

At The Legislature--



The tempo of the legislature is now in high with more direct action than has heretofore been shown at this session. Committees are swinging the axe on medial proposals for "there ought to be a law".

On Tuesday, the beginning of the tenth week of the session, 1125 bills, resolutions and memorials had been introduced. Over 700 of these were still in the hands of committees. Only 97 bills have reached the governor and received his approval. None of the bulky Ways and Means bills have been introduced. It seems apparent that this legislature will make a record for leaving bills to die in committees.

The solons could sine die in good order within six weeks—April 24th—if they keep the present pace and do a thorough job. "Haste makes waste," observed Governor Patterson recently at one of his early morning meetings with the press. It would not be a big surprise if he should give the solons a special message on this subject, although he has often expressed himself as being reluctant to advise them. He draws a heavy line between the legislative and executive branches of the state.

NEW LAWS IN JUNE

Bills of the present legislative session that have been approved by the senate and house and were signed this week by Governor Patterson will become effective within 90 days.

Following is a brief digest of the principal bills of state-wide purport which the governor has approved:

SENATE BILLS

SB 38—Creates a forest patrol fund derived from assessments on timberlands for forest protection. SB 94—Creates a revolving fund for the board of forestry. SB 116—Authorizes the superintendent of public instruction to appoint a deputy. The effect is to remove the second in authority from civil service. SB 167—Repeals obsolete portions of law relating to consolidation of municipal corporations. SB 193—Corrects law relating to reduction of hunting license fees to elderly persons who have lived in the state for a period of ten years. SB 267—Provides that invoices to purchasers of motor fuels who intend to file for tax refunds need not show gallonage in both words and figures as now required. SB 268—Extends time in which dealers outside the state may apply for fuel tax refund, from sixty to ninety days. SB 328—Increases the bounty to killers of seals from \$10 to \$25.

HOUSE BILLS

HB3—Includes Spanish-American War, Philippine Insurrection and Boxer Rebellion veterans in classification of veterans who are granted a \$1500 exemption on real and personal property taxes. HB 39—Returns unexpended funds of interim highway committee to highway fund. HB 53—Greater authority given to regulate saw mills etc., located near forest lands. HB 55—Provides that no person, "requested" by a prescription, may substitute a brand product without authorization of the prescriber. HB 111—Law provides that contiguous territory within a county, with less than 50,000 inhabitants and not incorporated, with any cemetery maintenance district may be formed into a cemetery maintenance district. This law increases the figure from 50,000 to 71,000. HB 114—Requires a hearing before department of agriculture may destroy products, such as milk, seeds, etc., which it assumes are not properly labeled. HB 126—Provides for expiration of emergency and limited period teachers' certificates. HB 132—Increases maximum of loans to veterans from \$6,000 to 9,000 for purchase of home, and \$12,000 for purchase of farm. HB 177—Authorizes a mutual savings bank to invest approximately 97 per cent of deposits in U. S. and State of Oregon bonds. HB 195—Provides for non-partisan elections of Justices of Peace. HB 253—Provides that anyone returning from the armed services may have a renewal of their drivers license within six months without examination. HB 381—Creates flexible capitol fund for sale, trade, purchase or rent of property on capitol grounds. HB 434—Suspends two-tenths of a mill state levy for educational aid to veterans for fiscal year beginning July 1, 1953. HB 530—Limits surety bond of any state payroll officer of any state agency to \$50,000.

STEP BACK FOR THIS ONE

Twenty-two years ago this week Governor Julius L. Meier vetoed appropriation bills for \$626,925.26 approved by the 36th legislature.

John Krebs of Cecil was a business visitor in Heppner the first of the week.

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2nd. Immunization Clinic Set For County Children

A second series of immunization clinics will be held in county schools during the next few days by Dr. A. D. McMurdo, county health officer and Miss Martha Tapanainen, public health nurse announced. Volunteer members of the P-TA in the schools will assist with the clinics.

The clinics are open to all school children, and pre-school children from 6 months of age to 5 years, and the immunizations to be given include diphtheria combination and typhoid series and booster shots as well as for smallpox. Completion of the series is necessary to insure full protection, the officers pointed out.

Parents' permission is required if it has not previously been granted.

The schedule for the clinics is: Heppner, March 23, 9:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Boardman, March 25, 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Lexington, March 31, 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Lone, March 31, 10:30 a. m.

Hardman Cattle Group Names New President

The Hardman Cattle Association held its Annual Meeting in the Heppner Forest office on Monday, March 16. President Walter Wright conducted the business session during which plans and arrangements were made for the coming grazing season.

Victor Lovgren was elected president of the organization to succeed Walter Wright, and Wright was elected secretary-treasurer to succeed Raymond Wright. The group then chose Raymond Wright as a candidate for the state advisory board. Association members present were Victor Lovgren, Raymond Wright, and Walter Wright. The Forest Service was represented by Wayne West.

REA Power To Be Off Sunday Morning

E. H. Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op advised coop members this week that all REA power lines in the county will be shut down for two hours next Sunday morning from 5 to 7 a. m. to allow repair of the Hermiston-Lone transmission line.

The shut-down is necessary to replace several insulators along the line which have been damaged when being used as targets for rifle practice.

The shut-down will not effect Pacific Power and Light company patrons.

Adult Education Classes In Science Scheduled in Heppner

Leslie Grant, county school superintendent, has announced that an adult education class in biological science will be held in Heppner this spring term.

Miss Mildred Ericson instructor for the class, will meet the first session Monday night, 7:00 p. m. March 23, in the Heppner high school. The course will cover general living things—the nature of life, construction of cells, and a study of plant life in general, with special emphasis on local specimens.

Either the second or the third term of the three term required sequence for teachers may be offered, depending on the demand.

Three hours of college credit may be earned, or the course may be taken for non-credit.

Further information will be available from Grant.

Artesian Well on Butter Creek Flows 1300 Gallons Minute

One of the largest artesian wells to be brought in the Morrow county in many years is now flowing at the rate of 1300 gallons a minute on the Tony Vey ranch on Big Butter creek a few miles east of Pine City.

The new well, which was drilled for irrigation purposes, is 360 feet deep, and according to reports the water has a light sulfur content.

This is the first artesian well to be brought in since the one drilled on the Van Winkle ranch near Lexington. The flow from the Van Winkle well is much smaller.

Window Displays Show Campfire Activities

This week, March 15 through March 21, is Campfire week. In observance of this the Heppner Campfire Girls and the Blue Birds will have a window display in Humphreys Drug Store.

One half of the window will be used by the Campfire Girls to show their activities and the other half of the window will depict the activities of the Blue Birds.

Robert Christian who is a patient at the Veterans' hospital in Portland spent the weekend in Heppner with his family. Christian, who was seriously injured about a year ago in a motorcycle accident, has been undergoing treatment for several months for injuries to his ankle and has recently undergone the final operation. He returned to Portland Sunday. The Christian family moved to Heppner recently from Lexington and are living in the Burnside apartments on Gilmore street.



SPRAY PLANE SPLATTERS—This Stearman owned by Farm Air company of Lexington and flown by Gar Leyva lit a little too hard last Saturday morning after its engine failed, and will fly no more. Leyva climbed out unhurt except for a few scratches and bruises. He was carrying a full load of spray to be applied to one of the Bernard Doherty fields near Sand Hollow when the motor failed at an altitude of about 100 feet. The plane lit on its wheels and then cartwheeled, damaging it severely. Leyva indicated the only salvage would be the motor. (Photo by Alex Thompson)

Power Question To Be Discussed At Farm Bureau Meet

Gus Norwood, executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Association will be a featured speaker at the Morrow County Farm Bureau meeting at the Willows grange hall in Lone, Tuesday March 24, at 8:00 p. m.

Also on the program will be Ed Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric Coop and Eric Johnson, manager of the Wasco Electric Coop.

Tuesday's Farm Bureau program is an educational series for the purpose of formulating the stand which the County Farm Bureau will take on the public versus private power controversy.

Program speakers are prepared to discuss all plans of the public and private power policies such as the preference clause, federal transmission of power from government dams, federal versus state compacts for development and operation of hydro resources, surcharges and lobbying methods. Any other public-private power questions will be in order.

The general public is cordially invited to participate in the discussion and refreshments are to be served following the meeting.

The Al Lamb family have moved into the Harvey Miller home on Court street.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferguson and Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney left Friday for Corvallis to attend the NCAA regional basketball playoffs.

Local Cattle Sells At Hermiston Auction

F. R. Jones of Heppner, A. G. Peiper of Lexington and Wallace Mathews of Lone were among the consignors from the Heppner area at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, according to Delbert Anson, manager.

Jones consigned four cattle, Peiper sold 12 steers and Mathews sold a cow.

Also consigning at the sale on Friday were Cornett Green and Lewis Cason of Heppner and L. A. Palmer and Kenneth Palmer of Lexington.

All cattle sold higher with the exception of veal and bulls at the Friday sale, Anson said. Head count of salable cattle was 360; hogs, 97 and sheep 399. The dollar volume of the sale was \$46,500. Veal lacked last week's quality and fat, according to Anson.

Heppner Library Puts New Books on Shelves

New books at the Heppner Public Library Collier's Kids, cartoons; A Man Called Peter, Marshall; Memoirs, Hoover; The Lady and the Lumberjack, Barber (an Oregon story); Traitor's Moon, Neill; The Tiger in the Smoke, Allingham; Quiet Life of Mrs. General Lane, Case (Bookworm's club); Mountain of Allah, Chavchavadze; Steamboat Goliath, Keyes; Foxfire, Seton; fiction and non-fiction for adults.

In the juvenile section are Party Shoes (Soroptimist club of Heppner); Better Homes and Gardens Story Book, second copy; Heidi; Spoodles, Tipp, Moko, Boo; the little Indian (four books); one set of 4 Treasure Books; one set of three Mother Goose books.

Mustangs Bring Home Fifth Place Trophy From State Tourney

By Kenneth Easter

Coach Steve Trukositz's Heppner high school Mustangs closed out one of the most successful seasons in the history of the school by taking fifth place in the state tournament at Salem last week. Echo took top honors in the B tourney, defeating Elgin in the final contest.

After being defeated by Chiloquin in the first round, the Mustangs boomed back to defeat first Drain and then Knappa to earn the honor. As in the district tournament the Heppner five showed excellent teamwork, but were led by the outstanding play of center Jack Sumner who was chosen on the All-State second team by the votes of the various sportswriters who witnessed the tourney.

Chiloquin 60-Heppner 46

The first game against Chiloquin found Heppner unable to find the hoop as Chiloquin earned a 60-46 victory. The Mustangs were also offensively as Chiloquin's speedy guards continually outraced the Mustangs down the floor to score. Chiloquin led all the way as they gained an 18-6 first quarter lead and still led 28-19 at the half.

The Mustangs narrowed the lead to 5 points at the beginning of the third, but Chiloquin increased their edge to 43-29 at the three-quarter mark and coasted on to win. Chiloquin's 6 foot 2 inch center Gene Gentry led all scoring with 16 while reserve Jim Hayes hit 11 for Heppner.

Heppner 59-Drain 47

In the next game the Mustangs defeated the Drain Warriors, considered one of the tournament powerhouses, by a 59-47 score. This game was the opposite of the Chiloquin game as Heppner continually worked the ball in for layups, and this time they were hitting. The game was close only in the first quarter which found Heppner leading 14-13. The teams traded off the floor at the half with Heppner holding a 28-20 lead. They increased it to 43-32 at the end of the third and held a 59-47 advantage at the game's end. Ace center Jack Sumner led all scoring with 25 points, the highest individual scoring mark of the tourney, while Mike Grant garnered 12. Recognition should also be given to the excellent defense.

Local Grade Students Plan Clothing Drive

Heppner grade school students will take part in the state-wide Save-the-Children Bundle Week drive to collect used clothing for needy children, it was announced today by principal C. W. Johnson. The drive, which is part of the 11th annual Children's Clothing Crusade, will take place here on March 23 and will last for five days.

Clothing collected by the crusade will be used to aid needy children and families in Korea, in war-depleted countries of Europe and the middle east, and in needy rural areas of this country.

"We cannot stress too much the desperate need for clothing that exists among children of this country and overseas," Johnson said. "Bundle week provides a of clothing collection, and at the same time, teaches children to share with the less fortunate."

A number of shipping bags have been ordered and leaflets will be given all children to take home during the week to inform parents of the purpose of the drive.

COMPLETE TEAM ROSTER NAMED FOR P-TA "TALL-SHORT" HOOP GAME

Everything is in readiness for the P-TA sponsored benefit "tall man-short man" basketball game this Friday night at the Heppner gym, committee members said this week, though there have been a few changes in some of the arrangements.

After being postponed from last week due to the state high school basketball playoff, a delay which caused the loss of one of the coaches, apparently due to overtraining, both teams are reported as full a strength as could be hoped for. Everett Keithley, who has been scheduled to captain the tall squad had to relinquish his job to McDon Bonta, and Jack Van Winkle, head man for the "shorties" predicted that the change in leadership and style of coaching spelled doom for the string beans. Though the tall boys have gathered together a 12-man team against only 7 for the short men, Van Winkle assured the Gazette Times that he

defensive game played by everyone on the squad.

Knappa Game Thriller

Heppner provided the crowd with the only thriller of the entire tournament as they edged out Knappa 55-54 in an overtime game to gain fifth place.

This game was close from start to finish with Heppner holding a 19-18 first quarter lead. Halftime found the score at 30 all, and the end of the third period saw Heppner leading 41-39. Knappa knotted the count at 52-52 at the end of the game, sending it into overtime. The Mustangs gained a one-point advantage in the overtime on Dick Kinonen's foul shot, but John Vlastilica's layup with only seconds remaining gave Knappa a 54-53 edge. Sumner's rebound layup with only seconds remaining gave the Mustangs their thrilling 55-54 victory.

Sumner led all Heppner scoring with 16, while Jim Hayes, who played an outstanding game, made 12. Mike Grant 11 and Dick Kononen 9. Tournament all-star, Ritchie Perkins led Knappa with 17.

Final standings in the tournament found Echo in first place, Elgin second, Jefferson third, Chiloquin fourth and Heppner in fifth position. Echo received the sportsmanship trophy.

Basketball Team Looks in on Workings Of State Lawmaking

In their spare time between the tournament games at Salem last week the Heppner basketball team took time to visit the house of representatives and to go through most of the capital building and the state library.

On the second day Mike Grant, Roland Taylor, Dick Kononen, Kenneth Easter and Wayne Soward visited the senate to hear a brief portion of the discussion on the liquor-by-the-drink bill which was under debate there.

Plans Progressing For Hospital Wing

County judge Garnet Barratt and commissioner Ralph L. Thompson were in Portland last week conferring with the firm of Road, Schmeer and Harrington, architects who have been employed to prepare plans for the new wing for Pioneer Memorial hospital.

They reported considerable progress is being made on the work and that as soon as preliminary estimates are ready, application will be made for federal match-money for the project.

Actual construction cannot begin until after July 1, when county tax funds become available.

JayCee Scrap Drive Now Under Way

Roice Fullerton, owner of Fullerton Chevrolet company, was this week appointed chairman for the JayCee scrap drive to be held during the spring and summer.

Fullerton said that the group plans to store the old metal until a full carload is obtained and that anyone having any type of metal scrap can call him and arrangements will be made to pick it up.

Money received from the scrap sale will be used to continue the renovation of the civic center building.

Stripcropping Gaining Favor of County Farmers



PRETTY PATTERN made by strip-farmed fields in Morrow county are shown in these two Heppner Soil Conservation service photos. They are the oldest and the newest fields to be cultivated in this manner. Adjoining story gives details.

Strip cropping, one of the practices high on the list of conservation needs in Morrow county, is steadily gaining favor, according to Charles A. Carlson, chairman of the Heppner Soil Conservation District.

With two new fields established this spring, 400 acres on the Al Bunch ranch and 500 acres on the Paul Brown ranch both in Heppner, approximately 4,000 acres are now being farmed in contour strips within the district.

Establishment of this important practice to prevent soil and water losses is still much too slow for the needs of the land, Carlson pointed out. Surveys by the Soil Conservation Service assisting the Heppner district, show much of the wheat lands lying south of Lexington and the base line are in need of contour strip cropping.

The adjacent photos show two of the fields being strip cropped in the Eightmile area. The aerial view taken in 1949 shows the Frank Anderson farm with its strip cropped field above the farmhouse. This field was established in 1938 and is the first and oldest field of strip cropping in the district. Anderson states part of this field would be out of wheat production today if strips had not been established and part would have been in strips up and down the hill because of the gullies. The other photo shows one of the recent fields established in Eightmile on the Fred Manikin ranch in 1951.

Strip cropping has several important advantages, primarily that of breaking up long slopes into alternate wheat and fallow of grass strips to prevent soil and water runoff. It also provides permanent guide lines for contour farming operations and keeps equipment on the level, eliminating costly uphill pulls and

changing of gears. Strip cropping is easily adapted to crop rotations.

Carlson pointed out that spring was an ideal time to change over to a strip cropping system because of the early season and the favorable moisture in stubble for double cropping.

Speech Club Members Get Top Grades At Festival In Irrigon

Five members of the Heppner high school Speech and Drama club traveled to Irrigon Thursday March 12 to be in the county speech festival.

Those going and the grades they made were Mary Ann Jensen a one in poetry, Marilyn Munkers a two in humorous reading, Lance Tibbles a one in extemporaneous speaking, Monte Fast a one in radio speaking and Sharon Becket.

Sharon Becket and Monte Fast were on the panel discussion and grades were not given for this, but they were told that in speaking and discussion they were among the best on the panel.

Local Pupils Rate High at Speech Meet

Eight pupils of the Heppner grade school participated in the Morrow county speech festival last Thursday at Irrigon and all were rated "one" by the judges of the event. They competed against students from Lexington, Lone, Boardman and Irrigon.

Those from here participating were fifth grade, Jeanne Collins and Karen Pate; sixth grade, Dickie Robison and Caroline McDaniel; seventh grade, Edward Groshens and Tom Curran; eighth grade, Delores Easter and Jay Sumner.