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GAS HOUSE GOSSIP

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In speaking of sports in which all of the student body may enter, why couldn't there be organized within the assembly several girls' and boys' soft ball teams; and have a play off to see which team would be the best in school. The lodges and organizations down town could do the same and organize a city league. The winner of the lodge league and high school would play off for the city championship. This would not only benefit the students and townspeople but would bring the two closer together. The games could be played of evenings and on Sundays, a small admission could be charged to cover expenses and in later years it might make enough money to install some lights on the rodeo field so night games could be played.

Last year a twilight league was started and provided much sport for all concerned. This plan would carry it out and expand it to a greater

extent.

The need for improvements in the school and gym is getting worse as time wears on and a great deal has been done to check this. The biggest sore spot now is the dressing room in the gym. The chance for foot infection is bad. This year there have been several cases of foot infection. Last year you will recall one student was confined to bed with it and this year it came back upon her to place her in the hospital. Yes there are foot baths but that doesn't stop this germ from spreading upon the floor which is dirty a great deal of the time.

Pathways of painted grilled boards would make it nice for the individual walking to and from the showers and eliminate much of the dirt and disease contents in this manner.

Baseball will get off to a good start this year as the team will have new uniforms which will improve the appearance of the team as a whole. The competition should be keen this year although the team Committeemen is somewhat broken up from last year as some of the boys are not Help Farmers year as some of the boys are returning. However, the ones that returning. However, the ones that In AAA Plans difference. Many new men, mostly from the frosh and sophomore classes will make up the squad with Coxen, Aiken, Crawford, Stone and Williams from last year's team back to give them a run for their money. The team lost all but one game last year but this year they expect to win all of them.

Lexington and Ione are to sponsor teams this year, and with Condon, Fossil, Arlington, Pilot Rock, and Hermiston the games will be sufficient.

THE JUNIORS PRESENT . . .

-"The Lucky Accident," a threeact farcical comedy, in the high school gym-auditorium, March 17. Curtain at 8. The play will be over in sufficient time for those wishing to go to the St. Patrick's dance. formation will include crop acreages, Don't forget, one week from this diversions, payments and compli-Friday.

Mustangs Wind up Hoop Season

ketball season was the Heppner others expect to hold community Mustang's 20-21 loss to the Boardman quint Friday afternoon at Fossil in the District 13-B tournament. Highly favored to end in the finals, contact work, both county and com-Heppner was upset by the fiery lit- munity committeemen-representing tle Yellow Jackets. The Mustangs, approximately 45,000 farmers taking failing to overcome a slight case of part in the 1939 AAA programjitters, were behind at the half and have been receiving instruction at did not take over the ball game until a series of county meetings. Donthe fourth quarter, when they came aldson with Willis Boegli and Arnold to life and staged a 7-minute rally Bodtker, state field representatives. which left the score 20-21, still in has been assisted by county agents Boardman's favor. The closing sec- in presenting instrution meetings. onds found the Mustangs passing up two opportunities on which the counties, conservation practices form game hinged. With the score 20-21 a principal phase of the program for previous sessions legislators have Morgan was granted a free throw, this year. a chance to tie the game, but missed. In eastern Oregon's wheat coun-A mere five seconds remained when ties, conservation plus acreage con- lawmaking, none of which are ex-Coxen took his turn at the free trol are major factors.

throw line, also missing. The Mustangs received 23 free throws, only 4 of which they made.

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Not unlike an ostrich is the man who stops his car on the highway, gets out, raises the hood and pokes his head down into the region of cylinders and spark plugs while other automobiles swish past behind him with only inches to spare.

Automobiles standing in the roadway were involved in 692 accidents in this state last year, two of their drivers were killed and 96 persons injured, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell.

Aside from the fact that the driver exposes himself to unnecessary risk by working on the car while it is still in the roadway, he also creates a definite hazard for other drivers who are forced to pass him, especially on narrow roads when two cars approach from opposite directions at the same time.

While nearly all drivers recognize the need for pulling off the road when they have engine or tire trouble, there are other circumstances in which they are not so well trained. Drivers frequently stop suddenly on the highway to read direction signs, to retrieve articles which have blown from the car, or to wipe off mist or frost which has collected on the windshield.

Whatever the cause for stopping, every driver should make it an infallible rule never to bring his car to a prolonged halt in the maintraveled portion of the roadway, except in the most unusual circumstances when it cannot be driven or moved onto the shoulder or convenient turn-out.

The AAA farm program for 1939 will be brought to the very back doors of Oregon farmers in the near future, according to plans of community committeemen throughout the state, who are arranging to contact their neighbors and discuss the program as it applies to each individual farm.

Immediate reason for the contact work is that each farmer who wishes to comply with the AAA this year must fill out an "estimate sheet," showing how he expects to arrange his farming so as to receive greatest benefits, says N. C. Donaldson, executive officer in the state AAA office at Oregon State college.

It was pointed out that all farmers who wish to take part must have the sheets filled out by June 1. Inance methods.

To aid in filling out the sheets some community committeemen ex-A poor ending to a successful bas- pect to meet neighbors individually; meetings at which the 1939 program will be explained by local speakers.

Before starting their neighborhood

In western Oregon's diversified

CAPITAL

- Last Week (?)
- Duncan Boosted
- Legislative Reform By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem-With the legislative ses sion in its last week-I hope-attention is being turned to speculation on the leadership of the next legis-

In the senate presidential possibilities center on two candidates, both from the central Willamette valley-Dean Walker of Polk county and Douglas McKay of Marion. Senator U. S. Balentine of Klamath county also has quite a following but his term is expiring and there is no certainty that he will be returned while both Walker and Mc-Kay will be hold-over members.

For the House speakership there are three outstanding possibilities although the results of the 1940 general election may eliminate any one or all of them. Those being most prominently mentioned for the speakership post at this time are Frank Lonergan of Multnomah county, Earl Hill of Lane county and Wm. McAlister of Jackson countv. All three are republicans, the same being true of the senate possibilities for the presidency.

Friends of Robert M. Duncan of Burns this week launched a Duncan-for-Congress boom which they hope will land the eastern Oregon senator in Washington, D. C., in 1940, as the successor to Walter M. Pierce, veteran democrat whom he will probably have to oppose if he wins the republican nomination. A veteran member of the state senate, Duncan's popularity in that body was demonstrated at this session when he was elected to the senate presidency without opposition. Forceful in debate, eminently fair in all his dealings Duncan has long been recognized as one of the most influential members of the state senate. While the senator refuses to comment on his political ambitions his friends insist that he is in a receptive mood and can be induced to make the race if given sufficient encouragement.

State officials, members of the legislature and legislatve employees inspected the new state library Sunday night at an open house conducted by Miss Harriet Long, state librarian, and her staff. Miss Long plans to conduct another "open house" to which the general public will be invited as soon as the new equipment has been installed.

A proposal to refer the fate of the milk control board to the voters of Oregon was defeated in the senate by a vote of 15 to 14. The fight over this board was one of the most bitter of the current session with a number of the senators shifting their allegiance between the preliminary vote which saved the repeal bill from defeat and the final show-down in which the measure failed to pass by the narrow margin of two votes. Senator Mahoney of Multnomah county, one of the sponsors of the repeal bill, has announced that the fight will be carried to the people through the initiative.

The bakery board did not fare as well as did the milk board and is now no more, Governor Sprague having signed the bill this week wiping this board out of existence. Sprague in his inaugural message urged repeal of the bread board as "a stepchild of the NRA" but urged that the milk board be retained for the time being and given another chance to prove its worth.

All social security and welfare activities of the state hereafter will be administered by a newly constituted state welfare commission under the provisions of a bill signed this week by Governor Sprague after the House had agreed to an amendment written in by the senate restoring the three-year residence requirement.

Out of their experience at this and brought forth a number of suggestions for expediting the business of pected to gain legislative approval.

Senator Kenin of Multnomah county has sponsored two different legislative reforms. One of these provides for a split session in which the legislators would meet for two or three weeks to receive bills, then go home for a few weeks to ponder over the various measures and get the reaction of their constituents after which they would return to Salem prepared to act. The other Kenin proposal revolves around the so-called Kansas plan of a legislative council to be composed of five senators, five representatives, the Speaker of the House, President of the Senate and a representative of the governor. This council would meet periodically between sessions to receive and consider proposed legislation, sifting out the good from the bad and passing on worthwhile proposals to the legislature at its regular session. A research bureau would also be set up to assist the council in its work by gathering information as to how proposed legislation has worked in other states that might have tried it out, etc.

On the other side of the lawmaking mill Representative Henry Semon of Klamath county has come forth with a proposal to stream line the Oregon legislature in order to speed it up. Instead of waiting until January to convene, Semon proposes that the lawmakers gather in Salem in December to organize and set up its big committees like the ways and means, taxation and revenue, etc. Then the other members would return to their homes, leaving these committees in the capitol to work at their several problems unmolested by lobbyists or the details of routine lawmaking. Then when the session convened in January the financial picture, at least, would be pretty well set up and a definite course charted by which they could steer in sailing into the problems that beset every legislature.

Lamont Slocum, native Heppner son and Union Pacific fireman, was back on the local run this week.

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