

At The Legislature--



LEGISLATIVE CONTINUITY

Last Friday night, the fortieth day of the present session of the legislature, the governor had signed 16 bills that had been passed by the senate and the house.

On the fortieth day of the 1951 session the governor had signed 65 such bills.

This is indicative of the intent of the members to do a thorough job on a record amount of legislation.

Here is a brief digest of the bills signed:

H. B. 1—Appropriates \$400,000 for the expense of the legislature.
H. B. 2—Re-enacts the legal code.
H. B. 4—Requires pedestrians struck by motor vehicle to give his name to driver and aid in securing hospital or medical care.
H. B. 5—Permits that the secretary of the board of dental examiners may be a dentist.
H. B. 17—Fixes technical manner in which the tax commission shall determine annual levy for taxes.
H. B. 23—Fixes fees state police crime laboratory may be charged for services.
H. B. 46—Bids for state contracts and purchases shall be rejected if they contain alterations or erasures not initialed in ink or indelible pencil by signer.
H. B. 92—Allows Forestry Department to retain unexpended funds in insect and disease allocations.
H. B. 115—Appropriates \$4500 to eliminate water seepage in Capitol basement.
H. B. 118—Extends date two years for issuing civilian defense bonds.
H. B. 122—Authorizes civilian defense directors et al to administer loyalty oaths.
H. B. 182—Repeals obsolete law to operate St. Johns bridge.
S. B. 12—Increases fees state extracts from railroads from two-tenths to thirty-five hundredths of gross of interstate business.
S. B. 59—Repeals obsolete law concerning liquor commission to destroy or allow liquor to be sold by state.
S. B. 70—Gives liquor commission authority to refuse or grant liquor service license when there are sufficient licenses in locality.

GOVERNMENTAL APPOINTMENTS

A 12-man committee on interstate co-operation was named Friday by Governor Paul L. Patterson. Members include the governor, president of the senate and speaker of the house. Re-appointed by the governor were Finance Director Harry Dorman and State Engineer C. H. Helzel. The new appointees are Senator R. D. Holmes, Senator Elmo Smith, Senator Paul Geddes, Representative Lee Ohmart and Representative Robert Root.

TRUCKERS WANT REVENGE

What is plainly a retaliatory measure was introduced in the Senate this week. Senate bill No. 319, introduced by Senator Phil Brady, truck driver's union executive, is an attempt to freeze railroad minimum rate fees at levels high enough to force more traffic onto public highways.

In 1951 the truckers took a beating on the same proposed legislation (S. B. 213). The senate killed the measure by a 23 to 6 vote.

POPULAR BOOKS

Books in demand in our time which are recognized by 56 participating libraries across the nation as notable for library quality and political significance have just been listed by the Notable Book Project.

State Librarian Eleanor Stephens has selected the following from the national list of 56 as drawing a major portion of requests received at the Oregon State Library:

The Revised Standard Edition of the Holy Bible; "Declaration of Faith," Herbert Agar; "Witness," Whittaker Chambers; "The Course of Empire," Bernard A. DeVoto; "Diary of a Young Girl," Anne Frank; "Karen," Marie L. Killilea; "American Record of the Far East," Kenneth S. Latourette.

SALARY BOOSTS

Pay hikes for 49 top-salary officials were approved by the joint Ways and Means committee this week. The total increase for the biennium will be \$1,252,212.

The yearly salary of the governor, now \$11,000 with a \$1,200 expense account, was changed to \$15,000 plus \$1,200 expense account; secretary of state and state treasurer from \$8,800 to \$10,000; the superintendent of public instruction from \$7,920 to \$10,000; the labor commissioner from \$7,920 to \$9,900; the seven supreme justices from \$10,450 to \$12,000 and 36 circuit judges from \$9,350 to \$10,500.

POLITICAL GRAPEVINE

The term of U. S. Attorney Henry Hess expires March 6, 1954. Republican candidates for the \$10,200 office are springing up like wildflowers. Since the November election the name of Eugene

No Agreement Reached by Scouts, Chest Directors

An agreement between the Blue Mountain council of the Boy Scouts and the Morrow County Community Chest appeared no closer following the annual meeting of the Chest on Tuesday evening at which time several members of the Scout council met with the Chest directors. Actually, the only agreement reached was that the Blue Mountain council would accept the money earmarked for it from the recent Chest campaign.

Officials of the Scout council recently announced their intention to withdraw from the Morrow county Chest and put on their own fund raising campaign. At the same time they requested a meeting with the Chest directors to explain their plans and their needs. The announcement to withdraw from the local chest was made after chest directors had reduced from 25 percent to 12 1/2 percent the amount the scouts would receive from chest funds. The reduction was made when directors felt that many sections of the county were not receiving any, or enough, service from the Scout council.

Present to argue Boy Scout cause were Ray Jensen, Richland, president of the Blue Mountain council, Bob Lamont, Walla Walla, chief executive, Royal Stone, area executive, Wendell Brown, Pasco, council finance chairman, Bill Brown, Arlington, district finance chairman and Marvin Wightman, Heppner, council representative.

During the discussion, it was pointed out that Ione, Boardman and Irigoin have no Scout or Cub troops and therefore many residents of those areas objected to any great percentage of their Chest donations going for this purpose. Scout leaders from Lexington expressed the belief that they were receiving good service from Blue Mountain council representatives, but a Heppner scoutmaster and an institutional representative expressed the feeling that their troops were being neglected by the council.

The Blue Mountain council had asked for \$1200 from the county, and last year the Chest set aside 25 percent of its funds for this purpose, which amounted to \$800. This year, after the reduction, the Scouts will receive slightly less than \$40. It was pointed out that this money goes to the council for administration, each individual troop being self sustaining.

Apparently no separate Boy Scout drive has yet been organized in Heppner, but one was started last weekend in the Lexington area, with some results being reported.

Three new directors were elected to serve on the Chest board to replace those whose terms had expired. They were Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, Blackhorse, Mrs. Owen Leathers, Sr., Rugge, and Leslie Grant, Heppner. They will replace Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Mrs. Leslie Hardman, and Garnet Barratt, Heppner.

Stearns Cushing, state Chest official presented board members and president Barratt, with awards of merit and tokens of appreciation for their services.

Heppner Girl Named College Honor Student

Columbia, Mo.—Miss Eleanor Rice of Heppner has been named to the Dean's Honor roll at Stephens College here, according to an announcement by Dr. Eugene Shephard, dean of student personnel. The honor is one of the highest to be awarded to a student at Stephens.

Students named to this honor roll must rank scholastically in the upper seven percent of the student body and must participate actively in campus life.

Miss Rice is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Rice of Heppner.

Mrs. Mary Titterton of Morshall, Mo., who has been visiting in Heppner at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Sayers, departed the last of the week for Portland where she will visit other relatives prior to leaving for her home in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Myter, Jr. had as their houseguests over the weekend, her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Beavers and her sister, Mrs. Barbara Espey Williams of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael had as their guests for the Elks annual, Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Sherman of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Leathers of Arlington.

WEED CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS TOLD AT HEPPNER MEETING

Forty farmers, commercial spray applicators and chemical company representatives attended the second annual weed meeting held in Heppner, Tuesday, Rex Warren, Oregon State College; J. G. Barratt, county judge; and N. C. Anderson, county agent, appeared on the program discussing the county weed control program and recommendations for 1953.

Annual weed control recommendations for 1953 follow closely to those used in 1952, according to Rex Warren who is farm crops specialist from the college. Minor changes are emphasis on use of 2,4-D alone rather than in mixtures with 2,4,5-T and earlier spraying.

Results of last year's mixtures of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T were no more effective than 2,4-D used alone. When harder to kill weeds, like tarweed, are a problem, increased

James Herbert Moyer Dies at Vancouver Veterans Hospital

James Herbert Moyer, 32, passed away February 21 at the Barnes Veterans hospital in Vancouver, Washington following a long illness. He was a veteran of World War II.

He was born in Heppner, on March 24, 1920, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Moyer, and went to school here before going into the service.

Funeral services were held today (Thursday) at the Heppner Methodist church with Rev. J. Palmer Sorlien officiating. Interment was in the Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery.

He is survived by his father, four sisters, Mrs. Lucille Owens, Heppner; Mrs. Louise Wood, Enterprise; Miss Caroline Moyer, Japan; and Mrs. Miriam Carmichael, Pasco, Washington, and one nephew, Walter Wood.

Phelps Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

March 20 Deadline For Farm Tree Orders From State

Farmers who want trees from the Oregon Forestry Nursery this year should place orders with the State Board of Forestry, Salem, not later than March 20, according to N. C. Anderson, county extension agent.

Tree planting stock from the state-federal nursery is available at low cost to farmers and other private forest owners for windbreak, reforestation, Christmas tree, and post plantings, says the county agent. Sale of seedlings is limited by regulations to farm or forest planting.

Planting may commence as soon as the ground thaws. Trees offered for this area are Ponderosa pine, Scotch pine, Lodgepole pine, Chinese arbutus, Black locust, Russian olive, Chinese elm, and Caragana. The State Forestry Department can hold Eastern Oregon shipments until May 1, but all orders must be placed by March 20.

Orders are not accepted for less than 50 trees of a single species or for orders of less than \$1. Broadleaves are a little cheaper than conifers, and all trees come postpaid.

Order blanks, price, and additional information on trees available can be obtained from the county agent's office or by writing the State Forestry Department, Salem.

NEW EATING PLACE TO OPEN HERE

W. H. Winchester this week announced the opening Saturday of Cal's Cafe, in the rear of Cal's Tavern in Heppner.

Winchester plans to serve sandwiches and short orders at the present time, with possible expansion of the menu later.

He was formerly in the restaurant business in La Grande.

IN OPERA CAST

The University of Texas, Austin, announced this week that the College of Fine Arts will present "Street Scene", an American opera, on the campus this weekend. Included in the cast is Marvin Soward, the son of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Soward of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson left Thursday morning for Salem where they attended a bull sale over the weekend. They were accompanied by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Applegate and son, Stephen, motored to Portland to visit relatives over the weekend. On their return trip they spent some time in Hood River visiting her parents.

ing 2,4-D by one half pint is effective. Mr. Warren cautioned against spraying wheat in the seedling stage before tillering or five inches tall. Work at Montana State College indicated that yields were cut as much as one half the yield of the check plot when sprayed only three inches tall. This will be a problem here this spring with some patch re-seeding and many uneven fields with wheat in difficult stages. Work at Idaho State College showed that one-half to one pound parent acid 2,4-D sprayed on April 1 was much more effective than twice that amount used three weeks later.

Perennial weed control practices were discussed with not many changes in last year's recommendations. Mr. Warren reported excellent morning glory control in summer fallow fields where a practice of clean summer fallow was carried out until August 15 with 2,4-D spraying at that time. Three pints of ester 2,4-D in 25 gallons of water is the recommended rate.

Heavy applications of 2,4-D, as high as 16 pounds parent acid per acre, is giving excellent results in all counties where now used. Three or four applications over a period of two years is giving a 99% kill in some counties.

County Judge J. G. Barratt discussed the county weed control program pointing out that the past two year program has resulted in much progress of eradication of weeds from county and state highways. He assured the group that the program would be continued through the demand from the people trying to make the program more effective each year. Judge Barratt indicated there would be some steps taken this year to enforce the weed district law, if need be.

Farmers Face Record High Freight Rates Says OSC Economist

The highest freight rates in history are in store for most farm products shipped by rail in 1953, according to M. D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Thomas, in his latest Agricultural Situation and Outlook circular, says freight rates probably will never be much, if any, lower. Whether they go higher or not will be determined by general economic conditions and efforts of transportation companies, producers, and consumers.

Higher freight rates will hurt farmers more in the future than they have so far, advises the economist. Rail freight rates have followed farm product prices up but they never followed them down. When prices fall, it is hard to reduce transportation costs and marketing charges.

Thomas explains that for Oregon farmers, changes in freight rates have a double-barrelled effect. Costs of transportation came out of what consumers pay for Oregon farm products. Higher rates make returns to farmers lower than they would have been otherwise. Costs of transportation are also added to prices of many things Oregon farmers and consumers buy.

Oregon farmers whose products must be shipped long distance to market need to be thinking about the immediate and long-term effects of high distribution costs, advises Thomas.

The agricultural economist says these facts stand out clearly. Freight rates on farm products are higher than ever before. They are not likely to decline very much. Efforts may be made to secure additional increases. These may be countered by efforts of producer and consumer groups. Freight rates must be paid by consumers. They come out of returns to farmers. Increases discourage farm production and may force some farmers and shippers out of business.

Assembly of God Sets Special Services

Persons attending the Assembly of God Church will hear visiting speakers in the very near future. Sunday night, March 1st, the Richard J. Teeter family will speak and show pictures for one night only. Then on Tuesday, March 3rd, Rev. H. Ivan Ryan will begin evangelistic services, continuing every night except Mondays and Saturdays. Pastor Nels Fast announced Sunday night.

Last week volunteers redecorated two class rooms and added eight new benches to the auditorium. The benches were made by Marge Storro and others. The Heppner Lumber Company donated the lumber.



MRS. SUSAN RUSSELL, Melbourne, Australia, who was guest speaker at the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. (GT Photo)

Australian Visitor Speaks to Chamber

Chamber of Commerce members heard much interesting information about life "down under" Monday noon from Mrs. Susan Russell, a resident of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, who is just completing her second trip in recent years to the United States.

Mrs. Russell told the group much about the economy of her country and how important the sheep, wool and wheat were to it too. She stated that irrigation is not widespread there, but that in one area it has been developed to a very great degree. This project was set up by engineers from Utah several years ago.

Mrs. Russell, who is 72 years old, has just completed a 7,000 mile tour of the United States and has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bechner of Ione. Mrs. Russell's niece is the wife of Harry Normoyle, a nephew of the Bechners. They live in Portland. Mrs. Russell's first trip to this country was in 1949, and she said that following her return from her first trip she was kept busy telling her Australian friends of the many things she saw in America.

She will leave for home early in March.

Pat McAvay, 75, Dies Here Saturday

Pat McAvay, about 75 years of age, died February 21 at Heppner. He was born in Ireland, and had for several years been employed as a sheep herder on the Frank Wilkinson ranch.

He has one sister, Margaret Gilmartin, in New York and a nephew living in Heppner.

The body was shipped to New York for burial.

Inland Motor Co. New Hudson Dealer

Oral Wright, owner of the Inland Motor company, Lexington, this week told of his appointment as Morrow county dealer for Hudson automobiles.

There has been no dealer for Hudson in this area, and Wright said that he will have full facilities for sales and service for the cars. Hudson is currently featuring three new 1953 models and will shortly announce a new low priced addition to the line.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrivals—To Mr. and Mrs. Harlan D. McCurdy Jr., Ione 9 lb. 12 oz. girl born Feb. 19, named Janet Louise. To Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Poulton, Hermiston a 6 lb. boy born Feb. 22, named Cody Bruce. To Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Lexington, a 6 lb. 4 oz. girl born Feb. 25.

Medical—Mrs. Winifred Shaw, Hermiston; G. A. Pettes, Ione, dismissed; Robert Bruce Crowell, Jr., Cecil, dismissed; Bob Harrison, Heppner; Connie Jo Lightner, Spray, dismissed; Sue Ellen Greenup, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Nettie Preston, Kinzua; Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, Heppner.

Minor Surgery—Carol Reed, Condon, dismissed; Dennis Doherty, Heppner, dismissed; Mrs. Bessie Harrison, Heppner, dismissed; Rita Rhea Sumner, Arlington, dismissed; Mrs. Jackie Wells, Heppner; Mrs. Eva Irene Cook, Kinzua; Mrs. Helen Faye Shelton, Fossil; Billie Stumper, Kinzua.

Major Surgery—James Ogilvy, Condon; Larry Stumper, Kinzua. Out-patients—Alice Salling, Heppner; Mrs. Bea Curry, Heppner.

Ione Smorgasbord Postponed Because of Scarlet Fever Cases

An announcement was made today that the annual Ione benefit Smorgasbord advertised for Sunday, March 1 has been indefinitely postponed due to several cases of scarlet fever in the area. While the disease has not reached epidemic proportions, it was deemed advisable to postpone the dinner.

A new date will be announced later.

Van Marter Named Easter Seal Head

La Verne Van Marter, Jr., of Heppner, has been named chairman of the annual Easter Seal sale in Morrow county. T. Lawson McCall, president of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, which sponsors the sale, has announced.

The sale is held annually for a month-long period immediately preceding Easter Sunday, and the dates this year will be March 5 to April 5.

Assisting Van Marter, will be the following persons: Frances Mitchell, county mailing chairman, Heppner; Mr. Howard Bryant, county treasurer, Heppner. The task of preparing the Easter Seals for mailing to residents of the county has been under way for several weeks. The first seals will go into the mails on March 5th and Van Marter, urges the county residents to respond as early as possible.

"The sale of Easter Seals provides the principal means of support for the Oregon Society of Crippled Children and Adults," Van Marter said, "and hundreds of physically handicapped Oregonians are counting on your purchases to help them."

He further explained that the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults offers its services and facilities to those persons who cannot qualify for assistance from any other agency, either public or private.

The Society operates the Children's Hospital School at Eugene, where crippled children from over 20 Oregon counties receive special education and training. It also operates the Craft Shop of the Handicapped in Portland, where articles made by handicapped persons are sold at retail.

F. F. A. Holds Annual Parent, Son Banquet

Wednesday February 18th the members of The Future Farmers of America held their annual parent and son banquet at the American Legion Hall. The sale of Christmas trees is sponsored by the F. F. A. to raise money for this banquet for their parents, and friends of the F. F. A.

The invocation was given by Father McCormack. After a delicious meal prepared and served by Miss Monahan, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Wyland, Mrs. Furlong and the girls of the F. F. A., there was the presentation of awards and entertainment.

This year two honorary members were selected, they were Bill Barrat and James Allen, Monte Fast sang a solo accompanied by Marilyn Munkers, there was a piano solo by Patricia Peck, and a reading by Marilyn Munkers. The main speaker of the evening was Judge J. G. Barratt. He spoke of the F. F. A., its members and his observation. The chapter concluded the banquet with their official closing ceremonies.

Ione Student To Be Whitman Grad

WHITMAN COLLEGE, WALLA WALLA—W. Ross Doherty, senior at Whitman College, completed his residence requirements for graduation at midyear and will receive his degree at Commencement May 31. Doherty majored in mathematics and physics at Whitman where he is a member of Delta Tau Delta. He is the son of Mrs. Rose Doherty and is a 1948 graduate of Ione High School.

Two Heppner Students Win Elks Scholarship

An announcement was made at noon today that Jack Sumner and Patricia Peck had been named local winners of a \$200 Elks National Foundation scholarship. The two will compete at La Grande Sunday in the district contest. The winners there will go on to state and national tests.

More complete details will be given next week.

Health Officer Issues Warning On Scarlet Fever

A warning was issued this week to parents and teachers in the county by Dr. A. D. McMurdo to watch carefully for symptoms of scarlet fever among children. There have been several cases reported, but due to the number of cases of German measles, some were not recognized as the more dangerous.

Dr. McMurdo, Morrow county health officer, urged all parents to watch carefully for the disease and released the following statement:

"Due to the outbreak of scarlet fever following German measles in Morrow county, it has been overlooked and mistaken for a second attack of German measles. One attack of German measles renders the patient immune for life so the patient could not have another attack. Fortunately scarlet fever is not as contagious as German measles, but even the mild cases are much more dangerous, owing to the fact that serious kidney disease may develop weeks after an attack of scarlet fever and if not recognized early could result in a tragic termination.

"Children who have had scarlet fever and appear well after seven days should get a clear bill of health from their doctor before returning to school to be sure there are no nasal secretions present. These secretions from the nose carry infective organisms which are capable of causing scarlet fever in contacts who have not had the disease. We know by the combined cooperation of the doctors, parents and teachers the spread of scarlet fever can be kept at its lowest ebb and eventually eradicated from the community. To be on the safe side, the teachers are requiring a permit from the child's physician before the child returns to school after any sickness. Many people are of the belief that Scarlatina is a different disease from scarlet fever and is not serious, this is an erroneous idea as they are one and the same disease. Scarlatina is the German and the Spanish name for scarlet fever."

The recent spread of the disease in the county has caused the postponement of several functions during the past few days, and it was announced Thursday that due to the number of cases in the Ione area, the annual smorgasbord scheduled for next Sunday has been postponed until a later date.

Cost Figures For Ione Pool Rejected

The board of Ione school district number 35 met with architects Wednesday to consider estimates on the cost of constructing the planned swimming pool, to be built in connection with the new school building, but all figures were rejected as being too high. The firms concerned are to submit a new set of figures within a short time.

The building of the new school gymnasium, shop and cafeteria is progressing rapidly with only inside finish work remaining.

Local Cattle Sell At Hermiston Sale

L. B. Ledbetter and John Glavey were among the consignors from the Heppner area at the Hermiston Auction Friday. Ledbetter sold a cow and a calf, and Glavey sold nine cattle.

Eighty-nine head of registered cattle sold at prices about 30 percent below prices of last year at the annual registered sale held at the auction Friday, according to Delbert Anson, manager.

All other cattle sold at prices higher than the previous week, Anson said. Part of the price increase was due to the better quality of the cattle consigned, he said.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Springer were in Hood River over the holidays to visit relatives. The Springers have moved into the apartment recently vacated by the Tress McClintock family.

Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Schaffitz had as overnight guests Tuesday Dr. and Mrs. Don R. Haylor, Jr., and Martha of Coos Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kleindworth and sons James and Robert of Connell, Washington were dinner guests Sunday at the Harry Duval home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith have returned from a vacation of several weeks, which took them to Chicago, Memphis, Palm Beach, Nassau, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Jamaica.