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At The Legislature--

Capital Parade

NO NEW TAXES—BUT

After three weeks of legislative deliberations, reviewing reports if legislative interim Committees and listening to tax experts, the taxation committee of the present session sees no necessity for any new tax creating measures.

Legislators are cogitating "fire escape" legislation, however, just in case there is a sharp decline during the coming biennium in personal income and corporation excise tax returns. These taxes account for about 75 percent of the state's income.

There are those in the legislature who believe a state property tax would make the voters more economy conscious when voting on measures appropriating money.

NEWBRY'S REPORT

The biennial report of Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry just distributed to members of the Legislature is an enlightning document on the growth of the state and of the department of the Secretary of State and the many new services, accommodations and advancements that have been obtained for the people of the state.

The growth of the business of the department is focused in one table listing the number of claims paid at the end of the biennium, since Newbry has been in office:

1946-48	505.332
1948-50	537.566
1950-52	669.000

MORE HIGHWAY BONDS

Seeking authority to sell $32,000,000 in road building bonds, the State Highway Commission told Legislators this week that the department wiuld be "broke" by June if the sale was not confirmed.

The commission is near the end of a five-year program aimed at building up state roads. The entire sum would be spent advantagely this year as road-building contractors have trimmed their prices and also need work badly.

Included in this year's program is the rebuilding of highway between Portland and Salem and reconstruction of most of the Columbia River highway on a water grade from Portland to Pendleton.

HEADED FOR THE RIVER

A two-time looser is trying to get a power dam on one of Oregon's most famous game fishing streams, the Portland General Electric Co. is backing a bill in the legislature that provides that provisions of the fish and game codes relating to dams shall not apply to an application for a preliminary permit or to a project to be licensed by the Hydroelectric Commission.

The State Hydroelectric Commission denied the company the right to build a dam on the river and the legality of the Commission's decision was upheld in court last month.

The dam proposal is opposed by commercial fishing interests, game fishing organizations and proponents of public ownership of public serving utilities.

LIQUOR SALES UP

There was more money spent for liquor in Oregon last year than during any year since the Oregon Liquor Commission came into existance—but there was less liquor consumed.

The federal tax increase on liquor in 1952 of $1.50 per 100-proof gallon did not slow up the sale of liquor in this state as the sales went from $38,419,493 in 1951 to $41,527,454 in 1952, an increase of $3,107,960.

Net profits from all operations totaled $12,135,409 according to the commission's annual report. Although there were 53 fewer cases of liquor sold, the showing in increased total sales came from the extra federal tax collected for the government.

FOREST LOSSES BY STORM

An appraisal of recent wind and heavy rain damage to forest areas in the state is expected to reach $100,000 the State Forest Department announced this week.

Extensive and incalculable damage by upturned trees and reforestration areas top the losses. A 50-foot lookout tower near Glendale was blown down, forest bridges and roads badly damaged and guard stations devastated.

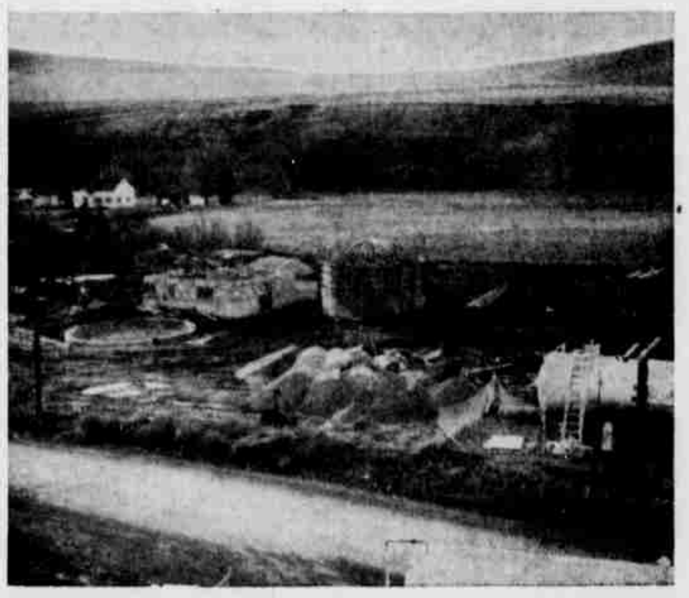
Foresters said they feared the felled trees would add further breeding grounds for the Douglas fir beetle, which has killed more than a billion feet of Oregon's prime timber during the past 16 months.

WSCS TO MEET

The WSCS of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday, February 4 at 8:00 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Alex Green.

Members are reminded to bring a shower gift for the church-hour nursery for pre-school children.

Much Progress Made on Construction of City's Sewage System and Disposal Plant



WELL ALONG is the construction of the sewage disposal plant at the lower end of Heppner. This picture shows the main units of the project. At the left background are parts of the forms for the trickling filter which, when completed, will be 72 feet in diameter and rock filled. On either side of the square concrete brock control house are the the round primary and secondary clarifiers. The round domed structure is the digester which acts as a giant septic tank The oblong cement foundation directly behind the gas tank is the sludge bed where all remaining solid material is collected. Concrete pouring will be completed this week and officials say that the entire job is now about 60 percent completed.

CLOSEUP VIEW of parts of the plant shows more detail of the several units. The entire plant takes in about three acres of ground and the whole area will be leveled, fenced and landscaped to improve the appearance. The Atlas Construction company, Portland contractors who are building the plant, expect to have it completed and ready for operation about May 1.

SEWER LAYING has progressed at a rapid rate during the entire winter, due in part to the favorable weather conditions. Up to the present over 6000 feet of the main trunk lines have been laid, in addition to many of the smaller laterals connecting individual houses. This view, taken on Church street between Main and Gale streets shows one of the main sewer trenches. Rock was encountered in this section and the equipment shown is a drill which has been preparing the trench for blasting. Most of the digging so far has been in dirt and gravel with only a small amount of rock slowing up the work. Depth of the main trunk line will vary from about 5 feet to more than 14 feet where the lines must go under the creek.

LATERALS, or the connecting lines, are being run to the property line of the individual lots at the same time the main trunk sewer is being laid. The shovel shown here is digging one of the laterals across Morgan street. Some inconvenience to residents must necessarily be caused as streets are dug up, but the sewer contractor, Bohren Construction company, is refilling the ditches as rapidly as possible. Work has progressed uphill from the disposal plant and much of the pipe laying has already been completed in the lower end of town. (GT Photos)

Mothers' March On Polio Tonight

The Mothers' March on Polio will be held tonight (Thursday) in Heppner between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock, when Boy Scouts will make the rounds of all the homes in Heppner where a porch light is left on, making last minute collections for the March of Dimes drive.

The Mothers' March, tried here for the first time last year, was quite successful in reaching persons who wished to aid in the polio fund, but who has been overlooked by other solicitors.

The scouts will make a concerted effort to cover the entire town during the one hour and will stop only at houses where the porchlight is displayed, showing that the resident has a donation for the boys to collect.

A check of the collections to date for the Dimes drice shows a total $1,801.13, but there are several localities in the county that have ot reported in to the drive treasurer, Robert Ferrell.

The fund was $15.08 richer due to the efforts of a group of Bluebird girls who passed special collection boxes at last Sunday's shows at the Star Theater. They proudly turned the money over to Heppner chairman, James Driscoll, early this week.

Mrs. Joseph B. Hughes, county drive chairman, this week urged all telephone monitors, and other county workers to complete their calls this week in a final effort to raise the county quota of $3,000. by this weekend.

F. F. A. Host To District Contests

The Future Farmers of America will hold the Blue Mountain district public speaking and parlimentary contest at Heppner high school, Saturday, January 31 in the study hall on the second floor of the building.

The public speaking contest will start at 10:00 a. m. and will continue until noon. At 1:00 o'clock the parlimentary procedure contest will be held. This contest will be governed by Robert's rules of order and its purpose is to teach the boys how to properly conduct a business meeting.

The Blue Mountain district includes eight schools and each will be represented here. They are Wy East, of Hood River, The Dalles , Boardman, Hermiston, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, Athena and Heppner.

James Allen, local F. F. A. advisor stressed that the contests are open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend.

Jaycee-Ettes Install New Officers

Newly installed officers of the Heppner JayCeetes are Mrs. Robert Ferrell, president; Mrs. Herman Green, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Dobbie, secretary; Mrs. Fred Daniels, treasurer. Those on the board of directors are Mrs. Wallace Wolff, Mrs. J. W. Carter, Mrs. Frank Anderson and outgoing president Mrs. Harvey Wilhite.

The old officers were hostesses to the pot luck dinner which preceded the installation of officers.

Mrs. M. N. Kirk of Hermiston was a visitor in Heppner Monday.

28 Students Make Heppner Honor Roll

28 Heppner high school students, the largest number ever to place on the list, this week found their names on the honor roll for the second 9-weeks period. To qualify for the honor, the student must have no grade lower than a B.

The list includes: seniors, Rita Cox, Florence Elde, Monte Fast, Mike Grant, Pat Peck, Jack Sumner.

Juniors: Adelia Anderson, Ronald Currin, Loree Stager.

Sophomores: Neal Beamer, Jean Marie Graham, Mary Ruth Green, Dick Kononen, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock, Patricia Wright, Joan Wright.

Freshmen: Nancy Anderson, Lynda Borman, Darleen Connor, Nona Fast, Diane Grant, Steve Green, Sandra Lanham, Shirley Peck, Eugene Ruhl, Judy Thompson, Lance Tibbles.

Cattle Prices Steady At Hermiston Sale

Fred Davis of Butter Creek consigned the top selling fed steer calves to the Hermiston auction Friday. Averaging 980 pounds in weight, a lot of Davis steers sold for $23.30 cwt.

L. A. Palmer, Lexington; G. Herman, Ione; Charles Bloodworth, Heppner; J. E. Woods, Arlington; W. H. Cleveland, of Heppner were among the other consigners at the auction Friday. Palmer consigned a whiteface cow, Herman consigned six head of mixed cattle, Bloodworth, five calves, Woods, 10 head of cows, and Cleveland, seven head.

Senator Wayne Morse had his hat in the ring for the auction. The hat, donated by the senator, was auctioned for the benefit of the Hermiston hospital. Among the bidders was Pete Celoria of Boardman. A total of $171 was raised.

The market ran stronger on weaner calves Friday, with all other cattle selling readily at steady prices, according to Delbert Anson, manager. A total of 466 cattle were consigned, along with 15 lambs and 221 hogs, for a total count of 702.

One lot of 38 steer calves sold $20.85; short fed steers sold up to for $24.50 cwt.; 33 heifers went at $21.95; a 1980 pound bull sold for $22.90 veal went at $23.50 to $27.00; canners and cutters $11.00 to $14.10; commercial cows $14.50 to $17.20.

Appliance Store To Open Saturday in New Uptown Location

The formal opening of the new Heppner Refrigeration store in the building formerly occupied by Mode D'Day has been set for Saturday January 31. Irene Zinter, owner of the concern announced this week.

The store which has been located in the Farra building on North Main street, will occupy completely modernized quarters in its new location and several new lines of merchandise have been added. In addition to Frigidaire appliances and several lines of radios, a line of pianos and Hammond Chord organs, records and sheet music will be included in the stock.

Oliver Creswick is in charge of sales for the store.

William Todd Nichols has returned from Clovis, Calif., where he has spent the past two months visiting with his daughters and other relatives.

Laying of New Water Mains Started by City

Work was started this week by the city on laying more than 2000 feet of new 4 inch water main in the new subdivision recently platted by county judge Garnet Barratt in the general area of the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

The city is extending its mains up Gilmore street and around the point of the hill to the eastern city limits. Barratt will continue the line on out to the end of the subdivision where two new homes are already under construction.

The new main will supply water to most of the tract and an eventual tie-in with the line supplying the fair grounds will provide good water pressure throughout the area.

Weekend houseguests of Mrs. Bea Barkla were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deeter of Walla Walla.

Margaret Kilkenny Dies at Pendleton

Mrs. Margaret Brady Kilkenny, 74, passed away early Thursday morning at Pendleton. For many years she was a resident of Morrow county. She was born June 1, 1878 in county Leitrum, Ireland.

Rosary will be held Friday at 7 p. m. at St. Mary's Catholic church in Pendleton and funeral services will be held there also at 10 o'clock Saturday.

Former Heppner Man Dies In Missouri

Mrs. Harry Duvall received word from her uncle in Billings, Missouri, that his neighbor Otto H. Wagerman passed away in September at the age of 64.

Wagerman lived in this vicinity from 1918 until 1930, during that time he farmed in the Blackhorse country on the ranch now farmed by John Lane.

Farm Bureau Supports Welfare List Publicity

A highly controversial meeting of the Morrow county Farm Bureau was held at the I. O. O. F. hall in Lexington Wednesday night with discussion centering around resolutions submitted by the Lexington Farm Bureau concerning the making of welfare lists availale to the public, state tax exemptions and public versus private ownership of dams.

Among resolutions agreed upon to be submitted to other county Farm Bureaus for approval was a recommendation that state senator Rex Ellis be firmly supported for his bill to make public welfare lists available for public inspection, also that thorough screening and investigation be carried out to prevent abuses of the welfare program.

Another resolution was passed asking the legislature to allow the same income tax exemptions as are presently allowed by the federal government.

Extension discussion was also held concerning private versus public ownership of dams with the basic recommendation being made that the federal government exercise control over interstate streams and rivers only, with the state retaining complete control over all streams and rivers within its doundaries. It was also recommended that the state of Oregon allow power dams to be built by private companies under state regulation.

For the purpose of education, Kenneth Smouse was appointed to secure an outside speaker to present a complete discussion of the power question at the next regular meeting in March. Dr. Paul Raver, head of the Bonneville Power Administration was suggested.

Kenneth Peck is president of the county bureau.

Leonard L. Pate Resigns Heppner School Position

Leonard L. Pate, superintendent of the Heppner schools informed the Gazette Times Wednesday that he has submitted his resignation to the school board effective at the end of the present school year, June 30. Pate gave no reasons for his action and stated that he was not yet prepared to announce his plans for the future.

Pate came to Heppner in 1944 as high school principal and coach, also teaching science and mathematics. In 1948 he was appointed superintendent, a position he has held since.

Mrs. Pate has also taught in the Heppner school system, presently teaching in the elementary grades. They have one daughter, Karen.

Members of the school board stated that they had taken no action on the resignation as it had not yet been presented at a regular meeting.

Springlike Weather Brings Flower Blooms

The so-called "temperate belt" of the Willamette valley doesn't have anything on the "banana belt" area of Heppner, it was pointed out this week by Mrs. Frank S. Parker who reported that she has had crocuses in bloom in her yard since January 19.

The unusually warm January weather has brought numerous other reports of flowers and plants getting themselves tangled up in their seasons and putting out buds and blooms many weeks ahead of schedule.

The month's high average was reduced some this week however, when early risers found a thin layer of ice on puddles Monday and Tuesday mornings. Most disappeared within a short time and Tuesday's threat of snow changed to rain on Wednesday.

January Rainfall Continues to Climb

Although it was a long ways from the 11 to 17 inches of rain recorded in the valley, Morrow county continued to add up healthy amounts of precipitation this week to bring the total for January to 1.72 inches recorded in Heppner and 2.26 inches in the Gooseberry area.

The month has far outstripped January of last year when .89 fell in Heppner and 1.02 in Gooseberry. All of the moisture has been in the form of rain, with no measurable snow having fallen during the month.

Heppner Soil Conservation District To Meet

Heppner Soil Conservation District cooperators and farmers within the boundaries of the Lexington Blow Control District will meet jointly for their annual meetings next Monday, February 2. Meetings will begin at 10:30 a. m. and will be held at the Lexington Grange hall. The Lexington Grange ladies will serve the noon dinner.

Scheduled for the day as the main speaker will be Dick Adlard Agronomist, Pullman Nursery, Soil Conservation Service, who will discuss grass and legume nursery work being done in Washington and Oregon. Legumes and grasses for hay and pasture uses will be discussed.

A variety of films of an educational and entertaining nature will be shown during the day. Business meetings of the two organizations will be held with supervisors to be elected to fill expired terms.

Lexington Oil Co-op Has New Manager

Elmer Hunt, who for the past 10 years has been manager of the Lexnigton Oil Co-op, left on January 26 to work for the city of The Dalles. Joel Englman of Ione, who has been employed at the coop for several years has been promoted to fill the vacancy in the manager's office.

The Co-op has become one of Lexington's larger businesses, growing from a small concern several years ago to a $160,000 annual business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown had as their weekend guests her brother and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Autie Goodman and Mrs. Milton Spurlock of Pendleton.

Attending the state Elks meeting in Oregon City last weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson all of Heppner.

Mustangs Add Two More Wins to String

By Kenneth Easter

Heppner's Mustangs, getting off to a very slow start, managed to come from behind in the second half to defeat the Umatilla Vikings 52-35 in a Cayuse conference game Friday night.

The Mustangs have shown in their last few games, a tendency to be a second half ball club, something which cause them trouble. They really showed sloppy ball handling in the first period, making only one field goal as Umatilla grabbed a 9-4 lead. Halftime still found the Vikings in front by 20-15, but Heppner came to life in the second half as they gained a 33-28 lead at the end of the third quarter and then coasted on to their 52 to 35 win. The reserves took over near the middle of the last period.

Dick Kononen, sophomore reserve, led all Heppner scorers with 12, while Roland Taylor rang up 11, ten of them in the second half. Leading scorer for Umatilla was Tex Spears with 8.

The Heppner Bs merrily continued their winning ways by downing the Umatilla JVs 56 to 37 with Dick Kononen running up another 20 points to his credit in this game.

Saturday the B squad traveled to Irrigon to tackle the varsity there and came out on top with a 54 to 43 score. Kononen was again high with 23 points. The preliminary was a thriller with the Mustang B reserves downing the Irrigon B squad 36 to 35 in an overtime tangle.

Friday night the Mustangs meet the Fossil Falcons on the local floor in a Big Wheat league contest. Fossil started the year very slow, but in their last game defeated a good Condon five.

Saturday night the Mustangs again take on the Ione Cardinals at the local gym.