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## Behind the Scene at Salem

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Explanation of things done may be compressed into a very short space; prophesy of things to come may be extended for many, many words.

Things actually done included organization of both houses, the senate's delayed—but that is a long story and an old one. For the first time in recent history the members stayed in session the first week until Saturday morning. Correspondents gave as the reason the desire to save face. That is incorrect. The reason is that the presiding officers of both houses refused to adjourn sooner. Both are from the country, neither could go home and they have always disliked the delays of the earlier weeks.

More bills are coming in to the house this year than before, largely because of a number of minor details from the state offices. There are a number of changes needed in the code, some discrepancies between the constitution and the law about elections and some little matters that should be replaced because of two similar laws. The house has already passed several of these.

The ways and means committee, under vigorous championship, is moving to consider the mass of figures that make up the biennial budget. It won't be a short job and the members will be red eyed and nervous before it is done.

In the meantime the taxation committees are trying to gather in the bills that have been promised so they can be studied by members before they are considered by the committees.

Education heads of the state are buzzing around trying to find favor the amendments to the bill passed last November. Most of them have found the major faults of the bill and these have been corrected by the teachers association itself. No one, however, has discovered a way to make the bill a positive tax reduction measure, but it will be done if possible.

There are bags and buckets of sand in the entrances of the state house, put there, no doubt, by civilian defense workers. It is an encouraging sign. There have been times when there was too little of sand in the state house.

The house lacks color. It seems the regular thing to have one or two members who shout and spout on inconsequential bills, who hold to vague and generally unreasonable theories of government or administration, or who are peculiar for some other reason.

This house has no one to compare to the oratorical Wiley, to O. Henry Olene who tried for years to reconcile low taxes with high pensions — unsuccessfully — with nonstudying Student Allen. Before the session is ended some one may be found who becomes intoxicated with the sound of his own voice, some one who shouts his convictions. While such men are notably ineffective as legislators they do provide the comedy relief, and so, in their absence, the members may have to follow Little Abner and Terry and the Pirates.

Only matter on which the house has shown sides of division so far, has been the matter of paying secretaries \$6 instead of \$5. The house organization is against it and so far the group favoring it has been too small to bring it to the floor. A

## C of C Directors Named at Meeting Tuesday Evening

### Group Seeks More Cooperative Effort Of Citizens in 1943

More cooperation among citizens of the community to preserve civic solidarity and protect business interests was the keynote of the annual meeting of the Heppner chamber of commerce at the Lucas Place Tuesday evening.

Although not largely attended considerable enthusiasm was displayed in proposals for objectives for the ensuing year and at least one project, a small city park, was definitely placed on the club's program.

Primary object of Tuesdays meeting was the election of directors for the ensuing biennium. The usual proceedings were dispensed with and the club took a short cut by nominating and electing in one evening. Out of eight nominees five were elected including D. W. Glasgow, Charles B. Cox, L. E. Bisbee, Dr. A. D. McMurdo and B. J. Elliott.

A discussion of the park proposal revealed that several of the business men had been giving the matter serious thought. Need of a small, shade covered tract close in was presented and this brought forth numerous expressions regarding equipping and operating such a park. Sites including the court house park, CCC camp and the small tree covered plot south of the creamery were reviewed with a tendency to favor the latter. Definite action was not taken but a committee of three, L. E. Dick, L. E. Bisbee and O. G. Crawford was named to investigate the feasibility and report back at a future meeting.

Probability of a discontinuance of the Heppner branch of the Union Pacific failed to create much interest, although it was felt that the club should keep a watchful eye on developments. In the absence of President P. W. Mahoney, Vice President Clarence Rosewall asked that the matter be tabled for later consideration.

The secretary's report showed the club in good financial condition despite the loss of membership. A new firm, The Red and White grocery, Van Horn and Quackenbush, was added to the roster the past week.

## RAAFT BOARD SEEKS MISSING REGISTRANTS

Morrow County Local Board of Selective service asks that if any person knows the present addresses of the following registrants it would be a service to the local board and the registrant if they will send the addresses to the local board office: James Albert Kelly, Jack Bailey. (not Jack Raymond Bailey formerly of Ione); Elmie Laten Swallow; Robert Bottoms; Mauricio Encinia; Harry Leroy Hyatt.

## TO SPEAK ON BIRDS

Ed Parker of the forest service has been scheduled to lecture at the monthly birthday party at the Methodist church Monday evening, Jan. 25. His subject will be *Flowers and Birds of Oregon*.

majority of the members have some member of their own family as secretary and some others have secretaries who are here to see the wheels go 'round, regardless of pay.

## Bond Presentation to Be Made at Early Date

Presentation of the \$1000 bond to the winner of the October salvage campaign, scheduled to be made Tuesday evening of this week and postponed due to inability of the party designated to make the award to arrive at that time will be made in the near future, according to C. D. Conrad, county chairman of the salvage drive.

At a meeting held in Conrad's office shortly after Morrow county was declared the winner, the county salvage committee, after considering all angles, decided to place the bond fund in trust with the Morrow County health association, such fund and its residue, if any, to be used only in case of extreme necessity, such as a disastrous fire or flood, or an epidemic of unusual severity.

Mayor J. O. Turner pledged him-

self to buy the bond, thus placing the money in the trust fund. It is expected that this transaction will be concluded when the formal presentation is made. A dinner meeting sponsored by the salvage committee is contemplated and interested citizens will be invited.

It will be recalled that Morrow county topped all other counties of the state in scrapiron weighed in during the designated three weeks in October. An average of 223 pounds per capita was the result of the campaign, followed by Gilliam county with an average of 216 pounds per capita. This county's average for the fall campaign amounted to 275 pounds per capita while the 1942 average for scrapiron alone was 375 pounds per capita.

## Important Meeting Scheduled for Monday Evening

A meeting of unusual importance to commodity salesmen of the county has been scheduled for 7:30 p. m. Monday Jan. 25, at which time several specialists in pricing will be on hand to inform the different groups regarding price set-ups under the forthcoming rationing program. This information was placed in the hands of Mayor J. O. Turner Wednesday with the instruction that all merchants, garagemen, grocers and any other commodity make it possible for the different handlers, as well as the general public be urged to attend.

The school house was chosen to groups to meet in separate rooms. Those interested in food dispensing will comprise one group and will receive instructions from William L. Mohr, food price specialist. C. H. Miller, service price specialist, will instruct garage men and station operators; J. N. Chambers will handle the class in apparel and general product, and Ernest C. Davis will advise on matters pertaining to state trade relations.

According to Mayor Turner, this is a MUST meeting and every dealer is being requested to be on hand promptly at 7:30 Monday evening.

## March of Dimes Is Current Campaign

In these days of strenuous war financing we are apt to forget one of civilization's greatest enemies—infantile paralysis. The war is being waged against this dread disease and while there have been pronounced forward trides the battle is far from won.

This year, as in the past decade, the drive is going forward for funds to carry on the fight. The usual President's Birthday ball has been omitted and a direct drive for contributions is being pushed. Postmaster Charles B. Cox is Morrow county chairman and he urges every one to be generous. Contributions may be made at the postoffice, or, in case of the "March of Dimes," they may be mailed direct to President Roosevelt.

Cox pointed out that part of the fund raised in Morrow county will be kept here to assist victims of infantile paralysis who are unable to finance special hospital treatment.

## ON BUSINESS TRIP

Orville Smith and P. W. Mahoney drove to Portland Tuesday afternoon on a business mission in connection with the Heppner sawmill.

## Morrow County Goes Over Top In Bond Buying

### \$50,175 Invested by Citizens Here in Month of November

Morrow county came through handsomely with purchases of war bonds during the month of November, marking up a total of \$50,175 invested in national security. It was a generous contribution to the state's total of \$10,787,000, again placing Oregon at the head of the list in the nation.

Those in charge of bond sales realized that a record was being made and were not surprised at the outcome, although feeling a keen sense of gratification over the manner in which surplus funds were being placed at the disposal of the government.

Figures have not been made available for December sales. In that connection, P. W. Mahoney, chairman of the bond and stamp sales campaign in the county, stated that he believed purchases would run nearly as high in that month as in November. This is attributable to the fact that many people made gift purchases of both bonds and stamps in lieu of the usual run of gifts, thereby strengthening the campaign. That there may be a decline in purchases during the late winter and early spring would be a natural trend owing to income tax payments, Mahoney stated.

Oregon's national record is the largest purchase of war bonds in proportion to income of any state in the union—\$9.93 out of every \$100 of income loaned to the government to provide equipment for the boys on the fighting fronts.

Oregon has led the nation twice in the last four months, having also been number one state in August.

The state's quota for January is \$10,300,000, which is \$2,200,000 higher than previously. The quota for Morrow county is \$30,900.

Chairman Mahoney has announced that all school children who fill their war stamp books by March 1, 1943, will receive souvenir blocks made from the historic battleship Oregon. The value of these blocks is not based on monetary standards, Mahoney stated, but upon the proud record of the once front line fighting unit of Uncle Sam's navy and possession of one of the mementos should be an inspiration to the young folks to buy stamps to the limit of their ability.

## Soldiers Moved to Distant Camp

Heppner's military camp, if such it might be termed, was depopulated Monday when a special train came from the main line to take the soldiers temporarily camped here to a distant cantonment. A new contingent had arrived here from the east coast early last week, quite the largest group to be housed at the former CCC camp since occupation by army contingents started more than a month ago.

These men had acquired their basic training in the east and when they left here had no idea where they were going. The same uncertainty prevailed when they left Heppner.

remained at the camp to have things It is understood that four men in readiness if the army finds it necessary to send more men here for temporary housing.

A number of establishments on Main street are feeling the slack in business since the departure of the soldiers and will not object to other groups coming in.

## Mustangs Take Two, Lose One In Past Week

### BIG WHEAT LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W	L
Condon	1	0
Heppner	2	1
Arlington	1	1
Fossil	0	2

An over-confident and ragged herd of Mustangs took one on the nose at Condon Friday night when the Blue Devils, smarting under a 26 to 0 beating administered their football team here last fall, took revenge by stopping the Heppner cabsaba quint 30 to 14. It was the first defeat for the Mustangs and they in turn took it out on Fossil the next night by walking over the Wheeler county quint 33 to 6.

Tuesday night, on the local court, the Mustangs, defending champions of the Big Wheat league, met and defeated Boardman, the defending champions of the Little Wheat league. This was the eighth win in nine starts for the Heppner team.

With both teams playing heads-up ball, the Mustangs grabbed the lead and were never headed. Half-time score was 18 to 11. The Yellow Jackets threw a scare into the Swenson men as they advanced closer and nearly tied up the game in the final quarter.

High point men were Barratt, Mustang forward, with 17 points and Walpole, Boardman reserve, with 12 points. Walpole also was high scorer for the Boardman "B" squad with 16 points as they upset the "Colts" 32 to 22. Ulrich was high scorer for the Colts, running up a total of 12 points. Drake, Heppner center, sprained his ankle and will be out of play for several games.

The next home game will be against the Fossil Falcons in a league session, Friday, Jan. 22.

Heppner (29)	Boardman (24)
Barratt 17	F 4 Smith
Bothwell 2	F 1 Tyler
Drake 4	C 5 Ransier
Shideler	G 2 Lily
Kenny 6	G Russell
Parrish	S 12 Walpole
	(Sub) (Allen)

Referee—Morgan, Ione.  
Scorer—Corwin, Heppner.  
Timer—Strait, Heppner.

## EXAMINER DATE CHANGED

An announcement from the office of the secretary of state is to the effect that after the first of the year the state drivers' license examiner will be at the city hall in Heppner one Tuesday of each month from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. Formerly the examiner was in Heppner on Thursdays. The first stop will be on Tuesday, Jan. 26.