

## UNDER THE ● CAPITOL DOME

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row, Sherman and Wheeler  
Counties.

A majority of the house at this time is in the same position and state of mind as a man while he is waiting for his wife and daughter to put on their hats and get ready to go. Every man will recall many such painful occasions.

Daughter ways and means committee just has so much fixin' and powdering and readjusting to do while father house of representatives paces the hall in deep disgust. Wife senate just dawdles along saying nothing and doing little to hurry matters. How long the painful period is to continue no one knows but it probably depends on the shortness of temper of the one who waits—and be it known that temper is getting short.

The house reconsidered and passed the two education bills this week after beating one of them previously. The vote was decisive but over in the senate they found stronger opposition, it is said, and at a public hearing the opponents held them to be very, very bad, indeed.

A rough guess would indicate that 321, the reorganization bill, would make the grade and be enacted while 343, the equalization bill, will not be passed by the senate without further amendments. The representatives of the valley counties say that \$1200 is too much money for a school unit, entirely overlooking the fact that an increase in the quality of the schools is the thought behind the bill.

The house reconsidered and passed House Bill 502 with many members having the understanding that the bill would be amended in the senate. The bill is another tax postponement bill similar in ideal to the 1935 and 1937 bills that relieved tax payers from paying on time. It is different in method as it provides that any taxpayer may pay his current year's tax—or promise to do so—and then may pay his delinquent taxes in twenty semi-yearly installments. Thus if a person owed one year's delinquent taxes he could take ten years to pay them by paying his current taxes each year. Such measures have been popular but now, after the governor has vetoed bills having a similar purpose, it is almost certain that this measure will not become law.

The land use bill that permits the organization of districts for erosion control purposes passed the house this week with but four dissenting votes and was sent over to the senate where it has a more rocky road to travel as the chairman of the agricultural committee, to which it was sent, is opposed to the measure. It is hoped that it can be moved out of committee by its friends here and over the state but, as the funny strips quote, "Time's a wastin'."

The Morrow county bill to permit the use of Ditch creek water by farmers along Willow creek has passed both houses and will probably be signed by the governor when he can get around to it.

The five-minute rule has been invoked in the house but it does not stop all oratory for it is permissible to yield time to a speaker. The thing that has reduced the talking time of the perennial orators is the fact that so many won the debate and lost the vote. Now they make their remarks snappy and more to the point and it saves time and is much easier on the ear drums of the members.

The house has little work remaining of an important nature. Monday there were but eight bills on third reading—to be passed—but committee reports and moves to do this and that took up nearly the whole day. Tuesday there was a like number of bills up and, as committees are not putting out much in the way of bills, there will probably be light calendars from now on. We are just waiting for the ways and means bills—and they are trying to balance the books—and for the much worked over PUD bill which was debated in the senate Wednesday. It probably will not be long in the house for house members are watching it and the house committee has attended the hearings.

### LEXINGTON NEWS

#### Lex Second at District Tourney

By MARGARET SCOTT

The Lexington Jackrabbits placed second in the basketball tournament held in Fossil last Friday and Saturday. The Fossil team, winner of the tourney, will play in the district meet at Arlington. On Friday afternoon the Lexington quintet got off to a fine start by defeating Ir-rigon by a score of 40 to 25. On Saturday afternoon Lexington defeated Boardman, the team that defeated Heppner on Friday, to qualify for the championship game. Ken Jackson was high point man on Friday and Bob Campbell was high point man Saturday night.

Cora Warner has returned to her home after visiting in Moscow, Idaho.

W. B. Tucker and son Woodrow and Billie Nichols left Friday morning for Portland to be with Mrs. Kenneth Smouse who underwent a major operation in a Portland hospital. Woodrow returned home Sunday morning and reports that Mrs. Smouse is getting along as well as can be expected.

Laverne Henderson is ill at her home and Mr. Henderson's mother is with her.

Dr. G. W. Millett and family of Portland and Etta Millett of Monmouth were Sunday visitors at the George Peck home.

Charles Storey and Guy Glass-gow of Spokane were auditing books at the Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc., last week.

Mrs. A. F. Majeske attended a 4-H club leaders convention in Union last week.

Roy Johnston has been transferred to the position of road foreman in the Buena Vista CCC camp at Burns. Although Mr. and Mrs. Johnston and

son Duane will be missed in the community their many friends are glad that Mr. Johnston has been chosen for such a large advancement in his work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Dueltgen and son Bobby were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Leach Sunday evening.

Mrs. Nettie Davis was a Portland visitor last week.

Elsie Cowins of Heppner visited at the Geo. Allyn home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cole of Pateras, Wash., were week-end visitors at the Harvey Bauman home.

Among townspeople attending the high school basketball tournament at Fossil Friday and Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson, Dona Barnett, Trina Parker, George and Ellwynne Peck, Oris Padberg and Roy Campbell.

Many of the local people have taken a great interest in the lone skating rink and enjoyed skating during the week end.

Union Sunday school at 10 a. m. and church at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Christian church, with C. E. at 6:30 p. m. in the Congregational church.

Zelma and Lola Bundy, formerly of here who are now employed at Rainier, were visiting friends and relatives here last week.

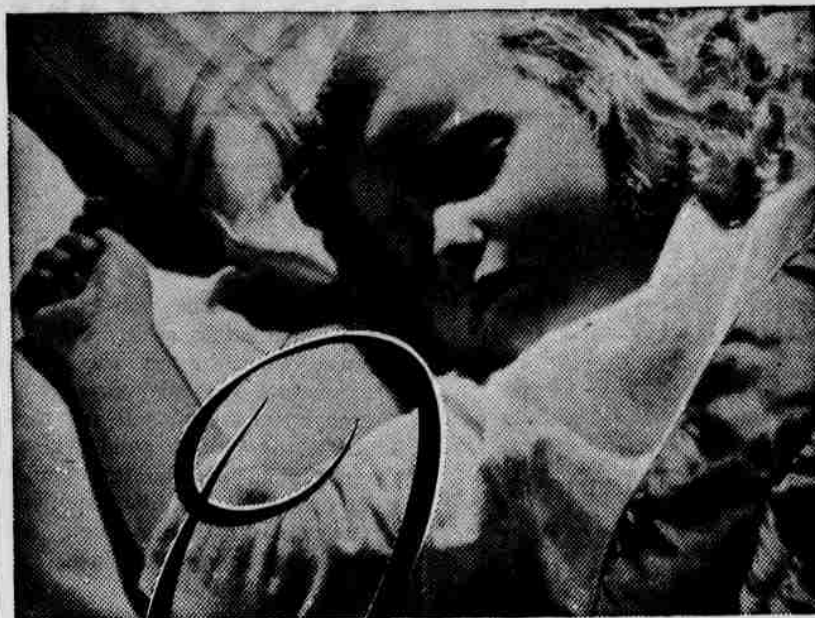
#### School News

By Jerrine Edwards

Several grade school students have returned to school after being absent with whooping cough.

We are all looking forward to a swell time on the night of March 25, the night of the school carnival, when the school gymnasium will be filled with all sorts of carnival booths and a large crowd of people.

Rita Cutler cooked the hot lunches last week. Erda Pieper is cooking this week.



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