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Hood River Meeting To Draw City Officers

Police officers from Heppner and other cities of the state will meet January 15 at the Columbia Gorge hotel, three miles west of Hood River for the annual session of the Oregon Association of City Police Officers and under the leadership of specialists will discuss maximum auto speed legislation, retirement plans, allocation of liquor license fees for city police work and other topics, according to word received here from Henry F. Beistel, of the University of Oregon bureau of municipal research.

Call for the session, regarded as one of the most important ever held by the association, was issued by Carl Bergman, Eugene chief of police and president of the association. Committee reports, special reports and election of officers for the coming year are also on the program.

Legislation for maximum auto speeds is an highly important subject, Chief Bergman points out, since the coming session of the legislature is expected to amend the present speed law program to include designated speeds, rather than adherence to the "Basic rule" practice.

The police officers will also discuss the proposal to publish auto registrations by the state, and the advantages of such a practice will be outlined.

The 1941 police training school, to be again sponsored by the League of Oregon Cities and the university bureau of municipal research, will be discussed, as will coordination of local police training programs.

Speakers for the day will include Earl Campbell, secretary-director of the Portland Traffic Safety Commis-



By DR. WM. C. STRAM, O. D.

Some years ago a widely-quoted gentleman said, "I don't care who makes the country's laws, as long as I can write the country's songs." Well, that is a very fine sentiment, but a lot of Tin Pan Alley's top tunesmiths are now wishing they had become lawyers or politicians instead of song writers. There is absolutely no harmony in the music business these days with BMI and ASCAP fighting to see who is going to control the sour notes that come through your radio loudspeaker. They claim that music hath charms to soothe the savage breast, but apparently it doesn't work very well on civilized breasts, because the boys who are doing the battling are so full of music that even their bones creak in rhythm.

And talking of rhythm, you should have seen those colored boys play basketball at Ione last night. They were a symphony of muscular syncopation, just a little too fast for the Morrow county boys, but not much too fast.

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Power Company Has Much Grief from Fog

The Pacific Power and Light company feels that its Morrow county customers are interested in knowing the causes for the interruptions to electric service which have occurred since the 8th of January.

Fog freezing on the lines has been the cause of the trouble, and it is with real pleasure that news has been received from the affected area that the frost condition was eliminated by the chinook wind which started Tuesday morning in Heppner.

While the "outages" have all been of short duration, and most of them during late night hours, any stoppage of service affects some users. The Pacific company is naturally doing all possible to maintain continuous service because, a loss of service to the customer means that his meter has stopped and he will use less current with a lower return to the company. The larger the number of customers out of service, the larger the loss to the company; not to mention overtime wages for troublemen, extra transportation costs, toll charges, replacement of broken poles and miscellaneous line material.

The cheerful attitude of the affected customers, during the trouble, is very much appreciated, says Ray Kinne, local manager.

NEW POLICEMAN HERE

Roger L. Thomas, transferred from the Baker district, is the new state policeman stationed at Heppner. He arrived this week. Thomas has the unique distinction of having been on the R4, U. S. submarine, when it was stuck under water for 36 hours off the coast of the Hawaiian islands. Naturally, it was somewhat of a thrill, said Thomas, though actually the men aboard were never in much danger. There were ships all around with which they were in constant communication.

J. D. Swanson, special agent for the FBI in charge of the Portland office; Captain Dana E. Jewell, Portland, and others.

Other officers of the association, all of whom are expected to attend the meet, include: C. A. Blodgett, Oregon City, first vice president; L. M. Ackerman, Klamath Falls, second vice-president; Ben F. Graybill, Grants Pass, secretary-treasurer, and the following directors: John K. Acton, Astoria; L. V. Jenkins, Portland; H. F. Hollenbeck, Hood River.

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Committees Named as Lawmakers Start

By GILES L. FRENCH

The 41st legislative assembly of Oregon got under way Monday with little or no evidence of the struggle for the speakership that gave some signs of disrupting the house organization before it was made. Farrell's group was able to attach to it the newly appointed G. C. Huggins who took the place of injured Bertie McCloskey and the long doubtful Orval Thompson of Albany who has been astride the fence since the speakership campaign began.

House members seem a trifle worn out from the acrimony of fighting for their offices and the first day was without startling event or signs of activity other than prosaic organization. The quietness of the day was real in another way. There is no long string of women at the door asking each legislator for a job, few men to buttonhole one and speak of his delinquent rent and hungry children when asking for a few days work. The effects of the war preparations are thus felt.

War preparation may also be felt in the lack of hard fighting for more relief money. The governor's budget has raised this fund from the \$18,000,000 it was last year to \$21,000,000 and that will probably suf-

ice, things being what they are. It may be just as well to save the taxpayers for the demands that will likely be made upon them when the war preparations cease.

Committee appointments were announced late Monday evenings in the house although senators knew their places for work before that time. Senator Steiwer will be chairman of assessment and taxation, and a member of elections and privileges, industries, livestock, and resolutions. Representative French is chairman of land use, as in 1939 session, and is a member of assessment and taxation, revision of laws, and utilities, as well as being a vice chairman of medicine, dentistry and pharmacy. Representative Harvey Miller is vice chairman of game, and a member of elections (which may be a very important one), forestry, and livestock.

There is much talk of the length of the session but no enthusiasm about the 40 day intention of leaders.

Wm. Instone of Lena was treated at a local physician's office today for a jagged cut between the eyes received when his car skidded on a slick place in the road on the way to town, throwing him against the windshield swipe.

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ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Engagement of Miss Martha Blair, fourth grade teacher in the local schools, to Mr. Anthony Sokolich of San Pedro, Cal., was announced Sunday afternoon at a tea at the Robert D. Knox home, with Mrs. Knox and Miss Blair as hostesses to a large group of ladies. The wedding will be a June event at Monmouth. Mr. Sokolich is teaching in junior high school at Cottage Grove.

Mrs. Max Harris was severely cut in the left forearm when she fell at her home Tuesday and pushed her hand through a window.

Lee Scritsmeier received a cut lip, requiring two stitches, yesterday, in an accident while working on some machinery.

DOES FORD PAY GOOD WAGES?

HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor.

During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employes, students, or executives. They were paid \$185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was \$1,629.05.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employes, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

- Unskilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour
- Semi-skilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour
- Skilled . . .
Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour
Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions:

Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employes. Proof of this is found in the following com-

parison of compensation insurance costs:

The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

25,819	between 40 and 50
14,731	between 50 and 60
3,377	between 60 and 70
417	between 70 and 80
12	between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employes, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.



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