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What's Doing In The Legislature

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Now they're betting on how long it will last. Once there was hope and this was years ago, that that the legislature would always be able to adjourn by Easter. For two sessions this was possible because Easter was late. This year Easter is early and there was no chance that adjournment would come before that date. Guesses are from late April to early May.

Economy is still holding out well despite the battling of the spenders. The ways and means committee has just about put its collective foot down on a bumbling program for which many tears have been shed. Now if the budget can be reduced a little and the tax intake increased a little there may be a reasonable balance after all—but this is optimistic. The 1949-51 budget called for some 140 million; the 1951-52 budget for 180 million. The \$11 million basic school increase and the veterans bonus account for some \$15 million of the increase so the state officials are not all to blame.

If the new school bill could be handled somehow and the veterans' bonus paid by a cigarette tax it might be possible (not probable) to cut the budget down to the income.

Actually, of course, that has to eventually be done unless Oregon is to adopt deficit financing and issuance of warrants as has Washington. This state is in for a dose of economy and the longer it is put off the bigger dose it is going to be (you know, like castor oil).

Our income tax is among the highest in the nation, our business tax, corporate tax, is almost as large as the highest, our property taxes are very high and the people will not pay a sales tax. We cannot get new industry with the highest taxes, nor maintain our economy in competition with lower taxed states. We must cut the cloth to fit the pattern. The trouble, as usual, is to cut the proper things, the useless boards and commissions, the overgrowth of government, the excess fat that has accumulated on the body politic.

The highway committee has a bill for a revision of the 19 percent of highway funds allotted to counties. It has had a similar bill for years and nothing could be done about it. Heretofore such bills have been passed on the assumption that factors such as areas, miles of road or engineering needs could be used to give rural areas more highway money. These ideas have always met the hard fact of votes.

Now the theory is that each county should receive \$15,000 before any division on the basis of number of cars is made. The effect would be to reduce the \$2,000,000 multimillion county receives from the \$8,000,000 total.

The larger counties of Oregon receive a property tax for road purposes at all. They get all the road funds they need from the state, while smaller counties levy a road tax whenever they need money. The development of roads in rural areas is therefore handicapped by the method of distribution which is essentially on a basis of population.

All this is merely an example of the inequities of any population method. Such a plan makes the cities bigger and the country smaller, thus continuing a centralization process that is a serious menace to the state—or to any government any place.

The reapportionment bills will probably be out next week and be debated, probably Monday. Whether rural Oregon will stick together in the face of pressures from strong groups or whether it will fall apart cannot be known until the roll is called. Effort now is to convince members of the dire need for up-state cohesion.

The ways and means committee is having trouble with salary scales and the problem of how to pay state officials and how much. Some reduction in personnel may be obtained without loss of efficiency and with no pay reductions. Most members think that possible although the problem of how to obtain office management practices that bring results at least cost is not solved for a political unit such as the state. There is a bill written for appointment of a business manager but it is far from perfect so far.

Miss Joan Hilsler is spending the vacation at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hilsler. She is a student at Eastern Oregon College of Education.

Wheat Growers Of Oregon Demand Equal Share of Cars

Seek to Avert Dumping Big '51 Crop on Ground

Oregon wheat growers, recognizing that a boxcar shortage exists all over the United States, are demanding fair treatment with other shippers in the sharing of boxcars.

Don McKinnis of Summerville, president of the Oregon Wheat League, made the demand in a meeting in Portland Wednesday of the Pacific Northwest Shippers advisory committee. Representatives of shippers, including grain dealers and millers, met with the railroads.

"The league has appealed to the defense transportation administrator, congress, ICC and the presidents of the railroads for relief. But so far no boxcars," rapped McKinnis.

Speaking from a resolution passed by the Pacific Northwest Farm council March 10 that calls for action to relieve a boxcar shortage in the Pacific Northwest, McKinnis said:

"Wheat farmers are facing a crisis because there are no box cars. Elevators are still full. Some of the wheat is sold and ready to ship. Ships are available at Portland and other ports. But no boxcars."

"Sure we know there's a shortage everywhere, but there are still thousands of cars, and we want fair treatment in getting them. The wheat league is just trying to see that Oregon wheat shippers get their share."

"There is no apparent improvement in the supply of cars in this area since the ICC order February 19. This order directed eastern railroads to turn over 8820 cars weekly to the West."

"This situation is urgent now because of the export demand for wheat to India and the Far East. We also need to move wheat now to make room for a bumper crop of 115,000,000 bushels predicted this summer. Unless this is done, wheat will have to be dumped on the ground."

"Northwest wheat farmers and grain dealers can not solve the problem by building more elevators. There is already more storage at country points than would be required to store a normal wheat crop."

Statistics have been gathered on the boxcar problem by Frank P. Aughney, manager of the Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products association. McKinnis told the railroads advisory committee.

On February 1 railroads had orders for 132,528 boxcars, which had not been delivered, he said. In January, 3949 cars were delivered. Boxcar builders had hoped to increase production to 10,000 a month by April, but steel has been cut 10 percent. So production can only reach 9000 a month. At this rate it would take almost 15 months, reported McKinnis.

The Wheat league has asked all executive committees to get specific information on the boxcar needs of each wheat county in Oregon. This is to be presented to the railroads, ICC and defense transport administrator.

Last School For Square Dancing To Be Next Tuesday

The third and last school for square dancing will be held in the Ione Legion hall at 8:00 p. m., March 27, announces Maud C. Casswell, county home agent. Miss Jessaie Mailalieu, extension recreation specialist, from Oregon State college will again be on hand to present new square dance steps and review patterns already taught.

Over 85 Morrow county men and women have been attending these dance lessons. They will become teachers and conduct the square dancing in their own organizations.

Future plans for county square dancing will be made by the newly elected recreation committee. Officers of this committee are Bill Garner, chairman, Boardman; Everett Keithley, vice chairman, Heppner, and Mrs. Tress McClintock, secretary, Heppner.

Among the out-of-town visitors here for the Parker-Neill reception Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Warner Kennedy of Stevenson, Wash. Mrs. Kennedy is a niece of Mr. Parker.

Morrow County Cancer Crusade Ready To Launch 1951 Contribution Campaign

Students Display Talents in Annual Speech Festival

Although the attendance was disappointing to the sponsors, the speech festival held at the Heppner school March 16 was rated as one of the best in the matter of quality of performance. The festival is sponsored by the schools of the county to promote speech activities and to offer the student a chance in this work.

No one received less than a 3 rating in Friday's festival. The judging was capably handled by Dr. R. J. Skeen of Eastern Oregon College of Education and Miss Jean Dann, speech instructor at McLoughlin Union high school, Milton-Freewater. Bradley D. Fancher, district attorney of Morrow county, is credited with doing an excellent job as moderator for the panel discussions.

The one act plays were above the average, showing excellence in character performance and direction. Superior work was done on the Lexington and Heppner plays.

Here are the results according to divisions, with the figure indicating the ratings:

Extemporaneous speaking, Ronald Baker, 1; Keith Tannehill, 2; Beverly Nolan, 2.

Oratory: Jim Savage, 2 plus. After dinner speaking: Lynn Wright, 2; Darlene Balser, 2 plus.

Poetry reading: Mary Gundersen, 1; Ora Ely, 2; Shirley Hunt, 1.

Humorous reading: Ora Ely, 1; Janet Howton, 2; Joanne Warren, 1; Betty Lou Messenger, 2; Helen Steagall, 1; Ronald Burger, 2.

Panel discussion: Rieta Graves, 3rd; Jim Smith, 4th; George Russell, 6th; Dale Hinsdale, 1st; Pat Majeske, 5th; Betty Vann, 5th; Ronald Baker, 2nd.

FIFTEEN ON HONOR ROLL FOURTH SIX WEEKS PERIOD

Fifteen students of Heppner high school made the honor roll in the fourth six-weeks period, announces Supt. Leonard Pate.

On the list were Ronald Currin, Terry Thompson, Diane Van Horn, Lynn Wright, Kathleen Orwick, Roger Palmer, Nancy Adams, Sally Cohn, Nancy Ferguson, Eleanor Rice, Jim Smith, Joan Warren, Marion Green, Mary Gundersen, Juanita Matteson.

Special Speakers Slated by County Livestock Growers

Appearing on the program of the next Morrow County Livestock Growers association meeting will be Dr. R. R. Younce and M. E. Knickerbocker, state department of agriculture, announcer Frank Anderson, Heppner, chairman of the association. The meeting will be held at the circuit courtroom in Heppner, March 28 beginning at 8 p. m.

Dr. Younce, state veterinarian, will speak on the various aspects of brucellosis in cattle, which is a problem in Morrow county. This will be his first appearance here and the stockmen will be interested in meeting him.

M. E. Knickerbocker, chief, division of animal industry, will discuss enforcement of compulsory brucellosis testing, in a clean up program for the county. He will also discuss other pertinent matters pertaining to the livestock industry here.

All livestock men are invited to attend the meeting.

SELECTED FOR EASTERN TRIP IN LATE JULY

Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien received notice Monday of his selection to represent the Portland district at the National Methodist Town and Country conference to be held in Sioux City, Iowa, July 21-24.

There will be a lay member from the Portland district also. The nomination came from Dr. J. M. Adams, superintendent of the Columbia district.

Mrs. Harlan McCurdy Jr. and children have been visitors in Heppner the past week from their home in Ukiah. Mrs. McCurdy said the snow had melted off in Ukiah and vicinity but it was none too springlike when she left.

Robert Pullen and his mother, Mrs. John Madden of Lone Rock are business visitors in Heppner today.

Organizational work has been completed for launching the 1951 Morrow County Cancer Crusade, announced Mrs. James J. Farley, crusade chairman, the first of the week. Each community has a captain in addition to the general committee and when the campaign opens it will be pushed to conclusion without faltering, the chairman declares.

Letters requesting contributions for the crusade will be in the mail April 1. Personal soliciting of business houses also will be done at this time. A booth will be set up on Main street each Saturday afternoon in April for the purpose of distributing cancer educational material and to accept contributions. Mrs. Farley also has the necessary material and will assist those wishing to make a contribution as a memorial.

With Mrs. Farley on the 1951 Morrow County Cancer Crusade are Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, vice chairman; Mrs. Harry O'Donnell Jr., secretary; Jack Van Winkle, treasurer, and Mrs. Jesse Payne, publicity.

The local organization is headed by Mrs. James Healy as commander, and includes Mrs. Richard Wells, vice commander; Dr. A. D. McMurdo, medical director; and Mrs. J. D. Palmer, Heppner; Mrs. Robert Davidson, Lexington; Mrs. Gordon White, Ione; Mrs. George Gwynn, Boardman; Will Shippes, Hardman; and Mrs. Ida Slaughter, Irrigon, captains.

Mrs. Harold Scritsmier is a patient in St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mrs. Adrian Bechold and Mrs. Ethel Lyndholm attended a luncheon meeting of Iota chapter (Delta Kappa Gamma, in Milton Saturday. Mrs. Elizabeth Roe Cloud was the guest speaker.

Luncheon Group Enlightened on Several Subjects

Subjects ranging from hunting and fishing to the Holy plan for Oregon's educational system occupied the attention of the luncheon group of the Heppner chamber of commerce Monday noon. Dr. L. D. Tibbles responded to President Huffman's request for committee reports by telling of progress to date on the matter of fishing reserves for youngsters.

Glenn Parsons, speaking for N. C. Anderson's committee on utilization of waste timber stated that the committee had not been able to meet to date and offered the suggestion that instead of

Program of High Merit Presented By College Band

A near-capacity crowd at the high school gymnasium Sunday evening was treated to one of the finest band concerts ever heard in these parts when the Oregon State college band under the direction of Ted Mesang paid the first visit to Heppner in ten years. Every number was greeted with hearty applause and the appetite of the audience for good music was apparent in the call for more when the curtain was drawn following the final number.

Ted Mesang has developed a highly skilled group of young musicians and molded them into a concert band on a par with those of the larger schools and some of the finer military bands. He is a firm believer in using good talent regardless of gender and demonstrated that a good girl musician is as proficient as a good boy musician by including 12 of the gentler sex in the concert band personnel, some of them in key positions. As an aside, he said that the use of the girls in the band will become more general as the draft makes inroads on the young men of the college.

Jim Barratt, assistant alumni association manager, conducted the tour of the band into eastern Oregon. The schedule included Heppner and four Umatilla county towns, Stanfield, Pendleton, Hermiston and Echo. One other off-campus concert will be played April 22, at Myrtle Point.

considering a plant for masonite that another building board something on the order of fix-ty be given consideration.

Orville Smith commented that utilization of waste products is a worthy subject and something that he and his company have been studying for some time. He made no further commitment other than that it is still a live matter.

Judge Garnet Barratt reported that the matter of placing signs directing the way to the Pioneer Memorial hospital had been taken up with the state highway department and that he was assured something will be done about it.

Henry Tetz reviewed the educational bill passed by the legislature which in effect adopted the Holy report.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven Aalberg of Portland are transacting business in Heppner this week.



ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL CHURCH—Episcopal

Saturday before Easter: Children's Easter party in parish house 2:30 - 4.

Easter Day—Holy Communion 8 a. m. Church school Easter program and presentation of mite box offering, 9:45 a. m.

Holy Communion and sermon 11 a. m.

Baptisms (by appointment) 3 to 4 p. m.

Informal service and instruction, 7:30 p. m.

Holy Communion on Wednesday at 10 a. m.

Choir practices: Boys on Wednesday, 2:30 to 3:45 p. m. Girls on Wednesday 4:5 p. m. Adults, Thursday evening at 8.

Boy Scouts Wednesday evening 7:30 to 9.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

R. J. McKowen Pastor Sunday services: 9:45 a. m. Bible school with classes for all. C. W. Barlow, superintendent. Morning worship and communion 11 a. m. Sermon theme "The effects of the Resurrection." Special Easter music under direction of Mrs. Willard Warren.

At 3:30 Saturday afternoon the children of the Bible school will have an Easter program and party, to which all are invited.

Don't forget the evening service at 7:30 Sunday with evangelistic message and fellowship

Stores Closing

In observance of Good Friday, the stores of Heppner will be closed from 1 p. m. to 2 p. m. in accordance with the wishes of the majority of the business men. This was the report of the members of the Merchants' committee of the chamber of commerce. Heretofore the stores remained closed for the traditional three-hour period, from noon until three o'clock.

Second Half Basic School Fund Is Being Distributed

The second half of the State Basic School fund is being distributed to the local schools. Morrow county received a total of \$74,400.37, one half of which was distributed in September.

This fund is from state income tax surplus and is used as an offset to local property tax allowing for a reduction of 6.2 mills in the rural districts tax levy. The distribution is based on number of children in attendance, number of teachers employed and transportation provided, and was as follows:

- School district No. 1CJ, Heppner, \$13,726.94.
- District No. 5J, Morgan, 241.12.
- District No. 10, Irrigon, 5,417.21.
- District No. 12C, Lexington, 3,165.53.
- District No. 19, Rood Canyon, 281.30.
- District No. 23C Devine, 711.76.
- District No. 25, Boardman, 4,908.57.
- District No. 35CJ, Ione, 6,784.50.
- District No. 40C, Hardman, 562.70.
- District No. 41C, Sand Hollow, 373.66.
- District No. U. H. 1, Hardman, 148.13.
- Non high school district, Heppner, 879.00, for a total of \$37,200.22

Birthday Party At Church Outstanding Social Success

Friends and relatives from far and near gathered at the parlors of the Church of Christ Sunday afternoon to felicitate Frank S. Parker and Roy Neill upon the occasion of their 75th birthdays. These men have long been active in the affairs of Morrow county, Mr. Neill coming here upon his 21st birthday to work for O. E. Farnsworth, in 1897. Mr. Parker came a few years later, in 1901 and was one of the workmen on the present I. O. O. F. and Humphreys buildings.

A beautiful tea table, centered with a large birthday cake and tall yellow tapers, was the focal point of the room. Red roses were used effectively on the piano and mantle piece.

The birthday cake was baked by Mrs. E. M. Kenton, daughter of Mr. Neill. Pouring during the tea hours were Mrs. R. J. McKowen, Mrs. C. N. Jones, Mrs. Ethel Zeimantz, Mrs. A. J. Chaffee, Mrs. Wm. McCaleb, Mrs. O. G. Crawford, Mrs. W. D. Neill and Mrs. E. R. Huston. The guest books were in charge of Lorene Mitchell and Mrs. Elma Scott. Assisting about the rooms were Mrs. C. C. Dunham, Mrs. Guy Moore, Mrs. Marcel Jones, Mrs. Paul Jones and Mrs. Grace Hughes. Mrs. Frances Mitchell greeted the guests at the door. Mrs. Clara B. Gertson cut the birthday cake.

Guests from distant points included Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coxen, Hermiston; Mrs. Cleve Cox, Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Madison, Echo; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy, Stevenson, Wash.; Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Doolittle and son of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Dee Neill, Mrs. Alice Moorehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Buck Wenters, of Hermiston; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Kenton and family Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Moore and family, Athena, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Parker and family, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Omer McCaleb, Reedsport; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Wetzel, and family, Lexington. More than 150 guests signed the guest books during the afternoon.

SOROPTIMISTS ENJOY TALK ABOUT PEOPLE

Art Linklater's "People Are Funny" radio program doesn't hold a candle to the everyday experiences of the local hotel managers according to the report of Mrs. H. A. Sanders to the Soroptimist club of Heppner at the luncheon meeting this noon. The funny stories, the pettishness of some of the lady guests, arguments of the daily lobby "guests" and general frailties and idiosyncracies of the great American traveling public make a very amusing club program, but no doubt give the management a headache at the moment at least.

REDECORATING OF STORE ADDS INTEREST TO SHOPPING

Spring of the year means paint up time. The latest to submit to the call is Central Market and Grocery who after a few weeks after-hour efforts is all bright and shiny with new paint in a beautiful soft green tone on the interior of the store. New display counters have been added which greatly facilitate the shoppers in their search for the essentials of their daily menus.

With the modernizing of the store, Mrs. Sara McNamer has added much to the pleasure of the shoppers as well as facilitating the handling of the stocks.

Council Accepts Contract on North Court St. Project

Street Committee Locates Tentative Entrance Route

Although work has been in progress several weeks on the North Court street project, the city did not endorse the contract until Monday evening at the mid-month meeting. The council deferred passing on the contract until it was definitely established that the city would not be further obligated. When the state highway commission gave assurance that no more funds would be asked there was nothing for the council to do but sign up.

The street committee reported that a tentative route for a new street had been viewed. An effort is being made to find a location that will in a measure meet the demands of the school district board, which body is seeking to have D street vacated. The route would start near the west end gate to the Rodeo grounds, cut across a corner of the Oscar George property and follow down the Hinton creek channel until Elder street is reached and there join K street. It would cut off about one-fourth of an acre of the school property. The school board feels this can not be permitted since the school property already is one and one-half acres short of the acreage required by the state system. Speaking unofficially Edwin Dick said he was sure no concession could be made by the local board until the matter had been put up to the state board.

Councilman chairman W. C. Rosewall presided in the absence of Mayor J. O. Turner who was out of the city.

College Folk Re-live Campus Life At Alumni Reception

A goodly number of old grads, young grads, and former students assembled at the parish house of All Saints Episcopal church Sunday evening to mingle briefly with one another and meet some of the personnel of the Oregon State college band in town that evening for a concert at the school gymnasium. When introductions and visiting had been attended to, Jim Barratt, manager of the band, introduced Forrest Gathercoal, tuba player in the band, who delighted his hearers with three brilliant numbers on the marimba. This was followed by the showing of a reel of the first half of the Oregon-Oregon State football game last fall and "stills" of scenes on the college campus.

Ted Mesang, director of the band, and Mrs. Mesang were introduced to the group and the director told of musical activities on the campus.

Tea, coffee and cookies were served from a beautifully decorated table, the handiwork of Mrs. Claude Graham and Mrs. James Farley. Mrs. Farley had charge of the guest book and Mrs. Joseph Hughes was in charge of kitchen service, as well as general chairman of the affair.

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Mrs. Sanders enumerated a few of the many duties that are heaped upon the heads of the operators of a small hotel—redecorating, plumbing, mending, sorting, buying linens, putting out fires, and the thousand and one other "little" details that make for the smooth running hotel.

Plans were completed for the trip to La Grande April 3 when Miss L. Grace Nicholls president of the American Federation of Soroptimists will address the Soroptimist clubs of eastern Oregon.

The meeting on March 29 will be a sack lunch at the Crawford home.