



ACTION vs. GRANDSTANDING

The first real progress made toward shortening the present session of the legislature was accomplished this week in the senate when 37 bills were introduced after screening tests by the senate committee on education.

The bills incorporate a few of the numerous changes in the Oregon school system recommended by Dr. T. C. Holy of Ohio who was hired by the legislative interim committee on education.

The principal bills would: Let school districts adopt a permanent tax base, reorganize and enlarge school districts, recodify state school laws, improve teacher training, reorganize the department of education and have the state education superintendent appointed by the board elected by the people.

One of the bills would reduce the terms of members of the board of higher education from nine to five years. This was requested by Governor McKay.

ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENTS

A bill aimed at protecting prospective borrowers from the wiles of small loan companies, who do not relate complete conditions of loans in broadcast advertisements, will be introduced by Senator Frank Hilton of Multnomah this week. Senator Hilton says some contracts he has examined exact as much as 36 per cent a year and unfortunate borrowers should be informed what may be expected of them.

Representative Francis W. Ziegler is preparing a bill that would require that all revenue from state income tax be delivered to the general fund of the state. This would remove the temptation, Ziegler says, of special groups to shoot at the funds. A two per cent sales tax bill is being drafted at the request of Sen. Rex Ellis that would finance the \$30-a-month increase

in the basic school levy and pay soldiers bonus. It would apply to the retail sales of all tangible property, with some exceptions.

AFL LABOR BILLS

Two labor officials, Sen. Phil Brady and Rep. Gust Anderson, introduced bills this week relating to public buildings.

One provides that all governmental agencies in Oregon give preference in employment and contracts to Oregon firms. The other provides that the state, counties, cities, school districts and other such agencies must call for competitive bids on contracts of more than \$10,000, except in time of disaster.

DIGEST OF NEW BILLS

Recently introduced bills would:

Require money-spending initiative measures to state the maximum amount; get state veterans preference for veterans of Korean war and for all persons engaged in police operations under United Nations; require initiative petitions to carry signatures of 5 per cent of registered voters in each congressional district, instead of 8 per cent of those in the state at large; bar leaving key in switch of a car parked on street or highway; allow women workers becoming pregnant to collect unemployment compensation for 12 weeks; allow Oregon courts jurisdiction over husbands who leave the state to avoid paying alimony; revoke the license of a hunter killing another for 10 years; restrict the use of fireworks to public displays if supervised by local police and fire chiefs; create a one-house non-partisan legislature of 40 members elected on non-partisan ballot; make all hunters, fishermen and trappers wear license tags on their backs bearing numbers two inches high; allow night fishing for cat fish; make it illegal to hold in captivity any game fish or game animal; set up fishing areas for youngsters under 14 years of age; require all political campaign contributors to be identified by name and address, with violation to be punishable by a year in prison or \$5000 fine or both; make illegal pari-mutuel and other forms of betting on dog races; abolish the state civil service commission and allow sales of colored oleomargarine in Oregon as now be-

Monument Doings Of Week Reported By Correspondent

By MILLIE WILSON

Mrs. Stanley Boyer and Mrs. Joe Simas drove to John Day. Mrs. Boyer had some dental work done. Mrs. Simas left her small daughter Terry with her grandmother, Mrs. Ouida Cork.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lesley went to Prineville on Thursday, where they attended to business matters and visited relatives.

Mrs. Esther McLaughlin and Mrs. Ellen Patzer both were on the sick list last Thursday. Mrs. Millie Wilson acted as substitute teacher for Mrs. McLaughlin.

Bill Elder of Ontario and John Carter of Long Creek were business visitors in Monument on Thursday.

The R. E. A. officers held a meeting in the grange hall last Tuesday.

Lewis Batty was attending to business matters in Heppner on Wednesday. He reports the roads as being icy and slick.

Chet Brown was having some dental work done in John Day on Saturday. He was accompanied on the trip by his wife and Mrs. Chance Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hinton took their daughter Sharon to John Day last Saturday to have some dental work done.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gassner were attending to matters of business in John Day the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin took their volleyball and basketball teams to Mitchell last Friday to play the Mitchell teams. However, they had hard luck as both teams lost to the Mitchell teams.

The newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Settle, returned home from their honeymoon last Friday. On Saturday they were seen in John Day shopping for some household goods. They moved into the Wilson apartment Saturday evening. The same evening a group of their friends gathered at their new home and were royally entertained.

Boyd Hinton and his uncle, Ben Hinton, returned from Portland last Tuesday. They left Mr. Hinton's father, Doc Hinton, at the home of his daughter and son-in-law. They report Mr. Hinton is recovering satisfactorily.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Johnson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen Farrer of Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cork, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cork and children, Mrs. Day and Duane Johnson all gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Junior Simas last Saturday night to celebrate the birthday of Mrs. Roy Cork by showing moving pictures of scenes in Alaska and pictures taken at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cork. Mr. and Mrs. Everett Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Allen Farrer will leave Bend next Tuesday for Seattle where they will take a plane to Cordova, Alaska.

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. George Stubblefield has been quite sick this week. Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round took Mrs. Stubblefield and the baby to consult a doctor in John Day.

Rho Bleakman and Charles Roach attended a 4-H Club meeting in Canyon City last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Round have as their house guests this week Mrs. Round's mother, Mrs. Alta Wright of John Day and her sister, Mrs. Letha Bonifaci of Fox Valley.

Mrs. Carl Cox and son Bobbie drove to Dayton, Wash. last week to visit Mrs. Cox's parents and brother. Her brother was home on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Rho Bleakman spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cupper. The evening was spent playing cards.

LEGISLATORS SHANGHIED

Oregon legislators were the guests of the Weyerhaeuser folk last week-end. The solons left the capitol at 9 a. m. for a trip through the firm's large plant at Springfield, returning in the afternoon after having lunch at the plant. Transportation was furnished by the company.

SOLONS TO GIVE BLOOD

Monday February 19 will be Blood Day for the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross with a collection unit located in the capitol. Legislators as well as state employees and the public in general will be asked to give blood. The date is between Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday when legislators and all good Americans should be tops in patriotism.

STATEHOUSE STATIC

"Oregon's legislature is known as 'the apron string legislature'" declared Sen. Thomas Mahoney, who had a motion adopted to bar secretaries from the floor of the senate during sessions. Mahoney, who amply supplies comedy relief in the upper house, says he started the movement as a gag—but it got away from him.

Wheat League To Hold Pendleton Meeting Dec. 6-8

The executive committee of the Oregon Wheat Growers league this week set Dec. 6-8 for this year's annual meeting at Pendleton and has approved \$13,500 as the 1951 budget.

Major items included in the budget were expenses of the next annual meeting and cost of printing the proceedings, dues to the National Association of Wheat Growers, the 4-H fat stock show at The Dalles, the quarterly news-letter and other public relations.

In other actions, a legislative committee with Jens Terjeson, Pendleton wheat rancher as chairman, was named to appear at the state legislature, telling the League's stand on various measures.

Delegates to the NAWG's first annual convention Feb. 1-3 were instructed what resolutions to present.

The executive committee also asked for Wheat League committee meetings in each county before the spring work begins. Each county should mull over its problems to be presented at the annual fall meetings.

A public relations discussion brought out the feeling that a "sound farm program means good public relations."

Jean Scheel, information specialist for the Oregon State college extension service, told Wheat league leaders that this is the best way for farmers to get the support of the people and to insure that they are a strong minority.

As an example, he said the effect of the income certificate bill now proposed by the Wheat league, would put the wheat farmer on his own feet.

Mrs. Ansted Guest Of Honor at Stork Shower at Lexington

The Three Links club was hostess for a pink and blue shower honoring Mrs. Ron Ansted at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske, last Thursday with a business meeting following. Games were played after which Mrs. Ansted opened a hostess of lovely gifts. Refreshments of potato salad, sandwiches, coffee and cake were served. The cake was a beautiful creation made in sheet form having a stork in the center with a tiny baby doll in its mouth, and baby shoes on each corner. Mrs. Ansted is here visiting from her home at Eagle Point.

John Spence, who makes his home with his sister, Mrs. W. E. McMillan, has gone to Kimberly where he will be employed.

Mrs. O. G. Breeding returned to her home Sunday after a few days spent with her daughter, Mrs. Bill Mathews, who recently underwent surgery in Walla Walla, but is now at her home in Pendleton.

Mrs. Harry Dinges is home after a week spent in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Van has been placed in the incubator at the Pioneer Memorial for a few days. The young man has been named Ted Arland.

Mrs. Earl Warner returned to her home last week after several weeks in Portland and Corvallis.

Word has been received in Lexington of the purchase of the Kaiser-Frazer dealership in Portland by John Robert McMillan. He used to be a resident of Lexington, and is a nephew of John McMillan and Cora Warner.

The Amicilia Club met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Bernard Doherty. After a short business meeting, the secret sisters of the past year were revealed. The rest of the evening was spent playing pinochle. Refreshments of jello, whipped cream and coffee with cookies were served.

Grange was held Saturday night with Armin Wihlon filling the chair as master. Two were obligated in the third and fourth degrees, Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin. After grange O. W. Cutsforth showed some of his fine collection of pictures, including those of the last big flood in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagonblast were week end visitors in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hunt were The Dalles visitors one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrah are the new tenants in the Leonard Motel.

Buster Shown is at home for a few days with a sprained back, caused by being struck with a barn door during a windstorm.

Charlie Padberg was given a party on Monday night by the High School, as he was to leave on Tuesday for the service.



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