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French Reviews The Legislature

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It is now possible to begin to estimate what kind of a legislature is this 44th one of Oregon's. They always take some time and is the cause of delay in getting started. Men who have something they want done come down and hang around watching and observing. If the "flavor" of the assembly seems favorable some bills come in, if not they go home.

This assembly contains a very large number of very fine citizens. Most of them are responsible men at home, some retired, some active. They are mostly men of much legislative experience. That is especially true of the senate which has but one or two who have not served before.

Many house members are in unfamiliar committee assignments which gives them new things to learn and makes the proceedings slow. They will learn, but it may take longer. That would indicate a slow session. But also there is little legislation of importance on hand.

Outside of the insurance and school bills there is little of consequence. These take up the greatest part of the thinking. The state needs some eight or ten million new dollars if the ways and means committee uses some strictness in passing appropriations. It may not do so and any generosity on their part, or the part of the legislature itself, will make a need for more money.

That poses another question: what group is to pay the larger part of the new taxes that will be needed. In Oregon property always pays if no other taxpayer is found. If, however, the income tax exemptions can be lowered to take in a few more dollars it will raise about half the required amount. There may be some taxes on gambling of one kind or another, some picking up a million here and there to make the state's budget come out right.

The Tax Study commission made recommendations that would have adjusted taxes satisfactorily, but so far these ideas have not had a very full hearing. Perhaps the powers that be will shove them aside in favor of something else for there seems little inclination to get down to hard study of so difficult a subject.

Proponents of a sales tax have finally introduced a bill to bring about that sort of a tax. It is a hastily constructed bill containing three matters that are not entirely compatible: a sales tax, an income tax exemption and a 40 mill levy. It has long been expected that such a bill would come in. Oddly it seems to have less support than other sales tax bills of former years and although the statement is often made that more people favor the sales tax now than ever before, that statement is impossible of any proof. It is opinion.

This legislature may be so conservative that it will not pass any strong labor restrictions. (A conservative being one who dislikes change.) A bill is being readied for introduction that will amend the Norris-LaGuardia act which defines a labor dispute and permits picketing, or says that picketing is possible at most times. Such a measure seems to have more strength than a closed shop bill. A closed shop is restrictive and there appears little desire for more restriction.

Employers are not asking for the anti-closed shop bill. Letters received by its proponents favoring it are from working men. Not even all labor leaders are for the closed union—which is doing a greater harm to working men than the closed shop.

The public hearing for the basic school support bill, HB 9, was a means of bringing men from all over the state to speak for the equalization part of it. Not one who spoke was going to lose. Had one added up the amounts expected it would have totaled many thousands. Only one, a woman from Eugene, expressed any compunction about taking money from some one else for the education of her children, so far have filial, community and county responsibility fallen.

There will be increases in salaries and wages, higher payments for workmen's compensation, for unemployment compensation, more pay for state and county officials, more taxes for the taxpayer but perhaps nothing so sweeping as was the civil service and retirement bills of last session. These need overhauling—and may not get it.

From the Ione Independent, Feb. 15, 1947: "A card has been received stating that Ernest Heliker and family are enjoying themselves at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Fine weather prevails, fishing and bathing in the ocean and a good time is being had."

P. P. & L. Installs Voltage Regulator At Dufur Station

First Step Taken In Improvement Plan for This Area

Addition of the largest voltage regulator ever installed on the company's system, together with a bank of new 7500-KVA transformers, has been completed at the Pacific Power & Light company transmission substation near Dufur as part of a \$220,000 construction program on power facilities serving the Heppner area, Don Fleck, local manager for the company, announced Monday.

The new equipment, which went into operation on the company's lines late Sunday afternoon, is one of a series of improvements in a general expansion program scheduled for this area five years ago, but delayed by shortages of materials and by government restrictions on construction during the war.

In addition to being the largest of this type of equipment yet installed on the company system, the new regulator has the added advantage of 50 percent more range factor, Fleck said.

The new transformer bank, which more than triples the capacity of the transmission substation, includes three new transformers, each of which weighs more than 44,000 pounds. The voltage regulator weighs 21,700 pounds. A railroad tank car of transil oil was required to fill the insulating tanks of the three transformers.

Fleck said work will start on a new 18-mile transmission line to provide increased capacity for this area as soon as materials are delivered by manufacturers.

News From C. A. Office

Grub control demonstrations held the past week were well attended by interested livestock men. Considerable interest is being shown in grub control and many attending the demonstrations planned to treat their cattle within the next few days. Those that have treated for grubs so far include Russell Moore, Garnet Abercrombie, Russell Cowan, Claud White, Vernon Munkers, Kenneth Smouse, Ray Wright, Roy Robinson, Clara Kincaid, Steve Thompson, Luke Bibby, Gordon McGough, Earl McKinney, Dew Cox, O. W. Cutsforth, Don Heliker, Mankin & Bunch, Newt O'Hara, Harry Sherman, Frank Anderson, and all 4-H beef club members. Others may have treated of which I have no knowledge. I would like to know of any others who have treated so that these herds may be checked or grubs next winter.

The total loss from grubs in the United States has been estimated by various authorities to run as high as \$100,000,000 annually. These losses are caused by less meat, milk and leather from cattle.

The record which won Mrs. Juanita Rietmann of Ione a trip to Washington, D. C., as the state's outstanding crop insurance sales agent also makes her the No. 1 agent for the nation.

The Morrow county wheat grower's wife learned in Washington that her "acreage covered" record of 90,000 acres surpassed that of any other sales agent or committeeman in the country.

Charles A. Nish, Mikkalo, has been appointed a member of the Oregon Soil Conservation Commission by Governor Earl Snell. Nish will fill the unexpired term of the late Walker Franklin. He is recognized as one of the most outstanding advocates of soil conservation in the Columbia Basin wheat area.

Nish's wheat land near Mikkalo was one of the farms visited on the conservation field day in the Arlington area last fall. For a number of years he has been developing conservation measures on this farm in cooperation with the Gilliam county land-use committee, the OSC extension service, the Soil Conservation Service, and the PMA. Tour visitors were impressed with his trashy fallow, sodding of gullies, and the use of crested wheat grass strips alternated with fallow strips across steep slopes.

Home Extension meetings that will be held in Morrow county in February include: Ione, Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10-4 a.m. Congregational church, p. m. Mrs. Oscar Lundell home. Hardman, Wednesday, Feb. 19, 10-4 a.m. school house, p. m. Vern Batty home.

Rhea Creek and Eight Mile, Thursday, Feb. 20, 10-4 a.m. Houston home.

Townies To Tackle Colored Quintet Tuesday Evening

They don't come too big or too fast for Van Marter's Townie aggregation. That's the way it looks when it comes to signing up the local boys for games. For the latest match struck up by La Verne Van Marter is a game between the boys and the Harlem Legionnaires.

People who saw the game here with the Harlem Globetrotters know the colored boys can play basketball as well as pulling a lot of comical tricks. It's an evening's entertainment of different sort and one the cash customers go for. In the forthcoming game said customers will have an opportunity to see in action a team that is top among the colored aggregations traveling about the country.

The Harlem Legionnaires are World War II veterans and members of the American Legion. It is their second season on the road. They won 122 games and lost 14 last season. It is not expected they will lose the game here but with one meeting with clever ball handlers behind them, the local boys will be in there fighting with all the knowledge they picked up in the first game.

The game starts at 8 o'clock Tuesday night, Feb. 18. Better be on hand early if you don't want to stand up.

Net proceeds from this game will go towards the purchase of an electric score board for the local gymnasium.

Youth Recreation Center Revived at Luncheon Meeting

A recreational center for Heppner's youth and repair of the city's dilapidated sidewalks were topics claiming attention of the chamber of commerce at its meeting in the schoolhouse basement Monday noon. Highlighting the program was a pleasing word portrayal of the life of Thomas A. Edison given by Miss Betty Keeton, high school senior, inspired by the 100th anniversary on Tuesday of the birth of the famous inventor.

Discussion of the youth recreation program, introduced by Chamber President L. D. Tibbles, revealed that a recreation center committee headed by Harold Becket now has funds to turn over to the city council to assist in providing a recreation hall. Tibbles explained the position of the council last year when the project was considered as putting itself in the position of accepting funds for improvement of the building at the swimming pool to put it in condition for heating, but taking no responsibility for placing of equipment.

Francis Nickerson, councilman who took office the first of the year, gave as his opinion that improving of the swimming pool building would be of temporary benefit, and strongly favored acquiring of the county fair ground property on North Main street, for which negotiations with the county are being made, and building there a general community center incorporating the youth center project.

Discussion of the sidewalk materials, the shortage of which the last few years has resulted in disrepair and lack of new construction, are now available, and encouraged investigation to see if labor may not be obtained to proceed with the dormant enterprise.

Rev. J. Palmer Sorlein announced to the group arrangements for observance of World Day of Prayer with a 20-minute service to start at 12:05 at the Star theater, to be participated in by the Church of Christ, Methodist and Episcopal churches, extending a public invitation to participate.

P-TA Gives \$100 To Uniform Fund

At a meeting of the executive board of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association held at the home of the president, Mrs. Tress McClintock, Thursday evening, Feb. 6, \$100 was contributed to the uniform fund of the Heppner school and an additional sum given to the March of Dimes campaign.

Superintendent George Corwin gave a report on the critical teacher situation in this district and suggested several remedies, the most practical, he thought, to set up a salary schedule as all the schools in the Willamette valley are doing. The executive committee voted to go on record that it will support the board of school district No. 1 in its adoption of an adequate salary schedule for this school. Corwin spoke further on this subject at the Parent-Teacher meeting held Wednesday evening at the school building.

Heppner, Ione and Boardman Slated For Tourney Play

Mustangs, Cardinals May Have to Play For District Title

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Ione	7	1	.875
Heppner	7	1	.875
Boardman	5	3	.625
Umatilla	2	6	.250
Lexington	2	6	.250
Irrigon	1	7	.125

Coach Leonard Pate's varsity basketballers of Heppner high school, Coach Francis Ely's Cardinals of Ione, and probably the Boardman Yellow Jackets will represent the Little Wheat league in the district tournament at Echo, which will be held February 27, 28, and March 1. Teams from Morrow, Umatilla, Grant and Harney counties will participate in the single elimination tourney, and the winner will go to Arlington for the state tournament.

If Heppner and Ione win their two remaining conference tilts a play-off for the conference championship title will probably be held on a neutral court prior to the district tournament. Friday the Mustangs travel to Irrigon and the following Tuesday, Heppner's two squads act as return hosts to the unpredictable Boardman outfit, in their last home game of the season. These two contests will undoubtedly be two of the most decisive tests in the conference race.

The Mustang cagers virtually eliminated the defending titlists, the Umatilla Vikings, from the loop by handing Coach Elliott's charges their sixth league setback to the tune of 31-22 at Umatilla Tuesday.

CONDON BEATS TOWNIES

La Verne Van Marter's Heppner Townies took the short end of a 52-38 score here Saturday night when the Gilliam county squad met the local boys on the Heppner school gymnasium maple court. It was the second time the Townies tasted defeat at the hands of the Condon boys.

Life Of Power Co. Manager Just a Bowl of Cherries . . .

Trouble on the 2300 volt feeder line in Heppner that puzzled two electrical engineers and kept linemen on the jump all day Tuesday climaxed a series of "days that shouldn't happen" for Don Fleck and his crew at the Pacific Power & Light company.

The chain of incidents that has probably started streaks of grey in Fleck's brown locks started late Friday afternoon when a target shooter went to work on insulators of the high-voltage transmission line that feeds the Heppner-Condon-Arlington-Moro territory.

Not content with shattering insulators, the marksman also managed to sever one of the 22,000 volt conductors with a bullet. Linemen worked half of Friday night to repair the damage.

Saturday said Fleck, was uneventful. But on Sunday afternoon it was necessary to open switches on the Sherman division transmission system while three big transformers and a huge voltage regulator were put into service near Dufur as the Pacific company completed another step in its \$220,000 construction program on power facilities serving this area.

The Sunday interruption, however, didn't bother Fleck. It had been planned and announced in advance—and it meant progress on the big construction job that will increase this territory's power resources.

Came Monday and Fleck arranged a talk on Thomas A. Edison at the chamber of commerce luncheon. Said Fleck—and next day he wished he hadn't—"When you flick your switch tomorrow morning and get electric service, it will be due to the great inventor, Edison, whose birthday centennial occurs that day."



Court Paves Way For County Fair By Naming Board

Barratt, Cutsforth And Houghton Are Chosen to Serve

Paving the way for a county fair in 1947, the Morrow county court Tuesday appointed a three-man fair board to serve three-year, two-year and one-year terms, respectively. In the absence of Commissioner Ralph Thompson, Judge Bert Johnson and Commissioner L. D. Neill named J. G. Barratt, Heppner; Orville Cutsforth, Lexington and A. C. Houghton, Irrigon. Thompson, who has been absent from the county since the week of the Oregon Woolgrowers association meeting in Eugene, had discussed the selectees with the other members of the court and it is quite certain their action will have his approval.

Letters notifying the appointees were to be mailed out this evening and the court is awaiting reply before announcing further plans.

Serving the three-year term will be J. G. Barratt, Cutsforth will serve two years and Houghton one year. The selection gives good geographical representation as well as securing men well qualified to organize and direct a county fair.

The court took this action in response to an urgent request from 4-H club leaders that something be done now so there could be a fair this fall. It hoped the members selected will accept and get plans under way early.

SCOUTS AND DADS TO HAVE POTLUCK DINNER MONDAY

Heppner Boy Scouts and their dads will join in a father-son dinner Monday evening at the Methodist church. It will be a potluck spread, with the scout troop committee in charge.

Cliff Hansen, Pendleton, assistant executive for the Blue Mountain Council area, will be present and deliver the principal address.

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A windstorm which broke over the Lexington airport about 6:30 Tuesday evening left considerable havoc in its wake. Two planes belonging to the Forsythe Flying Service were seriously damaged and the rear wall of the hangar was blown out.

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World Prayer Day Meeting Scheduled

Friday afternoon, Feb. 21 at the hour of 2:30 has been scheduled as the time for a special meeting of the Union Missionary society to observe the World Day of Prayer. The meeting will be held at the All Saints Episcopal church, bringing the special message. The meeting is open to the public to which an urgent invitation has been extended.

For the benefit of business people and their employees who wish to observe the day, there will be a noon meeting at the Star theater.

P-TA Study Groups Schedule Meetings

Study groups of the Heppner Parent-Teacher association have scheduled meetings for the months of February and March, with the adolescent group planning to meet at the Conley Lanham home Feb. 19 and the preschool study group at the home of Harlan McCurdy Jr. on March 5.

Supt. George Corwin is study leader of the adolescent group and Mrs. Ina Clary organizer. Mrs. J. P. Sorlein will lead the discussion at the forthcoming meeting, the topic being "Growing All the Way Up." The topic discussed at the last meeting was "Why an increase in divorce?" The preschool study group met Feb. 4 at the James Driscoll home, when the topic, "What do your children fear?" was discussed. Parents report these meetings are informative and well worth while. Anyone interested is welcome to attend and participate in the meetings.

Lexington News Of The Week

By Mrs. Clarence Hayes
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks were here Monday from Pendleton visiting their children, Ramona and Darrel, who are staying at Mrs. Ailly's.

Charles Buchanan dropped a board on his foot while working at the mill last week. He broke two bones in his foot and is getting around on crutches.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Grant were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Acton of Echo have moved onto the Cliff Doherty ranch recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetch.

Mrs. Gene Gray is here from Stanfield to take care of her mother, Mrs. Davis, who is confined to her bed.

The Edwards well drilling will now be known as A. M. Edwards and Son, Albert Edwards has taken the job in Yarnell's pastime to go into partnership with his father, Hank Stotts of Heppner has taken his place in the pastime.

A large crowd attended the dance Saturday evening sponsored by the Lexington I. O. O. F. for the benefit of the Campfire Girls. The money will be used for buying uniforms for the girls. Refreshments were served at midnight by the mothers of the Campfire girls and by their leader, Mrs. Cecil Jones.

Lloyd Burkenbine of Heppner is employed at the Henderson garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Scott and family were visiting friends and relatives here over the week end. They came from their home in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. Lonnie Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst were Pendleton visitors last Tuesday.

Eight airplanes from Troutdale landed at the Lexington Airport Monday. They were on the way back to their home field after a cross-country flight to Boise, Idaho.

Vic Eades of Portland stopped Tuesday while enroute to Pendleton for a short visit at the C. C. Carmichael home.

Miss Majo Marquardt, who is attending Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marquardt.

Jack Forsythe flew to Portland Monday. Passengers on the flight were C. C. Carmichael and Mrs. Conley Lanham.

The band concert and dinner scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 16 has been postponed until the following Sunday, Feb. 23.

Wm. Ludwig drove to Corvallis over the week-end on a business trip. While there he took in the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game.

The Lexington school basketball team went to Heppner Friday where they were defeated in both games.

Word has been received here of the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Grant of Roseburg. Mrs. Grant will be remembered as Miss Wanda Breeding. Mrs. Oscar Breeding left Monday for Roseburg to take care of her daughter and granddaughter. While she is gone Mrs. Wm. F. Matthews (Frieda Breeding) of Pendleton is visiting here to keep house for her father.

There are two new phones in Lexington. These were installed last week in the Cecil Jones and Elbert Moreland homes.

Mrs. Trina Parker is quite ill at her home here.

Fire Hits Elevator At Jordan Siding

Fire, apparently caused by a short circuit in the wiring of the elevator at Jordan Siding about 10:30 a.m. today, was still burning at a late hour with damage to be estimated when an examination of the building and contents can be made.

The fire was discovered when Noel Dobyns drove up on the scales with a load of wheat and something fell in front of the truck. Dobyns did not stop the truck but drove right on telephone.

Manager Paul Pettyjohn telephoned immediately to Ione and Heppner for help and equipment and in a short time upwards of 100 men appeared on the scene.

The first thing accomplished was removal of several cars loaded with wheat for shipment on Friday's freight. With the aid of jacks the cars were set in motion and allowed to roll out onto the main line where they were anchored.

It is thought that all machinery within the elevator has been destroyed. The fire burned out the windows in the "penthouse" on top of the elevator, but the lower floors had not been damaged to any extent by mid-afternoon. Hose was brought from Ione and Heppner and a pump placed in Willow creek. From this a good stream was being played on the lower part of the structure. An effort was being made to secure a hook and ladder to enable fire-fighters to go to the top of the elevator and run water down into the storage bins.

The Jordan elevator was the first bulk handling unit to be put into action along the branch. It was completed in 1918 and has served the farmers of a considerable area ever since. It cost \$52,000 to build and is said to have had the best machinery in use in this area. Approximately 65,000 bushels of wheat is stored at present. Dobyns Bros. had about 8,000 bushels and were hauling in their 1946 crop. Delbert Emer had just put in about 20,000 bushels. The elevator company carries blanket insurance to cover all storage and it will require some time for adjustments to be made.

Ernest E. Edwards Dies at Hillsboro

Funeral services were held at 10 o'clock a. m. Monday at Hillsboro for Ernest E. Edwards, whose death occurred shortly after noon on Friday, Feb. 7. The services were attended by a group of officers from Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E., including Terrel Bengt, Jack O'Conner, Frank Connor, Harvey White and Harlan McCurdy Jr., from Heppner, and E. Harvey Miller from Portland, former exalted ruler of the Heppner lodge, who presided at the graveside.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwards only recently moved to Hillsboro where they had built a nice residence. Mr. Edwards had been ill for many months and had been unable to move and was taken from Heppner by ambulance.

Born in Umatilla county, Mr. Edwards came to Morrow county as a young boy and spent practically his entire life in Sand Hollow. He was married about 25 years ago to Mary Larson and to this union one child, Don, was born. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, were pioneers of both Umatilla and Morrow counties.

Surviving besides the wife and son are two sisters, Mrs. Richard Thompson of Weiser, Ida, and Mrs. Harriet Davison of Forest Grove.

ALL DAY MEET SLATED

The Home Economics club of Lexington grange will hold an all day meeting Thursday, Feb. 20 at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson. At this time the club will relime the grange hall drapes which have just been cleaned. There will be two sewing machines available and a large attendance is desired so this project may be completed. The meeting will start at 10 a. m. and there will be a potluck lunch at noon.

News Briefs Around Town

Sans Souci lodge of Rebeekahs will have an old time party at the Oddfellows hall Friday evening, Feb. 14. Oddfellows, Rebeekahs and their friends have an invitation to attend. Each Rebeekah has been asked to bring a half-dozen sandwiches.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Jackson and son Richard and Mr. Jackson's father, Alexis Jackson, of Weiser, Ida, visited at the G. W. Thompson home the past week-end. The Thompsons are Mrs. Jackson's parents. The party went on to Milton to visit another son of the elder Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Tolleson spent Sunday in Walla Walla visiting their daughter, Miss Lela Tolleson.

Mrs. Fred Parrish and her father, Guy Huddleston of Lone Rock, returned Saturday from Denver where they spent a week visiting relatives.

Miss Margaret Gillis, county public health nurse and Mrs. Conley Lanham, representing the Morrow County Public Health Association, attended the Oregon state conference on social hygiene, held in the Masonic temple in Portland Monday. Miss Gillis stated it was the finest conference of the kind she had ever attended.

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Lumber Shipments On Increase From Heppner Terminal

68 Cars Shipped First 12 Days of Current Month

With wheat shipments nearing the end along the branch line of the Union Pacific, lumber is taking the spotlight at Heppner. What has been moving out steadily the past several weeks and it is expected storage bins will be empty by the first of the month.

A loosening up of the car situation has boosted lumber shipments since the first of the year, according to Floyd Tolleson, agent for the railroad company at Heppner. Since Feb. 1, 68 cars of lumber have left the Heppner terminal for outside points. The number includes stocks of the Scribner, Reid and Heppner Lumber company plants, with the average by the first two running four cars a day.

The temporary lumber yard established last summer by the Scribner mill is beginning to dwindle and more than likely will be shipped out by the time hauling can start again in the spring. Hauling direct from the mill is going on daily from the Reid Lumber company plant in the mountains. Three trucks are engaged in bringing the lumber to the railroad terminal.

Stock shipments are off at this season of the year, but with 25 cars of wheat and 68 cars of lumber billed out of the Heppner office during the first 12 days of the month, the local agent feels that business is not too bad on the branch line. Cars are spotted at all elevator sidings along the branch, making a sizable freight train by the time the local gets to Heppner Junction.

Due to the shipping order requiring 20,000 pounds to the car, outgoing shipments of freight other than lumber, stock and wheat are exceptionally rare, Tolleson said.

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