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What's Doing In The Legislature

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The simplest and most concise and probably the most accurate to date of the several compilations about Oregon income and outgo was given to the house taxation committee by John Hay, tax commission attorney.

It goes like this: Budget for 1951-53 biennium 180.4 million; 1951-52 needs: Income—transfers etc. 14.6; income tax 28.0; excise tax 18.0; miscellaneous receipts 6.2 million, total 66.8 million. Subtracted from 86.9 million, balance 20.1 million.

Income and excise surplus 31.8 million which when the 1951-52 deficit is deducted leaves 11.7 in the kitty. 1952-53 needs, 93.5 million. Income: transfers, etc. 10.0; income tax, 28.0; excise 19.0; miscellaneous receipts, 6.3 for a total of 63.3, subtracted from 93.5 leaves 30.2. Deducting the 11.7 million left from the first year of the biennium leaves 18.5 million which will fall on property in 1952-53. That is about 11.6 mills.

The above can be changed if the ways and means committee cuts the budget, if it raises it, if other taxes are levied, if other funds are found. In fact some other funds can be used to cut the total but other appropriations may also be made.

The imminence of a state tax on property after 10 years should stir farmers and other property owners to insist that the constitutional amendment which has passed the house be similarly treated in the senate. The people would then have a chance to vote on it in November 1952.

Thinking of the senate about taxes is not known so far. It is known that senate leadership seldom accepts other thinking than its own.

Economy didn't stand up so well in the eighth round, and perhaps the most telling blow was the passage of the highway bond program in the senate. The theory that the highway commission should issue bonds which are to be paid for out of income from the federal government sounds very sensible if someone will assure the taxpayers that the people will let highway construction stop for a four to six year period while the bonds are being paid off. If this is not done the commission will have few funds for a period in the future and that may mean additional gas taxes or other taxes of some kind. Permitting big trucks to tear up the highways while paying small fees has brought on some serious wear and tear but it is doubtful if the people are yet willing to build heavy roads for truck use.

This is undoubtedly the hardest working bunch of legislators gathered in Salem for many years. Almost all important committees hold some night meetings which means that there is five hours per day spent on the subject, not every day, of course, but once or twice a week. Because apartments may be obtained most legislators live about town instead of in hotels and few have telephones. There is more work to do. Lobbyists are divided because of the big truck and logging truck bills the utility tax bills. The farm lobby is ineffective and even the school lobby has been reading Dale Carnegie's book because of the flood of criticism caused by the method of passing the \$30 basic school increase.

Committee hearings have occasionally been exciting with flare of heated tempers and there was one arm swinging which the papers called a fight. There may be more of it because tempers do grow shorter as a session progresses. Also there is lots of illness, many have a sort of flu that often requires hospitalization, home treatment, drugs or similar action before the victim is normal again. Probably a week of eastern Oregon sunshine would clear up a lot of snuffing heads, but instead there is rain, and drizzles and a cold damp snow.

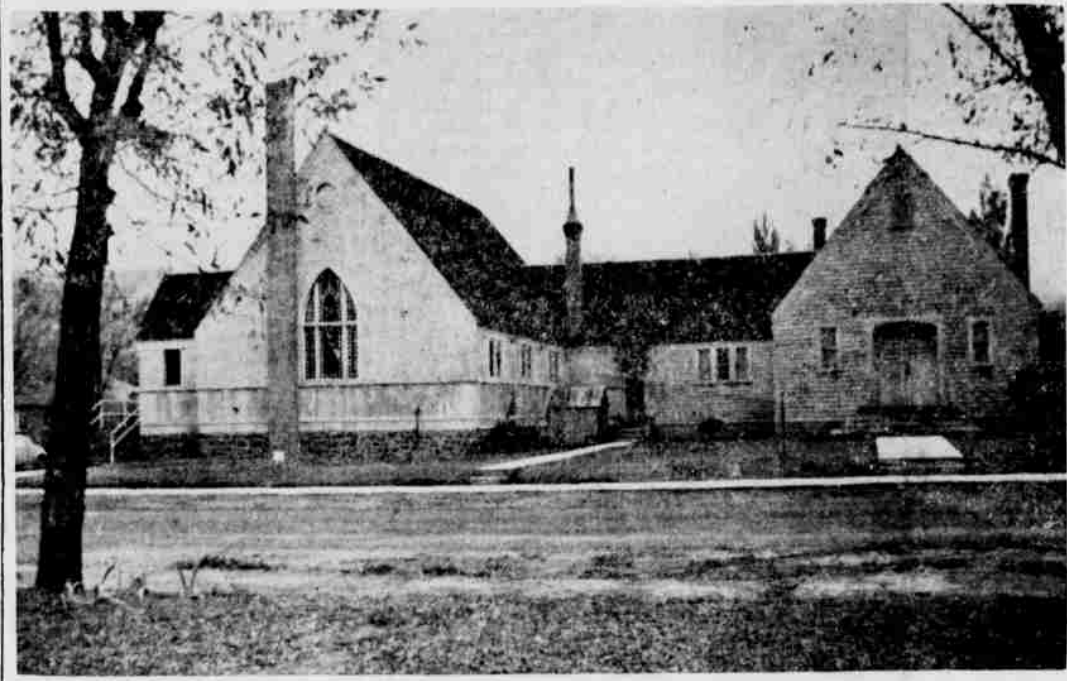
SMETHURST-ZIEGLER WEDDING DATE SET

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Smethurst announce the approaching marriage of their daughter Betty to Herman Ziegler Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler of Grass Valley.

The wedding will take place at 4 o'clock p. m. March 21 in the Congregational church in Lexington, followed by a reception at the Smethurst home. The public is invited to the wedding and the reception.

W. G. Kenagy returned Tuesday evening from Willamette valley points. He encountered snow and wind which retarded his progress and made the return trip very disagreeable.

Where Congregation Assumed Parish Status Sunday



In a brief ceremony during the morning prayer service Sunday, the All Saints Memorial church, Episcopal, grew into a parish. W. O. Dix read the petition of the congregation and Bishop Lane W. Barton granted the request forthwith. The bishop stated to the congregation that he had with him some papers that were of interest to the church, several hundred dollars in government bonds and a certificate of deposit for more than \$1,000 from the sale of the Kathleen Hughes home in Portland, the residue from which comes to All Saints by bequest.

The morning service, at which Bishop Barton delivered the sermon, was followed by a sumptuous potluck dinner in the parish house.

Alumni Association Tea Will Bring OSC Supporters, Students Together

Under sponsorship of the Oregon State college alumni association, arrangements have been completed for a tea to be held the evening of March 18 in the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church. The hour will be from 6 to 7:50, giving all who wish to attend the band concert—and everybody at the tea and elsewhere will not want to pass up this opportunity to hear one of the outstanding college bands of the west—time to enjoy the tea and short program arranged by the committee in charge.

Mrs. Joe Hughes is general chairman and has named the following committees and other functionaries:

Tea table committee: Mrs. P. W. Mahoney Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Lorene Mitchell. Pouring: Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mrs. Donald Robinson.

Refreshments: Mrs. Joe Hughes, Mrs. Francis Cook, Mrs. Alfred Nelson Jr., Mrs. Claude Graham, Mrs. J. G. Thomson, Mrs. Don Evans.

Legion Sponsors Program to Teach Children Religion

The American Legion in Oregon has designated March and April as "Teach Children Religion" months and is sponsoring American Legion posts located in an active program in each of the 12 counties of the state.

Jack N. Edmondson, commander Heppner Post No. 87, today announced this unusual program emphasizing that "it is a program without any partisan or denominational connections, and can be supported with equal enthusiasm by Protestant, Catholic or Jews."

A beautiful 14 x 22 inch multi-colored card will be placed on prominent display throughout Oregon in places of business desiring same in schools and places of worship.

Commander Edmondson described the purpose of this program as being to awaken all citizens to their religious affiliations to the need for "moral and spiritual consciousness on the part of our children who are the citizens of tomorrow and who will either fill important positions of leadership in the church, home, business and government or else fall by the wayside based upon the opportunities we afford them to understand their spiritual and moral responsibilities."

Adjutant Al Edwards stated that this will be the second year this program has been actively sponsored on a statewide level by the Department of Oregon.

Adjutant Edwards further stated that although the posters are being obtained at considerable expense, the local legion posts have expressed a desire and willingness to furnish them to all interested persons who will place them on display.

The Paul McCoy family visited in Heppner Sunday, coming from their home in Hermiston to move a few items that were left in storage when they moved to the Umatilla county town.

Heppner Awarded Good Conduct Cup At B-ball Tourny

Heppner failed to make a place in the district 6 basketball tournament at The Dalles last weekend but the team brought back the good conduct trophy and Coach Hal Whitbeck and other school officials feel the trip was well worth while.

In their first engagement the boys had little difficulty with Sisters. It was a different story when they met up with the team from Culver and it was then a matter of consolation play.

Coach Whitbeck reviewed the basketball season for the benefit of the chamber of commerce at Monday's luncheon. He is convinced that from the progress made by a bunch of largely inexperienced boys has emerged a team that will go places next year, all things being equal and not too many losses to the military and other causes. There will be one valuable player in this year's graduating class. Marion Green, who has been one of Whitbeck's stalwarts throughout the season.

Present at Monday's luncheon was Ronald Baker of Ione who gave a preview of his forthcoming trip to Washington D. C. to attend the annual National 4-H club camp.

Nels Anderson presided at the luncheon acting for the president J. R. Huffman, who is having a tussle with the flu this week.

Band Working On Numbers for Annual Spring Festival

Heppner school band has started rehearsals on the numbers to be used in the annual spring festival at La Grande, which this year will be held April 27-28. Solos and ensembles are to be presented the first day and the band as a whole performing the second day.

Response to the appeal for beds and breakfast for the OSC band members who appear here the evening of March 18 has been quite good and the Band Boosters have expressed their thanks to those who have responded. More accommodations are needed and anyone wishing to provide them should contact either Mrs. Wm. E. Davis, phone 1065 or Mrs. Cal Sumner, phone 1134, immediately.

Former Lexington Resident Honored

A clipping from a Caldwell, Idaho newspaper tells of an honor won by Mrs. Paul Mortimore, nee Huldah Tucker, graduate of Lexington high school and of College of Idaho and a teacher of several years standing. The item reads:

"Mrs. Paul Mortimore fifth grade teacher at Van Buren grade school received a certificate 'honoring a good teacher' from the Quiz Kid national radio program which is sponsoring the contest to select the best teacher in the United States.

Mrs. Mortimore received her honor through a letter written by Sarah Eagan, 10-year old fifth grade student who wrote to the program nominating Mrs. Mortimore as the best teacher. Mrs. Mortimore is now one of the teachers in the finals for the best teacher to be selected early this spring. The nationwide contest is open to all grade and high school students with the requirement that letters must be written by the students themselves with no help from adults."

Mrs. Mortimore is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary for women educators.

Mrs. Pearl Devine has been having a struggle with flu the past week or so and is still quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Lanham returned home March 1 from a month's vacation spent in southern California and Mexico. They report a delightful time but are ever so glad to be at home.

Mrs. Tress McClintock has been confined to the Pioneer Memorial hospital this week a victim of the flu. Mrs. C. C. Carmichael has been substituting for Mrs. McClintock in the Lexington school.

Mrs. Ethel Adams and daughter Nancy and Sally Cohn were weekend visitors in Corvallis where the girls attended a state Future Homemakers of America convention as delegates from the local high school chapter. Over 400 girls attended the formal dinner. Mrs. Adams and the girls visited Mrs. Cyrene Barratt and Mrs. Alva Jones while in Corvallis. They were accompanied to and from Portland by Mrs. J. O. Turner who visited at the Don Turner home.

JOHN PADBERG PASSES

As we are ready to go to press word reaches us of the death of John Padberg this afternoon. A complete report and obituary will be published next week.

Five Men Receive Notice to Report

Five men in the 21-year old group have received notices from Local Board No. 31 to report on March 13 for induction into the armed forces announces Jack Combes, secretary of the board. They will be sent to Fort Lewis Wash., reception center for duty assignment.

Those scheduled to report include the following: Ramon Earl Weimar 21, Condon; Roy Dean Acock, 21, Irrigon; Carl Delbert Miles, 21, Boardman; Johnnie Lee Williams 21, Spray and Clinton Barstad, 21, Spray.

SOROPTIMISTS LEARN ABOUT SUNNY FLORIDA

A trip to Florida in the winter time (or any time, for that matter) is something that everyone dreams of but few have the privilege of accomplishing. However, the entire membership of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner went to Florida this noon via an interesting and exhilarating report given by Mrs. W. C. Rosewall.

Mr. and Mrs. Rosewall made the trip to Miami Beach in January when they were in attendance at the National Automobile Dealers Association convention. Mrs. Rosewall brought back many pictures and these helped to make her talk very vivid and each lady present felt she had been to and seen each sight personally.

Mrs. Fred Dexter, proprietress of the new Mode O' Day shop, was a guest and Mrs. Conley Lanham was welcomed "home" after a month's vacation in southern California and Mexico.

Van Wilson of Goldendale, Wn. is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Mary Stevens this week. School in his home town is closed due to the prevalence of the flu bug so Van is having himself a carefree time this week.

Mrs. Frank Baker is again attending to her various duties about town after a sharp illness with flu the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice are slowly recovering from a serious attack of influenza which has kept them housed for a couple of weeks.

T. P. Mahar returned the first of the month from California points where he spent a month's vacation from his duties as clerk at Hotel Heppner. He visited a brother whom he had not seen for over 30 years an enjoyable event in itself, and basked in the warm sunshine of the southern climate.

D Street Closing Agitates Council And School Board

Location of New Street Obstacle To Complete Accord

A demand for the closing of D street was placed before the city council Monday evening without action being taken by the town fathers until some things are cleared up making the proposal acceptable. The school district now owns property on either side of the street which is about one block in length, and is asking vacation of the roadway as a final step towards moving to erect a new grade building on the site.

The council takes the stand that if the city vacates the street to the school district the district should in turn provide a street width strip on the north side of its property to make a traffic artery from the O-W highway on the east to K street on a north-westerly line. The local school board contended to the council that this concession can not be made without the approval of the state board of education and suggested a different route that would start a short distance west of the grandstand at the fair grounds, swing across Hinton creek and pass along the front of the Kemp Dick property and thus to K street. The county court has indicated a willingness to give a small strip off the west end of the fair grounds for an approach to the highway. The court also has offered to straighten the Hinton creek channel to permit location of the street where the city desires it but this idea has not struck a popular chord with the school officials, so far.

One objection offered by the council to the proposal to cross Hinton creek is the item of a bridge which would doubtless cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000. There are other objections to the proposed route, most of them involving added expense which the city feels is not justified. Realizing that the Hinton creek route is an important traffic artery and that future development up the creek will create increased use of the road, the mayor and council desire to move slowly in the matter of shutting off the only connecting link on that side of town before having the assurance that a satisfactory route will be provided.

To date the question has reached a stalemate, with neither side seemingly willing to grant the other's request.

THEY WIN TOP 4-H HONORS



A week of citizenship training in the nation's capital is in store for these 4-H club members, from left: Francis Reynolds, 18, Prineville; Deloris Sell, 20, Riverton; Kathleen Johnston, 19, Klamath Falls; and Ronald Baker, 18, Ione. State 4-H leader L. J. Allen led off National 4-H Club Week by announcing that they will attend the 21st National 4-H Club Camp in Washington, D. C., next summer. As representatives of Oregon's 23,000 4-H club members, they were chosen for leadership, scholarship, and general 4-H achievement.

Oregon's delegates to the 1951 National 4-H club camp, to be held in June in Washington, D. C., were named last week by L. J. Allen, state 4-H club leader. They are: Kathleen Johnston, 19, of Klamath Falls; Deloris Sell, 20, of Riverton; Ronald Baker, 18, of Ione and Francis Reynolds, 18 of Prineville.

The top four 4-H club members from each state, Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico will meet in the nation's capital for a week of citizenship training. They will hear nationally known speakers visit historic shrines and have an opportunity to get acquainted with the congressmen from their home states.

The youths were selected for their outstanding records in scholarship leadership and general 4-H achievement. Their accomplishments lie in many fields.

Kathleen Johnston has completed both livestock and home-making projects and has been food preservation champion at county and state fairs. She organized the first home economics 4-H club in her community service as president, and is now leader. Last year she received a Sears Roebuck Foundation scholarship in a 4-H girls' achievement contest.

Francis Reynolds has been in 4-H for 11 years. He has 18 baby beef, 3 dairy animals and 144 hogs on his dad's 5,550-acre ranch. President of his 4-H beef club for four years he has won scholarships to 4-H summer school at Oregon State college for the past six years. He was elected president of the 600 boys at the 1950 summer school.

Ronald Baker planted 400 trees as a windbreak on his father's farm and is running tests on wheat fertilizers. He raises purebred Southdown Hampshire and Columbia sheep and Shorthorn cattle. Ronald has been an assistant 4-H leader and helped organize a tractor maintenance club in his community. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker, are both 4-H club leaders.

SEEK ADDITIONAL AGENT

Citizens of the north end of the county believe they should have a county agent of their own. A petition to the county court asking for an assistant agent whose time would be devoted to irrigation farming problems was presented Wednesday. The paper bore the signatures of approximately 100 residents of Boardman and Irrigon. It is estimated the salary of an assistant would be \$2800 a year.

PROBATION VIOLATOR RETURNED

Edward Brandt, who was convicted about a year ago on a count of passing worthless checks and sentenced to one year in state prison and paroled, was returned to Heppner Tuesday by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman who picked him up in The Dalles. Brandt is in the county jail pending disposal of his case by Judge Wm. C. Perry.