

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

By GILES L. FRENCH, Representative for Gilliam, Morrow, Sherman and Wheeler Counties.

First the legislature is criticized because of a lack of bills and before long it will be criticized because it has too many of them, but this is the way things go.

Legislators come down to Salem filled with ideas but without having them written out in proper form for presentation to the house or senate. Therefore, the first week is spent in having the bills written or in talking to possible supporters about them.

Then the second week the flood begins, to continue until the committee on legislation and rules stops it. This is the committee that, after the passage of about thirty days, has to consider whether bills are necessary to the peace and security of the state or not. If not, they stay in that committee.

While there are more bills, there are fewer job hunters. Those who were among the fortunate few are now doing the jobs assigned to them while the great majority are back home telling neighbors what a poor legislator they have who cannot get them a job. No record has been kept of it, but it is probably true that more money is actually expended each session to obtain legislative jobs than the state pays out in wages and salaries for those jobs. Some come from far distant places and stay several days, with resultant expense, and get no job or a few days of work at four or five dollars per day.

This week the blackboard was put up to direct committee members where committees meet and the grind of working over the bills by committee is on.

Taxation is going to have a large place in this legislature if a prediction can be made at this time. This sort of thing is generally worked out in committee for much of it is too technical to be done on the floor. Usually if there is a disagreement with a committee-approved bill it is returned for further consideration, for it is a serious thing to beat

a tax bill. First, it cannot be introduced again, and second, the money is needed by some department of the state.

There will be a fish bill. To older legislators that is like saying there will be a session of the legislature. Some member will have the job of discoursing on the life of the noble salmon and predicting what will happen to the species if the legislation pending is passed. Another and equally sincere member will predict equally dire consequences if it is defeated. And after it is over and the newspapers have sent out the speeches to the home districts, the other members will vote as they have pledged to days before.

It is likely that there will be a number of bills for readjustment of the county officials' salaries. The committee handling this sort of legislation usually adopts the policy that if the county court or a group of substantial taxpayers recommend the bill it will be favorably acted upon. Otherwise they will turn it down with a celerity that is surprising.

It is expected that the long looked for PUD law will be in this week but the terms of it have not been made known as yet. Revenue bonds are considered a certainty and some other changes in the present law are also expected.

Bert Snyder of Lake county this week delighted the members from eastern Oregon by sending out little bouquets of sagebrush and juniper which were worn proudly by the boys from the country where these plants are common.

Last week there was rushing about by everyone. This week there is still rushing about but it seems to have more direction, more certainty of destination.

A conference was held over the week end on the erosion bill and many changes were made in it, softening some of the provisions and giving less power to the board.

The house begins to roll along with much less evidenc of friction, which is highly overplayed anyway, and it seems now that a rapidly-working house may be expected. Sessions are short each morning and evening, but with bills coming in rapidly it will not be long until some of them are on the third reading, and then the final roll calls will

begin and legislation will come out of the machine like wheat—and chaff—from the thresher.

Wool Growers Ask New C. C. C. Loan

Official application for a new Commodity Credit corporation loan on wool for 1939 has just been made to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, according to word received this week from R. A. Ward, general manager of the Pacific Wool Growers, of Portland, who is in Washington, D. C. The application was made by Mr. Ward, representing the Pacific Wool Growers which handles cooperative wool from six western states; by Byron Wilson representing the Wyoming Wool Growers association; and by C. J. Fawcett, manager of the National Wool Marketing corporation.

It is proposed that the new loan program covering the 1939 clip extend to May, 1940. No decision has yet been reached as to whether or not the loan will be granted, but it is felt by the growers' organizations that in view of the possibility of reciprocal trade agreements being negotiated with Australia and other countries, the reductions that have already been made on noils and wool products in the trade agreement with the United Kingdom, and with the other uncertainties which are liable to prevail this spring, a continuation of the Commodity Credit corporation loan program is most desirable.

Up to the end of 1938, loans aggregating \$13,928,849 were made on some 76,875,347 net grease pounds of wool, the corporation recently announced.

While in Washington, Mr. Ward is attending the mid-winter meeting of the National Cooperative council of which he is a director. He will also spend some time in Boston where the Pacific Wool Growers maintain a warehouse and sales office.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent, has been visiting rural schools this week and conducting achievement tests.

Tom Wells and R. C. Wightman attended Masonic lodge meeting at Ione last night from here.

IONE NEWS

Girl Breaks Collar Bone in Accident

By MARGARET BLAKE

Maxine Allyn had the misfortune to break her collar bone while riding a bicycle at the O. E. Peterson ranch Saturday. Eunice Peterson who was on another bicycle and with whom she collided received a bruised arm.

Twelve members and three visitors attended the study meeting of the Women's Topic club held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Griffith in Morgan last Friday afternoon. The book, "Hell on Ice," by Commander Edward Ellsberg, was reviewed by Mrs. Bert Mason, Mrs. M. E. Cotter, Mrs. Clel Rea and Mrs. Elmer Griffith. The club voted to become a member of the Country Gentlewoman League. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Rea, Mrs. Cotter and Mrs. Mason were hostesses with Mrs. Griffith.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brenner are the parents of a son born in Pendleton last Sunday night.

P. J. Linn is quite ill at his home.

Mrs. Harriet Brown is ill at her home in Hermiston. Her place as teacher of the seventh and eighth grades is being filled by Mrs. Inez Freeland.

Word has been received by friends that Mrs. Brenner Reese of Yakima is recovering nicely from an operation for the removal of a goitre.

Leo Gorgor has returned to his home from the Heppner hospital where he has been receiving treatment for infection.

Mr. Sellom arrived Saturday from his home in Montana to spend a few weeks with his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hatmaker.

Earline Ferris entertained a group of her friends at her home Friday evening. Chinese checkers was played and refreshments served. Those present were Charlotte and Lola Cannon, Eileen Sperry, Elenor Everson, Bernice Ring, Mary K. Blake, Patricia Emert, Betty Lou Lindsay, Phil and Douglas Renoe, Billy Eubanks, David Baker, Jimmy Ledbetter, Tommy Everson and Clyde Pettjohn.

The January social meeting of the

Topic club will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter next Saturday evening, January 21.

The Union Sunday school has elected the following officers to serve during 1939: Mrs. Frank Engelman, superintendent; I. R. Robison, assistant superintendent; Helen Lundell, secretary; Katherine Griffith, assistant secretary; Mrs. Minnie Forbes, treasurer; Mrs. J. E. Swanson, assistant treasurer; Mary K. Blake, librarian; Bernice Ring, song leader; Mrs. J. A. Troedson, assistant song leader; Miss Katherine Scharf, pianist; Mrs. A. F. Palmateer, assistant pianist. The classes will retain the same teachers they have had during the past year.

The Home Economics club of Willows grange will hold an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. Roxie Krebs at Cecil next Friday, Jan. 20. A pot luck dinner will be enjoyed at noon and newly elected officers for the coming year will be installed.

Willows grange held its regular meeting at Cecil last Saturday night. Afterward a dance was enjoyed by a large crowd. At that time the candlewick bedspread made by the H. E. club was won by Helen Lindsay.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bergevin spent a part of last week at their ranch near Squaw creek out from Pendleton.

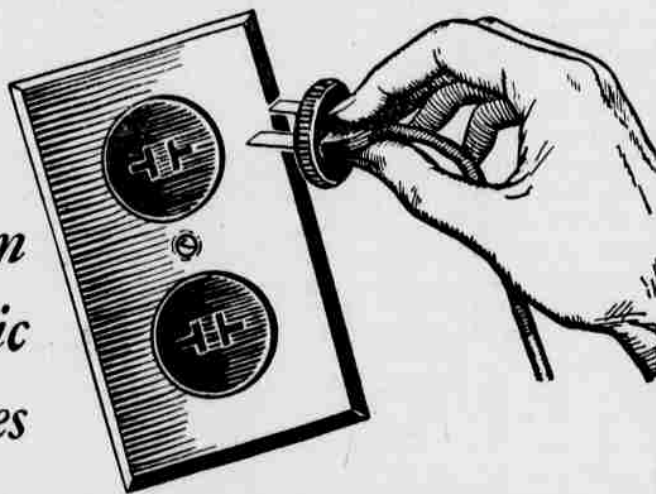
PLAY CAST CHOSEN

The plot of the junior class play, "The Lucky Accident," is based on an average American family, featuring, among others, Mrs. Hunter, a socially ambitious woman and antique collector, who tries to marry her daughter Fern, off to Walton Knox, a wealthy young man, but she is in love with Leslie who apparently is very dumb. Leslie meets with an accident, and then things start to happen.

The play cast is as follows: Mrs. Humbird Hunter, Carolyn Vaughn; Humbird Hunter, Jack Merrill; Fern Hunter, Norma Prock; Mory Hunter, Shirley Wilson; Amecda Ames, Lois Jones; Nella Lawson, Jeanette Blakely; Grace Pike, Cora Scott; Lotta Noyes, Margaret Doolittle; Leslie Noyes, Don Jones; Homer Meginness, Richard Hayes; Walton Knox, Harry Tamblin.

Harry Duvall motored to John Day yesterday on business.

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