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French Reviews the Legislature

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The legislature which went bouncing along for the first week like a sprinter at the start of a dash slowed to a more sedate pace in its second week. The first week bills were introduced for political effect in a haste to get a name on some legislation that might be sufficiently popular to make a campaign on next year.

Whether it passes or not is immaterial. As a general rule it might be said that the earlier in the session a bill is introduced the less chance it has of passage. From now on there will be more thought in new bills and more earnest desire for them on the part of the sponsor.

HOUSE GROUP ON RADIO

A group of house members participated in a radio broadcast Thursday night, the first that has been tried in Oregon as a sort of public forum. KOAC wanted it as a feature and the house taxation committee was the trial horse. Six members of the eleven man committee were assigned to subjects with Chairman Ralph Moore acting as moderator for his part. Reports are that the broadcast was received very well and it may lead to more such forums as a means of acquainting the public with legislative problems and procedure.

The picture painted by the taxation committee was very bleak indeed and reports that taxpayers missed a night's sleep after listening will not be surprising. The budget is big and does not include everything wanted, the resources are well used up and the proposals are few and meager, the surpluses tied up. The state already sends nearly \$70,000,000 a year into smaller governmental units and the need for economy is most apparent.

Oregon will have to spend less or tax more. Around Salem during a legislative session one can talk to many who would follow the tax more theory for these people who come to walk up and down these marble floored halls want something and pursue many methods to get them. When legislators return home and chat on the village or city street or across the line fence they will meet other citizens who follow the spend less theory.

These last can make themselves effective by not waiting until the session is over to speak their wishes. If there is demand for economy let it be heard now.

SNOW NOT LIKED

There's snow in Salem nearly every day and the natives shiver and complain. Little girls and big grown women walk sleepily into the state house in the morning with snow sticking to their open-toed shoes and they look most unhappy. They hate it. But so far as it is known it is doing no harm to crops although transportation is badly upset some of these mornings when roads and streets are icy.

TAX BILLS PROMINENT

Some of the bills recommended by the tax study committee of a session ago are being introduced again. Interest is greater in it and the demand for reports and the booklets is very great. None are available and where they went no one seems to know. Introduced to date is a bill to allow cities and towns to collect a license fee from tavern operators in addition to the tax. Where policing is a problem this bill will be popular.

The business tax bill that has been favored by the wheat league is another one. If it passes the personal property tax will be repealed. But perhaps it won't be passed this time for Oregon is a conservative state that changes slowly unless emotionally aroused or uninformed. Like other new ideas it may draw the fire of those who would pay more and not get the support of those who would pay less.

HOUSE DIVIDED

The first division in the house was made Friday and it indicates a 40 to 45 vote for the side favoring less radical change. The division will not remain the same, of course, but the house at least is not going to be a very wild bunch of citizens this time. It is less conservative than in 1947 and there are enough citizens this time. It is less conservative than in 1947 and there are enough who desire change to impress their less drastic views on the whole and keep the more drastic views alive. That, perhaps, is the way it ought to be to slow progress until it is popular.

We have already gone far in the suppression of liberty and the achieving of security and will probably continue on that road but haste is not necessary. At the end of it we will probably find that there was more security at the start of the journey than at the end—and then we will be too old to retrace our steps.

Planning Council On Rural Living Formed Tuesday

Plan Conference Group Preparing Active Campaign

In one of the most important agricultural meetings of the year, agricultural planning sub-committee chairmen, representatives of the home extension committee, 4-H club council, county court and county livestock association met Tuesday at the court house and discussed accomplishments of the recommendations made at last year's agricultural planning conference. William Barratt, general chairman of the conference, called and presided over the meeting.

During the day, each of the sub-committee chairmen gave a review of progress and actual accomplishments of the recommendations of their committee. Reporting this progress were Mrs. Norman Nelson, Lexington, farm home and rural life; R. B. Ferguson, Heppner, livestock; Lloyd Howton, Heppner, farm crops; Henry Tetz, Heppner, public education; and W. W. Weatherford, Heppner, conservation. Mrs. L. A. McCabe, lone, president of the county 4-H club council, reviewed progress of the 4-H club program for the past year, while Mrs. Ralph Thompson, Heppner, chairman, home economics extension committee, represented that group. Harold Erwin, chairman Morrow County Livestock Growers association, reported on the progress of that organization. Judge J. G. Barratt represented the county court.

County extension agents Mabel J. Wilson, home economics, and N. C. Anderson, agriculture, reported on accomplishments of the extension program during 1948.

During the meet of the agricultural planning chairmen definite action was taken by group to organize a rural life planning council. The group felt that such a step would be helpful in carrying through recommendations of each of the committees which were approved at the planning conference held at Lexington grange hall in January 1948. Further sub-committee meetings were planned by the chairmen to bring the recommendations up to date.

Chairman Barratt appointed committees to draw up constitution and by-laws for the rural life planning council and a group to investigate further the possibilities of having the agricultural planning conference reports published in booklet form.

Appearing on the program during the afternoon was Chas. W. Smith, assistant director, extension service, Oregon State college, who reviewed some of the agricultural accomplishments in the state of Oregon brought about through agricultural planning committees. Mr. Smith stated that in making the accomplishments the extension service was concerned in its assistance with several things: First, that a farm program was aimed at not helping the farmer with agricultural problems to grow more crops, to buy more land, to crop larger crops, to invest in more land, but to have a high standard of living and conserve the farm so that it would continue to produce; secondly, that farm families make the dollar stretch as far as possible and spend it in the most intelligent manner. This should be done to establish a home rather than merely a place to live; third, that the outcome of the world is entirely based on the manner in which our youth are brought up and their thinking. 4-H club work is encouraging the right thinking in the youth that are enrolled.

These and other problems are what agricultural planning committees are active in solving, it was pointed out.

FARM BUREAU MEETING SET FOR FEBRUARY 7

Monday, February 7 is the date and the Rhea Creek grange hall will be the locale of the bi-monthly meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, according to E. Markham Baker of lone, president, who was a Heppner business visitor Monday.

Rural telephones will be discussed by a visiting speaker, Baker said, and he didn't know what other arrangements had been made for a program. John Graves of Heppner is program chairman.

LET WATER RUN

Householders who are having difficulty with freezing water pipes are advised by Supt. Pat Mollahan to leave the faucets slightly open during the coldest periods. So many pipes have been frozen that several thawing outfits have been unable to cope with the situation and the superintendent says the only recourse is to let the water run just enough to prevent freezing.

Retirement of Veteran Ranger of Rugged Wallowa Forest Announced

Gerald J. Tucker, ranger in charge of the Pendleton district of the Umatilla National forest is to replace veteran Ranger Woodford Grady of Enterprise, who will retire from the forest service next month.

Grady Miller, as he is known to the residents of eastern Oregon, has been in charge of the Imnaha-Snake River district of the Wallowa National forest for some 30 years during which time his name has become almost synonymous with the U. S. Forest service in that spectacularly rugged territory.

Gerald Tucker, born and reared in the Grande Ronde valley and successively in charge of the old Meacham district, the Pomerey district and more recently, the new Pendleton district of the Umatilla National forest, has been selected for promotion to this important post. Mr. Tucker is a superb horseman and mountaineer. In addition, he is recognized by both stockmen and conservationists as an able range manager, thoroughly familiar with the livestock industry, and incidentally, an historian of some note. Mr. Tucker's family has remained in La Grande during the past two years where his daughters have attended high school and the Eastern Oregon College of Education. After commencement they will join Gerald at the new location in Enterprise.

Random Thoughts...

Since weather is the chief subject of discussion these days, the writer is tempted to tell a little incident at Joseph a good many years ago. The region had been undergoing one of those occasional cold snaps, such as the one currently holding this neck-of-the-woods in its grasp, and for a full two weeks the mercury stayed at 20 degrees and more below zero. Finally the break came and on the 15th morning the writer passed by the telephone office and was somewhat surprised to see the door wide open and the windows raised. The operator, who was likewise office manager and charged with the duty of building superintendent, was busily engaged in "swamping the joint." A remark was passed about spring being near at hand, or a similar innuendo, and the operator replied that she looked at the thermometer and found the mercury had moved up to two below zero and she couldn't stand the oppressive heat so she decided to air the place out. As a matter of fact, she was seething inside because the overworked coil heater had blown up about two hours earlier and she really had a mess to clean up.

Such spells are not uncommon in that part of the state, but it is seldom that undue hardships are suffered. Once in a long time it may happen that ranchers run short of feed but in the main it is a thrifty, self-maintaining country. The writer spent three years of his boyhood there and 15 years later returned to Enterprise with his family. Five years were spent at Enterprise and seven years at Joseph. In that 12 extremely cold snaps. There may have been times when an abnormal spell was peculiar to that section alone, but that is seldom the case. And we know from experience that the lower temperatures recorded in a higher altitude are little less endurable than those obtaining at the same time in the lower levels.

Coming down to local conditions, if and when this weather breaks, it may well be recorded as the "big winter of '49"—1949, that is. It is a type of weather that seldom visits this region. We usually look upon a cold snap as something to be endured for two or three days and nights, a week at the longest. Yet here we have been looking for the break-up to come almost any time for the last six weeks. As this is written snow is falling in earnest. Groundhog day is not far distant. The situation is indeed baffling to the weather prophets.

The Gazette Times is pleased that it is able to give its subscribers good coverage of the Oregon legislature. In addition to the Weekly Capitol News Letter, we again have the privilege of presenting the viewpoint of Rep. Giles French. His long experience in both law-making and news reporting combine to make his column of varied and unusual interest.

Through the efforts of the Morrow county committee of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and at the invitation of the Heppner chamber of commerce, the Oregon Wheat league will hold its annual meeting in Heppner early in December. That leaves about ten months in which to prepare for this important convention and there are reasons why farm groups and the chamber of commerce should be getting together at an early date to discuss plans. There is little to worry about in the matter of housing visitors but the annual banquet is something of a poser. Available facilities are limited to a few hundred at the most and it is expected that upwards of 800

AMBULANCE FUND

This Week's Contributors—

Red & White Grocery
Ralph I. Thompson
Bert Mason
Mary Glavey
Mrs. W. C. Hofen, Portland—in memory of her father, the late Thomas Quaid, pioneer sheepman of Morrow county.

Statement From Committee

Some people thought the FVW committee should have purchased the ambulance through a Heppner dealer. We had hoped that, too, as some dealers had offered to give the entire commission, which was wonderful. We thought, but on thorough investigation it was learned this could not be done as a letter from a dealer to the factory is immediately referred to a salesman to handle, and he in turn takes charge of the situation.

FOR THE AMBULANCE

"For fear some of my friends may feel the ambulance will interfere with my business I want to say that I am for it 100 percent."

PHELPS FUNERAL HOME,
By Margaret Phelps.

The fund is approximately \$12 1/2 percent subscribed. Donations are being received by the following people: Dr. C. C. Dunham, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, Mary Van's Flower Shop, J. C. Hagan (at Columbia Basin Co-operative office), LaVerne Van Marter, and Jack Van Winkle, all of Heppner, and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael at Lexington.

Heppner and lone Catholic Churches Get Extension Aid

The St. Patrick's church in Heppner and the St. William's church in lone have benefited from gifts from the Catholic Church Extension society, along with other churches in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska. St. Patrick's church received \$1,500 from the society in 1941 and the church at lone, recently completed, has been assisted in the amount of \$5,000. St. William's church will be dedicated some time in February.

The Most Reverend Edward D. Howard, Archbishop of Portland, and the Most Reverend Leo F. Fahey, Coadjutor Bishop of Baker, representing the Most Reverend Joseph F. McGrath, Bishop of Baker, along with bishops from Montana, Washington and Alaska, attended the annual meeting of the Catholic Church Extension society in Chicago at which his Eminence, Samuel Cardinal Stritch, chancellor of the society, presided. It was revealed that the missions of these states and Alaska received a total of \$114,937.40 in gifts and grants during the past fiscal year.

All this was made possible by the charity of friends of extension society and subscribers of Extension Magazine which regularly publishes the urgent need of home missions and commends them to the charity of Catholics throughout our country.

ERWIN TO SPEAK AT CC LUNCHEON MONDAY

Harold Erwin will be guest speaker at the chamber of commerce luncheon Monday noon, February 1. He will discuss the proposed brand law which the stockmen's organizations are fostering and which will be, or is, up for consideration in the current session of the state legislature.

C. J. D. Bauman, chairman of the legislative committee of the chamber of commerce, will be in charge of the meeting.

Mustangs In Stride As Wheat League Season Advances

lone, Fossil and Hermiston Victims Of Heppner Squad

Coach Vernon Bohles' squad of Mustang casa batters is at last hitting its stride and during the past week chalked up three victories against hot competition, taking lone 46-36, Fossil 32-30, and Hermiston 43-40.

The hitherto undefeated Fossil team battled right up to the last second to save its reputation but the Mustangs would not grant the honor.

lone was met on the 18th, Fossil on the 21st, and Hermiston the 25th.

Bohles will take his squad to Arlington Friday evening to take the measure of the Honkers. If possible, Moro will play the local squad here February 4, and the Mustangs will meet lone there next Tuesday.

The wheat league lineup now consists of Fossil, Condon, Arlington, Moro and Heppner. Competition is plenty tough among these teams and will grow hotter since the Mustangs have hit their stride.

Power Companies Propose Plant On Deschutes River

Stirring wide interest through the power-short Pacific northwest is the proposal, filed at Salem with the Oregon hydroelectric commission, for a \$12,000,000 project to produce 75,000 kilowatts of power from waters of the Deschutes river.

The proposed plant, to be built on federal lands, would be highly important to the regional power supply, it was pointed out, because it could be brought into production long before major federal power developments on the Columbia river. This would help carry the region through its critical power shortage until McNary dam can be completed by the government.

To be known as the Pelton project, the proposed plant would be built by the newly organized Northwest Power Supply company. The plant would be operated by Pacific Power & Light company, which already has two hydro plants on the Deschutes, and the entire output would be bought and distributed by Pacific, Portland General Electric company and The Washington Water Power company.

President of the new company is General Thomas M. Robins, retired army engineer who directed Bonneville dam construction. Vice-president is Howard W. Turner of Madras, a leader in development of the North Unit irrigation project in Central Oregon. Secretary-treasurer is Hillman Lueddemann, "first citizen" of Portland and past president of the Portland chamber of commerce.

Active attention is being given to conservation and protection of fish life in planning the project, General Robins said. Subject to approval of conservation agencies, a modern fish hatchery below the plant is included in plans for the project. It would be state-operated under the plans for the development.

The damsite is in an 800-foot-deep canyon about six miles

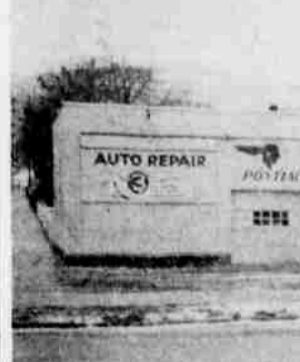
COLD SNAP CAUSES LIBRARY TO CLOSE

Until warmer weather comes, the Heppner Public library will remain closed, announces Mrs. Josephine Mahoney, librarian.

Due to this decision on the part of the library board, no fines for overdue books will be assessed during the closed period.

SERVICE STATION GROWS UP

A number of years ago Norton Lundell built a service station on the corner of May and Chase streets. The little plant was set about center of the lot acquired for the purpose, leaving room for expansion on either side. After changing hands several times, the property was



acquired by Jimmy Farley and operated as a service station to sell Shell products. He later acquired the Pontiac agency for the county and needing more space built a wing on the Chase street side. During the past year another wing was added, this time on the west side, where the shop is located. The plant now includes gas and oil service, tire service, shop and display space.

The 1949 Pontiac will be on display at the Farley Pontiac Co. Monday, January 31. Mr. and Mrs. Farley went to Portland Tuesday to bring a car for that purpose.

Oddfellows, Rebekahs Install New Officers Friday Evening

Over a hundred Oddfellows, Rebekahs and guests attended the joint installation ceremonies of Willows Lodge No. 66 and San Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33 at the local hall Friday evening. Preceding the installation of officers, a banquet was served by the Rebekahs. Officers installed for Willows lodge No. 66 were: noble grand, Harold Hill; vice grand, J. C. Payne; secretary, D. R. Tash; treasurer, C. W. Barlow; chaplain, Manuel Easter; warden, Roy Quackenbush; conductor, John Wightman; inside guard, Piri Howell; outside guard, Ted Pierson; R.S.N.G., Ralph Beamer; L.S.N.G., Lee Howell; R.S.V.G., A. J. Chaffee; L.S.V.G., Corbett Green.

Officers installed for San Souci Rebekah lodge were, noble grand, Maude Hughes; vice grand, Marilyn Robinson; secretary, Della Davidson; treasurer, Pearl Devine; warden, Jeanne Dobbs; conductor, Adelle Hannan; chaplain, Julia Hill; inside guardian, Ruth F. Payne; outside guardian, Ella Bengt; R.S.N.G., Mary Bailey; L.S.N.G., Florence Green; R.S.V.G., Letha Archer; L.S.V.G., Margaret Thomas. Installing officers were deputy district presidents Corbett Green and Letha Archer, and deputy grand marshals, Lee Howell and Florence Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gjertson made a business trip to Pendleton Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter Jr. entertained at a family dinner Sunday afternoon honoring Mrs. Van Marter's mother, Mrs. Archie Ball, on the occasion of her birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall of Camp Five, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney and family and Mr. Ball and the children.

Mr. and Mrs. Con Adkins of Colfax, Wash., were week-end houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furlong.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Isom were over from their farm near Pendleton Tuesday to spend the day looking after business matters in Heppner.

Bert Mason of lone was a business visitor in Heppner Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Murdoch of Kahler basin were business visitors in Heppner the first of the week.

Mrs. William Rawlins motored to Pendleton Wednesday. She was accompanied by her brother, Tom Huston.

J. C. Payne motored to Pendleton Monday to attend a three-day conference of soil conservation service engineers.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sluyter and Morgan Connor motored to Portland and Beaverton Saturday for the week end. Mrs. Sluyter will remain in Beaverton for a time with her parents.

The aurora borealis (northern lights) was clearly visible Monday night and it was evident to those courageous enough to brave the sub-zero temperatures to watch the view, that it was one of the most magnificent demonstrations of the aurora to be seen in this section in quite some time.

L. E. Dick is here from his home in Helena, Mont., for a brief visit with his sons, Ed and Kemp, and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan and son and Mrs. William Morgan who operate a farm in the northwest of Madras. It would have two 37,500-kilowatt generators, with provision for a third later to bring the project to full capacity of 112,500 kilowatts. Ultimate output of the plant into the network of the Northwest Power Pool is estimated at 400,000,000 kilowatt hours annually.

Monument section were business visitors in Heppner Wednesday. Mr. Morgan reports that weather conditions in that section are very similar to those of Morrow county except that it may be just a little colder there. They came over by way of the Spray highway and report road conditions to be very good considering the type of winter thus far. The supply of hay and other feed is becoming somewhat short at this time and is becoming something of a provocation to stockmen, according to Mr. Morgan.

Among business visitors in Heppner Tuesday were L. L. Howton, Lexington; Kenneth Smouse, lone; E. E. Rugg, Rhea creek; Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry, and Mrs. Floyd Worden of Eight Mile.

Joe Pedro braved the elements Wednesday to make a business trip to town. Mr. Pedro resides on Butter creek near Vinson.

According to word received by the Hynd family Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lowe of Portland who have been seriously ill are much improved. Mr. Lowe has been discharged from the hospital and is convalescing at his home in the city.

Mrs. P. W. Mahoney entertained her sewing club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Baltimore street. Present were Mesdames Orville Smith, Stephen Thompson, Henry Tetz, J. D. Palmer, Tom Wilson, Raymond Ferguson and Edward Burchell. Refreshments were served.

Future Farmers, Dads, Friends Meet At Banquet Table

Upwards of 50 Future Farmers of America, their dads and other invited guests assembled at the school house to participate in the annual FFA banquet and program. The dinner was served in the high school cafeteria room by Miss Mary Lou George and girls of her Home Economics club.

Bob Bergstrom, president, presided and welcomed the guests. A harmonica number by Harry Green opened the program and this was followed by the guest speaker, William F. Barratt. The speaker divided his talk into two parts, preparing for farming and getting established for farming, which might well be considered his subject. He commended the members of the FFA for their choice of study course and urged that they follow up and embrace agriculture as their vocation.

Following ceremonies in which Harold Erwin and Merle Becket were inducted as honorary members of the FFA, the group adjourned to the projection room where an educational film on FFA was shown.

Invited guests included Judge J. G. Barratt, Frank Turner, honorary members; Edwin Dick, president of the Junior chamber of commerce; O. G. Crawford, president of the Heppner chamber of commerce; Supt. Leonard Pate, Coach Vernon Bohles, Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien, and Becket and Erwin.

Court Working On Details Setting Up Road Program

First Consideration Is Replenishing of County Equipment

While freezing weather has rendered the county road crew hors de combat so to speak, it has not prevented the county court from considering road matters. Since taking over the reins of county government on January 3, the members of that body have in session several times to act on matters claiming their immediate attention and to study and formulate plans for setting up the road program.

In stating what the court is working on, Judge J. G. Barratt said that everything is based on a five-year plan. This includes replacement of road equipment as well as laying out the work to be done. Equipment must be replaced, quite a bit of it at least, before effective road work can be accomplished, either new construction or repairing. Due to this fact, a considerable amount of the first-year's funds for roads will be invested in patrols, pickups, trucks, and possibly a new rock crusher. The crusher, a rubber tired rig meeting requirements of the state highway regulations, is being given serious consideration by the court as a piece of equipment not only needed but desirable from the standpoint of greater efficiency in operation and productive capacity.

Harold Sherer has been retained as county road foreman. The work will be divided into three units, with one crew at Boardman, one at lone and one at Heppner. This will remove the necessity of taking equipment from one end of the county to the other, except in cases where one piece is designed to serve the entire county.

Another problem confronting the court is the eventual clearing of all county equipment and buildings from the property traded to the city for land in the Bodeo park. There will have to be some construction work at the new site and this is something that will have to be worked out.

The court on the 19th awarded the gasoline and diesel requirements for 1949 contract to the Union Oil company. The company will deliver gasoline at 12.2 cents per gallon and the diesel at 12.7 cents per gallon, delivered to be made to the county shops. Six major oil companies submitted bids.

It is the belief of the court that all lands held by the county under tax foreclosure should be put up for sale.

Judge Barratt reported that until freezing weather stopped operations, the road crew was engaged in rocking the Hale Ridge road leading to the Scrivner ranch near the Gilliam county line. Work will be resumed on this stretch as soon as weather conditions permit.

An office schedule has been set up by the judge. He finds that it will be necessary for him to devote practically all of his time to the duties of the office and will be there all day Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, leaving time for field work on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, with part time in the office on those days. Judge Barratt says he wants the people to feel free to come to the office with their county problems as the only way the court can help them is to get first hand information.

"We are here to serve the public and can give good service only through cooperation of the people," he said.

SPECIAL YOUTH COMMITTEE TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS

The special youth recreation program committee named at a recent meeting of representatives of various organizations in cooperation with the Junior chamber of commerce, met Tuesday at the office of Henry Tetz, chairman, and formulated a tentative plan which will be reported back to the larger group at an early date.

While it is too early to reveal the program, Tetz believes this committee has hit upon a practical solution for providing a youth center, more about which will be discussed after the report has been made.

OUT ON BOND

Joe Delameter was released from custody of the sheriff the first of the week after posting bond in the sum of \$750 demanded after a hearing before Justice J. O. Hager. Delameter was arrested by Officer Gordon Grady who filed two counts against him—operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, which violated the order of interdiction imposed upon him some time ago.

Word received from Portland by Dr. McMurdo is to the effect that Ralph Barton will submit to a surgical operation on his jaw Saturday at Emanuel hospital.

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