

At The Legislature--



LAW BREVITY URGED

"Fewer laws and those in fewer words, brief and to the point", is the doctrine of Senator Howard C. Belton, Canby farmer, now serving his eighth term in the Oregon legislature. This session he is chairman of the potent Assessment and Taxation committee. Last session he was chairman of the large Ways and Means committee and in 1945 he was President of the Senate.

All the while he is iconoclastic to ambiguous verbiage in laws and stresses the importance of clarity and brevity in drafting bills.

"I work for short, definite and clear cut sentences in plain language for clearer and stronger law."

"A lot of words which sound legal but add nothing are frequently put into bills by inexperienced legislators."

"As provided in this act" is a superfluous often found.

"In the state of Oregon" is worthless as the legislature has no jurisdiction outside the state anyway.

"Six words can be saved by pruning the common legal phrase 'be and the same is hereby' down to 'is', says the Senator. But there is only a starter.

He reasons that the single word "shall" should replace the ambiguity "is hereby vested with power an authority and it shall be its duty as it may deem necessary to carry out the provisions of this act."

U. S. MARSHAL RACE

Before it is over every county in Oregon may have a candidate for U. S. Marshal. Six counties are now represented in the contest.

Vern Drager, Portland, was the first to announce his intention to be a candidate. He is now on leave from the state income tax department to act as Sergeant at Arms of the Senate.

Others reported to be active in the race are Harold Sexton, The Dalles, sheriff of Wasco county; Paul Kearney, Astoria, sheriff of Clatsop county; O. T. Carter, Roseburg, sheriff of Douglas county; Harold Gault, Medford, sheriff of Jackson county and R. H. Busch, Hillsboro, sheriff of Washington county.

The present U. S. Marshal, Jack R. Caulfield, was first appointed in 1943.

G. O. P. WOMEN TO CAPITOL

The date of the all-state legislative day sponsored biennially by the Oregon Federation of Women's Republican Clubs with the Salem Unit as hostess has been set for Thursday, February 26.

The women, coming from all parts of the state, will be at the legislature at 10:00 a. m. At noon there will be a luncheon, with the president of the senate as speaker, then an informal tea at the home of Mrs. Louis Lachmund.

In the line for the tea will be Mrs. Roy T. Bishop, state president; Mrs. Lachmund, Mrs. C. C. McCall, Salem unit president; Mrs. Paul L. Patterson; Mrs. William L. Phillips, Sr.; Mrs. A. A. Schramm; Mrs. O. K. Beals; and Mrs. W. F. Leary.

NEW LEGISLATIVE BILLS

A bill by the Highway Department would require an applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license to present a recent photograph of himself.

Two ex-sheriffs, Goad and Jackson, have a bill that would make it a crime to have explosives or equipment for robbery purposes.

Representative Hudson wants people to be able to fish with a hand line. Present game law requires a rod and line.

Phenobarbital and kindred barbiturates could be sold only upon prescription of practitioner licensed to administer such drugs (and no refills), if a bill by Medical Affairs committee passes.

School teachers are required to retire when they reach the age of 65. Bill by Mark Hatfield would allow continued service of one year periods under recommended conditions.

Representative Harvey would forbid any retailer of alcoholic liquor to employ any female person to serve, handle or sell such liquor, except while serving regular meals.

Representatives Wallace and Haynes would allow minor veterans to enter into contracts for loans under the veterans' loan act.

NEW O. F. B. PRESIDENT

Ben Robinson, first vice-president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and Union county farmer, was elevated to the presidency of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and Oregon Farm Bureau Insurance company by action of the state board of Directors at a special board meeting held Friday in Salem.

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Personal Property Tax Statements Due by March 2

County assessor W. O. Dix this week reminded Morrow county taxpayers that their personal property tax statements are due at his office by March 2. The forms have been sent out to former personal property taxpayers.

Dix said that only about one-third of the reports have been filed to date and reminded residents that a 5 percent penalty is added for late filing.

Heppner Lumber President Dies

Word was received here Wednesday of the death on Monday, February 16, of J. L. Kraft, 78, president of the Heppner Lumber company. He had been in ill health for some time. His home was in Chicago.

Kraft, who was the founder of the Kraft Cheese company, was very well known for his many youth activities in the Chicago area, one of his larger enterprises being the support and operation of a Baptist youth camp near the Illinois city.

In addition to the Heppner mill, the Kraft company has other lumber interests at Bridal Veil, Oregon.

Survivors include his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Hardy and several brothers and sisters.

Heppner Junction To Get New Highway Overpass

The state highway commission at its February 17 and 18 meeting in Portland will accept bids for the construction of a 150 foot reinforced concrete overcrossing structure to carry the relocated Columbia river highway over the Heppner branch tracks of the Union Pacific railroad at Heppner Junction.

The new structure will provide complete separation of railroad and highway traffic along the new route. The commission recently awarded a contract for the grading and paving of the new route between the Junction and Arlington.



REX WARREN, Farm Crops Specialist, Oregon State College, will be featured with colored slides and discussion on newer weed control practices, when Morrow County farmers meet for their annual county weed planning meeting February 24. The meeting will be held at the court house, beginning at 10:00 A. M.

Publishers to Attend Meet, GT Office to Be Closed Two Days

The Gazette Times office will be closed all day Friday and Saturday as the publishers, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland, are leaving Thursday for Eugene to attend the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association winter convention.

Accompanying them will be Mrs. W. H. Wolff. Both Mrs. Wolff and Penland, who is a director of the association, will take part in the program on panel discussions.

Mrs. Mabel Bascom Dies at Los Angeles

Heppner relatives have received word of the death of Mrs. Mabel Bascom in Los Angeles. Mrs. Bascom will be remembered by many as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leezer, Morrow county pioneers.

She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Willetta Conser of Venice, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman of Hardman spent Friday in Heppner looking after business matters.

Red Cross Workers List Announced by Drive Chairman

A nearly complete list of chairman and workers for the coming Red Cross drive was announced this week by Mrs. James J. Farley, county drive chairman. The drive is scheduled to open nationwide on March 1.

Mrs. Farley said the county has been divided into areas with a complete committee assigned to each section.

Those appointed include: Heppner business, W. A. Blake, Mrs. Oscar George, James J. Farley, Oliver Creswick, Heppner, Mesdames G. C. M. Smith, Frances Mitchell, T. E. Peterson, E. A. Bennett, M. LaVelle, Jack Bailey, Mary Wright, Herman Green, John Pfeiffer, William Labhart, Jack Van Winkle, R. B. Rice, Della Davidson, Vivian Kane.

For the rural area are Mesdames Jerry Brosnan, Ben Anderson, Harry Duval, Elsie Leathers, Earl Evans, Inez Meador, Sam Turner, Floyd Jones, Dick Wilkinson, William Barratt.

Hardman, Mrs. Lesley; Ione, Adon Hamlett, chairman, Lexington, Mrs. John Ledbetter, chairman, Morgan, Mrs. Cecil Thorne, Cecil, Mrs. E. R. Schaffer, Ione rural, Mrs. Charles Carlson. Workers' names were not yet available in the Irrigon and the Boardman areas.

Mrs. Farley again expressed the hope that Morrow county would be the first county in the state to reach its goal and said that all committee members were working with that idea in mind.

Chamber Hears Portland Pastor

Chamber of commerce members Monday heard Rev. J. Harold Jones, pastor of the Hughes Memorial Methodist church of Portland, tell of the great economic advancement made in the south during the past few years. Jones came to Portland from Arkansas about a year ago.

Jones told how the economy of that section of the United States is gradually growing away from cotton, the crop which for years has been the major industry. He said that through encouragement from large industry, many southern farmers are finding other crops much more lucrative. Among those mentioned were cucumbers, melons and other crops which go into the food processing industry. He also said that many large industries have moved into the south during the past few years, with a resulting change in the economy.

Jones is currently speaking at the Heppner Methodist church during special evangelistic services conducted all this week.

Local Elks Establish "Most Valuable Student" Scholarship

A "Most Valuable Student Award" will be presented to an outstanding senior boy and senior girl by the Heppner Elks lodge No. 458. It was voted at the regular business meeting last Thursday evening.

High school seniors in the Ione, Lexington, and Heppner schools, all within the jurisdiction of the lodge, will be eligible for the \$200 awards to be used in a school of higher education.

The boy and a girl, will compete for the state scholarship in Portland on March 14 and 15.

The local winners will be picked by an Elks committee from students chosen by the schools. Leslie Grant, county school superintendent and chairman of the Elks scholarship committee, stated the winners would be announced next week.

Some Offices To Be Closed Next Monday

Several Heppner offices will be closed all day Monday, February 23 in observance of Washington's birthday, a national holiday.

Among those remaining closed will be all county offices, the post office, state liquor agency, and other federal offices. The First National Bank will remain open, as will most Heppner retail stores.

SHED BURNS

Heppner firemen were called to the Scotty Applegate residence on South Court street Saturday to help control a fire which had been started in an abandoned shed. The old building had been pulled over and set ablaze, but the fire spread to grass and help was summoned to prevent damage.

Hermiston Cattle Prices Reported Steady to Stronger

Among the consignors at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday were O. L. Jones, Heppner, who consigned two calves; Paul Hiler of Heppner, who consigned three calves; and Robert M. Hoskins of Ione, who consigned eight head, according to Delbert Anson, manager.

Also consigning were B. J. Dougherty, Heppner, 2 cows; Elwyn Hughes, Heppner, 1 calf; J. B. Gow, Cecil, 1 calf; L. J. Goffman, Cecil, 1 calf; W. H. Heath & Sons, Heppner, 6 calves; Kenneth Batty, Hardman, 2 head; and John Clavey, Heppner, 9 cows.

Prices for calves were a little stronger, cutter and canner cows were stronger, and there was a higher top on veal at the Friday sale, Anson said. All other prices were steady. Hay Hughes of Patterson, Wash., took a lot of nine whiteface steers weighing 4620 lbs. for \$22.90 cwt. Twenty-one heifer calves weighing 19,260 lbs. went for \$21.00.

Veal was \$24.25-\$29.50 cwt.; calves, 300 to 400 lbs. \$22-\$29.50; fat heifers, \$17.50-\$22.50; short fed steers, \$20.35-\$21.00; fed steers, \$18-\$19.40; dairy cows, \$140-\$150 hd; dairy heifers, \$109-\$127.50 hd; canner and cutters \$11 cwt. Feeder pigs, \$16.50 rd; weaner pigs \$11.50 hd; sows \$16.80-\$17 cwt.; fat hogs, \$21.20-\$21.60. One lot of heavy feeder lambs sold for \$18.50.

Local Cattle Consigned For Hereford Sale

Most of the arrangements for the Oregon Polled Hereford Association's third annual show and sale are complete, reports Walter H. Fisher, Oregon City, president of the association.

Thirty-seven heifers and 41 bulls from 34 consignors located all over the state of Oregon have been consigned to the sale scheduled to be held at the state fairgrounds, Salem, on Monday, March 2. Selling is to start at 11:00 a. m. with H. B. Sager doing the auctioneering.

On the day prior to the sale, Sunday, March 1, all animals in the sale are to be shown with D. E. Richards, Seapose, doing the official judging. Besides being judged, all sale animals will be graded. The show will start at 1:30 p. m. and is open to the public.

Heifers consigned to the sale range from 12 to 27 months. Many of the older heifers will be bred to top quality Polled Hereford bulls. Ages of bulls consigned to the sale run from 15 to 27 months. All animals will be tested for TB and brucellosis.

Following a banquet starting at 6:30 p. m. in the Senator Hotel for everyone interested in Polled Hereford cattle, the Oregon Polled Hereford Association will hold their annual meeting and election of officers.

Sales catalogs may be obtained from the secretary, Don Cold Walrod, Box 511, Oregon City, Oregon. Walrod is county extension agent in Clackamas county.

Morrow county consignors include Floyd Wordon's A-1 Hereford ranch and Kirk and Robinson, Heppner.

Wheat Prices Steadier At Portland Market

Most grain markets were extremely unsettled during the week preceding February 13, the OSC extension agricultural economist and the United States department of agriculture reports. Prices for most grains dropped sharply early in the week, but there was some recovery, especially in the wheat market.

Since the middle of January, wheat prices at Portland have shown an irregular trend but closed the week a little higher than at Mid-January for the export grains. Soft white and white club wheats were around 1 1/2 to 2 cents higher than at mid-January. Hard red winter wheats are around one-half to one cent higher. Hard white wheat, 12 percent protein, dropped about 3 cents a bushel during the period. Cash sales for ordinary No. 1 soft white and white club wheat toward the close of the week were \$2.41 to \$2.42 based on 15 day shipments, coast delivery. Ordinary No. 1 hard red winter wheat, 12 percent protein, quoted at \$2.72 a bushel.

Western white wheat, No. 2 or better, was quoted at \$2.42 to \$2.43. Other grains showed a slightly heavier decline.

Mrs. Adelle Bailey moved this week into the Yeager house on Jones and Water streets. Her house on W. Center street has been leased to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rauch, Jr. Mrs. Bailey plans to operate a day nursery in her new location.



HEPPNER PONIES, grade school basketball team which finished its regular season play last Friday is shown attired in the new uniforms which arrived just in time for the final game with Condon which the Ponies won 41 to 33. Pictured are: front row, left to right, Jack Eberhart, J. D. Hudson, Dean Conner, Dick Applegate, Louis Sayer. Second row, Rich Zigler, Harry Harris, Dee Bailey, Dick Ruhl, Back row, Roy Hughes, Vic Grosheens (nearly hidden), Ed Olsen, Jerry Dougherty and coach James Peterson. (GT Photo)

Ponies Wind Up Season With Two Wins Over Condon

The Heppner grade school Ponies, playing excellent basketball in their final game of the season, put the Condon grade school back on its heels Friday by winning 41 to 33. The win avenged a previous loss to Condon by them 39 to 38 at Condon.

The grade school cagers started out full of fire and never let Condon get within reach. Jerry Dougherty, Ed Olson and little Louie Sayers led the attack with 15, 13 and 9 points respectively.

The Pony Bs also gained victory by upending the Condon Bs 21 to 16.

The Ponies ended their season with 7 wins against 4 losses and for the 13 games have run up 331 points to their opponents 287.

A preview of the 1953-54 Basketball squad can be seen next Monday at Lexington when Peterson will take the 5th and 6th graders in a benefit game to raise funds for uniforms for the Lexington squad.

GASOLINE PRICES UP 2 CENTS HERE FOLLOWING GENERAL NW INCREASE

Gasoline prices at all service stations in Heppner were raised an average of 2 cents a gallon early this week in keeping with the trend established in the northwest when Standard Oil company announced its increase in all fuels.

All local stations displayed price tags of 32 1/2 cents for regular and 34 1/2 cents per gallon for premium grade gas. The increase followed the relaxing of federal price controls and amounted to just the amount that the petroleum industry had requested from the price-fixing board prior to the dropping of controls.

STORMS BRING WHITE BLANKET TO COUNTY, MOISTURE CONTENT HIGH

A semblance of winter weather finally got around to descending upon Morrow county this week when two separate storms dropped from 2 to 8 inches of heavy flakes over the area.

Heppner residents awoke Tuesday morning to find about an inch of sticky covering on the ground, most of which melted quickly. Later the same evening the temperature dropped below freezing to make travel hazardous early Wednesday.

Since the first of the week .81 inch of moisture has been measured at Heppner to bring the total for February to 1.91 inches.

In the Gooseberry section, 4 inches of wet snow fell with a moisture content of .87 inch to raise the month's total there to 1.95 inches.

The forest service reported the storms added from 6 to 8 inches of new snow at the summit of the Heppner-Spray road. Though previous snows have deflated considerably in that section, there is an average of about a foot in most places.

Mrs. J. Palmer Sorlien and daughter, Meredith Ann, spent Saturday in Pendleton shopping and visiting friends.

Scout Problem To Be Aired at Chest Meeting Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Morrow county Community Chest has been called for Tuesday evening, February 24 at 8 o'clock at the court house, president Garnet Barratt announced Wednesday.

A complete report on the activities of the Chest for the year will be given, and Barratt said that officials of the Blue Mountain council of the Boy Scouts have been invited to be present at this meeting to discuss their withdrawal from the Chest, as was announced by the organization two weeks ago.

The Boy Scout withdrawal, and subsequent announcement that they planned to put on their own fund raising campaign, resulted from a reduction, for the coming year, in the amount of money the Chest directors allocated to the Scout organization. Barratt said that he hoped a full discussion of the Boy Scout problem would be held at the meeting.

Directors of the Chest have been notified by mail of a special dinner meeting to precede the regular session, and it was emphasized that the annual meeting is open to members of all participating organizations and to interested persons. It will be held in the circuit court room.

Many Here For Royal Arch Party

One hundred and forty-three Masons, Eastern Star and Royal Arch members were in Heppner Saturday evening for the party given at the Masonic Temple by the Heppner chapter of the Royal Arch Masons.

A varied program was presented including skits by the local Royal Arch chapter, and Locust chapter of the Eastern Star at Ione, several musical numbers and a special motion picture. The program was followed by a buffet supper.

The party was given for all members of the organizations within the jurisdiction of the Heppner lodge and was under the direction of Harold Becket, with the assistance of Paul Jones, Sam McMillan and Loyal Parker. The refreshment committee under the direction of Thoral Broadus included C. J. D. Bauman, Harley Anderson, L. D. Tibbles, Arch Bailey and James Hayes.

Among the out of town guests were 28 persons from Ione, two from Arlington, 8 from Condon, 8 from Fossil and Kinzua, and two from Echo. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Ostrander of Pease River, Alberta, Canada, who have been visiting in Heppner.

Mrs. Zelma Ballou Dies Here Tuesday

Funeral services were held at 2 p. m. today (Thursday) in Walla Walla for Mrs. Zelma Peterson Ballou, 64, who passed away on February 17 at the Butter creek home of her daughter Mrs. W. E. Hughes.

Mrs. Ballou was born September 24, 1888 in Utah and had lived in this area for several years. She is survived by a daughter, Pauling Hughes, and two sons, Allen Ballou, Milton-Freewater and H. D. Ballou.

Services were held at the Marshall Funeral home with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, Milton.

Economist Sees Record Farm Costs and Cash Risks in 1953

Oregon farmers will risk more cash in 1953 and will incur record farm costs in their efforts to increase production, says M. D. Thomas, extension economist at Oregon State college.

In the latest Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular, the economist also foresees farmers using more capital and less labor this coming year. If there is a fair break from the weather, more will be produced for market and less for use on the farm. In addition, more frequent and more important production and marketing decisions are to be expected.

Commenting on the large stake Oregon farmers have in their occupations, the economist said

that investments in the farm business in Oregon, including land, buildings, equipment, and livestock, now total nearly 2 billion dollars. That total is about 3 1/2 times that of 1939.

Speaking of 1952, Thomas said that on the average farmers paid \$7 out of every \$10 received to produce the products they sold. Most of the balance went for family living.

The economist expects livestock production to continue high. However, crop production may drop back from the above-average output in 1952 because fall seeding made a poor start.

Although these prospects seem sobering, Thomas indicates there are new evidences of strong do-

mestic demand that are supporting farm income prospects for 1953. Employment and consumer incomes ended 1952 at high record highs. Incomes are likely to rise some more.

Farm product price changes in 1953 will likely be determined by national supplies according to the agricultural economist.

Larger supplies coupled with declining exports and rising marketing costs out-weighted the effects of strong domestic demand. This forced prices of many farm products lower the past year.

Thomas prepares his Agricultural Situation and Outlook several times throughout the year as a service for farmers and others.