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## At The Legislature--



### LEGISLATURE ORGANIZES

The 1953 session of the Oregon Legislature convened at 10 a. m. last Saturday, organized, installed desk and floor attaches and got going before noon.

At 2 p. m. the Senate and House of Representatives met in joint assembly, attended by the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Justices of the Supreme Court, Attorney General and other state officers.

The House chamber, main floor, gallery and halls were filled with dignitaries and friends of the legislators from many points over the state, and by the general public.

### GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Ritualistically complying with the Constitution of the State of Oregon, Governor Paul L. Patterson Monday delivered his message "of information touching the conditions of the state" and gave his recommendations to the convocation. His suggestions were carefully presented with unobtrusive statements. A former member of the Senate during four legislative sessions, he gave ample proof of the abilities of smooth oratory and tempered logic that won the highest honors his cohorts could bestow—the presidency of the senate, which made him governor when Governor McKay resigned to take a place in the Eisenhower cabinet.

In opening paragraphs he paid high compliments to McKay and ex-Governor Charles A. Sprague, recently resigned alternate delegate to the United Nations.

"Uppermost in the hearts and minds of all Americans today is the struggle in Korea. . . Let us make certain that when our sons and daughters return they will find their institutions and government preserved and improved, their education, jobs and successes increased and a greater future for Oregon assured. This should be our contribution to them.

"You will note that there will be a deficiency of about nine million dollars in the general fund, with 20 million dollars in the property tax reduction, leaves 11 million dollars, which does not provide an ample building fund.

It is apparent that some monies are available for our building program, but far from enough to fill our present needs, and careful consideration must be given to the priority each is to receive."

" . . . Budgetary planning should be based upon a realistic evaluation of probable revenues. . . I recommend that no new taxes be adopted at this session. I believe we should live within our means and endeavor to hold taxes at the state level to a proper minimum during the period when national security has a rightful first claim upon tax resources.

The governor advised: A careful analysis of our tax structure . . . a program for re-assessing all property to achieve equality in all parts of the state . . . personal exemptions of \$750 for each of a husband and wife with \$300 for each dependent be changed to \$600 for each person and dependency exemption . . . as preventative to income tax adjustment abuses he recommended (1) a tax claim involving more than \$500 should require approval of all members of the tax commission; (2) all evidence and records of compromised income taxes be subject to review by members of the Board of Control; (3) in case of compromise the name, address of taxpayer, original amount and specific reasons for compromise be made a matter of public record . . . submit to voters whether constitutional convention be held to modernize the state constitution . . . indorsed Department of Finance and recommended Department of Revenue . . . Increase severance tax on all lumber cut in state . . . support program to eliminate spruce budworm and bark beetle . . . make funds available to committee to participate with other states in preparation of Columbia River Compact . . . Increase salaries of state traffic officers, as there are 172,000 more motor vehicles on the road than in 1947, but the same number of traffic officers now as then, with officers working 48 hours a week and receiving \$50 a month less than comparable officials . . . working out a program that will offer the benefits of federal social security to state employees, and at same time retain some of the benefits and protections afforded by our own state retirement system . . . since we have spent \$300,000 in code revision work, the revised code law should be passed . . . laws for a uniform single publication act; a uniform act on blood tests to determine parentage, a model perjury act and a model crime investigating commission act should be adopted.



**MUSTANGS**—Heppner high school's basketball squad coached by Steve Trukositz took time out from their practice long enough to have their picture taken. Shown are, front row, left to right: Les Case, Jim Green, Wendell Connor, Jay Hoguewood, Jim Hayes, Skip Rubl. Back row, coach Trukositz, La Verne Keithley, manager, Dick Hughes, Dick Kononen, Mike Grant, Jack Sumner, Roland Taylor and Wayne Soward, manager.

## Mustangs Win From Rufus and Boardman

By Kenneth Easter

Heppner high school's Mustangs chalked up two more wins, to bring their won-lost record to 4-3 to date, by downing Rufus 68-41, in a Big Wheat League contest, and defeating Boardman 67-35.

In the Rufus game, the Mustangs jumped to a quick 17-11 lead at the end of the first quarter, and lengthened it to 34-23 at halftime. Heppner held a 54-38 lead at the end of the third quarter, and coasted to their 68-41 victory.

The Mustangs hit a good percentage of their foul shots, making 66%.

Jack Sumner, Mustang center, led all scorers with 18 points, while Al Blake, 6 ft. 4 in. Rufus center, chalked up 14 for the Rufus quint.

Tuesday night, the Mustangs downed the Boardman "Yellow Jackets", with reserves playing a good part of the game.

The Mustangs gained a 13-3 lead in the first quarter, and held a 29-15 lead at half time. Hepp-

ner lengthened the lead to 50-27 at the end of the third quarter, and led 67-35 as the final whistle blew.

High point men for the Mustangs were Mike Grant with 14, Jack Sumner 13, and reserve Bob Grabill with 12.

The Mustang "B" squad downed Boardmans JV's 42-10, with Lyle Jensen leading all the scorers with 8 points.

This Friday, the Mustangs meet the Condon "Blue Devils" on the local floor, in a Big Wheat League contest. The Mustangs have a 1-1 record in Big Wheat League play, with a win over Rufus, and a loss to league leading Arlington. Saturday night the "B" squad meet the Lexington varsity on the local floor. The "B's" dropped an earlier 41-49 decision to the Lexington five. On Tuesday, Heppner travels to Tione to meet the Cardinals in a Cayuse Conference game. This looms as a tough game for the Mustangs, as the Cardinals have last years team intact, along with good reserves from last years "B" squad.

## WHEAT COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR SAYS AREA GROWERS "VULNERABLE"

PENDLETON—In spite of the fact that each of the Oregon wheat crops since 1946 has exceeded 44 million dollars in value, the state's wheat farmers are in a "particularly vulnerable position", states E. J. Bell, administrator of the Oregon Wheat Commission, because any drop in the price of wheat would not be accompanied by a drop in costs.

Writing in the biennial report of the Oregon Wheat Commission to the governor, Bell pointed out that costs of machinery and other needs of wheat farming are at an all-time high while "there is a continued possibility that incomes may be reduced."

The report is being mailed to all wheat growers in the state. A number of problems face the industry, said Bell, in spite of a "relatively satisfactory" gross income to wheat growers in recent years.

Among the problems facing the wheat growers are uncertain export outlets, keen competition from Canadian growers, a continuing decline in per capita consumption of wheat in the U. S., closing of the southern and eastern U. S. markets because of rising freight rates, uncertainty of the government price support pro-

gram and smut infestation. On the brighter side of the ledger has been the lead taken by Oregon in cooperating with wheat growers in other states to form the National Association of Wheat Growers.

This comparatively new national organization has, with the aid of other groups, secured an extension of the price support program through 1954.

It is also expected to point the way, along with the Oregon Wheat Growers League, in a nationwide program to expand U. S. consumption of wheat and to battle the many other problems.

An Oregonian, Jens Terjeson, heads the national organization. The importance of wheat to the economy of the state of Oregon is illustrated by the fact that the 1951 crop, valued at 63 million dollars, represented one-fourth of the value of all crops in the state.

To combat these problems, the commission plans to expand its activities. It will provide additional funds and assistance for research, education and publicity within Oregon and develop markets in cooperation with wheat growers, millers and bakers.

## SPORTSMEN'S CLUB GIVES AWARDS TO HUNTING CONTEST WINNERS

A crowd of 178 attended the meeting of the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers, held Monday evening at the Heppner Legion Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to present prizes to winners of the Raven, Crow and Magpie, and Porcupine contests. Under the leadership of Dr. L. D. Tibbles, the organization has sponsored these contests for the youngsters of Morrow County, and they have met with enthusiasm as well as ridding the county of pests and predators.

Heppner Lumber Company, Kinzua Pine Mills, and Frank Wilkinson generously donated prizes for the Porcupine Contest. Score count was made by number of noses turned in. The Bill Cox family received honors for depleting the porcupine population in the woods. David Cox received a 22 caliber rifle with a score of 142 to his credit, his brother Gayle walked away with the \$15.00 in trade at Anderson's for his 51 noses. Bill Jr. not to be outdone by his two older bro-

thers turned in 49 noses and received an air mattress for his efforts. Lance Tibbles received the \$10.00 check given by Frank Wilkinson, and Delbert Piper, Albert Osmin, Larry Tibbles and Kenny Keeling each received worthwhile prizes. 347 Porcupines will no longer be a hazard in our forests, as that was the total kill the youngsters made. The club voted to continue this contest on through 1953.

Dick Lee Hynd, Cecil, won the Crow, Raven and Magpie contest and not only received the Club's check for \$25.00, but also the check donated by Hynd Brothers for highest score. Ammunition, knives, flashlights, cap guns, and even cowboy boots, were purchased by the Morrow County Hunters and Anglers and presented to the following contestants by Gus Swanson, chairman of the Committee: Lowell Lee Turner, Jerry Anderson, David and Douglas Anderson, Kay Corbin, David and Lennie Hanna. (Continued on page 8)

## Misplaced Spring Weather Brings Buds, General Rainfall

Heppner and most of Morrow county continued to bask in the "banana belt" during most of the past week as temperatures ranged up in the 60s during the day and warm rains brought smiles to the faces of most farmers.

Normal January snows have yet to appear but considerable moisture came in the form of rains both in the lowlands and in the mountains. Much more precipitation was recorded in the western end of the county than in Heppner as Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry, checked 55 inches of rain since the first of the week to bring the total for January to 1.55 inches. During the same period Heppner received .32 inches for a total of .87 inches since the first of the month.

The continued balmy days and nights have brought many reports of spring flowers beginning to show color and trees trying to bud. Wheat too, has shown considerable growth.

## County Board Members Appointed

County Judge Garnet Barratt this week announced several appointments made by the court at its regular session last week. They included members on the budget committee, fair board and hospital board.

Appointed to a three year term on the county budget board was John Hanna who will work with Homer Hayes, Irizgon and Kenneth Smouse, Ione. Stephen Thompson, Heppner was reappointed to a three-year term on the fair board and Garland Swanson, Ione, accepted a 5 year term as Pioneer Memorial hospital trustee. Swanson has been serving on the board.

The court also announced that Dr. Floyd Frank was given the authority to act as county veterinarian with authority to enforce the compulsory Bangs disease control program in the county. Dr. Frank is on the staff of the federal bureau of animal industry and will serve without compensation.

The court also accepted the bid of the Union Oil company to supply gasoline for the county at one-half cent below posted price. No bids were received for diesel fuel, with the explanation that no firm price or amount could be given due to uncertain supply.

## Allen Hughes Wins Better Farming Award

Allen Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hughes, was last week presented with a check as an award for being chosen third place winner in a Kiwanis club sponsored Better Farming contest. The state is divided into districts for judging and Hughes qualified in the Blue Mountain district.

The award was presented at the chamber of commerce meeting by James Allen, Heppner F. F. A. instructor. Last year, Fritz Cutsforth won second place in the same contest.

## Ione OSC Student Receives Promotion

OREGON STATE COLLEGE, Corvallis, (Special)—John Bristow of Ione was recently promoted to the rank of staff sergeant in the Oregon State college chapter of Pershing Rifles, national military honor society for freshmen and sophomore men in the ROTC.

The main activity of Pershing Rifles is precision drill for presentation in Corvallis and on the OSC campus. The club also gives special recognition awards for cadet achievement.

Bristow, sophomore in lower division of liberal arts, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristow of Ione.

## APPLIANCE STORE TO MOVE SOON

Heppner Refrigeration, owned by Miss Irene Zinter will soon occupy new quarters in the building recently vacated by Mode O'Day. No definite date has yet been set for the opening, as considerable remodeling is planned.

## EXAMINER DUE

A drivers license examiner from the secretary of state's office will be on duty at the court house in Heppner Tuesday, January 20 from 9:30 to 3:30 to handle applications for new licenses and driving permits.

Mrs. John Pfeiffer spent four days in Seattle last week, where she visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Seymour.

## New Judge On Bench for Opening Of Court Term

Opening the winter term of circuit court Monday at the court house Judge William W. Wells presided over one damage suit, a divorce case and the selection of a grand jury. Judge Wells, in his first time on the bench in Heppner, was recently appointed to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of former judge William C. Perry who was moved up to the state supreme court.

Selected on the grand jury were Louis Cason, Mrs. W. C. Rosewall, Mrs. J. O. Turner, Floyd R. Jones, J. B. Key, W. L. Cox and Garland Swanson.

Tuesday a damage suit filed by the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance company vs. Clayton Ayers to recover damages resulting from an auto accident was decided in favor of the defendant. Judge Wells also granted a divorce to Charles G. Million from Iris E. Gommillion.

Called for Thursday is a suit filed by the estate of Dr. William E. Savage against William D. and Arthur Palmer of Boardman. Dr. Savage died following injuries received in an automobile accident last year at the highway entrance to Boardman. The Savage estate is asking \$15,000 for his death and \$1200 damages to the car. John F. Kilkenny, Pendleton attorney is defending the Palmers and Paul A. Sayre and Robert L. Myers, Portland attorneys are representing the plaintiffs.

## New Chamber Committees Named

A new slate of committees to serve during the coming year were appointed Monday by president Robert Penland at the regular meeting of the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce.

Heads for 11 regular standing committees were chosen and a new planning and projects committee was organized for the purpose of guiding the club into major worthwhile efforts during the year. Each committee consists of from four to eight members with the chairman and vice-chairman listed in respective order. Program, Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, Leslie Grant; Merchants committee, W. C. Rosewall, Jeff Carter; Highways, roads and streets, L. E. Dick, P. W. Mahoney; Membership, Garnet Barratt, Frank Turner; Agriculture and resources, Orville Cutsforth, N. C. Anderson; Recreation and wildlife, Howard Bryant, Dr. L. D. Tibbles; Youth activities, MacDon Bonta, J. Palmer Sorlien;

Legislative and government, C. A. Tom, J. O. Turner; Industrial and residential development, Roice Fulleton, L. L. Pate; Special activities, Wayne West, P. W. Mahoney; Public relations and publicity, Mrs. Lucy Peterson, chairman.

Penland will head the projects and planning committee and other members serving are Bradley Fancher, Frank Turner, Conley Lanham, Allen Case, Jeff Carter and Orville Smith.

A round table discussion of the new school building program in Heppner took up a majority of the regular meeting time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Espy and son, Ray, of Palouse, Wash. visited over the weekend in the Heppner area with her mother, Mrs. R. A. Thompson and other relatives.

## SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS ARE REVISED

### NEW ENROLLMENT FIGURES POINT TO NEED FOR INCREASED ROOM

Heppner's much discussed and long planned school building and modernizing plan came a big step closer to the voting stage during the past week and though the tentative plan now proposed bears only slight resemblance to some of the previous suggestions, both the school board and the building advisory committee appear to be in agreement on most major points.

The results of the recent post card poll of residents of the district and a complete compilation of the school census was responsible for the change in plans which, in effect, indicated to the planning groups that they had not been looking far enough into the future with their previous plan for school construction.

The new proposal, reached at a joint meeting Monday night of the building advisory committee and the school board calls for the construction of a new 10 room elementary school, in-

stead of only 8 rooms as previously planned, and the building of a new gymnasium rather than the remodeling of the present gym structure.

The new proposal brought on another problem, however, when it was found that the new buildings could not be placed on the property immediately north of the present school building, due to lack of space. It was the unanimous opinion of all present at the Monday night meeting that it was absolutely necessary to either add a large area to the present site or find another entirely new location.

Several locations are under consideration, and a special committee including members of the school board and three persons from the advisory group who were appointed by board chairman L. E. Dick are to meet with the architects within the next few days to determine the location for the buildings. Dick indicated that he hoped to be able to announce the details of the new proposals within the next week or so.

Under any of the new suggestions, the necessity of the school district building a new street to replace D street, which bisects the present property, would be eliminated.

The need for at least 10 rooms in the new grade school building was shown by a continuation of the count of coming students in the recently completed school census which showed that there would be a minimum of 60 pupils entering the first grade next fall, compared to only 42 this year. This would make necessary two and one-half 1st grades to adequately handle them. The following year the census indicated a minimum of 48 new pupils will start school. As they progress through school the large classes will be replacing smaller classes now in the upper grades, which will demand continually increasing space to handle them. By 1960 it will require 16 classrooms to handle the enrollment, it was pointed out.

The committee and the school board members stressed at the meeting that it would be false economy to start an expansion program on an area that would not accommodate the classrooms known to be needed within the next six to eight years.

**Gym Plan Changed**  
The building advisory committee explained their change of ideas on the gymnasium when revised estimates showed that the remodeling of the present gym would cost nearly as much as an entirely new building. The added advantage of having two separate floors for grade and high school students also was instrumental in the decision. If the new gym is built as tentatively planned it will be of standard size and will be used for regular basketball games and other contests when needed, but will be available to grade school students during school hours.

Cost figures on the new plans were not immediately available as there were so many changes from the original plan that the architect could not give the rough estimates, but he indicated that as soon as a site is determined and the plan correlated he will be able to announce them.

## Polio Dimes Begin To Roll In

Returns from the March of Dimes solicitation began to come in to drive treasurer Robert Ferrell who reported that by Wednesday he had received \$849.20.

Most of this amount has come in from the cards mailed to all county residents, though there have also been two special donations turned into the treasurer. Of the total, \$561.10 has been turned in by James Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, the remainder coming from several other communities.

Mrs. Joseph Hughes, county chairman, said that several special events, including at least one basketball game, are planned for the near future as March of Dimes benefits.

## County 4-H Leaders Given Banquet

Cecil Root, commercial manager for Pacific Power and Light company, Portland, and Cal Monroe, state 4-H club agent were guest speakers at a 4-H club leaders luncheon Wednesday noon at O'Donnell's cafe given by the Heppner office of the power company.

The luncheon, an annual affair sponsored by Pacific Power and Light, was part of 4-H leaders meeting held during the day in Heppner. About 25 leaders and guests were present.

## PARKING PERMITS NOW AVAILABLE

Mrs. W. O. Dix, Heppner city recorder said this week that 1953 parking permits may now be obtained at the city hall. Several persons had tried to obtain them earlier, but they were not available at the time.

## CALLED FOR ARMY EXAMINATIONS

The Tri-county Selective Service board reports that eight local registrants and three transfers from other boards left for Portland on Tuesday for pre-induction physical examinations. One other registrant was also called for re-examination.

## LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

The American Legion auxiliary will meet Tuesday January 20 at 8:00 p. m. in the home of Mrs. Dick Wells.

## School Building Plans Discussed at P-TA

A good crowd attended an open meeting of the Parent-Teachers association Wednesday evening in the school gym to hear a discussion of the school building program.

L. E. Dick Jr., chairman of the board, presented the program that had been planned by the board and the advisory committee. He explained that he could not bring complete plans to the meeting as it had been found that the site originally picked would not be large enough and a new one must be found. Bradley Fancher, school board member told of some of the sites considered and also explained the amount of taxation that would be necessary to build the school.

County school superintendent Leslie Grant told of the increased enrollment and how it effects the planning. An open discussion was a part of the program.

At the regular P-TA business meeting it was voted that the organization will sponsor the Cub scout program in Heppner. Committees were appointed and they will arrange for den mothers.

## SAM COON WELCOMED



In a four-way handshake, Congressman Sam Coon (second from right), Republican, Second District, Oregon, is welcomed to Congress by his three fellow Oregonians. (Left to right): Representative Homer Angell, Third District; Representative Harris Ellsworth, Fourth District; Representative Sam Coon, Second District and Representative Walter Norblad, First District.