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What's Doing In The Legislature

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When will it end? Guesses run until early in May but some old timers, press, lobby and members think it may end rather suddenly not later than late April. Reasons: the taxation problem is pretty well solved as far as agreements can be reached although there may be delays, the ways and means committee is about ready with its long list of bills, the highway program should be well started in another week and the members are not going to let lesser things keep them here indefinitely.
Economy won a round last week when a motion that came as a partial surprise sent the first ways and means bill back to that committee with a suggestion that it should be cut. A majority of the committee were pleased over the move feeling that it strengthened their hand in dealing with the "money-wanters" and the minority who were angry at first soon saw the possible benefits that could be derived from knowledge that the house was economy minded. Already the move has caused many budgets to be revised downwards. Everyone is realizing the practical difficulty of cutting expenses very greatly in times of inflation but nevertheless the legislators feel that state expenses can be cut by withholding funds so that there will be greater efficiency in the management of public affairs.
The tax program will probably include an amendment to liberalize the six percent limitation (already passed) some means of preventing a state property tax although it may not be possible to get HJR 12 out of the senate committee, the use of the \$31.9 million surplus, a small increase in income taxes is possible as well as some closing of loopholes in the corporation tax. There will probably be no sales tax bill passed although there is a pretty good one that will be improved as much as possible by the house taxation committee so that if someone wants it it will be available and perhaps better checked for bugs than one might be if written from the point of view of one group.
The house highway committee will get out HB 465 which will raise truck rates especially on larger trucks. Its bill on truck weights is having hard sledding in the senate because loggers insist on being allowed to haul large loads. Then there will be the matter of bonds for highway construction which will have much harder going in the house than in the senate.
Demands for state money for counties and cities, for buildings, for civilian defense may increase the budget from its original 180.4 million dollar point, but economies are being forced in some places at the same time. This is particularly true in welfare and higher education.
Reapportionment bills are still in committee which is working on the several factors involved. Observers are saying that no agreement will be reached on any of them but this is not at all certain and a formula may be found that will satisfy the majority.
The reorganization of state government bill is due on the floor this week and will create a big fuss because it makes the governor directly responsible for more things, especially finances. Another move from the ways and means committee is for an analyst to study office management in state offices with an eye to more efficiency.
Education bills are moving slowly mainly because the senate committee is trying to meet the objections of rural people who at first thought that reorganization meant consolidation of schools. It doesn't. Each county is to make its own reorganization plans. What is sure to bring more state control is the distribution of state money through the basic school bill. It is a fact that the Holy report bills might serve to give local schools more authority than they would have otherwise. Holy believes in local control instead of state.

Old 750's Give Way to Diesel On Branch Line
An expression borrowed from one of the comic strips of an earlier year might aptly express the situation on the local branch of the Union Pacific in the changing of motor power, "Them days is gone forever". That refers to the passing of the old steam locomotive from the scene and the inauguration of diesel power.
Following the policy of the railroad officials to change over to diesel engines, the change having already been quite general on the main lines of the U.P. folks along the Heppner branch were treated to the sight of the first diesel Monday morning. It displaced the old steam engine of the 750 class that has been in operation on the Heppner and Condon branches since the early days of World War II.
The new locomotive is the diesel switcher type in use in many of the yards of the larger centers. It is capable of dragging 50 loaded cars up the Heppner branch and 23 cars up the Condon branch. This is about double the capacity of the steam engines of the 750 class, which is one of the arguments in favor of making the change. And besides, as the trainmaster informed the editor, when a steam engine is idle it is burning fuel. The diesel, like the family car, is not eating up fuel when idle.
With the relaying of the branches with heavier steel and now the addition of heavier motive power, the railroad company is looking forward to expediting the handling of freight in and out of the stations served.

Homemakers Make April 30 Date For Annual Festival
Over 100 Morrow county women are expected to attend the annual Homemakers Festival which will be held in Heppner on April 30, reports Margeurite Chapin, chairman of the hostess committee. The affair will be held in the fair pavilion in Heppner. This committee is formed of officers of the Heppner, Pine units, who met in Heppner on City and Lena home extension March 27 for the event. Those present were Mable Heath, Beatrice Keeling, Heppner; Mrs. Ruth Marlett, Helen Curran, Mildred Hanna, Margeurite Chapin, Lena; Mrs. Faye Finch, Pine City. Each extension unit was delegated to act as hostess for the following duties—table decorations, Heppner; setting up tables and chairs in dining area, Lena; and decorations for the auditorium, Pine City.
Further details of the festival will be given after the council meets on April 4, according to Maud C. Casswell, home demonstration agent.

Cardinals Clipped By Blue Devils in '51 Season Opener
The Ione Cardinals dropped a hard-fought 7-6 ball game to the visiting Condon Blue Devils as they raised the lid on the 1951 baseball season. Donald Eubanks, back in competitive athletics after a prolonged football injury, led the team in hitting in addition to huffing good ball.
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GRANGE MEETING SLATED
Potluck supper at 6 o'clock will open events for Rhea Creek grange Friday evening, April 6, announces Ray Drake, master. Following supper the grange will be called into session for the transaction of business. The feature of the meeting will be the showing of pictures by Oscar Peterson taken on the occasion of the European tour he and his son Gerald made in the fall of 1950.
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Dale and son of Bakersfield were recent guests at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Merle Baker.

Elks Installation Order of Business For This Evening

Willard Blake To Be Inducted as 358's Exalted Ruler
A big night is in store for the membership of Heppner Lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E. tonight when officers for the ensuing year will be inducted into office.
Headed by Willard Blake, young Heppner business man, who will go in as exalted ruler, the installation will include Tom Wilson, esteemed leading knight; Jack Van Winkle, esteemed loyal knight; James J. Farley, esteemed lecturing knight; D. E. Bennett, esquire; H. T. O'Donnell Jr., tiler; Conley Lanham, inner guard; Harold Cohn, chaplain, and Frank W. Turner, trustee for three-year term. Holdover trustees are Terrel Bengo and A. W. Jones.
Alternate to the grand lodge, E. E. Gilliam.
Jack O'Connor, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store in Heppner, is the outgoing exalted ruler.
Loyal Parker, past exalted ruler, will represent the district deputy. Victor Eckley of La Grande, as installing officer.

Youth For Christ Rally Scheduled For Next Monday Night
Don Lonie, internationally known Youth for Christ evangelist, will be the speaker Monday night, April 9, at 7:30, at a rally in the Methodist church.
Lonie is a member of the staff of Youth for Christ International. He has recently returned from Great Britain and will have some things to say about conditions there. At present he is conducting a Youth for Christ-sponsored revival in Caldwell, Ida. Reports are that the whole city has been shaken and he has canceled other dates in order to remain there a week longer than originally planned.

Blue Birds Have Many Projects to Keep Them Engaged
Some of the girls who are in the second grade at school met at the home of Mrs. James Thomson on March 7 and organized a Blue Bird group, which is the junior organization of Camp Fire girls. They have been meeting every Wednesday afternoon.
The 16 girls who have joined are as follows: Janice Brown, Karen Deputy, Mary Emma Evans, Sheryl Harris, Sandra Jones, Sharon Keithley, Julia McGough, Doris Morris, Francine Moyer, Mary Kay Slocum, Janet Thompson, Bernice Thomson, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Shirley Van Winkle, Regina Wagner, and Janice Wetzel. Mrs. Thomson is the leader and Mrs. Howard Evans, assistant.
The girls have been busy with crayons, paste, scissors and pencils and are making some attractive scrap books as one project. One afternoon they decorated gingerbread boy cookies in the kitchen. Another afternoon they were busy with paint brushes and paint, making something very special for someone they love very much. Nothing more can be said at this time as it is a deep, dark secret. With some more paint, a potato and a scrap of cloth they are dressing potato puppets.
Spring gardens are the main topic of interest right now. At the last meeting, they were each given four onion sets to plant, weed and water at home. When these onions are grown the girls will make a special Blue Bird salad for their families, using the Blue Bird onions.
Polishing shoes, combing hair, washing faces and brushing clothes are lots of fun to do as they sing the "Morning Song" they are learning now. Story telling and nature study have been interesting, also.
The meetings are usually ended by dancing the Hokey-Pokey or playing a game.
They have chosen to be known as "The Lovely Blue Birds". Some other fine names were submitted by the girls, such as Blue Mountain, Joyful, Sweet Rose. However after a written vote the Lovely Blue Birds won, and has been adopted as their official name.

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All persons receiving invitations to the American Legion auxiliary tea scheduled for this coming Saturday afternoon are notified hereby that due to conflicting dates with other affairs the auxiliary committee has found it necessary to postpone the tea until Saturday afternoon April 14. The invitations still hold good and it is the hope of the committee that all receiving them will be able to attend the affair.

Water Content Of Snow Pack 81 Per Cent of Last Year
Water content of the mountain snow pack is only 81 per cent of last year's water content, according to snow measurements taken Thursday, March 29, on the Arbuckle mountain snow course. The water content of 12.9 inches is still 26 per cent above the 21 year average of 10.3 inches. Snow depth measured 34.9 inches compared to 45.6 inches at this time last year. Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation service, accompanied by his wife, skied into the area and took the third and final measurements on the snow course for this year.
"Watershed soils are unfrozen and well saturated, a factor favoring a well-sustained flow from the snow pack," Wilson said.

Demonstration Of Feed Efficiency Slated at Condon
Something new for beef cattlemen will be staged in Condon on Thursday, April 12.
It is a feed efficiency and rate of gain field day to show results of a community 140-day test using 34 yearling purebred bulls. It is under the sponsorship of the Gilliam County Beef Cattle Improvement association and will be held at the county fair grounds on the outskirts of Condon starting at 10 a. m.
Featured speakers at a noon luncheon to be held in downtown Condon include Dr. Fred McKenzie, chairman of the Oregon State college animal husbandry department, and C. F. Sierk, western regional co-ordinator. U. S. bureau of animal industries with headquarters in Denver.
The Gilliam county group, the first of its kind to be formed in the United States, expects to show results of their feed test. Individual records will be available for all bulls—32 Herefords and 2 Angus, according to Ernest J. Kirsch, Gilliam county agent.

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Home Economist To Give Demonstration On Yeast Bread
Arrangements have been completed by the homemakers unit of Heppner for the appearance here April 12 of Miss Celia Lee, home economist for the Crown Mills, Portland.
Miss Lee will give a demonstration on yeast bread making at the home economics room at the Heppner school. The hour has been set for 2 p. m. and it will require an hour or so to make the demonstration.
An invitation has been extended anyone interested to attend. For those who may have young children and feel they could not attend the committee in charge announces there will be a baby sitter at the building.
Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Tull, Mrs. R. B. Rice, Marvin Wightman and Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford drove to Ontario Friday to attend the 41st convocation of the Eastern Oregon District of the Episcopal church, which convened that evening and closed with the morning service Sunday.
R. B. Wylie of the Wylie Monument Co. in Walla Walla, was a caller at the Gazette Times office while transacting business in Heppner last Thursday.
Marvin Justus of Portland, a nephew of Mrs. Frances Mitchell, spent a couple of days here with his aunt and cousin the first of the week. He and Lorene went to Joseph Wednesday to visit other relatives. Marvin will return to Portland Monday and on Tuesday will be inducted into active service.
Mrs. Harold Scritsmier is recovering from major surgery at St. Anthony's and hopes to be able to return home Sunday.

P-TA Responsible For Two Activities
The P-TA has had two successful activities recently. March 20 was the basketball game between the "Thin Men" and the "Fat Men" with the latter winning.
On March 29 the room mothers, with the help of the mothers of the eighth grade and many others, prepared a dinner for 59 teachers of the county and members of the Oregon Education board. The dinner was served by the Home Economics girls. Mrs. Ethel Adams decorated the tables; Mrs. Ted Smith and Mrs. Gene Ferguson assisted about the rooms.
After dinner a short business meeting of the OEA was held. Later a meeting that was open to the public was held in the auditorium. Guest speaker was Mrs. Joy Hillis.
April 9 is the date for the next P-TA meeting. The nominating committee will give the report on the new officers for the next year. Program will be given by Mrs. Tress McClintock who has two speakers for the evening. Room mothers for the Sophomores and Juniors will serve refreshments.
Mrs. Mary Van Stevens is enjoying a few days with relatives at Walla Lake Mrs. Stevens attended the Soroptimist banquet in La Grande Tuesday evening en route to that matchless gem nestled at the foot of the Wallowa mountains.
Mrs. Richard Wells returned to her home Monday night from Portland where she had a serious operation a few weeks ago. She is slowly gaining strength.
Mrs. Alva Jones is responding from major surgery which she underwent Monday at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

W. West Succeeds Glenn Parsons as Heppner Ranger
Wayne West, assistant ranger on the Heppner ranger district, succeeds Glen Parsons as district ranger on the Heppner district effective April 1. It was announced by C. M. Rector, forest supervisor.
West has served as assistant ranger on the Heppner district since July 23, 1950, coming from the Ochoco at Prineville where he was project staff assistant in timber and range management. West takes over his new assignment work in eastern Oregon. He has a wide acquaintance in the Umatilla country having worked on that forest on range surveys prior to World War II, when he was called to service with the air force.
Glenn Parsons has served as district ranger on the Heppner district since the fall of 1946. He is on leave from the forest service and has taken a job with the Heppner Lumber Company.

HOLBROOK STORY ON HEPPNER FLOOD TO BE RELEASED IN MAY
Mrs. Bonnie McClintock informs the Gazette Times that Stewart Holbrook's story on the Heppner flood of 1903 will appear in the May issue of Coronet magazine. The article has been in the hands of publishers for several months and was not looked for before the late summer.
Holbrook, who is Mrs. McClintock's brother-in-law, has visited here on several occasions and gathered much information relative to the flash storm which all but wiped out the town on June 14, 1903.
Local residents will be looking forward with pleasant anticipation to read the product of this noted author since the article will have to do with something strictly about this locality.

Arbor Day Plans Jell at Meeting Of C.-C. Monday
Approaches to City To Be Improved By Tree Planting
A committee headed by N. C. Anderson for beautifying the approaches to Heppner took shape at the Monday meeting of the chamber of commerce when the chairman announced that a program of tree planting had been worked out and sought a date for an all-out showing of members in accomplishing the job.
Whether or not the committee can get arrangements completed to have the planting on April 15 was not foreseen at Monday's meeting. Arbor day, as announced the past week, will be on April 13 on the west side of the Cascades and April 15 on the east side of the mountains. Anderson and Glenn Parsons had already secured seedlings for the purpose of planting in strips on either side of highway approaches to town. The job that remains is to get them set in the ground.
Heppner, like most communities, has some unsightly vistas along the approaches to town. It would be the purpose of the chamber of commerce to plant the trees in a manner not so much to cut off these non-appealing sights as provide something more pleasing to the eye. Consent of the railroad company and the highway commission must be obtained for planting trees along rights-of-way under their control, but assurance has been given that this will not be hard to obtain.
The committee will choose a date and make arrangements for public participation in the tree planting and will make announcement as soon as this is done.
SOROPTIMISTS FETE TORONTO VISITOR
Sixteen members of the Soroptimist club of Heppner journeyed to La Grande Tuesday afternoon to join in the festivities planned for the coming of the president of the American federation of Soroptimist clubs. Miss L. Grace Nichols of Toronto, Canada spent the day in La Grande which was one of the four stops Miss Nichols made in the Northwestern region, the others being Helena, Spokane and Portland.
The Heppner club women attended a tea in honor of the visiting president at the home of Mrs. Cressa Hart in the late afternoon. Then came the banquet at Hoke hall on the E. O. C campus where approximately 150 Soroptimists gathered. There were members from the Baker, Burns, Wallowa County, Lakeview, Heppner and La Grande organizations.
Each club presented initiatives who were inducted in to Soroptimist by Miss Nichols. She also gave an inspirational address.
Mrs. Annabel Allison and twin daughters, Jo and Jan, drove up from Portland Tuesday for a short visit at the home of Mrs. Allison's father, Frank W. Turner and Mrs. Turner.

Strength speaks even from remote woodlands! The nation's forests yielded 377 billion feet of lumber in 1950 which set a 20-year record. Today mills are working overtime to produce lumber and the other forest products that help to keep the nation's defenses strong.

County Wide Civil Defense Meeting At Boardman 10th

Citizens of the county are reminded by William E. Davis, county civilian defense coordinator, that there will be a meeting at 8 o'clock p. m. Tuesday, April 10. This will be a county wide meeting and all leaders and others interested are urged to be present. Transportation arrangements can be made for any who need or wish to go with someone else.
In line with civilian defense elsewhere, the subject of biological warfare is of particular interest. The state department of civilian defense has prepared a release to the press sections from the booklet issued by the national board of civilian defense on "What You Should Know About Biological Warfare," the first section of which follows:
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