

At The Legislature--



TEMPO OF LEGISLATURE

The present session of the Oregon legislature is making good time—doing good work. That late statement is indicative of what may make the session longer—and better. The fuzziness of things has worn off for the new members who seem to be a bit more forthright than the run-of-the-mill solons. It is not expected that final action (defeat, indefinite postponement or adoption) of many bills or on the bulk of minor bills will begin before February 24, which will be the 44th day of the session. In counting the length of sessions Sundays, holidays and everything on the calendar is included.

On Monday the 22nd day 386 bills, resolutions and memorials had gone into the hopper. Committees were working on 225 of these, 108 in Senate and 117 in House committees.

The last session of the legislature dealt with more than 1500 legislative documents.

FAULTS IN OREGON LAW

"We are compelled to admit that law should concede to the desires of the people," K. N. Llewellyn, professor of law at the University of Chicago told members of the judiciary committee and a group of attorney members meeting in the Capitol this week.

Llewellyn mentioned as some of the omissions of Oregon's statutes were those pertaining to long term sales contracts, overseas transactions, the meaning of FOB, negotiable instruments, brokerage transactions, and "signatures guaranteed".

Llewellyn is one of a working group designated by the American Bar to produce unified laws for adoption by all the states of the Union.

CRIME PROBE REJECTED

A proposal for a state crime commission made by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was turned down Friday by the house judiciary committee.

"Organized crime is rampant all over the country," Thornton said. "How these five men on the judiciary committee can say without investigation that there isn't enough organized crime in Oregon to warrant a crime survey is difficult for me to comprehend."

The proposed bill would create a non-partisan fact-finding study of such additional subjects as juvenile justice, adult correction and release procedures, the underlying causes of crime in Oregon and the effectiveness of our present laws and procedures as deterrents to crime," the state's attorney said.

CAPITAL JOURNAL SOLD

Bernard Mainwaring, recent publisher of newspapers in Oregon and Idaho became owner of the Capital Journal of Salem this week. The newspaper, established in 1888, had been operated by George Putnam, editor and publisher since 1919, built the paper to its present broad influence and large circulation.

The sale was consummated under a five-year agreement to Robert Letts Jones who sold his interest to the successful Northwest editor and publisher.

GAS TAX SALES SOAR

Total gasoline sales in Oregon from January 1 to December 31, 1952, was 562,677,556.5 gallons, compared to 541,034,754.4 gallons in 1951, according to Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry. Taxes paid to the State of Oregon on the 1952 sales amounted to \$33,760,015.91, an increase of \$1,297,872.68 over 1951. The comparative statement shows an increase of 2,606,456.3 gallons and \$156,332.07 in taxes during the month of December, 1952, over the same month in 1951.

Approximately 12 percent of the gross tax received by the state was returned to motor fuel users in the form of refunds during the last half of 1952.

MORE DRUNKEN DRIVERS

There were 22 percent more drunken drivers arrested in 1952 than there were in the previous year. Arrests for other crimes during the past year did not approach this increase.

Ninety-five per cent of those arrested for drunken driving were found guilty and fines totalling \$178,800 and sentences totalling 14,941 days in jail were assessed, according to the annual report of the Department of State Police released this week.

STATE CAR POOL MODEL

Legislators and others studying plans for a state car pool need not journey to eastern states to see one in action. William E. Healy, assistant secretary of state, feels certain that the car pools of our neighbor state, Washington, are the best in the Nation. Motor vehicle administrators who have visited Salem to get the know how of Oregon's motor vehicle department have high praise for the car pools at (Continued on page 8)

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City To Install New Fire Alarm System With Coming of Dial Phones

The city council Monday night authorized the purchase of necessary equipment by the Heppner fire department to install a completely new fire alarm system to be put into effect when the city telephone system is changed over to dial early in April.

The new system will be a complete change from the present method of giving the location of the fire to the telephone operator who sounds the siren and informs the firemen by telephone. At the time of the change-over to dial telephones, the fire department will have a special number which, when dialed, will automatically start the siren and the party calling will wait until a fireman reaches the fire hall to answer the phone to give the location. The new system is necessary due to the fact that there will be no telephone operators on duty in Heppner, the dial telephones doing all their own work automatically.

The council OK'd the purchase

Installation of Dial Telephone Equipment Starts

Installation of the intricate dial switching equipment for Heppner's new dial telephone system, scheduled to replace the present magneto office in April, will be started Monday, February 9, according to Pacific Telephone Manager D. A. Short.

Installation of the central office equipment, which is handled for all Bell System companies by employees of the Western Electric company, will be under the direction of job foreman D. E. Nogier, who will put a 7-man crew to work on the project Monday.

The new 20' x 30' one-story concrete block central office building located on the west side of Chase street between Center and Willow, is expected to be fully equipped and ready for the start of the change-over to dial operation by April 13.

The change to dials, Short explained, will be made on a progressive basis, with the switch-over of the last of Heppner's 600 telephones expected to be completed by April 30.

Immediately after that date, Heppner's local calling area will be extended to include Lexington and Ione, thus providing toll-free connections for better than 800 telephones.

Under the extended service plan, as previously announced, telephone users in Heppner, Ione, and Lexington, will be able to dial each other directly, without paying a long distance charge. Long distance calls, which will be made by dialing "operator", will be answered and completed by girls at the Arlington switchboards, Short said.

Insurance Firm Takes In New Partner

Howard Bryant this week joined the insurance firm of Turner, Van Marter and company and the announcement was made at the same time that La Verne Van Marter, Jr. had become an equal partner in the organization with Frank W. Turner and Bryant.

Turner started the company many years ago and said that continually increasing business demanded the inclusion of another person in the organization. Bryant has long been a resident of Heppner and was a former manager of the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland.

School Contributions Swell March of Dimes

Heppner school students added \$256.79 to the March of Dimes fund this week following the conclusion of the drive contest held between classes.

First class to reach its quota was the freshman, with \$34.80. The seniors, however, took the honors for raising the most when they collected \$49.30. The sophomores raised \$17.30 and the juniors \$7.00.

In the eight elementary grades the students turned in \$149.32.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parker have returned from Portland where he has been convalescing for several weeks following a major operation at a hospital there.

J. Palmer Sorlien left Tuesday for Portland to attend the Oregon Council of Churches annual meeting.

of an automatic siren control device which will blow the siren a set number of blasts for each alarm, and a new siren, as it was deemed more economical and safer to buy the new alarm than to try to overhaul the present siren which is too slow to respond to an automatic switch and which has been in use since about 1918.

More complete information on the system will be announced when the dial conversion is made.

Facing Project Near

The council also heard a letter from the state highway commission stating that it had, at its January meeting, approved a project calling for the grading and resurfacing of south Court street from May street to the eastern city limits. The money for this work to come from a special state fund appropriated to aid cities maintain streets which are not a state highway though subjected to unusually heavy traffic. It is expected that this street will carry a considerable load of log trucks during the next few years.

According to the letter the state will stand \$15,000 of the cost and the city the balance. The total project was estimated at slightly over \$19,000. If all sewers are in, and backfill properly settled, the work will be done late this summer.

The council placed on first reading, and discussed at length a new ordinance written to regulate and control the use of the new sewer system and sewage disposal plant. The ordinance was passed to the second reading, but several amendments are expected before it is finally adopted.

E. R. Settles was granted a building permit to construct a residence on east Center street.

Loans Completed By Grain Growers

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow county Grain Growers stated this week that all loan arrangements have been completed with the Spokane Bank of Cooperatives and the First National Bank of Portland and that work is progressing on getting the business back on a normal operating basis.

He said that the company has applied to the Commodity Credit Corporation for reinstatement of its federal warehouse license and it is hoped that word will be received shortly telling of the reinstatement.

Ione Organizes New Volunteer Fire Dept

A meeting was held Monday evening at the Ione Legion hall to organize a volunteer fire department. It was conducted by David Rietmann, chairman of the recently formed Ione rural fire district.

E. W. Bristow will be in charge and it was decided to hold a practice meeting next Sunday. He expressed the hope that there will be a good turnout of interested men.

Taxpayers to Get Filing Assistance

The state tax commission announced this week that representatives from that department will be in the area in the near future to assist local taxpayers with the preparation of their state income tax returns.

They will be at the court house in Heppner from 10 to 12 a. m. on March 19 and at the Gilliam county court house from 9 to 12 a. m. on March 20.

DISTRICT LEGION CONFERENCE SET

A district 6 conference for Legionnaires and Auxiliary members will be held at Milton-Freewater February 15.

NO SHADOW! EARLY SPRING DUE ACCORDING TO GROUNDHOG STORY

If the story about the groundhogs ability to forecast weather holds any water, Morrow county can look for spring almost any time. In fact, there are many indications that it is already here. There was a good chance, however, that Br'er groundhog might not have survived the dunking he got on his day of awakening last Monday.

One thing for sure, if the little fellow stirred at all to see what the world looked like he certainly didn't see his shadow, for a steady rain fell on the county

Schools In Morrow County To Have Immunization Clinic

Immunization clinics for school and preschool children will again be held at the school, Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer, will be the attending physician, Martha Tapaianen, public health nurse today announced.

Clinics will be held at monthly intervals in February, March and April for the completion of series immunizations and emphasized that signed permit slips must be presented at the time of immunization for school children.

Preschool children in the community, ages 6 months through 5 years, are urged to attend the clinic on February 16 at the Home Economics room at the Heppner school. Clinic time is 9:30 to 10:30 a. m.

Immunizations offered and recommended by the health officers are smallpox, every five years, all ages; diphtheria, tetanus combination for school children six years through 15 years, booster every three years after first series which requires two injections a month apart; typhoid all ages, booster every year after first series, first series requires three injections a week or more apart.

There will be a charge of 25c for smallpox, 25c for diphtheria combination and 50c for typhoid. The State Board of Health is not furnishing the immunization materials this year as they have in the past.

Immunization Clinic Schedule

HEPPNER SCHOOL:
February 16, 9:30 to 10:30 a. m. Preschool only; February 23, 9:30 a. m. School; March 23, 9:30 a. m. Preschool and School; April 20, 9:30 a. m. Preschool and School.

IRRIGON SCHOOL:

February 25, 9:00 a. m. Preschool and School; March 25, 9:00 a. m. Preschool and School; April 22, 9:00 a. m.

BOARDMAN SCHOOL:

February 25, 1:00 p. m. Preschool and School; March 25, 1:00 p. m. School; April 22, 1:00 p. m.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL:

March 3, 9:00 a. m.; March 31, 9:00 a. m.; April 28, 9:00 a. m.

IONE SCHOOL:

March 3, 10:30 a. m.; March 31, 9:30 a. m. at Lexington; April 28, 9:30 a. m. at Lexington.

Flying Lights Seen at Lexington

Two unidentified objects were sighted by Lexington residents early this week, and while the first one seen appeared to be a balloon, the Portland Civil Defense filter center reported that no weather balloons were known to be in the area.

The first object, a transparent balloon type object was sighted at 5:00 p. m. Monday at Cutsforth corners and was also reported seen by residents of Echo. The second object was discovered after dark Tuesday near Lexington and appeared to throw off a blue light. Both objects were reported to the Portland filter center.

The filter center asks that anyone sighting unknown objects report them immediately so that a weather plane can be sent out to check the report. Such objects can be reported to local ground observers, Walter DePuy, phone 3082 Heppner, or the Lexington airport. They stress that an immediate report is very important.

TRASH BLAZE CAUSE OF FIRE CALL

A burning trash pile reflecting in the windows of a parked car was apparently the cause of a fire alarm shortly after 9 o'clock on Tuesday night on West Baltimore street.

Firemen surmised that someone saw the flames which gave the appearance of being inside the car, and called in the alarm. There was no damage.

Snow Check Shows Above Average Water Content

Water content of the snow pack averages 44 percent above normal but 14 percent less than last year at this time, according to snow measurements taken Friday, January 30 on the Arbuckle mountain snow course. Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation Service and Wayne West, forest ranger, skied into the snow course and reported 28.8 inches of snow with a water content of 11.2 inches. Measurements taken on January 30 last year showed a snow depth of 41.6 inches of snow and 31.1 inches of water.

A water content of 7.8 inches is the average for this time of year according to records of the federal and state cooperative snow surveys taken over a period of 23 years.

Scout Council Withdraws From Community Chest

A disagreement between the Blue Mountain council of the Boy Scouts and the directors of the Morrow County Community Chest over the amount of funds which should be allotted to the Scout organization, this week brought a withdrawal by the Scouts from the Community Chest and an announcement that they will open their own fund campaign.

The withdrawal apparently stems from the fact that the Blue Mountain council has asked the chest for more money than has been allocated to it for the past few years while the directors of the chest expressed the feeling that Morrow county was not getting value received for the money it was allocating.

Chest chairman, Garnet Barratt, stated that in 1951 25 percent of the total receipts of the Chest drive were allocated to the Blue Mountain council, but when the budget was established for last year's drive, this figure was cut to 12 1/2 percent by the directors. This would amount to approximately \$400. This money is now on hand and will be turned over to the scouts when they request it, Barratt said.

It was indicated that the board members felt that more attention and aid should be given to local scout troops than they were receiving from the district council. The reduction in the allotment figure for last year, reflected this thinking.

The announcement of the withdrawal, which came in the form of a letter from Raymond T. Jensen, president and Wendell P. Brown, council finance chairman said.

"For several years the Blue Mountain Council has endeavored to work out a mutually acceptable finance program with the Morrow county Community Chest. Since we have not been able to do this it seems the only approach to the problem open to us is to withdraw from your chest and proceed with our independent finance plans.

"Because of the council's recent action to employ an additional district executive who would work most particularly in your vicinity, we can no longer delay the securing of necessary funds. Although this program has been in our council plans for three years, the funds secured through Morrow Chest sources have not even measured up to previous standards. We have reached the point where adequate funds must be forthcoming.

We are planning a Boy Scout campaign throughout Morrow county in the very near future and expect to realize our needed funds in this manner. It may be that our withdrawal from the Chest will enable you to make somewhat more adequate allocations to the other agencies of the Chest."

Barratt stated Wednesday that he planned to call a meeting of the Chest directors soon to discuss the problem.

GRANGE TO MEET

The February meeting of the Rhea Creek Grange will be held on the 13th with a special potluck dinner planned for members whose birthdays fall during January, February and March. It was announced that Mildred, Mary and Pearl Wright will have charge of the decorations for the occasion.

E. Harvey Miller is here from Portland to spend some time at the ranch with his son, Tad Miller.

"Inside Out" Warren Baby to Celebrate First Birthday



ONE YEAR OLD—Deborah Kaye Warren, Heppner's now famous "inside out" baby who got such an unusual start in the world, will celebrate her first birthday Saturday, February 7 in the same manner as would any other youngster. Debbie, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Warren of Eightmile district, was born at Pioneer Memorial hospital with all her abdominal organs on the outside of her body. An immediate operation was performed to place the organs in their proper positions within the body and the child has spent her first year of life in an entirely normal manner, suffering no ill effects from the surgery. An operation of the type performed on Debbie is classified by medical men as extremely rare and usually fatal, but she also must share her unusual position with another little girl, Kay Ann Bobbitt of Brandenton, Florida, who survived an identical operation immediately after birth. The Florida baby will celebrate her first birthday February 15. (GT Photo)

STOCKGROWERS RECOMMEND CHANGES IN HUNTING AND TRESPASS LAWS

Meeting January 28, members of the Morrow County Livestock growers Association heard reports from four active committees, appointed by the executive committee earlier in the month. Other business matters pertaining to the 1953 program was discussed, reports N. C. Anderson, secretary.

Of great interest to all present was the report of recommendations of the Game Laws Committee, which drew much controversial discussion. Oregon State Police and State Game Commission officials present were questioned thoroughly on present aspects of game laws and game law enforcement, which seem to be somewhat of a headache to the Eastern Oregon ranchers.

Adopted by the forty-one members present, and sent to members of the legislature were several recommendations. They were: 1. Asking for a regulation requiring the written permission by State Game Commission of the owners of at least 50% of the land involved before opening any special hunting season within a given area.

2. Urging State Game Commission to open and/or close the hunting season over the whole state at the same time.

3. That State Game Commission use money to hire additional enforcement officers during hunting season.

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Samuel Boardman Services Held Saturday Morning

By Flossie Coats

Graveside funeral services were held Saturday morning January 31st at 11 a. m. for Samuel H. Boardman, the Masons having charge of the services. Honorary pallbearers were the Boardman city council members, Zearl Gillespie, Walter Hayes, Robert Harwood, Seth Russell and W. E. Garner.

Out of town friends here to attend the services were Mr. and Mrs. Royal Rands, Culver, Mr. and Mrs. Brie Dillabaugh and daughter Susan, Bend; Mrs. Lee Mead, Pendleton; Bill Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ballenger, Hermiston.

Mr. Boardman came to this area in 1903 and plotted the present town of Boardman and was responsible for many of the trees we have had on the project.

All immediate members of his family were here for the services, coming Friday evening, who were Mrs. Sam Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mefford, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Boardman and Mrs. Helen Boardman.

Ray G. Anderson was elected superintendent of the Boardman Public School for the year 1953-54 at a special board meeting Wednesday January 28th. This will be Mr. Anderson's second year in the Boardman school.

The Boardman Garden Club met Monday evening February 2 at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bishop (Continued on Page 8)

Reorganization Of Cub Scouting Started

Cub Scout leaders held an executive meeting last Friday at 4:30 p. m. in the office of the county school superintendent. The Scout field representative, Jack Long, was present to help in getting the Cub Scout work underway.

McDon Bonta was chosen to be the new Cub Master and Leslie Grant is giving very valuable aid. He is to have charge of the training program for the den mothers and other workers in the program.

Mr. Soward, committee chairman, announced that the next meeting on Cubbing will be held in the fireplace room of the Christian church Sunday, February 8 at 3:30 p. m. Den Mothers and den dads are urged to be present.