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## What's Doing In The Legislature

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Something always delays a session, few ever going to the end without some halting occurrence. Last week two such occurrences happened. The first was the decision of the supreme court concerning the guardianship of an incompetent in Yamhill county. Yet, it had to do with titles to bills, and that decision will require the rewriting of perhaps a hundred bills and a change in the thinking of the taxation committee of the house which has already passed a bill putting the income tax future funds in the general fund — now impossible. This recent decision practically overrules the second Sprague-vs-Fisher case which at least indicated that the legislature need not be bound too strictly by constitutional inhibitions about titles.

Second was the untimely death of Carl Engdahl, senator from Umatilla county, chairman of the sub-committee in charge of higher education, man of large affairs, hard working, conscientious, able public servant whose death was undoubtedly due to overwork. Someone will have to take up his work and carry it on to conclusion. That may take weeks.

The newspapers are saying that there will be no reapportionment this session, which is opinion and not news. Actually the house reapportionment committee expects to bring out a bill designed to reapportion in accordance with the constitution and a constitutional amendment designed to apportion in accordance with the necessities of the state's economy. The bill would, in effect, transfer four representatives from rural Oregon to urban Oregon and it has only a fair chance of passage.

It is about time that the legislature get down to important legislation, which always takes longer because more work is done on such bills. One of the truck bills has passed—that having to do with weights. These were increased by two tons, which is realistic but too much. It did meet the needs of big cattle truckers and big oil truckers and did not hurt the log haulers as much as their plaintive cry of destruction would indicate. Log haulers and the companies behind them would like to have a law permitting timber owners to contract with county courts and city councils about roads. The companies would repair and maintain roads for the privilege of hauling more than the legal 72,000 pounds. Actually this is being done in Oregon right now, especially in eastern Oregon, and will probably be made legal.

The silly bill that would have attached the 22nd legislative district to Umatilla county was introduced for publicity purposes only and for the opportunity to make a speech on the part of the author. It is indicative of a method of legislation for the purpose of publicity. It gets the name in the papers. Suggestion has been made that the bill be amended to include all counties east of the mountains and declare that section of the state unattached territory. In that case it would be eligible for statehood in its own right.

The bill to bring a re-vote on the basic school bill will be debated this week with minor chance for passage. Yet 38 house members are from counties that voted against the measure last fall, but 13 are from Multnomah where the school teachers are stronger than the taxpayers or voters.

Still to come, among the matters of importance, are the complete taxation bills which have been held up by illness of attorneys who like many of the members have been down with the flu, more highway bills, the ways and means bills, revision of the administration department, and a few others which are highly debatable issues. It takes time to get 31 house members and 16 senators to agree on important legislation of controversial nature and they worry about it more—and it costs them more—than do the impatient citizens who must wonder when it will end.

## High Schools Of County Schedule Career Day Here

Students to Hear  
Special Speakers  
And Consultants

To provide the juniors and seniors of Morrow county high schools the opportunity to meet together and to discuss and hear discussed problems pertinent to their personal growth in the social and vocational areas, a "career day" has been scheduled for April 6, with Heppner high school playing host.

The general plan as outlined by Henry Tetz, county superintendent, is to bring in outside speakers and consultants to advise with the students in their discussions and to help them to explore areas of development with possibilities in each area pointed out so that students might make personal applications to their own development. The emphasis will be on the students themselves—they are to "carry the ball."

A program has been arranged in five sessions, beginning with a general session at 1:15 p. m. which will be addressed by Dr. Rod Langston, president of Eastern Oregon College of Education. Dr. Edwin T. Ingles, vice president of Pacific University will also be on the program.

At 2:20 special sessions will be held for boys on all aspects of military service and for girls on immediate plans and opportunities.

General group sessions, 3-4:10 conducted by students, with qualified consultants for each group. From 5-5:30, general session to hear reports by the chairmen of the general group. Discussions: Evaluation of the conference.

Dinner will be served at 6 p. m. From 7 to 8 there will be games and group mixer activities. Dancing will start at 8 and there will be games and other activities for those not wishing to dance.

Supt. Leonard Pate of Heppner will be responsible for arrangements, including rooms and providing dinner. Henry Tetz will secure the consultants. Each school will designate a teacher adviser for its group leaders.

### MRS. MARY STEVENS CLOSES SHOP IN HERMISTON

Mrs. Mary Stevens has closed her flower shop in Hermiston to the operation of her local and will devote her entire time to store, Mary Van's Flowers.

Mrs. Stevens recently moved her shop from the Heppner Hotel building to the VanHorn building on upper Main street where she has a modern city-like establishment.

### 50th Anniversary Observed By Mr. And Mrs. Schwarz

Fifty years ago, March 28, 1901, Henry Schwarz and Minnie Hauser hied themselves to the Presbyterian church in Madison, South Dakota, and there in the presence of two witnesses pledged their marriage vows in a ceremony performed by the Rev. Hugh Robison. The witnesses were the minister's wife and a friend of Mrs. Schwarz, A Mrs. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz lived in South Dakota for several years, leaving Madison in 1908. Their first born, Leonard, arrived at Hope, North Dakota. Heading for the Oregon country, the Schwarzs settled at Corvallis where Mr. Schwarz engaged in the meat business for several years and in 1914 they came to Heppner, which has been their home since. Their son Billy was born here.

It had not been Mrs. Schwarz's purpose to celebrate the 50th anniversary, due to the state of her health, but Mr. Schwarz felt that some of their friends should be let in on the secret and the first thing they knew these friends were dropping in to extend greetings and leave gifts, making it a day long to be remembered.

### CARD PARTY POSTPONED

Due to the death of Frank Lindsey, the card party advertised by the Willows grange of Ione for March 31, has been cancelled.

## Contest For Bantam Weight Crown?



Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dodson, proprietors of The Picture Shop, were riding around one day recently looking for scenes to snap. They arrived at the Delbert Emert ranch near Ione with the hope of getting the big herd of cows and calves in one group but the wily animals scattered on them. As they were moving about the field, they came upon this battle royal between two calves who either were very angry or very cold. It was a good action picture, to say the least and depicts a moment in the lives of two potential \$300 steers on a Morrow county ranch.

## Elza Vinson Was Native Son of Butter Creek Area

Elza Vinson, 79, passed away Sunday evening at the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner where he had been a patient but a short time. Funeral services are being held at 2 o'clock p. m. Thursday from the Phelps Funeral chapel and interment in the Heppner Masonic cemetery beside the grave of his wife who preceded him five months ago.

Mr. Vinson was a native of Umatilla county, having been born October 6, 1872 on Little Butter creek, the son of George and Elizabeth Alexander Vinson, among the earliest settlers of the region. The old homestead was a donation claim and was occupied by Mr. Vinson from 1928 until a short time before his death.

On September 25, 1895, Mr. Vinson was married to Emma Ferguson of Heppner. They took up a homestead in Clark's canyon and later moved to Ukiah. From Ukiah they moved to Monument in 1902 and remained there until 1928 when they returned to the old home place on Little Butter creek.

Survivors include 10 children, Iva Way, Lexington; Bennie Vinson, Heppner; Flossie Breeding, Lexington; Hiram Vinson, Heppner; Emma White, Heppner; Ella Breeding, Lexington; Dee Vinson, Auburn, Wash.; L. D. Vinson, Kimberley, and Darrell and Deland, a niece Georgia Piney, San Francisco. A sister, a half-sister and a half brother all preceded him to the grave.

## Tetz New Veep of Education Group

Henry Tetz was elected vice president of the Oregon Education association at the annual meeting of the group in Portland last week. It was the 44th annual conference of the association, which means that Tetz will become top man in 1952 if the usual progression is followed.

The new "Veep" related some facts about the association to the chamber of commerce luncheon group Monday noon. There are 11,406 teachers in the state. Of this number, 9,000 are members of the association, Tetz said. Of the 56 teachers in Morrow county 55 are members of the association.

Prominent educators were present from out of state, including Dr. Witty from Ohio University, Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, state superintendent of public instruction in Washington, and Jeff Williams, world traveler and lecturer.

**HILL-McCLURE**  
Elmer Hill, member of the Soil Conservation Service staff here, and Ella Louise McClure, recently from Pasadena, Calif. were married March 23. Justice J. O. Hager performed the ceremony.

**TEACHERS RE-ELECTED**  
Supt. Leonard Pate reports that the school board has tendered contracts to all of the teaching staff of the Heppner schools. The teachers have until April 1 to indicate whether or not they will accept.

Jack Forsythe, a member of the Air Corps reserve, reported for duty Tuesday in Portland. Mrs. Forsythe and the children accompanied him to the city and will remain there as long as he is stationed there.

## Raven - Crow - Magpie Population Destined to Face Depletion Come Sunday When Annual Contest Opens

Come Sunday, April 1 and there will be a great fluttering and chatting among certain of the bird tribes of the county, for that day the annual raven-crow-magpie contest sponsored by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers club will open. Decision to again sponsor the contest was reached at a committee meeting held at the Gar Swanson residence at Ione Tuesday evening.

Since the contest met with such great success last year, it was decided to continue the program. This year, through the nteest of Hynd Brothers of Cecil, there will be a separate raven contest. A grand prize of \$25 was posted by the Hynd Brothers to be given to the youngster or oldster who brings in the greatest number of mature raven feet. To make this part of the contest still more attractive, A. R. Hamlin Heppner, has offered \$15 as second prize.

It was pointed out that if the county could be rid of the ravens it would mean a direct saving to sheepmen, as the birds take serious toll of new born lambs.

A word of caution is suggested to those who enter the contest. It is advisable to have hunting licenses handy if it is planned to shoot the ravens. Complaints of trespass against any contestant will result in disqualification, so old and young alike must re-

member to seek permission from the landlord before entering his premises.

The Hynd Brothers will welcome those who do some good shooting at their Cecil ranch, the committee was informed.

As in 1950, there will be a crow and magpie contest. Five points will be scored for each pair of legs and one point for each egg turned in. Present plans call for counting stations at Boardman, Irrigon, Ione, Lexington and two in Heppner. Gar Swanson has already volunteered to count in Ione and Floyd Tolleson will assist in the Heppner area.

Business houses will again be called upon to donate prizes. The merchants were generous with worthwhile prizes last year. The closing date and lists of prizes will be announced later. Further details will be compiled by the committee chairman, Gar Swanson, and members Floyd Tolleson Bill Labhart and Len Gilliam.

The whole-purpose of the contest is to rid Morrow county of nest robbing pests which should greatly increase the number of Meadowlarks and other song birds, as well as aid in the production of game birds. There will be no age limit for contestants, from 6 to 60, as long as they obey the rules and show courtesy to the land owners. It should prove great fun for those nimble Morrow county residents who plan to compete in the contests.

## Frank H. Lindsey Services Set For Saturday at Ione

Funeral services for Frank H. Lindsey, who passed away Tuesday, March 27 at the Mid Columbia hospital in The Dalles, will be held from the Co-operative church of Ione at 2:30 o'clock p. m. Saturday. Rev. Alfred Shirley, pastor, will officiate and arrangements will be in charge of the Phelps Funeral Home of Heppner. Interment will be in the cemetery at Ione.

Mr. Lindsey suffered a fall at his farm home in the Morgan district about three weeks ago. He treated a few days at the Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner and returned home. Shortly after he was taken to the hospital at The Dalles where it was found his condition was serious. (An obituary will appear in the Gazette Times next week.)

### FROLICS DATE CHANGED

The dates for the Frolics of 1951 have been changed to April 20 and 21. The Jay-Cee-ettes were desirous of having the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Knight of the Heppner high school faculty in the direction of the Frolics and they were not able to do so on previously scheduled dates.

## Spring Baseball Schedule Adopted By Bush Leaguers

Heppner to Throw  
Revitalized Team  
Into Competition

A revitalized baseball squad is the promise given fans who support the Heppner town team. This promise is given in view of the prospects for several new players which have signified their intentions of joining the squad in the opening practice at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, April 1.

Included in the new timber are Hahn, a peppery third baseman; Robinson, a sure-armed and steady second baseman; Schwab, ex-Pacific University ace and more recently principal of Lexington high school who can really clout that ball; "Red" Groves, well-known in this community, will be available to handle the back-stop position. Red has an outstanding baseball record behind him and will be a definite asset to the club.

The rest of the squad will comprise familiar faces from last year's team. Some of these players are Manager Doug Drake, pitcher; Sanders, Swaggart, Jim and Jack Sumner, Gabler, Jim Smith, Gary Connor, Phil Smith and Dick Knight, local school teacher.

Business houses are being implored to assist with financing the 1951 team, at least enough to make an auspicious start. No big contributions are contemplated but the players would like to have ample equipment.

The season opens April 22, with Spray furnishing the opposition in the first Heppner game there. April 29, Condon comes to Heppner; May 5, Heppner at Fossil; May 13, Ione at Heppner; May 20, Heppner at Kinzua; May 27, Spray at Heppner; June 3, Heppner at Ione; June 10, Heppner at Condon; June 17, Fossil at Heppner, and June 24, Kinzua at Heppner.

## Heppner Students To Participate in Dist. Speech Fest

Six students from Heppner high school will participate in the northeastern Oregon district speech contest at La Grande Friday and Saturday. Winners in this contest will have an opportunity to go to the state finals the following week.

Going to La Grande will be Mickey Lanham, Mary Gundersen, Sharon Becket, Jim Smith, Reita Graves and Joan Warren.

### 75 Years Young . . . . .



The duo in this picture are camera shy and had to be backed up into a corner before they would submit to having their likenesses kodaked. The picture was at the reception held in honor of Frank S. Parker and L. D. Neill at the Church of Christ the afternoon of March 18. Mr. Neill's son-in-law, Eldon Kinton of Salem, was the photographer. The "boys" were full of birthday cake and in a congenial mood, as one may well see.

## Oregon Has 31,215 Miles of Roads Under Jurisdiction of County Authorities

Oregon has 32,566 miles of county roads. Of these 1,351 miles are Federal Aid secondary highways which means that they are of sufficient importance as connecting or feeder roads to be given federal and state aid in their construction; the county, however, continues to maintain them. The remaining 31,215 miles constitute the "Simon Pure" local county roads wholly under the jurisdiction and control of the county authorities in their construction and maintenance.

When the state highway commission was created in 1917 and the state highway system was mapped by legislative direction no provision was made for any financial assistance by state funds for the county roads. The counties built their own roads out of local tax and bond revenues. That arrangement gradually was changed through the establishment of "secondary" highways in the state-wide highway system and the apportionment of highway road user funds among the counties of various amounts and percentages, finally resulting in 1947 in the definite allocation of 19 per cent of these state funds to the counties, proportion-

ally, the allocated revenues to be used only for construction and maintenance of county roads.

No provision was made by the legislature for any report back by the county authorities to the highway commission, or other state agency, showing the disposition of these allocated funds.

Data gathered from the records of the highway commission and the state tax commission, covering the road user funds allocated to and the road taxes levied by the counties during the 19 per cent period of 1947-1949, inclusive, show total tax levies to have been levied in the 36 counties of \$8,698,876 for general road and road district purposes. In addition the 36 counties received, under the 19 per cent allocation of road user funds, a total of \$15,955,802. This would indicate that during the period a grand total of approximately \$24,654,678 was expended on the 32,566 miles of county roads of the state.

The record shows, as of the close of 1947, concrete pavement 110 miles; bituminous, 2550; rock surfacing, 13,167; graded 4772 and unimproved 14,952 miles. At the end of 1949 an additional 22 recorded; 2244 additional miles

of bituminous had been laid; 816 additional miles rock surfacing are noted; 1390 more miles were graded, leaving 9515 miles unimproved out of the total.

Two counties, Multnomah and Deschutes levied no road taxes during the 1947-49 period. Clatsop county with 278 miles of county roads, only 5 miles of which now are unimproved, had \$967,156 in tax and road user funds to use on them during the period. The date on mileages of county roads are based upon the best information secured by the Planning Survey of the Oregon State Highway department from physical inventories and from reports furnished by the several counties.

The county road financing story of the 36 counties since 1947 to the present is shown in detail in the following table. This has been compiled, not with the expectation of its publication in full but in view of the general public interest in highway development and its financing, both on a statewide and local level and with the added hope that the data concerning individual counties would prove informative to those interested within each county.

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