3.0	249.24	West Extension Irrigation Dist.	5,362.05
Gain			.04	Forest Fire Patrol	1,670.90
			\$ 20,879.92	Union High District	1,290.37

  

Union High Bonds and Interest	3,366.36
Special Schools	65,052.56
Special Schools Bonds and Interest	20,879.92
	\$271,545.98
Tax Collected by Assessor	\$ 66.76

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing is a true and correct statement, according to the records of my office.  
THOMAS J. WELLS,  
County Assessor.  
Dated this 26th day of January, 1938.