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French Reviews The Legislature

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The third week of the legislature resulted in little action, at least apparent action. Most of the bills are in or are in process of being written, so they are being discussed.

The tax program so far revolves around the proposals of the state tax study commission and except for a sales tax, which is being written, and one or two minor measures it is the only program before the legislators. Whether it will be adopted or not cannot be foretold as the committees are now getting acquainted with the provisions. Hearings started the first of the week, the first bill to be considered being the resolution for a popular vote on changes in the six per cent limitation.

The tax commission suggested that the constitution be amended to make certain that the limitation applied only to property taxes and to permit municipal bodies to establish a new tax base by a vote of the people. Further hearings are being held on the basic school bill distribution bill, which has had a hard week. Portland school board members and taxpayers discovered, belatedly, that the bill will multiply their tax payments. Had they known as much last November, there would have been no bill at all. In reality Portland can hardly get along with the amount it would get under the basic bill now under discussion. Portland's tax levy for schools is not high, being 10.9 mills, smaller than many districts upstate.

The district has not made full use of its six per cent increase each year and has trouble getting enough money. Voters there generally defeat any special tax levies and the school population is much greater than it was before the influx of workers from the east and south.

As it stands at this writing it seems unlikely that the bill would pass in its present form. There are many things about it that are incompletely worked out and it definitely gives the bigger schools a break in some things. Any employee who must have a teacher's certificate is considered a teacher, which would include those who teach kindergarten, adult classes, night classes and so forth, none of which the small schools can have.

Little progress has been made on the budget, that is little that shows up. The ways and means sub-committee are working every day and when their final reports are in and the entire committee gets them added up something will begin to tell.

Band Invited to Play February 27 At Echo Tourney

Heppner's school band has been invited to play during the district basketball tourney at Echo and has been scheduled for the evening of February 27, states Billy Coehel, director. Invitations have been extended to all school bands of the district to play on different evenings.

Many Youngsters Given Awards at Achievement Party

4-H Clubs Show Progress in Work During Past Year

Activities of 4-H club youngsters during the past year were recognized Saturday evening during the annual achievement party held at the Lexington grange hall. First year pins, second year cards, third year pins, fifth and sixth year pins were awarded and one girl, Jo Anne Graves, received a gold pin for completing nine years of 4-H club work.

A potluck dinner opened the party at 6:30 p.m. It being the young people's own affair they were fed first. When the demands of the inner man had been met everybody assembled in the grange hall where the 4-Hers did most of the entertaining. The beef club group sprang a surprise by introducing an orchestra made up of the club's members and assisted by Mr. Nelson, music supervisor of the lone school, and Mrs. Markham Baker at the piano. The group played several numbers. Later, the Baker brothers, Ronald and Duane, played two numbers, Duane soloing on clarinet and Ronald accompanying on the piano. A group of lone club girls sang a song learned at the 4-H summer school at Corvallis.

Cal Monroe, former Gilliam county agent and now assistant state club leader, was the speaker of the evening and three films of 4-H summer school life were shown in addition to one film on soil erosion and what is being done about it.

Miss Katherine Monahan, the home demonstration agent, and Nelson Anderson, county agricultural agent, made awards to the following 4-H club members: First year pins—Walter Gerard, Clair Hunt, Sally McLoughlin, Yvonne Breeding, Iris Bloodworth, Larry Lindsey, Terry McLoughlin, Florence Schooner, Dianna Steagall, Patricia McMillan of Lexington; Patsy Albert, Bernice Huston, Glenda Davidson, Wanda Hodge, Beverly Burns, Dorothy Snow, Robert Buschke, Jerry Buschke, Nancy Eberhardt, Eleanor Rice, Dorothy French, Beth Ball, Harriet Isom of Heppner; Eileen Riddle of Ione; Donald Dweak and Jack Smith of Irrigon; Janet Wright and Rita McDaniel of Hardman; Ronald Baker, Ione; Duane Baker, Ione; Allyn Hughes, Heppner; James Wightman, Heppner; Pat Cutsforth, Lexington.

A list of awards will be published next week.

LEATHERS FOLK GUESTS AT CARMICHAEL HOME

At the C. C. Carmichael home the first of the week were many out-of-town guests here for the funeral of Eugene Milton Leathers. From Vancouver were Mrs. N. H. Leathers, Mrs. Elden Emery, Mrs. Joy Lund and Otto Leathers. Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Sherman and daughters came from Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eubanks from Arlington. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers and son Junior came from Kinzua. Here from Portland is Vernon Leathers.

COSTS REAL MONEY TO MAIL A LETTER IN CHINA

Stamps cost dollars—lots of 'em—in China. No three cents or anything like that will get a piece of mail into the postoffice. Eddie Chinn has been receiving some letters from the old country and the postage bill would be stupendous if Chinese dollars rated the value of American dollars (albeit the letter don't rate so much any more). One letter required \$300 to mail, another \$400 and the third—now hold your breath—\$1800.

The force at the lone postoffice is trying to figure the discrepancy in the first class mail rates, inasmuch as the letters were practically the same weight and all sealed.

Site for County Fair Offered By Lone City Council

While not making an open bid, the town fathers of Lone have assured the county court that they will provide a site if the court and the to-be-appointed county fair board decide to establish the fair grounds outside of Heppner.

Following the stalemate reached between the court and the city of Heppner last fall, the Morrow county farm bureau, interested in seeing a county fair inaugurated in 1947, asked other communities what they could and would do towards providing sites. Lone responded with an offer of suitable ground within the limits of the town. In addition the mayor and council assured the county court that they would cooperate in every way possible to make the project a success.

The lone council's letter was read at the meeting of the farm bureau in the Willows grange hall Monday evening. There was some discussion which brought out the point that if Heppner is not interested or if Heppner and the county court can't get together on their much discussed trade, a move should be made to locate the fair elsewhere.

Tom Wilson, director of the Heppner Soil Conservation service district was the featured speaker at the farm bureau meeting. He gave a most enlightening word picture of the causes for conservation practices and with the aid of picture slides revealed many glaring samples of soil erosion in our own county. Showing what the older countries of the world are doing and have been doing for ages to combat soil erosion, Mr. Wilson displayed pictures he took while stationed in Germany two years ago. The views not only revealed beautiful farm country but graphically depicted the type of farming which has proved successful in combating erosion.

As a summary to the first part of his talk, Mr. Wilson stated that this country's road back from Pearl Harbor is as nothing compared to the long road back in rebuilding our topsoil, without which we cannot survive.

Ione and Heppner In Tie for Little Wheat League Lead

Improved Cardinals Stop Mustangs at Ione 23 to 18

By Bob Mollahan

Little Wheat League Standings	Won	Lost	Pct.
Ione	5	1	.833
Heppner	5	1	.833
Boardman	3	2	.600
Umatilla	2	3	.400
Lexington	1	4	.200
Irrigon	0	5	.000

As a result of their 23-18 triumph over the Heppner Mustangs Tuesday Coach Francis Ely's hard-driving, much-improved Cardinals of lone high school are now tied with the Mustangs for the No. 1 spot in Little Wheat League standings. Since there are but four conference games apiece left they will be crucial ones in the race for the title.

February 7, Friday, Heppner plays Lexington at Heppner and the 11th, the following Tuesday, the Mustangs travel to Umatilla. Last Friday the HHS varsity crew unleashed a pulverizing scoring attack in the opening half and then staved off the Boardman Yellow Jackets' assault in the final half to ring up a 23-19 victory at Boardman. This win marked the Heppner outfit's twelfth triumph out of 13 starts so far this season.

The score: Heppner (23) e (19) Boardman Mollahan 7 f 4 Brower Greenup 9 f 3 Doherty Parrish 4 c 7 Carlson Corwin 5 g 6 Ball Padberg 1 g Carpenter Substitutes for Heppner: L. Rippee, D. Rippee 2; Boardman: Robertson, Ball.

Man Injured When Car Leaves Highway

Wayne O. Lewis of The Dalles suffered several fractured ribs and injury to one foot Monday morning when his car upset a short distance south of Jordan. Lewis was enroute to Heppner when the accident happened.

A short distance this side of driveway into the Clei Rae place Lewis took his eye off the road for an instant only to find the car leaving the road. Due to the soft shoulder of the highway he lost control of the car, resulting in injuries to himself and serious damage to the car.

Lewis is milk inspector for the state department of agriculture and was on a routine inspection trip to this section of his territory. He was brought to the Heppner hotel where his injuries were taken care of. A department car came for him this morning to remove him to his home in The Dalles.

Fire Department Aids Uniform Fund

The Heppner Volunteer Fire department started the ball rolling for new uniforms for the Heppner school band this week by donating \$100 to the cause. This is the first donation received from an organization and it is expected that other groups will follow suit with various amounts.

Fire Chief Blain Isom stated that the gift is more meritorious when it is remembered that the fire department has no source of revenue other than through entertainments or dances and that nothing has been done to augment the finances of the firemen since Christmas time 1942.

GOOSEBERRY SECTION HAS 1-10 INCHES RAINFALL

Moisture in January 1947 was 25 of an inch better than in the same month 1946, according to Leonard Carlson, cooperative weather observer for the Gooseberry section. In 1946 precipitation amounted to .85 of an inch while in 1947 a total of 1.10 inches was recorded at the Carlson station.

January 12 one inch of snow fell and on the 13th three inches fell, making a total of four inches of the beautiful which had disappeared by the 16th. Heaviest rainfall was Jan. 13 with 25 and lightest was the 10th with .06.

Money Still Coming In For Polio Fund

Last week Francis Nickerson had arrived at a state where he was willing to place himself in the mediocre class as a fund campaign manager. The polio drive was over and he was far from his goal. He just knew that the quota he had set would be filled and that Nickerson's not so hot when it comes to raising money.

He was not talking in such vein this week, and although he could not release final figures he admitted that he is sleeping well at nights and that his appetite has been restored to normal—and that's saying quite a lot (and the appetite, that is).

Final Rites For Dr. Lawrence Held Sunday Afternoon

Capacity of Elks Hall Taxed With Sorrowing Friends

A crowd of sorrowing friends that taxed the capacity of the Elks hall gathered Sunday afternoon to pay a final tribute to the memory of Dr. Richard C. Lawrence, whose death resulted from an accident on the Evergreen highway a few miles from Washougal, Wash., Thursday, Jan. 30. The Elks funeral service was used, with Rev. Francis McCormack reading the scripture passage and delivering the eulogy. Miss Marguerite Glavey sang an Ave Maria, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Carmichael. Interment followed in the Heppner Masonic cemetery where the American Legion graveside service was used.

Richard Curtis Lawrence was born Nov. 27, 1902, at Pendleton, the son of Richard Curtis and Ada Carter Lawrence. He attended grade and high school in Pendleton and spent one year at Washington State college, Pullman, going from there to North Pacific dental college, Portland, from which he graduated in 1927 and established a practice in Pendleton the same year. On Dec. 12, 1930 he was married to Isabella Heffern, the ceremony taking place in St. Mary's rectory, Ft. McKenna.

Two children were born to this union, Elizabeth Ann, 15 and Tricia Louise, 13, who, with the mother survive.

The family moved to Heppner March 17, 1934 and Dr. Lawrence entered into the fraternal and civic life of the community. Having joined the Officers' Reserve in 1927, he was called to active duty Aug. 4, 1942 and remained in the service until May 25, 1945 seeing service with the medical corps in the United States and England. He held the rank of captain. He saw much of the bombing and strafing of England by the Germans. Returning to his home in the little town he loved so well he once more established his dental practice and at the time of his death was the only dentist here.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 29, accompanied by Dr. S. E. Allen of Pendleton, Dr. Lawrence started for Seattle to attend a dental meeting. About seven miles below Washougal, Wash., the car left the roadway and plunged over a high embankment. The time was given as 1:30 a.m. Dr. Allen, seriously injured but able to extricate himself from the wreckage, found his way to the highway where he was discovered in an unconscious state. Taken to a hospital he rallied sufficiently to tell part of the story and officers were directed to the spot where the car containing the lifeless body of Dr. Lawrence was found. He was driving when the accident happened and apparently became drowsy.

Leathers Services Held Here Monday

Funeral services for Eugene Milton Leathers, who passed away in Bakersfield, Calif., Jan. 29, 1947, were held at the Phelps Funeral home chapel, Heppner, Monday afternoon. Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Hardman.

Graves-Munkers Wedding Event of Sunday Afternoon

By Mrs. Clarence Hayes

The wedding of Miss Edythe Adele Graves and Mr. Leonard Lee Munkers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Munkers, was solemnized Sunday afternoon in the Congregational church at Lexington. The ceremony was performed before a lattice covered with ivy, white stock, and yellow acacia.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, John Graves. She wore a bright net and lace dress with a fingertip veil. She carried a prayerbook and a white orchid with a shower of fresa.

Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, the bride's sister, was matron of honor. She wore an aqua voile dressed and carried tulle and roses. The Misses Jo Anne and Pauline Graves, nieces of the bride, were bridesmaids, wearing similar dresses of pink and blue net. They carried matching muffs of blue iris, pink carnations, white gardenias and white and yellow daisies. Kay Yarnell was flower girl in blue net and carried a colonial nosegay. Michael Graves was ring bearer.

Joe Way was best man and Vernon Munkers and Archie Munkers, brothers of the bridegroom, were ushers. The double ring ceremony was performed by the bride's brother, Rev. Shelby Graves, of the Church of God of Heppner. The bridegroom's mother was attired in a henna suit with black accessories and wore a corsage of white gardenias.

Preceding the ceremony, Mrs. Vernon Munkers sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," accompanied by Miss Louise Hunt, who also played the wedding march. The candles were lighted by Miss Estelle Ledbetter.

Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlor. Mrs. Elsie Beach cut the cake, and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer and Mrs. Dee Cox poured. Assisting about the room were Mrs. Gus McMillan, Mrs. George Allyn, Mrs. Roy Campbell and Mrs. George Beck. Mrs. John Graves and Mrs. George Graves were in charge of the gift table, and Mrs. Archie Munkers attended the guest book.

After the ceremony the young couple left on a two weeks honeymoon, destination unknown to others.

Jackson Company Announces Sale of Implement Store

Mervin Leonard of Walla Walla Buys Lexington Plant

One of the most important deals in recent years took place at Lexington last week when Mervin Leonard, former manager of the White Bros. Implement company, Walla Walla, purchased the implement store and machine shops of the Jackson Implement company. Mr. Leonard at the same time acquired the International Harvester franchise in the county which has been a substantial part of the Jackson Implement company's operations.

The new owner has named his establishment the Lexington Implement company. Ralph Jackson, owner and operator of the Jackson Implement company, started the business on the 25th of January, 1935, and ran it a few days more than 12 years. He had been a resident of the county for 11 years before entering the business and was thoroughly familiar with the needs of the farmers. The present location of the concern was built in 1943 when a complete and modern line of hardware was installed and an up-to-the-minute machine shop put in. The building is a block long and especial attention was given to arranging and equipping the machine shop for the handling of all kinds of machinery as well as the repair of automobiles and trucks.

Jackson has stated that he and his family have no intention of leaving Morrow county. He has ranch interests which will occupy his time and besides, as he put it, why leave a section that has done so well by him and which he knows will continue to be kind to him.

Mr. Leonard took over the management of the concern on February 1. He has been with the White Bros. Implement company for a number of years and is thoroughly familiar with the international line since the Whites have the franchise in the Walla Walla district.

Sentence Passed On Wayward Youth

Millard Ray Schooley, 20, was sentenced to two years in the Oregon penitentiary Wednesday when the youth appeared before Judge Calvin L. Sweek and pled guilty to a charge of theft of an automobile. Schooley was arrested following the theft of a car at Boardman, near where he has been in the Morrow county jail several weeks awaiting sentence.

Schooley once served a 12-month term in the Preston school of industry at Ione, Calif., a detention home for wayward youth. It is understood he has a charge of some kind hanging over him in California.

NOT TOO LATE TO REMIT FOR CHRISTMAS SEALS

It is not too late to remit for Christmas seals, according to Mrs. Oscar Rippee, seal sale chairman. Those having seals for which the money has not been sent in should do so without further delay, she urges.

BOARDMAN . . .

The final meeting of the Adult Home Economics class is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6. At this time there will be a style show of finished dresses and some instruction on the care of clothing.

Forester's Sister Morse's Secretary

Joe Gjerston, assistant ranger in the Heppner forest area, has a pass to the United States senate and he's not too sure he will get to use it. As a matter of fact, he is inclined to consider the card more in the nature of a souvenir, but at least he can show it to his friends and say he could attend a senate session or two if he wished.

Light Snowfall In Mountains Worry to Forest Officials

Quantities of snow will have to fall in the Blue mountains between now and the first of April if the forest areas are not to be subjected to serious fire conditions during the summer. Not only must there be snowfall but the white blanket must remain on at least until winter officially ends (whenever that is) if the demon fire is to be held in leash during 1947. The present situation definitely has the forest officials worried.

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

A change in the schedule of visits by the Veterans Administration representative has been announced. Hereafter there will be a representative in Heppner on the first and third Tuesdays of each month rather than each week.

Homemaker Units Schedule Meetings

The first February home extension unit meeting on "Kitchens More Livable" will be held in Boardman, Tuesday, February 11, 1947, at the Nate Thorpe home by Mrs. Mabel C. Mack, assistant state home demonstration leader of Corvallis.

This meeting is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a potluck lunch at noon. Every homemaker of the Boardman community is invited to attend.