

EDITORIAL



Mort Speaks His Piece

Mort has spoken and twenty-two Oregon legislators are supposed to lay down their portfolios and retire to a quiet life on the farm. In the office, or whatever their several occupations may be. The twenty-two bad boys have not conformed to the wishes of the government ownership crew, regardless of the fact they were acting in good faith with their constituents, who were the people that elected them, and they are slated for the purge when the next biennial election comes up.

It is safe to say that none of the legislators have spent restless nights since the great protector of the people's rights castigated them in his annual address to the Oregon State Grange. They more than likely would have been disappointed had he chosen to overlook them.

The outlook in this district is indeed gloomy now that both of our representatives have been consigned to the political ashcan, but it is doubtful if a majority of the voters take the same viewpoint as Messrs Tompkins, Neuberger, Sweetland, et al, and we believe a majority of the farmers still believe in the principal of free enterprise.

Transportation Not A Luxury

Sentiment in favor of repealing the 15 per cent travel tax, which applies to all train, plane and bus tickets sold in this country, is increasing rapidly. The tax was purely a war measure, and its

purpose, at least in part, was to discourage travel at that time.

The Los Angeles Times said editorially, "Since the war strain on our transportation system is now over, the tax has no purpose now save to raise revenue."

"It produces about \$250,000,000 a year; and while the Treasury can ill spare such a sum, it might gain as much or more indirectly through repeal. For increasing travel would increase all sorts of business and hence increase the tax revenue that business produces. It would lessen the needed subsidy of the air lines, too, and so stop part of this drain on the Treasury—Transportation is not a 'luxury' in the United States and taxing it as a luxury is out of line."

The bulk of the travel on commercial land and air systems is for business, health and recreation, trips to and from schools, and so on. This is a big country, and people need to get around it. Restrictions and taxes which are unavoidable in time of war, when the interest of the public at large must be sacrificed in the interest of the military effort, have no place in peace time.

Worst of all, the tax is inequitable. Tickets can be bought in Canada for use within the United States and the tax is not levied. Canadian ticket sales have, as a consequence, boomed. It's high time we got rid of this sore spot, says the Industrial News Review.



LARGER VOTE SOUGHT

A movement is under way to initiate a law that would provide for voting bonds by school districts on general election dates only. The report of supporters of the move is that over \$7,000,000 of school bonds have been approved recently by only 3 per cent of those registered voters.

GOVERNOR FLIES EAST

Governor Douglas McKay left by plane Thursday for Colorado Springs, Colo. to attend a conference of western governors. He

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Routh and two daughters of Kennebec were week-end guests at the Chaffee home. Mr. Routh is Mrs. Chaffee's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Boyer and other relatives. Vernon is a state police officer and is on vacation.

Mrs. Gertrude Beard and grand son Billy underwent tonsillectomies at The Dalles the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael of Lexington were visiting at the Owen Leathers Sr. home Sunday afternoon.

Richard Mortimer went to Camp 5 to work at the landing the first of the week.

Wayne Dunn, who was injured by a log week before last, is out and around without his crutches.

was accompanied by Mrs. McKay and their daughter Mary Lou.

The governor later will fly to Washington, D. C. to appear before a congressional committee considering the feasibility of the Columbia valley administration. The governor opposes the federal project. State Treasurer Walter Pearson, who will appear before the same committee testifying in favor of the project, left for Washington Monday. The governor will be out of the state nine days. Senate President William E. Walsh, Coos Bay, became governor pro tem, and will come to Salem only if he is needed.

Before leaving for the east, Governor McKay announced the following appointments: James C. Dazendorf, R. R. Bullivant and Joseph McKeown, all of Portland, as members of the newly created commission on uniform state laws; Carl Y. Tengwald, Medford, as a member of the state real estate board; Clarence H. Wick, Portland, as a member of the state board of architect examiners; Father Francis P. Leipzig, Eugene, as a member of the state board of reconciliation, and reappointed Mrs. Meredith Bailey of Sisters as a trustee of the Oregon State Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith are moving into their new home on Morgan street, purchased recently from the Merle Millers who have moved to their ranch near Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ridings of New York City and her father, M. D. Clark, paid a brief visit to Heppner the first of the week to look after business interests and say "hello" to friends.

Mrs. A. J. Chaffee returned late last week from a ten-day vacation trip to Spokane and Colville and on into Canada. She reports much wind and dust all along the way.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers left Sunday for La Grande to attend summer school.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Frey of Alameda, Calif., accompanied by their grandson, Freeman Bills of Van Nuys, visited Mr. Frey's sister, Mrs. Blanche Brown, the fore part of the week.

Delegations from Umatilla, Wheeler, Morrow and Gilliam counties are traveling together in the three large school buses hired from O. O. Felthouse, Hermiston. Mabel I. Wilson, home demonstration agent, is attending the summer school representing Morrow county and teaching home economics classes during the session.

Mrs. J. O. Rasmus has returned where she spent several days at from a business trip to Portland tending buyers market.

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NORAH'S SHOP

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Through the efforts of W. O. Minor and M. D. Clark there will be \$2,000 more available for the Heppner-Ritter road when the two men went out among the business men last week and raised that sum.

Alice Ionia Christopherson and R. D. White, young people of Ione were issued a marriage license Wednesday. The wedding took place that evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Christopherson.

Loy M. Turner has resigned as county surveyor and will leave for Baker county at once where he will become county water master.

Citizens of Heppner are seeking better fire protection. They want a fire chief and an ample volunteer organization. There will be a mass meeting of interested citizens in the Oddfellows hall tomorrow night.

Frightened by a passing automobile, the team which Mr. and

Mrs. C. W. Lawson were driving from their ranch down Heppner hill Tuesday turned the buggy over. The Lawsons were badly injured.

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends was the marriage of Mrs. Mary Gilliam of Heppner and William Gorman of Lone Rock in Portland recently.

L. W. Briggs returned last week from an extended motor trip which took him as far as Salem. He was accompanied by his daughter Loa who has been attending Willamette university.

A party consisting of Mrs. T. J. Humphreys and daughters Leta and Evelyn, Mrs. Carrie Vaughn and Mrs. C. C. Haynie left Wednesday in the Humphreys car for Milton where they will attend a church convention.

Miss Josephine Richardson and Mrs. J. H. Lock entertained at bridge Wednesday. Thirty-six guests were present. Mrs. Earle Gilliam won first prize, Mrs. W. P. Mahoney second and Mrs. S. W. Spencer consolation.

and files each evening when fire conditions are bad.

When the Heppner junior baseball team failed to show up Saturday the Kinzua boys took on their dads and others present. Final score, 11 to 4, boys' favor.

Art Madden of Fossil was seriously injured Friday morning when a horse he was riding fell with him. His foot caught in the stirrup and as the horse gained its feet Madden's head hit a rock. He had been helping bring the John Madden sheep here from Dayville for shipment to summer range in Montana. The sheep had been sold to Jimmy Farley. Mr.

Madden's daughter, Zella Prindle of Fossil, was called and the ambulance from Condon moved him to The Dalles hospital. He had six broken ribs and the extent of internal injuries was not known on Sunday.

A new playground for the young children is being constructed in the east end of town. The ground was cleared this week and a portion of the fence was completed. Swings, slides, sand box, besides a wading pond, will be installed. The KPM Co. is providing the equipment. Work is being donated.

Fossil came to Kinzua Sunday where they added one more score to their credit of league leading baseball players. Rorick pitched throughout the game for Fossil, with Bill Green for Kinzua thru the seventh when Richard Mortimer finished the game. Final score 12 to 3.

M. R. "Slip" Wright of Kinzua and Wes Gilner of Fossil flew over Ione Friday evening to see the extent of damage by fire.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lichtenberg went to Portland Friday where he was to receive an army medical check-up. Mrs. Warren Jobe accompanied them as far as The Dalles where she had an appointment at the TB hospital. All returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Doerr were attending to business over the week-end in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Tripp spent the week-end on their farm near Clarno on the John Day river.

Vernon Boyer and children and Mrs. Harry Johnson and children came Saturday evening from Beaverton to visit their parents.

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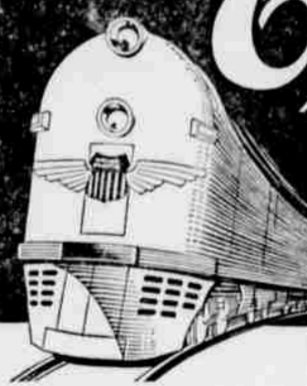
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