

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ASKS FOR SUGGESTIONS ON "RAINMAKING" LAWS

The Oregon legislative interim committee on weather control decided at a meeting in Portland Saturday, January 26, to give organized groups an opportunity to present suggestions or protests regarding weather modification activities in Oregon at two public hearings.

The hearings are scheduled to be held at Medford, Saturday, March 1, and at Arlington, Saturday, March 22, starting at 1:30 p. m. each day. Groups such as stockmen's associations, granges, fruit growers, Farm Bureau, Farmers Union, Oregon Wheat Growers league, and others who are concerned with man's effort to modify the weather are invited to select a committee or a representative to consult with the interim committee as to needs and type of legislation they believe is desirable, stated Ralph Crum, lone, a member of the committee.

Other members of the committee, are senator Ben Day of Gold Hill, senator Art Lineberg of Pendleton; representative Roger Loennig, Haines; representative V. T. Jackson, Roseburg; representative Frank Farmer, Rickreall; and E. M. Nelson, The Dalles, secretary.

The controversial question of

weather control has brought to light several interesting points regarding possible legislation in the field of weather control or cloud modification. The legislative interim committee members came to the conclusion that it would do little good to pass legislation providing for licensing of operators and requesting other information about operators and their weather control operations without also having some sort of control board. One reason is that unregulated rain-making efforts make it very difficult to conduct evaluation studies.

Who should make up the board raised a real problem for no one is anxious to establish a completely new board or commission. Members of such a board would have the responsibility of determining where and when cloud seeding can be conducted and at best this would lead to controversy groups who may or may not want rain or snow or hail prevention or what have you at that particular time. No easy solution to the problem is in sight at present.

To say "leave the weather alone" is not the answer, for millions of acres in the U. S. will be under contract during 1952 for some type of weather modification.

tion. In 1951 farmers and ranchers in 17 western states invested over three million dollars to try to get rain on approximately 350 million acres, and even more will be under contract this year.

There is possibility, too, Crum continued, without state or federal legislation that some chemicals might be injected into the air to make rain, that may prove detrimental to plant and animal life. Silver iodide and dry ice are now used, without any known harmful effects.

There seems to be agreement among those interested in the program in the western states that at this time the states should exercise a loose and ready control over the activity while it is shaping up. Many agree that the rain makers should be required to register, be financially responsible, and be required to report on their activities. Some feel that too severe legislation at this time, either on the state or national level, might hinder the advance of the program. It has been suggested that national legislation should emphasize and encourage research—research on the cause and effect relationship between operation and results, and that administration and regulation should be left to the states.

The fact that eminent scientists are pointing to a possible correlation between cloud seeding and its effect on areas remote from the targets—hundreds of miles away—suggests that weather modification probably transcends state boundaries and it may be that legislation will eventually be necessary for both the state and national level. It seems obvious that any legislation will go through a long period of evolution before it reaches its final form. "We can all agree," Crum said "that every effort should be made to obtain a thorough and unbiased evaluation of what is taking place. Only time will tell whether or not Mark Twain's statement "nobody does anything about the weather" will pass into disuse."

The whole subject of cloud seeding or weather modification was summarized well in a publication from South Dakota in the following statement: "I think we are in the same stage with weather control now as the airplane was in 1910. We have a great deal to learn. If it works it will add \$30 an acre to the annual income from ground west of the river and \$5 an acre to the grazing land. I believe it will cut down our hail losses 50% or more. It will cut down on soil erosion by decreasing the number of heavy downpours and by increasing the growth of vegetation. Rain increasing may be the means of enabling us to feed our growing population. If it works here, it will work in other places in the world, and may have a considerable effect on decreasing wars by increasing food."

Others believe that a program of artificial nucleation and weather-and-crop research can be so great it will be impossible to measure the benefit to many areas, in that promotion and development of their economic, social, and moral welfare.

Here from Seattle to spend several weeks with Mrs. Lucy Rodgers are her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Cline.

Michael Brown of Pendleton is spending a few days here with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk.

County School News Notes

It is noted that Junction City has claimed some kind of a record in the March of Dimes campaign, but we think someone should write the Oregonian about Heppner high school.

Their line of dimes affair, with only 119 students on the rolls, collected \$115.40 which is almost \$1.00 per capita. Junction City claims 1426 people and they collected \$1151. Heppner high has a higher average and it was all collected as donations with no serving of ham and eggs to attract people.

The senior class of 26 students collected 460 dimes or \$46 and the sophomore class of 32 collected \$32. We think Heppner high school can challenge Junction City people in their dime raising efforts.

J. J. Nys, Milton Morgan and Leslie Grant attended a joint meeting of rural school boards of Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler and Morrow counties held at Condon Monday. S. E. Brogotti, president of the Oregon school boards association discussed laws and regulations governing the groups and suggested help in educational and financial matters of the boards.

Coming Meetings: Morrow county non high school board Wednesday, February 20, 7:30 p. m. to prepare budgets.

Lexington first and second grade dinner at Lexington school for parents and children, Wednesday, February 20, 6 o'clock.

Secretarial school, Thursday, February 21 at Pendleton.

Additional school news on page one.

TO MOVE SOON Mrs. Charles Hodge and her mother, Mrs. Elma Hiatt of Heppner will move to Kennewick, Wash., the first of next week. Hodge will remain in Heppner for a few weeks to complete sale of the Hodge Chevrolet company.

Mr. and Mrs. Add Moore were in Monument Wednesday to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Miss Anita Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emory Moore, and Barney Cork.

Elizabeth Clark Funeral At Lone

Funeral services of Mrs. Elizabeth Clark were held in the Cooperative church here Monday, Feb. 11 with Rev. Earl Soward, pastor of the Christian Church in Heppner, officiating. The honorary pall bearers were Mrs. Victor Rietmann, Mrs. Omar Reitmann, Mrs. Lee Beckner, Mrs. Cecil Thorne, Mrs. Ida Coleman and Mrs. Echo Palmateer, and the active pall bearers were Johan Carl, and Francis Troedson, Walter, Viktor and David Eietmann, Mrs. W. G. Roberts and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn sang "In a City Four Square" and "Sweet Bye and Bye." They were accompanied by Mrs. Cleo Drake. The Folsom funeral home of Pendleton had charge. Interment was in the Lone cemetery.

Elizabeth Granger was born in Lone May 9, 1887 to George Ganger and Alpha Ritchie and died Feb. 9. She is survived by her husband, Henry, one son Lowell, of Ordinance, two daughters Mrs. Inez Pomranz of Los Angeles and Mrs. Val Jean Martin of Hermiston. Four grandchildren, Clara Ann and Alecia Jean Swales, Gregory Martin and Danny Pomranz, one brother, Lowell Ganger of LaGuna Beach, Calif. and three sisters, Mrs. May Mitchell of Eugene, Mrs. Dorothy Osten and Mrs. Mary Norris, both of Portland, and her father George Ganger of Pendleton, who was unable to attend the services. Mrs. Clark was a member of the Christian Church and the Lone American Legion Auxilliary.

TOPS SPEECHMAKERS

Dr. A. D. McMurdo recently received word from his son Scott of Grants Pass was announced winner of a speech competition held by that city's Toastmasters club on the night of his induction into the organization.

McMurdo spoke on "Pep in Your Step" which pointed out that although most men are active in athletics of some sort in school and college, they develop sedentary habits after they become business or professional men, and there is a need for an athletic club for young business men.

Judge Garnet Barratt was in The Dalles Saturday to attend a meeting of the Wasco County Court. Mrs. Barratt accompanied him on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hayes and family were over from Condon Sunday to spend the day with her mother, Mrs. Grace Nickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Gentry are moving to Milton-Freewater to make their home. He will be associated with the telephone company there. They drove over Saturday to look for housing.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonso Merrill were here from The Dalles Sunday to visit his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. Jay Merrill.

Among those from Heppner in Pendleton on business Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Jones, Mrs. Roberta Bryant, Mrs. Douglas Drake, and Mrs. Frank Ayers.

Mrs. Lucille Ayers and son, Harvey, of Pendleton spent the weekend in Heppner visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farrens.

Mrs. Pearl Davino, Mrs. Mary Wright and Mrs. Blanche Brown made a business trip to Hermiston and Pendleton Friday. They were accompanied by Delbert Wright.

William (Bill) Davis has returned from Portland where he recently underwent a major operation on his back. He has been placed in a cast but is able to be up and about the house. He expects to return to Portland for a check-up soon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtry and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davidson attended the Oddfellows card party and square dance in Morgan Saturday evening.

Mrs. Edith Porterfield moved their household effects to The Dalles over the weekend. Mr. Porterfield has been in The Dalles for the past several months working for the Walther-Williams garage. They plan to purchase a home there.

Mrs. Reta Davis of Albany is visiting her sister Mrs. E. R. Huston. She rode up with the Penlands on Sunday.

Mrs. Ida J. Grimes left Saturday for Portland where she will remain with her daughter, Mrs. Carl Leathers, for a time. Her son, Louis Pyle, came up after her.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Art Warren, lone, a baby girl, born Feb. 7, weight 4 lbs. 13 ozs. Mother dismissed, baby doing fine. To Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Huston, Heppner a baby girl, weight 8 lbs. 4 ozs., born Feb. 9. To Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knights, Heppner a baby boy, Feb. 10, weight 7 lb.

Medical—Mrs. Laura Gingrich, Dayville, dismissed; William Jones, Spray, dismissed; Mrs. Gene Pryor, Condon; Frankie Bures, Condon, dismissed.

Major Surgery—Mrs. Emma White, Hardman; Forrest Adams, Heppner.

Tom Stinner drove over to Moro Monday to spend the week working there.

CARD OF THANKS

With deepest gratitude we extend this word of thanks for the many kind acts of sympathy, expressed by thoughtful friends. These kindnesses have meant much to us.

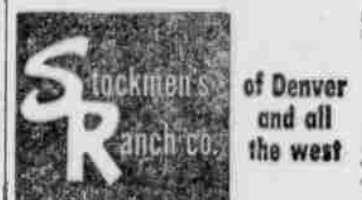
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