

UNDER THE CAPITOL DOME

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It won't be long now, as the little dog said when his tail was bobbed.

Meaning that before many days have passed the Oregon legislature, which for something well over the pay day has been debating and discussing what to do about the state and its people, will fold its tent like the Arab and silently steal out of Salem and return to the home pastures and the frowns and cheers of the home folks who, like as not, have found little in the day's newspapers to be very much concerned about.

Almost any top flight picture show can cause as many tears and jeers as has this, the fortieth session of Oregon's legislature. No great problems upon which rested the fate of thousands, as the orators say, have come before this legislature; no change in public policy has been presented here to be battled out between angry and shouting partisans. It has been a quiet session, at least to date, and while there have been shouts of well simulated anger and intimations of unfairness it has all been in good humor by those who are used to such things.

And the above is not criticism; rather it is a sort of praise. It is something of a relief to have a respite from the pressing problems of state, from major decision, from life or death matters of which there has been a surfeit since the days of 1930 when the economic world blew up in our faces.

What the legislature will do in the week or so that it is expected to remain in session is, of course, not known. It is likely that the tax structure of the state will be changed to some extent in an attempt to make the income, intangibles and excise tax better fit present conditions, but that is not going to be a major operation for anyone despite what has been said about it.

School organization bills are expected to pass as no serious opposition to them has come to notice and along this line it is possible that some other minor matters will be changed in the state structure.

As for pensions and relief, always a big headache for any 1930-1940 legislative body, it now seems that appropriations for this purpose can be increased by twenty or twenty-five per cent out of the present state funds. Preliminary figures indicate that instead of the \$16,000,000 spent on relief in the last biennium it will be possible to expend \$19,500,000 in the next.

More than this is asked by those who are spending their time asking for more as a job. Yet no other branch of government has been boosted by twenty-five per cent and mighty few citizens can expect an increase in income of that much. Therefore it appears reasonable that there should be little complaint from those who receive their money from the state if they are given a boost of a quarter over present payments.

There are plenty of recommendations that the appropriation be made at \$30,000,000 or almost double the 1938-1940 figure, but this has long ago been abandoned by the conservative ones of the house and senate. There will be an attempt to levy a sales tax for relief—and it may be done—but those who one time fought so valiantly for this sort of a tax measure will not be in the ranks again. Former sales tax measures were primarily property tax relief bills, designed to give the hard pressed farmer a chance to pay his taxes to the county and school district.

Now it is doubtful if over a quarter of the tax receipts could be returned to the counties and that small proportion would be taken in a few years. A sales tax now would be a relief tax.

Far fewer county salary bills have been passed this year than heretofore because of a decision made by the committees to insist that all such bills have the signed support of the county court of the county

affected. This is probably not the most satisfactory way of dealing with the problem but the county court is the governing body of a county and therefore of considerable weight from the legislative point of view. A readjustment of county salary payments has been asked but it is very hard to do so and it is likely that a change in county organization will come before any very sweeping readjustment of county salaries.

IONE NEWS

A. M. Zink Rites Conducted at Ione

By MARGARET BLAKE

Funeral services for Alfred M. Zink were held in the Christian church Sunday afternoon with Rev. C. F. Trimble officiating and Davies Sunnyside Funeral Home of Portland in charge. Pallbearers were Laxton McMurray, E. J. Keller, Bert Peck, J. F. McMillan, Joe Thornburg and Ira Lewis. Special music was sung by Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker, accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Blake. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Lexington.

Alfred M. Zink was a native of Oregon, having been born at Jefferson, Marion county, on February 9, 1866. He died at the home of his step daughter, Mrs. A. V. Downs, in Portland on February 16. He was married to Irene McKinley at Hope-well, Oregon, in 1880. To this union were born six children, five of whom survive their parents, their mother having died in 1922. In 1924 Mr. Zink married Mrs. Annie de Borde in Portland. She passed away in 1935.

Mr. Zink came to Morrow county in 1898, settling at Lexington in 1900 and was engaged in farming there and near Ione until a few years ago. He was long a member of the Methodist church and of the I. O. O. F. lodge of Lexington. A kindly man, a good neighbor and friend and a loving father, Mr. Zink will be long remembered.

Surviving Mr. Zink are three sons, George, Everett and Elda, two daughters, Mrs. Vida Heliker of Ione and Mrs. Addie Thompkins of King Hill, Idaho, ten grandchildren, three great grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Alice Ward of Portland and Mrs. Emma Bremmer of Corvallis, and two step-daughters, Mrs. A. V. Downs and Ruby de Borde of Portland.

Miss Joyce Carlson who is attending school in Portland spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Balsiger of White Salmon, Wash., came up on Sunday and returned to their home Tuesday after enjoying a visit with old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kincaid are the parents of a son born in Heppner Friday, February 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann returned last Wednesday from California where they spent the winter at Imperial Beach with Mrs. Rietmann's mother, Mrs. A. W. Lord.

Dr. C. C. Chick drove up from his home at Hood River Sunday. He was accompanied by Miss Blanche Bristow and Mrs. Meyers and brought home Mrs. Clifford McCabe who has been in the Hood River hospital recovering from an appendectomy.

Clarence Linn returned to work at Vernonia Saturday after visiting for a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Linn.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wood of Portland were visiting relatives here last week. On their return home Saturday they were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Bryson.

Mr. and Mrs. Elda Zink and small daughter Virginia of Antioch, Cal., George Zink of Sheridan, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Zink of The Dalles and their two daughters and Mrs. Alice Ward of Portland, were out-of-town relatives coming here for the funeral of A. M. Zink.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Feldman returned last Thursday evening from California where they spent the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Morgan were Hermiston visitors Monday.

About fifty people gathered at the Congregational church last Sunday for a pot luck dinner followed by a short fellowship meeting. Members

of the Congregational church and their friends were present. Similar affairs will be held in the near future by the other church groups which form the Union church of Ione and Lexington, of which Rev. C. F. Trimble is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and children of Baker visited Saturday at the home of Mrs. Ida Grabbill, enroute to Rufus where they will visit Mr. Keithley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Keithley.

The February social meeting of the Women's Topic club will be held at the Masonic hall Saturday evening, February 25.

About thirty dollars was taken in at the indoor track meet staged last Friday evening as a benefit for the hot lunch fund. All of the events were greatly enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Obert and family and Mr. and Mrs. John Botts and family have moved to Milton.

E. G. Frank and his grandson Homer Frank, Jr., returned to Kennewick Saturday after spending a few days here.

E. J. Blake drove over to Kinzua last Thursday after hearing that his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Blake, had lost their household goods and clothing in a fire. He found that some bedding and a few articles from the kitchen had been saved,

otherwise everything was burned. Both Mr. and Mrs. Blake were away from home when the fire started from some undetermined cause.

George and Elmer Cochran returned Monday from Salem.

Arthur Reed of The Dalles is visiting his sister, Mrs. Della Corson.

RHEA CREEK-EIGHT MILE

A George Washington party is to be held at the grange hall Friday evening, Feb. 24. The ladies are to bring cherry pie and sandwiches. Everyone asked to dress in Colonial costumes.

The ladies of the Home Economics club are arranging a dance at the hall on Saturday night, February 25. Music from Heppner.

Mrs. Walter Becket has received word that E. E. (Bub) Clark is reported seriously ill at his home in Red Bluff, Calif.

Mrs. Harley Anderson spent a few days in Heppner taking care of the Howard Keithley children. Mr. and Mrs. Keithley were called to Rufus to see Oscar Keithley who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Becket spent the week end at Fossil at the home of Mrs. Becket's parents.

Frank Anderson was transacting business in the city Tuesday from the Eight Mile farm.

Domestic Laundry Edges Out Ione

By a three-point margin, Domestic Laundry, Umatilla county basketball champions, edged out Ione on the latter's floor Saturday night. Fred Hoskins, Ione manager, said his boys had the visitors on the run at the end and believes they might have won had the game lasted another few minutes.

Slick Rosenberg for the visitors topped all scorers with 14 points. He went wild in the first half, but with Fred Hoskins, Jr., dogging him in the second half he looped but three counters, one field goal and one foul shot. Galloway of the visitors scored 13, and other laundrymen with scores were Irwin, Hudemann 2, Kidder 2, Kerby and Young.

B. Gronquist and Logan of Condon augmented the Ione line-up, scoring 8 and 4 points respectively, while D. Gronquist of Ione led his teammates with 12. Other Ionians with scores were Williams 2, Fred Hoskins, Jr., 4, E. Pettyjohn 1, L. Pettyjohn, Thornburg, Bristow 1.

Mrs. E. C. Heliker of Ione was transacting business in the city on Tuesday in connection with the estate of her father, the late A. M. Zink.

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