

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

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

This legislature is something like self-energizing brakes only in reverse. It goes along for two or three weeks, or even four, with everyone being polite and feeling kindly toward everyone else, keeping bills in committee as a personal favor, and then something happens. Someone remarks that it is about time this committee began sending some of this stuff out as it has been discussed enough, and every other committee does the same thing and things pop right and left and he who has bills galore is caught in the tide with enough work to keep the WPA busy for a month.

While there are many bills in both house and senate there are few of major importance and as soon as these can be decided upon the folks back home can expect their legislators to appear on the streets again with the wrinkles still on their brows.

In importance these bills are the taxation measures which are designed to hange the income, intangibles and excise taxes so that they will be more in keeping with needs of modern times. Methods of collection are to be brought up to date and changed to meet modern accounting methods. Furthermore, they are to be changed to relieve the intangible taxpayer who has little income. He will be given exemptions the same as the income tax payer and in act, put in the same class, and then a surtax to be applied to intangible income will be put on so that the man who has a large income from intangibles will continue to pay a sizeable tax.

When that question is solved—and it is on the way to solution—there will be the problem of deciding how much money there is in the sock for relief and pension purposes.

Then it can be increased by additional taxes or the moderate increase in relief and pensions that will probably be possible under the budget made to suffice for another biennium.

Changes in the PUD law, amendments to the unemployment insurance law, perhaps a county manager plan, these are other matters that will receive attention.

In the meantime there will be debates on minor matters and the house and senate orators will discourse long and sometimes loud about fish and pilots and salaries. A bill making it unlawful to have a female crawfish in one's possession—as well as uncomfortable—has been introduced and it may pass if the sponsors can tell the house members how to differentiate between the sexes of the crawfish when, in these days, they can hardly tell the difference among humans.

The bills to amend the education laws of the state so that a committee in each county can redistrict the county and to change the method of distributing the tax money to districts have been put in, but will need some change before being acceptable to many of the members who, in general, are favorable to the idea.

It always seems to be the little stuff that causes the most discussion. On the major bills there is enough talk and conference that the decision is often a house or senate decision before the bill is finally drawn and introduced. It is expected that this will be the result on the major legislation at this session, although there will be some debate, of course.

Salem weather has been rainy every day without many minutes of sunshine between showers and the eastern Oregon members, who a month ago could be told by their brown necks, can now hardly be distinguished from their brothers from the valley and coast counties.

The soil conservation bill has at last been made ready and will be put in the hopper before the week is out in all probability. It will provide for soil conservation districts made up of owners of farm land with boards of directors with authority to work on land needing work and

to cooperate with the federal government or its agencies in preventing soil erosion. It is not expected that any great amount of trouble will be experienced in passing it.

New Assistant Ranger Comes to Heppner

The supervisor of the Umatilla National forest announced Monday the transfer of Assistant Forest Ranger Harold C. Chriswell from the Heppner district to the position of ranger in charge of the Meacham district with headquarters at La Grande. Ranger Chriswell will be succeeded at Heppner by Assistant Ranger Edgar J. Parker, who during the past several years has been employed as junior forester on the Willamette National forest, with headquarters at Eugene. Ranger Chriswell's transfer will be effective March 1; Assistant Ranger Parker's March 15.

Mr. Parker is a native of Pennsylvania, where he received his elementary education. His forestry training was received at Oregon State college, where he graduated in 1932. He has also completed one year of residence work toward his master's degree in forestry. Previous to his appointment on the Willamette, Mr. Parker was employed on the Whitman and Chippewa National forests and has had a great deal of experience in landscape nursery work and on timber surveys. Mr. Parker is married and his family will accompany him to Heppner.

G. T. Want Ads bring results

BOARDMAN NEWS

Boardman People Visit Out of County

By MRS. CLAUD COATS

Dave Partlow, who has been spending several months at the home of his uncle, Paul Partlow, left last week for Portland where he has employment.

E. W. Peck and Peter Farley, Jr., returned home Saturday after spending several days in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Baker left Monday for Longview and valley points. They expect to be gone several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bleakney spent a couple of days last week in Walla Walla, combining business and pleasure.

Ladies Aid missionary meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Howell, Wednesday, Feb. 15. All ladies are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Ransier took their son Kenneth to Pendleton Friday to consult a doctor. Kenneth had strained some of his muscles and was in much pain.

Mrs. Jack Gorham chauffeured a group of high school girls to Pendleton Saturday on a shopping trip. They were Janet Gorham, Mary

Walker, Clara Mae Dillon, Essie Jones and Echo Coats.

James Howell arrived home from Portland Saturday and is employed in and around Hermiston for a while.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barlow of Heppner were calling on relatives Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow and parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barlow, took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats.

Mrs. Awilda Bleakney, Minnie Wilson and Myrtle Lay motored to Umatilla Tuesday to attend Eastern Star chapter.

Geo. Wicklander, Sr., and wife moved from the Highway Inn to the Fortier house, recently vacated by the Coats family. Mr. and Mrs. Perry moved into the hotel.

National World Day of Prayer will be held Feb. 24 in the church basement.

Missionary reading contest will start Sunday, Feb. 12. This takes in all young folks and young adults. Mrs. George A. Corwin is the leader and wishes all young people interested to attend.

Watch for the date and be sure to attend the high school play, "Gay," to be given this month. Tickets on sale at Gorham's and Coats'.

Frank Walker and son Milo left for Pasco, Wash., Tuesday, for a visit with Mr. Walker's daughter,

Mrs. Mack Watkins, also to bring back his car which has been in the repair shop for a while.

Brother Zumwalt from College Place had charge of the Sabbath meeting at the home of Mrs. Eva Warner Saturday. Mr. Young was called to Grandview to conduct a funeral service.

AUXILIARY TO MEET

The regular meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Chas. B. Cox, on North Court street, February 13. It is the wish of Mrs. Cox that all members attend, also all eligible women, such eligibility being established by the husband, father or brother being a member of the American Legion. There will be a special Washington birthday program.

LEXINGTON BESTS HEPPNER

The Lexington Jack Rabbits, taking advantage of a long awaited chance, downed the Heppner Mustangs in Tuesday night's casaba event at Lexington. Running up a 20 to 5 lead in the first of the game, they were able to hold at lead to beat the Mustangs 33 to 19.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Babb left Tuesday afternoon for Portland on a business trip.

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