



Behind the Scenes at Salem

French, Peterson on Leading Committees

The Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman-Wheeler representative district should fare well in the legislature during the present session, for both representatives, Giles French of Morrow and Henry Peterson of Morrow county, have been assigned to important committees.

French has been named chairman of the revenue and taxation committee, perhaps the most important group of the lower house. Peterson was assigned to five committees including vice-chairmanship of public institutions and membership on public welfare and unemployment, agriculture, livestock and health and public morals groups.

This word was brought to Heppner by J. Logie Richardson who was in Salem to attend Governor Snell's inauguration and who like many others had to return home before the senate settled the argument over the presidency of the upper house.

The Gazette Times is indebted to Representative French for a resume of the legislature in the earlier sessions. These reports will run throughout the session. Since Mr. French's column arrived late and the senate finally settled its difficulty by electing Senator Steiwer, we are omitting the controversy, and giving only the house news.

By GILES FRENCH

In the house the organization proceedings were gone through with no delay, no rough spots, brought about by effective work of arranging so that each one knew what he was to do and when he was to do it.

There were only two contests and little interest in them. It appears from the house side to be the start of a successful session as far getting sensible legislation through. What might happen in the senate may make a serious difference.

Earl Snell, all set for the big day of his political career might well feel rather badly treated. He had a number of guests down from his home town and district, quite a few from Portland, all of whom sat on the iron bottomed chairs in the house chamber all afternoon Monday until the inaugural was definitely called off until evening, then it was called off until morning, now until afternoon with the prospect that it may go on forever.

One doesn't get prepared to be made governor many times in his lifetime and it is too bad that it should have been delayed. Now it will be a sort of anti-climax to the ending of a lengthy debate for the senate president election. The fight will go down in history long after the other events of these days are forgotten. All in all it is a bad break for Earl Snell.

The house chamber has been cluttered up with chairs since the first morning. There is room for the senate and seats for hundreds along the sides of the house room. Microphones cover the desks and radio announcers and technicians test and talk in order to be ready when—and if—there is an inaugural.

The house had 15 bills Tuesday noon, and for the first time in the known history of the state printed a calendar without the senate having one also.

Not so many people want jobs around the house as usual, but there are enough. All jobs could be filled by two employees and still have a few left. There seems an attraction about it that lasts as long and as well as the desire to sit in the legislature.

Selective Service Violators to Be Rounded Up

State Director to Press Campaign for Early Prosecution

Start of a campaign to locate for compliance or prosecution all Oregon registrants listed by local boards as delinquents was announced by Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service, following a conference with United States District Attorney Carl G. Donaugh and representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Willful violators of the selective service and training act can expect speedy prosecution and stringent penalties Donaugh has assured the state director. Maximum penalty under the act is five years in prison or \$10,000 fine or both.

Although willful violators of the act can expect no leniency, Col. Wooten indicated that registrants who have become delinquent only through unintentional neglect to notify local boards of change of address or other unintentional minor infractions of the law would receive less stringent treatment.

"Any person who voluntarily reports to his local board during the month of January 1943 and whose delinquency was not willful is likely to be given a chance to comply with his obligations and not be prosecuted," Col. Wooten said. "In the event such persons have been listed by the local board as delinquents but not yet reported to the United States district attorney, the decision will rest with the local board. Decision as to the prosecution of registrants reported to the U. S. district attorney although the local board is authorized to make recommendations.

Col. Wooten stated that assistance of newspapers and radio had been enlisted in the hopes of locating many registrants now listed as delinquents but whose delinquency was probably unintentional and consisted chiefly of forgetting to report a change of address to local boards. Only by immediately contacting local boards can registrants suspected of delinquency hope to clear themselves, he pointed out.

Notices of delinquency have been sent to 3,467 Oregon registrants since the beginning of selective service operations but 1515 of this number cleared themselves with local boards without being reported to the U. S. district attorney. Beginning Feb. 1, 1943, delinquent registrants can expect law enforcement officers to "crack down hard," it was intimated by Col. Wooten.

James Driscoll Buys Bowling Alley

James Driscoll bought the Heppner Bowling Alleys from Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoppold the past week and reopened the place immediately. The Hoppolds closed the alleys early in the fall because of difficulty in obtaining help, although patronage was such as to warrant continued operation.

Driscoll states that bowling is proving popular, particularly with the soldiers stationed at Camp Heppner. Prior to the reopening there had been little in the way of recreation for the boys and they are making the best of this new outlet for evening pleasure.

The new management expressed the hope that citizens will come in and mingle with the boys from the camp. They are typical home boys away from home and appreciate association with civilians.

Need of Service Mens Center in Heppner Discussed by Lions Club

Discussion waxed a bit warm over the question of whether or not Heppner should provide a recreation center for service men of Camp Heppner when the subject was presented to the Lions club Monday noon.

Lion Frank Turner, program chairman for the month of January, presented three projects which he thought the club should include in its work schedule, namely, the matter of utilizing the courthouse park as a summer recreation center, the construction of a horse-shoe court, and the possibility of establishing a service men's center in town.

The first two projects were tabled following a brief discussion and the service mens center held the club's attention for an overtime period. Some misunderstanding prevailed regarding requirements for a center and everything from croquet to pingpong was discussed, with a bit of attention given to cor-

rect and incorrect conduct of adolescent youth.

Opinions appeared to agree on the need of some type of supervised recreation for the soldiers. One side took the viewpoint that Heppner is too small a town to finance such a center while an opposite view was that it could be operated on a small financial budget if the people of the community would devote the time required to keep the program in motion. At that point the chairman called time stating that the subject could be given more consideration at the next meeting.

A plan following the USO was proposed. This would require securing a room of sufficient size to permit dancing on a limited scale, and where refreshments may be served, as well as including game tables, lounges and other furnishings essential to a comfortable and workable center.

Have You a Piece of Furniture to Spare?

Have you a piece of furniture not now in use but still serviceable that you could loan to the boys at Camp Heppner to help fix up their recreation hall? Furnishings are mighty scarce out there and such articles as davenport, upholstered rockers and davenport chairs are to be found only among the boys' cherished memories of home. It is not expected that you will give up your nice furniture, but if you have some pieces stored away—an old sofa or davenport, comfortable rockers, a settee—anything that will provide more comfort than the hard benches the boys are now compelled to use—get in touch with Lt. E. E. Weatherford at the camp.

RECENT COPIES OF GAZETTE TIMES BADLY NEEDED

Due to pressing demand for tear sheets and advertising copies, the Gazette Times finds it is out of filing copies for the issues of October 1 and 8, 1942. The regular sale price of the paper, five cents per copy, will be paid to subscribers bringing in copies of these two issues.

Credit Association Schedules Meeting

The Pendleton Production Credit association will hold its ninth annual meeting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Pendleton on Monday, Jan. 25, Secretary-Treasurer W. E. Moore announced today.

The association finances farmer and stockmen members who will come from Morrow, Umatilla, Walla, northern Union and Grant counties. The meeting will start at 10:30 o'clock with reports from officers and directors, showing the largest years business in the history of the association. A luncheon will be served at noon with an entertainment program. The business session will again convene at 1:15 o'clock and the members will elect three directors to succeed board members whose terms expire, and a varied program of speakers will be presented.

The program will be tuned to the war effort and special emphasis will be placed on producing to the utmost in meeting the government's food and fibre requirements and in backing up the boys on the fighting fronts by purchasing War Savings Bonds to the limit of their ability.

J. W. Bradley, secretary of the Production Credit Corporation of Spokane, will be the guest speaker, and will talk on the 1943 Food-for-Freedom production goals and the part agriculture is taking in the war effort.

HOME NURSING CLASS TO START MONDAY

Mrs. Tress McClintock announced today that the home nursing class she has been instrumental in organizing will hold its first meeting at 8 p. m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Frank Rumble with Mrs. Dorothy Schroeder in charge.

All persons signing up for the class are asked to keep the date in mind and be on hand for this important meeting.

GOES TO NEW ORLEANS

Mrs. Ed Burchell received a telegram Monday from her husband, Lt. Ed Burchell, stating that he had been transferred to New Orleans for a course at the Higgins boat school.

Food for Freedom Goals 1943 Set for Morrow County

Maximum Output Of Every Farm Seen To Meet Demand

Food for Freedom goals for 1943 calling for the highest production in history for Morrow county were announced this week by the county USDA war board, along with plans for mobilizing the full resources of every farm for maximum production.

"The labor and machinery shortage is going to make it a tough job but we can do it," was the consensus of the farmers and farm leaders attending an all day meeting of the war board and county agricultural planning committees at which goals were established and plans set up for working with the farmers of the county to achieve all-out production.

Generally the county goals are to follow those of the state and nation calling for more livestock and poultry production and shifts in crop acreages to increase output of the essential crops most needed in the war effort.

The largest increase in production goals set for Morrow county was that of pork production with a 25 percent increase in the number of sows farrowing this coming spring and a 50 per cent increase in the number of sows farrowing next fall. Morrow county farmers are being asked to contribute to the triple job of feeding American armed forces, armed forces of the United Nations, and war workers at home practically all items, with the exception of wheat and feed grains and in marketing of sheep and lambs. Most increases range from 1 to 25 per cent over last year.

The decrease in the sheep population in Morrow county during the past few years has prompted the setting of a slaughtering goal of 10 per cent lower than in 1942.

An increase of 20 per cent in the number of beef slaughtered during 1943 is being asked not only to furnish more meat but also to bring cattle number in line with feed supplies. It was brought out at the county meeting that cattle numbers in the United States are now at an all time high while feed supplies this year are critically low.

The following goals were set for Morrow county and in all cases represent minimum goals as all that can be produced will not be too much:

Milk cows and milk production to be maintained at the 1942 figure. Sows for farrowing in spring, 25 percent increase; sows for farrowing in fall, 50 percent increase; beef to be slaughtered, 20 per cent increase; sheep and lambs for slaughter, 10 per cent decrease; laying hens, eggs and chickens to be raised for meat, 25 per cent increase.

Turkey production, 15 per cent increase; wheat acreage, 3.1 per cent decrease; feed grains, 19 per cent increase; hay acreage, 10 per cent increase; potato acreage 33 per cent increase; dry edible peas of smooth varieties for harvest, as pasturage or hay, 2,000 acres; dry beans, 300 acres.

This bean acreage represents an increase of 300 per cent, while the pea acreage represents a total increase of 2000 acres.

TUESDAY VISITOR

Mrs. Mabel Hughes was in town Tuesday, the first visit in several months during which time she spent several weeks in a Portland hospital and later recuperated at the home of her sister, Mrs. Bertrand Warren, in Walla Walla.