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At The Legislature--

Capital Parade By Murrai Wade

State Liquor Commission officials say the set up for liquor by the drink will be completed early in May. The price per slug is still a mystery, with speculation of 40 cents to 50 cents a drink. Licenses were denied the 15 percent rebate but the annual license fees were lowered. The Senate insisted that there be only one licensed outlet for each 2000 population. The liquor committees of the Senate and House were nervous to get the bill through both houses before public agitation fermented to remove the emergency clause which would allow a referendum on the bill passed in November. Committee chairmen were adamant in keeping the clause in the bill on the grounds that the November voted bill carried the clause that the law become operative within 60 days.

RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton recently gave the following interpretations of Oregon laws:

Granting of different privileges to various classes of liquor licenses does not violate the equal privileges and immunities provision of the Constitution.

The interest of the survivors of a deceased veteran to receive compension under the bonus law is a mere expectancy and not a property right. Any survivor who failed to file application for compensation before December 1, 1952 deadline is no longer eligible to do so.

The governor has duty to arrest and surrender fugitives from other states and territories when demand is made pursuant to law, except person charged with crime in this state.

REPORT ON ATOMIC TEST

Representative Loyd E. Haynes, Grants Pass, and Representative W. W. Bradeen, Burns, were eyewitneses of the recent atomic explosion at Yucca Flat, Nevada. They reported the principal reaction to the explosion was relief from the extreme tension just preceding the nuclear fury. Black glasses were given them but they were blinded by the flash. Removing their glasses 12 seconds after the flash they saw the shock wave ripping across the desert. The observers concluded that an atomic blast would not necessarily be fatal if persons in the area had some warning and took simple precautions. The legislators flew to and from Nevada.

NEW LAWS APPROVED

Governor Patterson this week signed the following bills of significant interest and statewide effects:

SENATE BILLS

SB 37—Authorizes the Highway Commission to appoint an assistant secretary and does away with the necessity of the commission auditor being a certified public accountant. SB 65— A retail for consumption license may be revoked by liquor commission if licensee fails to obey the law. This bill extends same authority to include any of the principal officers of licensee. SB 87—Reduces alcoholic content of wine which may be sold outside of liquor stores from 17 to 14 per cent, but gives liquor commission authority to confer right to sell wine over 17 per cent to licensees. SB 96—A warrant of execution on a judgement of debt specifies the day on which the judgment is to be executed, and the day must not be less than 30 days from the time of judgment. This bill extends the time to 60 days. SB 117—Instructs textbook commission to adopt such other material as it deems desirable, and if no adequate books are available, they shall adopt other instructional material for each grade and subject field. SB 118—Changes date of payments of school support funds to first class districts so that 40 per cent be paid on December 1, and the balance on April 15. SB 142—Gives state land board right to sell timber lands at any time during the six months after the advertised date of sale but the sale price or to the highest bidder, whichever is the larger. SB 201—Authorizes the guardian of a guardianship estate to turn over the money of a ward to the parents when the estate consists of cash or personal property of less than $500 in value and close the estate, if the appropriate court so approves.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 151—All persons convicted of felonies and sentenced to the penitentiary who are under the age of 21 years may be transferred to the Boys' School. HB 161—Provides that in civil cases the jurisdiction of district courts shall not be limited to counties but shall be the same as circuit courts, subject to the same conditions and restrictions and subject to the laws relating to venue of actions.

Spring Brings Wide Variety of Weather

No one could doubt that spring really arrived in Morrow county last weekend—the weather proved it.

Most sections of the county received a little of everything that the weatherman had in his book during the past few days, from warm spring-like days, to rain, snow, thunderstorms and even a near waterspout that accompanied the thunder, struck one section of the area.

The Heppner weather recorder checked in .94 inches of moisture since last Thursday to bring the total for March to 1.23 inches. Tuesday afternoon's electrical storm brought only .08 of an inch of rain to Heppner, but it brought the total up to 4.99 inches since January 1, double the amount which was recorded here for the same period last year.

Leonard Carlson, Gooseberry recorder, has checked 1.57 inches for March, compared to only .27 for the same period in 1952. This brings the precipitation in that area since last September 1 to 10.02 inches.

According to information reaching the county court, the Big Buttercreek section of the county received rainfall of nearly cloudburst proportions during Tuesday's thunderstorm and it had one report of a bridge approach being damaged on Little Butter creek. The court asked that the county residents advise them of any washouts or road damage, that a maintenance crew can be dispatched to repair it.

Both Willow and Hinton creeks were carrying a heavy load of water Wednesday, carrying the combined runoff of the heavy rains and the melting mountain snow. The weekend storms added more than a foot of new snow in the higher mountain elevations.

Hinton creek, which normally carries only a trickle of water, caused some damage on the Bill Barratt ranch east of Heppner where it washed out several fills and threatened some small dams recently installed as part of a land levelling project on the farm. There were no reports of damage along Willow or Rhea creeks, but both were carrying as much water as at any time this year.

Dogs and Owners Beware—Or The Law'll Get Ya'

Charles Gomillion, Heppner chief of police gave out the word this week that unless dog owners take more care of their family pets he will be forced to strictly enforce the city ordinance prohibiting dogs, licensed or otherwise, from running at large.

Gomillion said that he has had numerous complaints from residents that dogs are "taking over" newly planted gardens and flowers, and some apparently have taken the matter into their own hands as indicated by the rash of dog poisoning reported during the past few weeks.

The chief said that unless some definite contol over dogs is shown by owners, he would be forced to pick up the law violating animals.

Cub Scouts Are Organized Here

Plans were made last Thursday for the organization of Cub Scout dens and a Cub pack in Heppner, at a dinner meeting of interested workers held at the Christian church. Present for the meeting was Herb Noble, scout executive for the Blue Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts.

The Cub Scout program is being sponsored by the Heppner Parent-Teachers and Rev. Earl Soward has been named institutional representative for the organization.

Nearly 20 persons were present at the meeting at which time the workings of the Cub organization was explained. Den mothers and assistants were obtained for at least four Cub dens. Each den can accommodate only six to eight boys and the group emphasized the need for more interested parents to serve as den mothers. There have been no Cub dens in Heppner since last summer.

Rev. Soward announced that there will be a den mothers' training meeting next Monday night at 7:15 at the Christian church and urged all persons interested in aiding in the formation of an active Cub organization to be present.

Modern Machinery Can Be Dangerous

Sounds like the good old days of the Model T Ford!

One day last week two Ione men, Franklin Lindstrom and his hired hand, Leslie Bassett nearly let their tractor get the best of them. While trying to crank it, Lindstrom cracked a bone in his wrist and Bassett suffered an injured elbow.

Eight To Compete For UN Trip

Eight students of Heppner high school, four from the junior class and four from the sophomore class, have been chosen to compete in the semi-finals of the UN Pilgrimage for Youth contest sponsored by Willows Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F. The contest will be held in the Oddfellows Hall at 7:30 Friday, March 27 and the public is invited to attend.

One contestant will be chosen from this group by the unidentified panel of judges to represent the local lodge in the final contest at Pendleton early in April. There will be three students competing in Pendleton—one each from Echo, Heppner and Pendleton and from this group one student will be chosen to represent District No. 16 on the pilgrimage.

Students are speaking on the topic, "My Community and the World". Plans have been made to broadcast the speeches of the finalists from the station in Pendleton.

Heppner-Nye Road Expected To Be Open To Travel By June

Claire Misel, an official of the O. C. Yokum company, McMinnville contractors who are grading and relocating sections of the Heppner-Nye Junction highway, said early this week that the company expects to complete the entire 22 mile project by June 1.

The Lena end of the road over Franklin hill required only roadbed preparation with no grade change, but nearly the entire right-of-way from Vinson to Nye Junction has been relocated, requiring considerable dirt moving.

Oiling is expected to start within a short time and if weather conditions are favorable the road should be completed and open to travel by the June 1 date, he said.

Charles T. McElligott Services in Portland

Funeral services were held in Portland Tuesday for Charles T. McElligott, 61, who died there March 21 following a long illness. He had been a resident of Ione for many years.

Mr. McElligott was born in Morrow county and had spent most of his life here. Surviving are his wife, Cecilia;; a daughter, Kathleen, Portland; three sons, Jerry, Portland, Donald and C. R. McElligott of Ione; one sister, Mabel McElligott, Portland and one brother.

Funeral and interment was at St. Thomas Moore church, Greenhills, Portland.

Heppner Students In District Speech Meet

Seven Heppner high school students wil go to La Grande this weekend to participate in the district speech festival to be held there this Friday and Saturday. The students to make the trip are the ones who placed high in the various contests held recently at the county meet at Irrigon.

Those making the trip are Monte Fast, Sharon Becket, Darlene Connor, Mary Ann Jensen, Marilyn Munkers, Lynn Wright, and Judy Thompson.

Many Students Home For Spring Vacation

College students enjoying spring vacation at home this week are Jim Smith from Stanford at Palo Alto, California; Junior Stout, Kenny Turner and Phil Smith from Oregon State at Corvallis; Bernice Huston and Gale Albert from Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande; and Keith Connor from Oregon Tech at Klamath Falls.

Decision Near On Local School Building Plan

A. L. Beck, director of schoolhouse planning for the state board of education spent last Thursday in Heppner conferring with the local school board and inspecting several sites for the proposed new Heppner elementary school.

Among those inspected by Beck was the W. O. George and Kemp Dick property located north of the present school grounds and the Louis Cason property which lies between Water and Morgan streets in the northwest part of town. The Cason property contains approximately 32 acres, though a good part of it is on the hill at the end of Water street. It had not been previously considered as a possible site.

Before making a definite decision as to the site, the school board is awaiting the results of some recent cost surveys and the report from a group of appraisers who have been checking the suggested locations. Board chairman, L. E. Dick Jr., said the group hoped to have all the necessary information within the next few days so that architects can be given the word to start the planning and prepare construction estimates. A bond issue election will be called as soon as these figures are available.

The board is also in the process of screening applications for the position of Heppner school superintendent, which will be vacant July 1 when Leonard L. Pate's resignation becomes effective.

Smith New Prexy Of Heppner Lumber

Orville Smith, Heppner, was elected president of the Heppner Lumber company Friday at the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the company. The meeting was held here. He succeeds J. L. Kraft, who died in Chicago in February.

Other officers who were either elected or reelected to top positions in the company are Leonard Kraft, Portland, vice-president; P. W. Mahoney, secretary-treasurer; H. B. Hardy, Chicago, and C. W. Kraft, Niles, Calif., directors. Also present for the meeting was Howard Kraft, Chicago, who represented stockholders in that area.

The plant's operations were discussed and it was announced that no changes in policy are planned by the company.

Hermiston Cattle Prices Edge Up

B. J. Doherty of Heppner topped the market at the Hermiston Livestock Auction Friday, according to Delbert Anson, manager. Doherty sold a whiteface cow with calf at side for $222.50.

Also consigning at the sale on Friday were Howard Cleveland, 8 cattle; Wightman Bros. 10 cattle; and F. R. Jones, 10 cattle.

All cattle sold steady to unevenly higher, with an abundance of buyers on the market. A rough total of 351 saleable cattle was consigned, 98 hogs and 48 sheep.

W. E. Van Winkle of Weston topped the market for stocker steers with 24 whiteface steers going for $18.80 cwt. Van Winkle was also the largest consignor at the auction, with 61 head consigned. N. G. Robertson of Echo sold a 1935 pound bull for a top price of $19.10 cwt. Doyle Ivy of Kennewick sold a 345 pound veal for $25 cwt. Gene Gray of Stanfield sold a hog for a top price of $22.50.

Ontario Man Joins Local Bank Staff

Jack S. Marshall took over his duties as operations officer at the Heppner branch of the First National Bank of Portland Tuesday replacing John R. Hartman who resigned to accept a position with Rosewall Motor company.

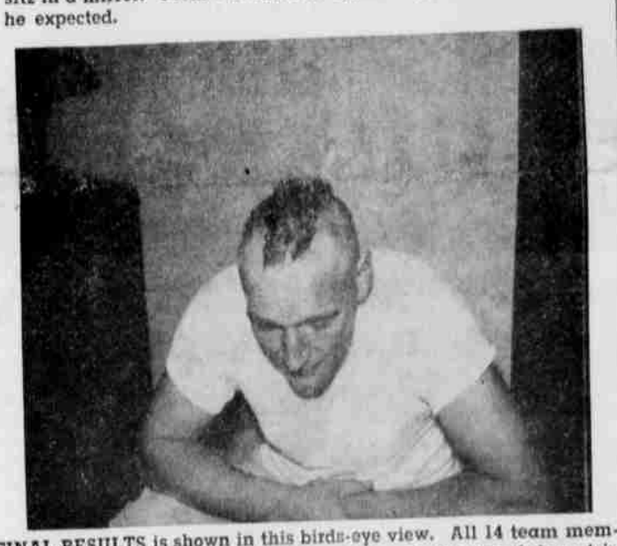
Marshall comes here from Ontario where has spent the past three years. He has been with the First National for four years, spending nearly a year at Nyssa previously. He is a veteran, having served 28 months in the field artillery, and is a member of the Masonic lodge.

His wife, Patricia, and their two daughters, Nancy Denice,2 and Karel Angela, 1 arrived with him.

Operation Mohawk--

THE PRICE OF VICTORY—Heppner's coach Steve Trukositz made a wager with the boys of the basketball team that if they won the district playoff games at The Dalles he would let them give him a Mohawk haircut. The boys won the tournament and these pictures show the coach winning his haircut. First to wield the clippers on the curly locks was Jack Sumner as Dick Kononen, Lyle Jensen and Mike Grant wait in line for their turn.

FIRST LOOK at the results of the semi-scalping is taken by Trukositz in a mirror. From the smile he apparently looked better than he expected.



FINAL RESULTS is shown in this birds-eye view. All 14 team members had a hand in the clipping, and though the remaining strip of hair was a trifle off center, the boys decided to let well enough alone lest their coach come out of the operation completely bald. (GT Photos)

Each Takes His Turn—Teaching Staff Depleted by Illness

Heppner school officials reported this week that it is apparently the teachers' turn to be on the sick list, now that most students have returned to classes after the heavy absenteeism due to contagious diseases.

Superintendent Leonard Pate said Wednesday that three teachers were absent Wednesday and that as high as six were missing from their classes during the past week.

Continued exposure to the many illnesses of the children is regarded as the cause.

Jack Van Winkle New Elks Exalted Ruler

New officers to serve for the coming year were elected by the Heppner Elks last Thursday. Chosen were Jack Van Winkle, exalted ruler; James J. Farley, leading knight; Milton Morgan, Jr., loyal knight; Conley Lanham, lecturing knight; Ray Ferguson, trustee; L. E. Bisbee, treasurer and Harold Becket, tiler. Tom Wilson is the outgoing exalted ruler.

Following the meeting the Ione members were hosts to a clam feed for the members.

DR. TIBBLES CALLED TO LOS ANGELES

Dr. L. D. Tibbles was called to Los Angeles on Tuesday by the death of his father, William Tibbles. He flew from Pendleton and expects to return Sunday.

Ben Vinson returned Tuesday from Portland where he has been undergoing meical treatment for the past several weeks.

Chamber Annual Meeting Scheduled

Tuesday, April 14 has been set as the date for the annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce, it was announced Monday at the regular weekly meeting, and Donald C. Sloan, president of the Donald C. Sloan company, investment security firm of Portland will be the principal speaker for the evening program.

Sloan is well known throughout the state as an excellent chamber of commerce speaker, and a program of general interest in planned by the committee in charge.

The banquet meeting will be held at Heppner Legion hall.

County Teachers To Gather For Institute

All county teachers will gather at the Heppner high school Friday for the Morrow county teachers institute, an annual workshop type meeting. All students will get the day off while their teachers go to school.

The theme for this year's institute is "newly adopted textbooks in Oregon" county school superintendent, Leslie Grant announced. The meeting will be held from 9 o'clock until about 4 and a noon luncheon will be served by the P-TA.

DEN MOTHER'S TRAINING SESSION

There will be a training session for all Den Mothers of the Cub Scouts and other workers and leaders at the Christian church Monday March 30 at 7:15 p. m.

It is hoped that all adult leaders will be there.

Need For Power Dams Is Told To Farm Bureau

"Regional unity is necessary in the northwest if we are to sell the power story of the northwest in Washington, D. C.," Gus Norwood, Vancouver, Wash., executive secretary of the Northwest Public Power Association, told members of the Morrow county Farm Bureau at its county meeting in Ione Tuesday night.

Norwood said that the Pacific Northwest will not have any new major industry during the next five or six years due to the present power shortage, but that the most serious troubes will come after 1958 unless some new dam construction is started in the immediate future. To meet normal demand increase in power use the equivalent to one new Bonneville dam is needed each year, and, he pointed out, it takes approximately six years to complete a major dam which means that unless new ones are started regularly, the area will run into a period of power shortage when no new generating facilities will be ready to go into operation.

Norwood explained that to get the maximum benefits, major dam construction and planning had to be done on an area basis as is now being done by the government through the Army engineers and the bureau of reclamation. He also said that because of the immense cost of major dams, the government was the only one able to finance such construction because it was able to get cheap interest rates. Were a private concern to attempt the building of a dam the size of any major one on the Columbia, the additional interest it would have to pay, that the government does not, would make it financially impossible. He did urge private construction on smaller streams wherever possible, however, and said that there were 611 possible dam sites available in the northwest. Only a small percentage of these are included in government planning. Norwood also said that the dams are one of the very few projects built at government expense that pay their own way, as well as repaying the government over a period of years for the cost of construction.

In answer to a question about the controversy over the Hells Canyon dam, Norwood told the group that one half of the potential power of the Columbia river depends upon adequate upstream storage and that Hell's Canyon is a part of the storage system developed by the engineers. Were a series of low dams to be built on the Snake river, as proposed by the Idaho Power company, he said, it would eliminate a big segment of the potential due to the lack of storage facilities which would be obtained from the high dam planned by the army engineers.

REAs Praised

Norwood told of the efforts made by the REA cooperatives to bring power to rural areas. E. H. Collison, manager of the Columbia Basin Electric coop spoke briefly saying that his organization is now serving every farm that wants service and that the average cost to members dropped from 2.61 cents in 1951 per KWH to 2 cents last year. This compares with a national average of 2.88 cents per KWH. If the load continues to grow, through the use of power for irrigation and other purposes, the ultimate desire is to reduce the cost to one cent per KWH, Collison said.

Also present and speaking briefly at the meeting were Eric Johnson, manager of the Wasco Electric Coop and Homer Beal and William Sunday from the Pendleton office of the Pacific Power and Light company.

The meeting was one of a series planned by the Farm Bureau to give members facts on various problems concerning the Bureau and to aid it in establishing an overall policy on major points of interest.

P-TA Field Worker Visits Heppner

Mrs. Ellen Dell Bieler, field service worker of the National Parents and Teachers, of West Springs, Illinois, held a leadership training conference in Heppner Monday March 23 at the Methodist church.

The Heppner P-TA served luncheon to the group at noon and there were representatives from Ione, Boardman, Irrigon, Condon and six from Roosevelt, Washington and the Heppner group.

Mrs. John Pfeiffer was chairman of the lunch committee.