

LEXINGTON NEWS

Lex Ball Tossers Win Two Games

By MARGARET SCOTT

The high school basketball team won two games on their home floor the past week. Tuesday evening they defeated the Boardman Yellow Jackets by a score of 35 to 13 and Friday evening they were victors over St. Joseph's Academy from Pendleton 23 to 8.

The Christian Endeavor held their monthly social at the church Saturday evening. Louise Hunt led the group in a number of games after which refreshments of corn chowder and crackers were served.

Quite a number of local people attended the basketball game in Ione Wednesday evening last week between the Morrow County All Stars and the Hottentots from Chicago. Everyone reports a very enjoyable game with the Hottentots winning 32 to 29.

George Tucker will conduct services at the Christian church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, immediately following Sunday school. Everyone is cordially invited.

Mrs. Lola Breeding of Spray was a visitor at the Wilbur Steagall home Friday.

Norman Ruhl and Westley Flee- nor are quite ill at their homes.

Doris Klingler has returned home from the Pendleton hospital where she has been confined with a broken ankle.

The Lexington Oil Co-op has purchased a new truck for their delivery truck.

Jay Griffith of Spray was a visitor in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gleason, Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Amend and Miss Charlotte Chambers were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Foss Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Leathers of Portland are visiting their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael.

Roger Campbell spent Friday evening with Jack Miller.

A. M. Edwards and Park Carmichael have returned to Boardman to resume work.

Frank Tierney of Walla Walla was a business visitor at the A. M. Edwards home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Baun and Charlene spent the week end in Spokane.

The Three Links club of Lexington is planning a cabaret to be given at the Leach hall in the near future. Amusement for all. Watch for the date.

Mary Hunt and Amanda Duvall entertained with a "500" party at the Hunt home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer entertained a group of friends at their home Thursday evening.

Long-Range Weather Forecasts on KOAC

Long-range weather forecasts giving probable developments over a five-day period, are now being broadcast every Tuesday and Friday over KOAC, state-owned station on the Oregon State college campus. These forecasts are obtained twice a week direct from the Portland office of the weather bureau, over government leased wire, and are put on the air seven times each Tuesday and Friday, starting at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

G. R. Hyslop, head of the plant industries division of the school of agriculture, who carried on negotiations for the five-day forecasts, says that they are expected to be of outstanding value to Oregon farmers. Even though they are not 100 percent accurate, the long-range forecasts will give a better indication than could be obtained previously of weather trends, and thus will be of value particularly to hay growers and livestock operators, as well as to horticulturists planning dusting or spraying operations. The information will also be of value during the planting season, and will be used by flax plants in connection with retting operations, Hyslop believes.

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STATE CAPITAL NEWS

- Job Protection
- \$10,000 to County
- Redistricting

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—A program designed to protect the jobs of men who are being inducted into the nation's armed forces has now been definitely worked out, according to Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. Cooperating in this program, in addition to the selective service organization are the state and federal employment agencies and the state department of vocational education.

Under this program a record will be set up showing the employment of men at the time of their induction into service as well as their skills and occupational experience. When the men are discharged from service every effort will be made to return them to their old jobs. If this is not possible efforts will be made to find some other job for which they are qualified. For men who lack training for jobs this training will be supplied through special courses to be set up by the state department for vocational education.

A total of 454,608 books were loaned by the state library during the past two years, according to the biennial report of Miss Harriett C. Long, state librarian. These books, going out in 87,490 separate shipments were distributed through 665 Oregon postoffices to ranch homes, forest lookouts, schools, villages, public libraries, granges and other organizations.

Large American flags now flutter in the breeze from the tops of the two tall fir poles recently installed at either end of the new capitol building. The flags, presented to the state by the Salem Elks lodge were first raised in a ceremony conducted during the noon hour on the opening day of the legislative session with prominent members of the Elks, the American Legion and officials of the state participating.

Income taxpayers in Oregon contributed a total of \$6,021,326 toward the support of state government during 1939, according to a report of the state tax commission. This represents an increase of 31 percent over the 1939 collections and 10 percent over 1938. A total of 169,521 individuals filed income tax returns with 109,697 paying a tax.

Morrow county's share of the \$2,410,961.31 in highway funds just allocated to the several counties by Secretary of State Earl Snell amounted to \$10,560.92. The apportioned money represented 15.7 percent of the 1940 revenues from motor vehicle and operators' registration fees, motor vehicle fuel taxes, motor carrier fees and fines for traffic law violations. The apportionment was based upon the 1939 registration of motor vehicles in each county.

There were 45 percent more persons placed in jobs through the state employment service during 1940 than during 1939, it was shown in the annual report of L. C. Stoll, state

employment director. Job placements during 1940 totalled 170,569 compared to 117,019 in 1939 and 70,102 in 1938.

That the proposed legislative redistricting of the state as outlined by Representative Neuberger of Multnomah county is not going to prove any too popular is a foregone conclusion. Already the measure is being made the target for severe criticism, not only at the hands of senators and representatives from those counties standing to lose representation in the proposed reshuffle, but from other upstate lawmakers who do not like the idea of giving Multnomah county such a big bloc of votes as it would have under the proposed plan.

In the senate the Neuberger bill proposes to abolish the Lane-Linn joint district and give Lane county two full senators, leaving Linn with its one. Josephine county would be deprived of its one senator and tied into a joint district with Jackson county. The Clackamas-Columbia-Multnomah district would be abolished and Columbia tied into a joint district with Clatsop while Clackamas county would be given two senators of its own.

Over east of the mountains it is proposed to do away with the present Gilliam-Sherman-Wheeler district and tie Gilliam and Sherman counties in with Hood River and Wasco counties and throw Wheeler county in with Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson and Lake. Morrow coun-

ty would be tied in with Umatilla county in another joint district and Baker county which now has a senator of its own would be joined up with Union and Wallowa counties. The three senators squeezed out of the less populated areas by the reshuffle would be given to Multnomah county, increasing its delegation in that house to nine.

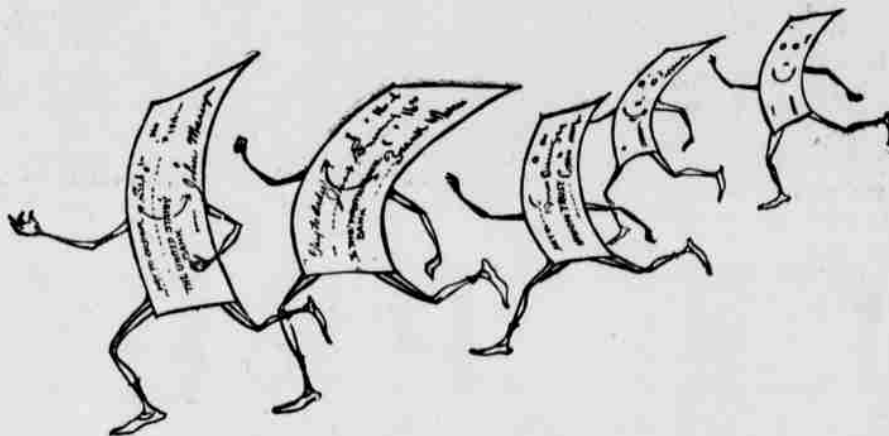
On the House side of the picture the counties of eastern and central Oregon would also stand to lose most heavily in the reshuffle. The Gilliam-Morrow-Sherman-Wheeler district which now has two representatives would be abolished and a new district created out of Gilliam, Morrow and Sherman counties with a single representative while Wheeler county would be tacked on to the present Crook-Jefferson district. The Deschutes-Lake district would be wiped out and Lake county tied in with Grant and Harney with one representative between the three and Wallowa county would be deprived of its seat and joined up with Umatilla county with an allotment of two representatives. The Clackamas-Multnomah and the Clatsop-Columbia joint districts would be both abolished. Multnomah county would again be the principal beneficiary of the proposed redistricting, picking up five new members to bring its House delegation up to a total of 18.

According to long prevailing custom the lawmakers knocked off work shortly after noon Thursday

and most of them, together with the small army of clerks and stenographers on the legislative payroll left immediately for their homes to spend the week end resting up for the work ahead. Only a handful of senators and representatives, mostly from the wide open spaces of eastern Oregon, and members of the ways and means committee remained in the capital city after the gavels sounded the adjournment. A statistically minded member of the capital family has figured it out that the workless week end cost the taxpayers approximately \$2000 in clerk hire alone for doing nothing.

Labor launched its fight for liberalization of the unemployment compensation act during the first week of the session. Four bills sponsored by the American Federation of Labor were brought to Salem and deposited in the House hopper. One of these seeks to eliminate the "experience rating" provision. A second seeks to reduce the waiting period from three to one week. A third seeks to increase the maximum of weekly benefits paid to jobless workers from \$15 to \$24. The first is designed to eliminate the seasonality exemption for employers. At the same time it was discovered that the "experience rating" provision written into the act in 1939 contains an error which must be corrected before the Oregon program can meet the standards required by the Social Security board.

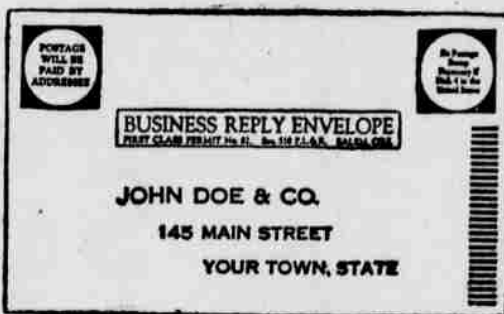
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