

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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Salem.—Under an order issued this week by Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner, school busses hereafter must be conducted over unprotected grade crossings under manual flag.

The order was issued following a conference with Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, who has directed that all districts operating school busses shall comply with the order.

Bean's order provides that on approaching an unprotected grade crossing the school bus must stop well clear of the rails while some boy, selected for his reliability and intelligence, goes forward to flag the vehicle with its precious load of human freight across in safety.

The order was issued in an attempt to forestall a repetition in Oregon of accidents such as have taken heavy toll of life among school children in several other states in crashes at grade crossings.

The state highway commission, just back from its annual tour of eastern and central Oregon reports residents of that section of the state to be well pleased with the progress of road improvement. At Ontario, Burns, John Day, Prineville and other central Oregon centers large delegations met the commission and its staff of engineers to express their thanks for the completion of important primary highways which at last provides mudless, if not dustless roads, 23 years after the state highway program was initiated. Among major highway projects in central Oregon which will receive early consideration at the hands of the commission is a 35 mile gap of the Ochoco highway through the national forest between Prineville and Mitchell, still entirely unimproved; oiling of a long section of the "Three Flags" highway between Burns and John Day, and oiling of the Burns-Crane highway, one of the first roads to be placed on the state highway map but which has never been completed.

Approximately 1,000,000 forms necessary to the registration of the 163,157 Oregon men who are subject to conscription under the recently enacted draft act, were mailed out from headquarters of the state draft board here this week to county clerks over the state who in turn will distribute the forms among the various precinct election boards who will register the draftees next Wednesday. Most of Oregon's 36 county clerks attended the meeting here Monday at which Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director for selective service, explained the operation of the draft law with particular reference to its application to the registration of all men between the ages of 21 and 36 years.

With actual collections to date now in excess of \$5,600,000 members of the state tax commission are confident that 1940 income taxes in Oregon will reach the \$6,000,000 mark by the time all corporation payments are in. The commission estimated 1940 income tax revenues at \$5,100,000 in making its annual levy last December. Collections for 1939 aggregated only \$4,594,000. The big increase in revenues from income taxes is explained by the commission as reflecting a substantial improvement in business throughout the state.

Oregon troops are making an enviable reputation at Camp Murray, Washington, Major General George A. White, commander of the 41st division, told Governor Chas. A. Sprague, while on a visit to the capital city Saturday. With the preliminaries of the toughening up process ended the citizen-soldiers, now a part of Uncle Sam's regular army, have settled down to serious training, General White said.

War clouds that hover over three-quarters of the world have all but

blackened out the political picture in the good old U. S. A. So far, the presidential candidates have almost monopolized what little attention the voters have consented to give to politics. With the show-down only three weeks away, however, aspirants for some of the other plums to be distributed this fall are clamoring for attention with but little success up to this time.

In the congressional arenas here in the first Oregon district, veteran James Mott is pretty generally conceded a sweeping victory over his democratic opponent Col. Chas. A. Robertson of West Salem. A swing through the big second district last week left this prognosticator with a very definite impression that the veteran democratic Congressman Walter M. Pierce of La Grande is also slated for another come-back in spite of the fact that Republican Rex Ellis of Umatilla county is making hay while his opponent remains tied to his desk in the national capital. Only in the third congressional district does there appear to be any prospect of a change in the Oregon delegation. There, it is freely predicted, Republican Homer Angell, incumbent, has a real battle on his hands with the huge Democratic registration in Multnomah county presaging a New Deal tidal wave that will carry Democratic Nan Wood Honeyman along with it.

Traffic law violators have contributed \$22,656.64 toward the support of Oregon's state government thru fines in the first nine months of this year, it has been reported by State Treasurer Walter Pearson. This is an increase of \$5521 over the state's share of traffic fines for the same period a year ago.

Motorists who want to be in on the drawing for low license numbers must have their applications in before November 22 when the annual drawing will take place, according to Secretary of State Earl Snell. Last year more than 23,000 motorists had filed applications for new license plates before the drawing date, Snell said.

In spite of the obvious need for a better building to replace the wooden administration building at the state school for the blind the board of control will not recommend this improvement to the forthcoming legislative session because of lack of funds. The board is, however, agreed upon the need for a superintendent's cottage at the institution and will include this improvement in its biennial budget.

The state's liquor monopoly has yielded a profit of \$2,455,279.93, to the credit of the state relief fund in the first nine months of the current year, according to a report by the liquor control board to Governor Sprague.

Although Oregon's traffic fatalities for September were 38 per cent under those of September, 1939, the traffic toll for the first three months of this year is four ahead of that for the same period of last year. Secretary of State Snell is urging motorists to drive more carefully during the remaining months of the year in an effort to improve the state's record for the year.

EOCE vs. Portland U. At Homecoming

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, Oct. 5.—The 11th annual homecoming will be held at Eastern Oregon College of Education on Saturday, October 12. Local alumni, college students and faculty are making plans for this to be one of the outstanding events of the fall term.

Registration of alumni will begin at 9:00 o'clock on Saturday morning. The new flagpole will be dedicated at 10:30, after which President Maaske and the college faculty will have an informal open house in the college offices. A grand parade of the college band and the La Grande and Union high school bands will precede the football game between the Mountaineers and the University of Portland freshmen at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon.

The homecoming banquet will be held at 6:45 at the Sacajawea hotel, followed by the homecoming dance in the college auditorium.

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COMING EVENTS

Oct. 18 Soph Assembly
 Oct. 18 Home game, Hermiston
 Oct. 18 H-Club Dance

GRID DUST

Here are the Wheat League standings:

Wheat League Standings	Won	Lost
Arlington	2	0
Heppner	2	1
Condon	1	1
Fossil	0	3

The Mustangs take a rest this week end as a result of failure of plans to go through for a return game with Fossil. However, Coach Knox is trying to arrange a six man game with Ione.

Who thought that we would ever have a dirty player on a Heppner team? Well, it seems as though some one was at least careless. Whether it is purposeful or not is questionable, but the fact remains that this cost us 45 yards in penalties in the Condon game.

In the Coast spotlight: Nothing much was decided when O. S. C. met U. S. C. at Los Angeles Saturday. Dopesters were sure that after that game they would have a definite basis for predicting the P. C. C. results. They were disappointed, however, because the result of the game was a scoreless tie. The only team with a percentage rating at all is Stanford as a result of their 13-0 shellacking of Oregon.

HEPPNER TROUNCES CONDON

Heppner downed Condon 26-0 in its first home game last Friday. A large crowd was there to watch our team and to enjoy a half time game between the eighth and seventh grades, the latter winning by a score of 7-0.

The Mustang's first home game was a great success, not only in the league standings but also financially.

The Heppner lighter but more powerful line out-fought the Condon line all afternoon. The local squad had a net gain of 148 yards to the visitors' 32 yard gain. Condon couldn't seem to get a pass over right half, Barratt, who intercepted two of their nine passes. Snow also had an interception to his credit. The Heppner team attempted nine passes and completed three for a short net gain of only eight yards. The showing of the Mustang line was a total of nine first downs to the Red Devils' three, all of which came in the first half. Heppner's tall, lanky center, Don Evans, out-punted Fatland of Condon by a sum of two yards. Both teams' averages were 29 and 27 yards, respectively. Heppner seemed to be somewhat on the larger end of the penalties, having a total of 60 yards to their opponents' 25 yards.

The first score came in the first period when left half, Hugh Crawford, sprinted around the end for a twenty yard gain and a touchdown. Crawford again in the second quarter scored from the Condon nine on a similar play. Roy Pettyjohn scored Heppner's third score in the same period on a short line drive over center. The last touchdown came in the third quarter when fullback, Pettyjohn, again plunged to pay dirt.

The local team has two weeks to prepare for the Hermiston Bulldogs who they play here on the eighth-tenth of October.

Conduct at the Game

Many of the students who enter high school do not realize to what extent they are judged by their actions at the games. Townspeople either look upon you with disgust or admiration.

You must realize that the school is not only judged by the building, faculty, and equipment, but by the students' behavior at social functions.

Last Friday at the game, some of the high school boys decided to play on the side lines. They created the impression that the game held no interest for them. Go to a game with the determination that you are there to see your team play, win or lose. Encourage them in victory or in defeat, join in with the songs and yells. Show the team you are trying too, and do not run up and down steps. You may be noticed but not in the light you wish to be.

A very important item not to be overlooked is that you should not boo your opponents. Nothing is more detrimental to your reputation for sportsmanship than to hiss or boo the opponent.

On the whole the conduct of our school is good but let's put it above that. We have begun well. Let us maintain that by boosting our team, and bring Heppner's sportsmanship reputation to the TOP.

Band to Launch Campaign

The band has decided to launch a campaign to raise money for uniforms, instruments, and other needs. A program committee has been appointed to suggest ideas for money making and also for creating a new band spirit. A few of the suggestions were a winter formal (public invited), selling School Musician magazines at a reduced price, and selling confections.

In the ten years of the band, it has been mostly self-supporting. Fifty dollars a year are given by the school board which pays for the majority of the music. This means that stands and other supplies must be paid by the money the band has earned and money the people have so generously donated. The townspeople will never realize how much the band appreciated their fine cooperation.

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