

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

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

Sunday afternoon is apparently visiting day for the state house for on that day hundreds, if not thousands, of people, old and young, male and female, come to Salem, park in front of the capitol and after standing in what looks to be awe for a minute or so venture to climb the broad steps and enter the brass revolving doors of the official edifice.

Once inside they gaze up into the dome and step gingerly inside the doors of the house and senate chambers where laws are made and unmade by other citizens, a few of whom are reading or talking about matters that may be important, or may be the best place in town to get an oyster stew.

Visitors usually pay little attention to the legislators who are working—or talking—at their desks and this is appropriate for these same legislators are the very cheapest things in this magnificent capitol, being rented for three dollars a day whereas the chairs they adorn cost sixteen times that sum, and the rather common looking needle-point chairs in the governor's office cost more than the services of four legislators for an entire session.

It would be encouraging if it were possible to say that amid all these expensive surroundings the legislation would be better, but time will undoubtedly bear witness that human frailties remain the same whether surrounded by marble or plain pine boards.

The session is getting on and bills are coming back from committees all decked out with clauses "recommend that bill do pass" or "be amended as follows" and each day the third reading of bills goes on with resultant roll calls.

It would be a good story if someone figured out at the end of each session how many bills introduced were new bills and how many repealed or amended other legislation. As a guess it may be estimated that half of the bills introduced are amendatory and a quarter are outright repeal. There really are few new laws passed and these are usually subject to close scrutiny by the more experienced legislators.

The important things are getting in and public hearings are being held nearly every night this week. These are gala times for opponents and proponents of various bills and many get to their feet and belabor the opposition in terms that would not be permitted. Little new information comes out of them, but as a means of letting off steam for overheated advocates of the measure in question they cannot be beat.

The amendments to the unemployment compensation law were discussed in the senate Monday. The revision of laws committee of that body made some amendments from the original and the debate waxed hot and heavy. In the meantime, the house, ready to adjourn for the day, waited under recess for the debate to end, and finally adjourned anyway which makes another day before the amendment can be discussed by the house.

It was contended by many senators that if the changes in the amendment are made it will result in an amendment to the picketing bill that was passed by the people at the last election. It is not felt by the majority that the will of the people, so expressed, has been changed in the past two months since election.

Chapman's bill to declare contracts calling for a closed shop to be illegal had a hearing Wednesday night. The results on this bill may be a bit surprising to many for it does not have the support of some who would normally be considered to be for it. Employers who had contracts with unions will be doubtful about endorsing the legislation and then the usual labor group will violently oppose. Anything may happen to it and the public hearing so indicated.

Weather in Salem has been colder than usual and fog hangs over the tree tops and beclouds the landscape this week whereas sunshine and springlike calm was the rule

last week. It makes the boys from the open spaces feel a bit more at home, but no more comfortable.

The matter of which attorney the house was going to hire was definitely decided Monday morning after a brief debate. Ralph E. Moody was retained after two attempts to prevent it on the part of some who voted from various motives. The prejudice that exists against him was the major reason, but some held that he would be more expensive than men from the attorney general's office. Moody's ability to work twelve to sixteen hours per day drafting bills was held by the majority to make up for his cost, inasmuch as the session costs over \$1000 per day and his pay can be saved in three quarters of a day.

HOME NEWS

Home Ec Club Has New Officers

By MARGARET BLAKE

Home Economics club of Willows grange held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. George Krebs in Cecil last Friday. Twelve members and nine visitors were present. Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, and Miss Althea Stoneman, county health nurse, made very interesting talks to the club. The officers for the new year were installed by Mary Lundell. Mrs. E. C. Heliker will serve as chairman, having been reelected to that position. Mrs. E. M. Baker is vice-chairman, Mrs. Marian Palmer, secretary, and Mrs. Paul O'Meara is treasurer. It was decided to continue the birthday box the same as last year. Mrs. Heliker presented each of last year's officers with a gift of appreciation of their help. The next meeting will be an all-day affair at the home of Mrs. Oscar Lundell on February 17.

Miss Betty Jean Mankin will leave at the end of the week for Walla Walla where she will enroll at St. Paul school for the second semester.

Keltsie Devin who attended high school here several years ago and now makes his home in Portland, made a short stop here Tuesday when passing through.

Mrs. Harriet Brown who was sick at her home in Hermiston last week has returned to her work in the school here.

W. J. Blake went to Arlington Sunday to have a tooth extracted.

Mrs. Walter Eubanks has returned from Pendleton where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Brenner.

Announcement has been received of the arrival of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davidson in Los Angeles on January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bristow and Mrs. Walter Bristow were Pendleton visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny entertained friends last Wednesday evening with a dinner party followed by pinocle. Four tables were in play, prizes going to Mrs. Harvey Miller, Louis Bergevin, Mrs. Gene Ferguson and Harvey Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Blake and Mrs. J. H. Blake of Kinzua visited here Sunday, returning home Monday.

Mrs. Errett Hummel was called to La Grande last week by the serious illness of her father.

George Griffith went to Portland Friday night to have dental work done.

The Women's Topic club held its social meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cotter last Saturday evening. Five tables were in play, prizes going to Mrs. J. E. Swanson, Louis Bergevin, Mrs. Louis Bergevin, E. R. Lundell and Mrs. C. W. Swanson. Hostesses with Mrs. Cotter were Mrs. Elmer Griffith, Mrs. Clel Rea and Mrs. Bert Mason. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Denny had a dinner party followed by bridge at their home last Friday evening. Four tables were in play, prizes going to Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Earl Blake and Omar Rietmann.

NAMED FRAT OFFICER

Pacific University, Forest Grove—Len Gilman, sophomore at Pacific university from Heppner, was elected corresponding secretary of the Alpha Zeta fraternity in a recent fraternal election here. Elwayne Lieuallen, also of Heppner, retired as president of Alpha Zeta.

Any "Compliance" Wheat Eligible In Sale Program

Pacific northwest wheat growers who complied with the 1938 AAA program may sell white wheat at a premium to the Federal Surplus Commodities corporation between now and February 4, whether or not that wheat is now covered by a loan, according to N. C. Donaldson, state executive officer of the AAA in Oregon.

If a grower owned wheat on January 14, 1939, which he produced last year on acreage which did not exceed 105 per cent of his total soil depleting acreage allotment, he has wheat which is eligible under this special purchase plan. In other words, the purchase program includes all Pacific northwest white wheat which is actually under loan or eligible for loan.

The immediate purchase program at premiums ranging from 2c to 5c above the established loan rate was

started as a means of getting at least six billion bushels of wheat out of northwest warehouses immediately.

In order to qualify under this purchase plan, the wheat must be released prior to February 4. Detailed arrangements may be made with the North Pacific Grain Growers or with any local grain dealer. The certificate of compliance to show that the wheat is eligible may be obtained through the county committee.

The purchase program is limited to hard and soft white wheats and does not include the hard winter wheats, which in some instances already have commanded a premium under the loan program. There is a larger differential between the American and world price of the hard winter wheat than prevails with the white grades. The American price of the white wheats is between 20c and 25c higher than world levels, which makes a considerable subsidy necessary before the wheat can be exported. AAA officials point out that were it not for the support now being given to the domestic wheat

prices the market quotations would be even lower than in 1932 and 1933.

Because of the serious storage congestion sure to develop unless more grain is moved out before the 1939 crop comes on, the government decided to take advantage of an opportunity to sell a considerable volume at once. The success of the effort is dependent, however, upon obtaining releases before February 4.

GIVEN SURPRISE DINNER

The 7th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Huston was the occasion Sunday for a surprise dinner in their honor given by their neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner. Fresh fried chicken and fresh strawberry shortcake made possible by modern cold storage featured a bounteous repast. Present besides the honor guests and hosts were Ruth and Louise Green, Bob and Billy Scrivner and Miss Althea Stoneman.

Mrs. Jack Hynd of Cecil was visiting in the city Wednesday.

Statement of Taxes

LEVIED IN MORROW COUNTY, OREGON, FOR THE YEAR 1939 (ASSESSED MARCH 1, 1938)

Table with columns for General Taxes Levied for State and County Purposes, Special Taxes Levied in Towns, Special Taxes Levied in Union High School District, and Special School Bonds and Interest. Includes sub-totals for each category and a grand total.

SUMMARY OF LEVIES AND TAX BY DISTRICTS

Table with columns for District Number, Valuation, General County, Special School, Union High, Non-High, City, Total Levy, and Tax. Lists districts 1 through 59 with their respective tax amounts.

Summary of levies and taxes including Union High Bonds and Interest on land in School District No. 6, and totals for the county and special taxes.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Summary table listing various tax categories such as State, County and General School, Market Roads, Bond Sinking Fund, etc., with their respective values.

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 17th day of January, 1939.