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At The Legislature--



SESSION MAY BE SHORT
A comparatively short legislative session seemed to be a reasonable possibility on the tenth day of the present session.

Pre-session planning led by Senate President Marsh and Speaker Wilhelm, an accelerated tempo and a generally expressed determination to shorten this session to considerably less than the 116 days of two years ago, are contributing reasons. Many members are trying for a 60 to 90 day session. Nearly all members of the joint Ways and Means committee and members of some other committees stayed in Salem over the weekend studying State Department requests, holding brief conferences and opening mail.

The question is can they keep up the fast clip they started with?

ONCE OVER SLIGHTLY

House Bill 1—created much personal interest among the solons and was put through in record time. Introduced Tuesday, the second day, it went in and out of committee, passed by the House that day, passed the Senate Wednesday and was signed by the governor Thursday. It provided salaries for members and other legislative expense.

House Bill 2—To revise the statute laws of Oregon is considered to be the longest bill ever before a legislature. It contains more than 1,000,000 words, has 5,039 pages, took over four years to compile and cost \$300,000. It will reduce the code from 15 large books to three.

This is the first time in the history of the state that the Oregon code has been completely revised without changing the purport of any law.

Deliberations of the Legislative Interim Tax Committee to simplify the state's complicated tax structure, started early with seven bills in the House (where all tax measures must originate), H B 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. One of the principal changes sought would put all revenues from income taxes in the general fund of the state. They now are used to offset property taxes.

Joint Highway committees voted to introduce 34 bills including one to raise \$32,000,000 of bonds to continue the double highway construction program. Another of their bills would sanction tolls on the Vancouver-Portland bridge over the Columbia.

Governor Patterson's suggestion for a constitutional convention is meeting with some opposition of the long range variety. The legislature seems to be with him but some political groups want to make it more difficult to use the initiative and referendum measures on the ballot. This opposition will show up when the people are asked to adopt the proposed constitution. Farm and labor groups do not want initiatives and referenda tampered with.

Senate Bill 13—by Senator Richard Neuberger, Portland, requires that lobbyists register, disclose the sources of their funds and report how much they spend to influence the legislature.

Representative Maurine B. Neuberger, wife of Senator Neuberger, (only husband and wife legislative team in America) has a bill to give an extra \$600 annual exemption on income tax to blind persons and persons over 65 years old.

Senator Phil Brady has a bill to prevent closure of railroad stations doing more than \$10,000 a year unless they get O K from PUD.

STATUTES PLACED

Replicas of statutes in Washington, D. C. of Jason Lee and Dr. John McLaughlin have been placed on the Capitol grounds which reminds Senator Fred Lamport that during his first year in the Senate, 1943, a bill passed the senate and the house that paid \$5 to every preacher giving the morning invocation before the Senate and before the House. It was found to be unconstitutional and the next morning when the senators looked out the east windows "they beheld a miracle." The statute of the Circuit Rider that had always faced toward the Capitol was turned around completely and seemed to be deserting the Solons.

MARSH ACTING GOVERNOR

Senate President Eugene Marsh took over as acting governor while Governor Paul Patterson was out of the state for six days on a trip to Washington, D. C. Governor and Mrs. Patterson left last Friday by plane to see the inauguration of President Eisenhower.

PRESS NEWS

Governor Patterson has established a daily press conference at 9:30 a. m. They are the first regular press conferences held by an Oregon governor in the memory of this writer who has been around the Capitol since Governor Penney translated Oregon law into cuss words for the edification of the press.

Grain Growers Reach Financing Agreement

School Board Still Struggling With New Plans

Heppner school board members and a group from the building advisory committee are still mulling the school building plan to be presented to the voters for approval, and though no agreement has yet been reached, the board members indicated progress was being made.

The group Monday surveyed all available building sites in the immediate area without finding one that met all necessary qualifications for the plan as it had been originally set up and indications were that the original plan to build a new elementary school and gymnasium may be altered in view of the limited space available as possible locations for any new construction.

The board has held in almost daily sessions during the past week in an effort to devise a plan that will be acceptable not only to the voters of the district, but also to the state board of education which must also approve the program.

Many sites have been considered, including land owned by Kemp Dick and W. O. George which lies across Hinton creek from the present school property; a hill-top site behind the Pioneer Memorial hospital and various properties in the north end of Heppner and below town. Some objections have been raised to nearly all locations either for lack of size, shape, or danger of flooding.

L. E. Dick, board chairman, said Wednesday the state board has again been asked for assistance in determining a proper location and for approval of the overall program.

Weekend Rainfall Totals .73 Inch

While Morrow county didn't receive anywhere near the amount of rain over the weekend that fell on most of coastal and valley areas, it got its share and about all most fields could handle without causing erosion.

Rainfall recorded at Heppner between Saturday and Tuesday amounted to .73 inches to bring the total for January to 1.69 inches, almost double the .89 recorded during January, 1952. Unusually high January temperatures continued to prevail over all the area which added to the wheat growers' prospects as most of the moisture continued to soak into the ground. Most streams in the county were swollen, but were not reported out of their banks. The only stream in the area which threatened any damage was the Umatilla river which inundated some lowland areas.

Rev. Tull Accepts Call To Hoquiam

Rev. E. L. Tull of All Saints Episcopal church has accepted a call to Trinity Parish at Hoquiam, Washington and will leave here the end of February to take up his duties there, according to an announcement made following a meeting of the church vestry last week.

Rev. and Mrs. Tull came to Heppner in October, 1948. No successor has been named and indications are that the church may be several months without a pastor.

C of C Hears Manager Of Grain Growers

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow county Grain Growers, Monday noon told the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce of the efforts he and members of the board of directors of the organization are making to pull the company out of the financial difficulties which have plagued it during recent months.

Lamb painted a bright picture for the future and said that current aid from local growers and residents indicated a definite desire by most to keep control of the company in local hands. He said that financing arrangements had been arranged and a complete statement of plans would be announced soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Add Moore are in Rittler to spend several weeks for his health.

Hardman Sets County Dimes' March Record, Mothers' March Next

The residents of Hardman last weekend set an example for other sections of the county to shoot at when they raised a total of \$301.19 for the March of Dimes at a supper, food sale and evening of square dancing. There are about 40 people in the community.

The proceeds from the evening's entertainment brought the total either turned in to March of Dimes Treasurer, Robert Ferrell, or in the hands of committee members to \$1637.54, and there are several sections of the county yet to make any report.

Heppner still holds the lead in collections with \$1,015.34. Hardman now stands in second place with its \$301.19, lone third with \$198.10 and Lexington fourth with \$123.00.

Mothers' March Set

Several special fund raising events are planned during the remainder of January with one of the most important being the Mother's March on Polio, a one-hour concerted drive scheduled for the night of Thursday, January 29. This special campaign will be conducted from 7 to 8 p. m. by special committees in the various areas. Mrs. Jack Loyd, chairman for the event in Heppner, announced that the Boy Scouts will contact every home in Heppner that displays a porch light or other means of identification during the hour and will accept the resident's contribution for the drive.

In other areas, the individual committee chairman will follow similar plans for the canvass during the same hour.

Following the Heppner campaign Thursday night, the scouts will be treated to a lunch provided by the Soroptimist club.

County fund treasurer, Ferrell, this week completed a check of the chapter's expenditures during 1952 for the care and aid of polio patients in the county and reported that a total of \$2,448 was spent for these cases. This amount is nearly double that retained by the local chapter from last year's fund drive.

Dimes Benefit Game Scheduled

Plans were completed early this week for a March of Dimes benefit basketball game to be played at the Heppner gym Saturday night, January 24, La Verne Van Marter, manager of the Heppner Shamrocks said Wednesday.

The Shamrock, city town team, will play Burreson's, one of the top teams in the Pendleton city league. The Shamrock's stand well up in the local league having won two more games over the weekend. They beat Hermiston Thursday 54 to 44 and Stanfield on Monday 70 to 31.

Game time is 7:30 with a B squad game scheduled to start then. Admission will be 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for students with all proceeds to go to the March of Dimes drive.

Bids To Be Opened For New Arlington-Heppner Junct. Road

The state highway department is opening bids today in Portland for the grading and paving of the section of the Columbia river highway between Arlington and Heppner Junction.

The new highway will, in most part, be south of the present road location except through Arlington. When completed, the new road will provide 4 lanes of pavement through Arlington, and two lanes with wide shoulders throughout the rest of the distance. A traffic interchange of modern design is to be provided at Heppner Junction to provide easy access to and from the two highways.

The work is scheduled for completion by September 30, 1954.

Boardman Soil Conservation District Meet Set

Dr. Burton Wood, head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oregon State College, will be a featured speaker at the fifth annual meeting of the Boardman Soil Conservation District to be held at Boardman, January 28. Dr. Wood's topic will be market trends in the Pacific northwest and effects of our increasing population on such markets. Dr. Wood has just returned from an assignment as a member of the advisory committee on agricultural policies appointed by President Eisenhower.

The meeting will be held at the Greenfield grange hall in Boardman, starting at 10:00 a. m. The morning will be devoted to educational films and the business meeting. Lunch will be served by the home economics club of the Greenfield grange.

Frank Muecus, regional Irrigation specialist, Soil Conservation Service, will also speak during the afternoon program. His subject will be irrigation methods as they apply to conditions in the district.

Everyone is invited to attend.

GRANGE PARTY SET

The Rhea creek grange will hold a card party at the hall on Saturday, January 24 at 7:30 with all members and guests invited. Members are asked to bring a pie for refreshments.

County in Final Phase of Bang's Disease Testing

Morrow County is completing a Bang's disease testing program that pretty well upsets the frequent assertion that this disease runs to a higher percentage in beef cattle than in dairy stock, reports Dr. R. R. Younce, state veterinarian with the state department of agriculture.

Morrow county—primarily a beef county—in 1952 saw 13,483 head of cattle tested under the cooperative federal-state Bang's control program. Of this total only 193 animals or 1.4 per cent reacted to the test. That percentage is as low, and in some cases lower, as in most dairy counties.

The Bang's testing program in Morrow county is virtually the only one east of the Cascades that includes all beef cattle in the county. Under the local option clause of the state Bang's law, Morrow went into a complete testing program when the county court gave approval after a hearing on petitions for the all-out check.

Reports from the Bureau of Animal Industry for the month of December show that approximately 2700 Morrow County cows were tested for Bangs disease that month. This testing was done in the final phase of the county's compulsory Bangs test and was as many cattle as were tested during the entire year of 1952.

With these increased numbers being tested, Dr. Chris Burnett, Ass't. State Veterinarian, State Department of Agriculture, stated this week that prospects show an early completion of the test program here. Dr. Burnett has spent the past ten days here working on enforcement of the test law in effect in Morrow County. With less than 1900 head of cattle left to test, it was Dr. Burnett's sincere hope that these would be tested in a peaceful manner, without enforcement as provided by law.

Dr. Burnett announced that he would return to Morrow County on February 2, to complete the test for those who have not seen fit to test voluntarily. Drs. Floyd Frank, Lexington; George Marugg, Heppner; Gordon Balke, Pendleton; and Ralph Perkins, Condon, Bureau of Animal Industry veterinarians, are available for this testing.

An encouraging note was sounded today for Morrow County livestock growers when word came that a bill was being introduced at this legislature calling for a test of all cattle before they would be allowed to be moved into a compulsory test area. The bill calls for a Bang's test of all cattle, whether dairy or beef, purchased through an auction market. These provisions would protect and solve the problem of keeping Morrow County's herds disease free now that we are on the threshold of that situation.

Final Rites For Pfc Gerald Settles Held Wednesday

Funeral services for Pfc Gerald A. Settles, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Settles of Heppner, were held Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church with military graveside rites conducted by the Heppner American Legion post at the Masonic cemetery.

Pfc Settles was the first local boy to lose his life in the Korean conflict when he was killed in action on November 18 by a direct hit from enemy shellfire.

Pfc Settles entered the armed forces on September 10, 1951 and trained with the Airborne. Later he transferred to the infantry and was sent to the Pacific area in the spring of 1952. He first went on front-line duty in Korea with the 25th Infantry division on June 8 of last year.

His body was returned to the United States, arriving in San Francisco last weekend. An Honor Guard accompanied the body to Heppner for the final rites.

Services were read by J. Palmer Sorlien with arrangements under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home. Most Heppner stores were closed in his honor during the services.

Cattle Price Up At Hermiston Sale

Lee Beckner, Ione and Wightman Bros. Heppner were among the consigners from the Heppner area at the Hermiston Auction Friday. Beckner sold three cows and Wightman Bros. sold five cows and a calf.

Cattle sold a little higher Friday, hogs ran generally lower, and there was almost no trading in sheep, according to Delbert Anson, manager. Volume was up slightly, with a rough count of 469 head.

One lot of 28 steer calves sold for \$22.70 cwt. up nearly one dollar over last week. 40 head of stock cows sold for \$136 hd. A carload of five cows sold for \$157.50. Thirty-three 630 lb. steers, mixed shorthorn and whiteface, went out at \$21 cwt. Thirty-four whiteface heifers sold for \$21.70.

Hogs ran about 50 cents cheaper last week, except for feeder hogs, which sold about a dollar higher, according to Anson. One small lot of light feeder lambs went at \$15.50 hd.

STEADY DIET

Heppner firemen last Friday answered the second fire call in about three weeks to the Dr. W. H. Wolff residence on north Main street, and for the same reason—a faulty oil furnace.

It was a different furnace this time though, for Dr. Wolff had replaced the original furnace with a new one, only to have it fail to ignite properly and again threaten the building and fill it with smoke. Damage, however, was light.

PAST MATRONS TO MEET

Past Matrons of Ruth Chapter No. 32, O. E. S. will meet Monday, January 26, at 7:30 p. m. in the Masonic hall. Husbands are invited.



It's a topsy-turvy world for polio patient Judy Bellows, 13, of Douglas County who is helped to breathe by the steady see-sawing motion of her rocking bed. The camera clicked as her head was up—a moment later and it will be feet up. Ten thousand dollars have helped Judy recover from some of the effects of polio. Judy and thousands of other polio patients urgently need your help to continue necessary treatment. Give generously to the 1953 March of Dimes which closes on Jan. 31.

Many School Robberies Solved With Arrest Of 3 In Washington

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman this week received notification from the Seattle police department of the arrest of three men who have confessed to a series of school burglaries during the past three months in Oregon and Washington. Bauman said the information clears up one such case in Morrow and two in Umatilla, at Boardman, Umatilla and Hermiston.

The three, William L. Burton 26 and Leonard F. Larson and a 17 year old juvenile. They were arrested January 5 at Kelso.

According to reports the three have admitted about 60 school burglaries, most of them in Washington, also a kidnapping of a service station attendant in Seattle. According to their confession they entered only about four schools in Oregon, but are not certain but that there may have been more.

The report said the only property recovered from the three was a class pin from Umatilla.

Ponies Winners of Two Basketball Tilts

The Heppner grade school Ponies racked up two victories last week over Ione and Lexington.

In the Ione game the Ponies led by center Ed Olson with 15 points started off slowly and only held a 17 to 15 lead at intermission. In the third and fourth quarters the Ponies got on the beam and out scored the Ione cagers 23 to 14. The final score was 40 to 29.

The Ponies started strong in the Lexington game and led 16 to 3 at half time.

Coach Jim Peterson used all his 30 man squad with the B cager playing most of the second half. Lexington started hitting in the last quarter of the game but the Ponies held on and the score ended 26 to 20 in the Ponies favor.

The Ponies will be on the road this weekend with games at Irrigon on Friday and Echo on Saturday. Coach Peterson stated that injured Jerry Dougherty is improving and may see limited action against Condon in the early part of February.

Mustangs Down Condon 64-45, Lose To Ione

By Kenneth Easter

Heppner high school's Mustangs downed the Condon Blue Devils Friday night in a Big Wheat League contest 64 to 45 but were edged by Ione Tuesday night in a Cayuse conference game 50 to 45.

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The game was close during the first three quarters with the scores being 13-13; 29-24; and 44-38 but in the final period they outscored Condon 20-7 to gain their 64-45 victory. Jack Sumner led all scoring with 20 points while Mike Grant chalked 14.

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Reinstatement of Warehouse License Expected Shortly

The directors of the Morrow County Grain Growers Wednesday approved an agreement with the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland and the Spokane Bank for Cooperatives which provided for long term financing of the two elevators constructed last summer by the concern. The loans amounted to \$331,000 and were equally divided between the two banks.

Grain Growers manager Al Lamb said Wednesday evening that the agreement was reached after local capital totaling \$125,000 was subscribed by members of the cooperative and other residents of the community. The amount necessary from the local area was oversubscribed by more than \$5,900, Lamb said.

While many of the legal details of the transaction remain to be completed, Lamb said the decision by the directors and the availability of local capital assured that the control of the county-wide organization will remain under local control.

License Reinstatement

Application has been made to the Department of Agriculture for the lifting of the suspension of the federal warehouse license which was ordered by the department on December 24 when it became apparent the company was in financial difficulty. Lamb said he hoped it would be reinstated within a few days so the coop can again carry on normal business.

It is understood that the Portland office of the Commodity Credit Corporation has recommended the lifting of the license suspension and also renewing the loan agreement. Lamb said the First National Bank of Portland has been instrumental in working out these arrangements and also in developing the financing program.

Feed Business Out

Another decision reached by the board Wednesday is to temporarily abandon the feed business, conducted primarily at the Heppner warehouse, in order to concentrate on the marketing and elevator operations of the company. It is probable, however, that it will continue to handle sprays, fertilizers and insecticides as it has done in the past.

The financial stability of the corporation was indicated in a recent audit which showed total assets of over \$1,000,000.

Livestock Men To Hold Winter Meeting

Wednesday evening, January 28, has been set as the date for the first general meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association of the year. Main order of business is completion of committee assignments as well as action upon reports and recommendations of committees that have met since their appointment.

The meeting, to be held at the county courtroom, will include reports of the insect control, range and pasture improvement, game laws and livestock disease control committees. A film, "Ghost Towns," will start off the program at 7:30 p. m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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Lexington by beating them 50 to 41. Bob Steagall of Lexington was high point man with 12, while Jerry Haguewood and Jim Hayes of Heppner and Asa Way, Lexington each counted for 10.

In the Ione tilt, the Cardinals jumped to a quick 15 to 7 lead and increased it to 13 points, 33 to 20 at half time. The Mustangs came back in the last two periods but fell short by five points as the game ended 50 to 45 for Ione.

Ione's Duane Baker accounted for 19 points while Jack Sumner of Heppner and Rich Rea of Ione each got 13. The Mustang B squad continued their winning ways by taking the Ione seconds 39 to 29.

This Friday the Mustangs meet the Umatilla Vikings in a Cayuse conference tussel on the local floor and Saturday night the B squad travels to Irrigon to take on the Irrigon varsity.