

At The Legislature--



NEW STATE DEPARTMENT?

The joint ways and means committee want a legislative analyst to aid them in understanding bills—most of them written by themselves.

Sound silly?

The fact is that it is one thing to write a bill but something more to presage what will happen when it is enacted and becomes operative.

Allan A. Post, legislative analyst for the state of California conferred with members of the ways and means committee at the Capitol this week. He advised that it is better not to create such an office if the analyst is not backed by a strong legislative committee and is independent and responsible only to the legislature.

Post said, "In California the state analyst's department, which employs 20 persons, had accomplished economy in state operations, brought about efficiency and gathered statistics that revealed just how much money appropriated by the legislature is expended."

He also advocated the California legislative program of holding sessions annually, 30 days in one year for a budget session and a six-month session the following year for consideration of general bills.

TIMBER SALE

Forty-two tracts of O & C and public domain timber totaling approximately 66 million board feet valued at \$1,333,412.30 will be offered for sale during April by the Bureau of Land Management.

First sale will be at Medford and Salem, April 13. On the 14th at Coos Bay; 15th at Roseburg; 16th at Eugene; 21st at Spokane.

STATE JOBS

The State Civil Service Commission is pleading for workers in several special fields and quoting salaries up to \$364 a month. Parole Officers (only men) for ten points over the state are wanted at \$296 to \$364 a month. Other offers include child welfare workers, class 1 and 2, \$261 to \$350; PBX (Phone) operators, class 1, \$185 to \$229; caseworkers 1, \$250 to \$309.

The advantages of state employment are a liberal vacation with pay, retirement plan, liberal sick leave, interesting employment, promotional opportunities, forty hour week, steady work and employees' credit union.

"MUST" BILLS LISTED

Leaders in the speed-up legislative session striving to finish by April 18 have listed 21 bills as top priority legislation. The following are the principal bills listed:

Combine public employees retirement program with federal social security—Refer to the people the proposal for a constitutional convention to write a new state constitution—Simplify the state's tax system—Create interim committees to study property taxes and highway taxes—Reorganize school districts—Create committee to study water sources—Control sex offenders—Increase industrial accident benefits—Authorize a legislative council to continue statute revision work—Build new state institution buildings—Open welfare rolls to inspection by public.

NEW BILLS SIGNED

A number of inconsequential bills and a few that are of state wide purport were signed by the governor this week. They include:

SENATE BILLS
SB 35—When assessor increases valuation in excess of 5% and it is found not uniform, notice shall be given not later than the first Monday in May that the complaining taxpayer may appeal to the county board of equalization. SB 82—Increases licenses of restaurants inspected by state from \$3 to \$10 and 5 cents a seat for over 25 seats. SB 85—Increases physician's fee for a premarital medical examination and for issuance of certificate of marriage license from \$5 to \$7.50. SB 137—Deletes from toll road law provisions which exempt those going to church, funerals or elections, and those engaged in military duty from paying tolls on such roads. SB 396—Abolishes present public employee retirement plan contingent upon bringing public employees under the old age and survivors benefits of the federal social security act. Provides machinery for liquidation of present retirement funds, including refunding of employee contributions.

HOUSE BILLS

HB 68—A public contractor shall be liable on his performance bond for employee withholding taxes for income tax purposes. HB 75—Conforms period in which capital gain or loss in sale of residence may be claimed for income tax purposes, in federal and state reports. HB 166—Does away with necessity of posting

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Approval Granted
For Paterson
Ferry Road Link

Prospects that Paterson ferry, the only inter-state highway link between Morrow county and the Washington shore of the Columbia river, will not be sold to Umatilla county, but will continue to operate even when the proposed Umatilla bridge across the river is built, appeared bright this week, when the Morrow county court gave Frank Hogue, operator of the ferry, assurance that it would give, early, consideration to the construction of a direct road link between highways 30 and 730 at approximately the point where the Paterson ferry road joins highway 730.

Umatilla county is attempting to purchase both the Paterson and Umatilla ferries prior to starting on the bridge construction, but considerable opposition has arisen, both on the Oregon side of the river and in the Paterson and Prosser, Washington areas to discontinuance of the ferry service.

Hogue indicated that the tie-in road would eliminate one of the biggest hurdles the ferry company would have to face if the bridge were built, because it would allow direct access to the ferry route from the main Columbia river highway. He also pointed out that the Paterson route is the most direct route to Yakima and Seattle from this area and also the best route for residents of the Washington side of the river to reach the mountain recreation areas behind Heppner.

Monday the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce approved a resolution requesting continuation of the ferry, and recently the Irrigon grange sent the county court resolutions requesting the construction of the tie-in road, and support in preserving the ferry service.

At the present time it is necessary for cars to either go west to Boardman, or east through Umatilla and Hermiston to reach highway 30. The new road, about five miles in length, would eliminate both round-about routes.

The county court indicated that it possibly could start construction on the link next winter.

Heppner Flower And
Yarn Shop is Sold

Mrs. La Verne Van Marter Jr. this week announced the sale of the Heppner Flower and Yarn shop to Mary Van Stevens, owner of Mary Van's Flower Shop, effective April 10.

Plans call for the Heppner Flower shop to be combined with Mary Van's shop in the latter location. Mrs. Van Marter plans to close out her line of yarns and needlework, which will not be continued after the consolidation.

Snow Survey Shows Water
63 Percent Above Normal

Water content of the mountain snow pack on the Arbuckle mountain snow course averages 63 percent above normal and 19 percent higher than last year at this time according to snow measurements taken Tuesday, March 31. Snow depth measured 42.1 inches with a water content of 17.1 inches, as compared to 33.6 inches of snow with a water content of 14.4 inches on March 30 of last year. A water content of 10.5 inches is the average for this time of year according to records of the federal and state cooperative snow surveys taken over a period of 24 years, on this snow course.

Tom Wilson of the Soil Conservation Service and Wayne

West, Forest Service Ranger, skied into the area and took the third and final measurements on the snow course for this year.

The snow pack is heavily cruste on the surface and at several different depths. Soils beneath the snow are unfrozen and well saturated with water.

Only two previous years show a heavier water content than was measured this year, 1933 with 17.7 inches of water and in 1937 with 17.2 inches of water.

Sally Palmer
I. O. O. F. Winner

Miss Sally Palmer, junior from Heppner high school, was chosen from a group of nine contestants to represent Willows Lodge No. 66, I. O. O. F., in the district finals of the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth contest in Pendleton early in April. Miss Mary Ruth Green was second and Miss Patsy Wright "was third. Contestants spoke on the topic "My Community and The World".

The contest was held Friday evening in the Oddfellows Hall. Judges were Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, Mrs. Marie Clary and John Ernstdorf.

Other contestants included the Misses Adelia Anderson, Loree Stager, Jean Marie Graham, Peggy Wightman and Lynn Wright of Lexington; and Bill Hughes.

Miss Palmer will compete in Pendleton against the winners from Echo, Pendleton and Milton-Freewater for the privilege of representing District No. 16 on the expense-paid trip to New York and visit to the United Nations in early summer.

Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers and R. G. McMurtry were in charge of arrangements for the local contest. Members of the committee for District No. 16 included T. B. Bombay of Pendleton, chairman; Jesse C. Payne, Heppner, and Tex Wilson, Echo.

Final UN Judging
To Be Broadcast

Final judging in the contest to name the one student to make the Oddfellows United Nations Youth Pilgrimage from this district will take place Sunday, April 12 at Pendleton. It was announced this week.

The speeches of the three finalists, from this district will be broadcast on Pendleton radio station KWRC starting at 1:30 p. m., and the judging will be done at that time.

Sally Palmer, Heppner high school junior who won the local contest, will compete against the winners from Echo and Pendleton.

Last year's winner from this area was Jack Sumner, who made the trip to New York during July.

Army Takes Three
From Morrow County

Three selectees from Morrow county left Arlington by bus on Wednesday for Portland where they will be inducted into the army.

They are Donald Francis Gilliam, 23, Heppner; William Ross Doherty, 22, Ione; and Floyd Elmer Green, 20 of Heppner.

SHORT STORE CLOSURE
PLANNED ON FRIDAY

The merchants committee of the chamber of commerce voted Monday to continue the practice in Heppner of recommending the closing of business houses between 12 noon and 3 p. m. on Good Friday.

It was suggested that in cases where stores couldn't be closed that employees be given an opportunity to attend special church services during the period.

Cancer Crusade
To Open In County
On April 7

The Morrow county drive of the American Cancer crusade will open April 7, Mrs. McDon Bonta, drive publicity chairman announced Wednesday. Mrs. Richard Meador is drive chairman.

Several Heppner women, Mrs. Elmer Hill, Mrs. William Heath, Mrs. James Driscoll, Mrs. Peter Lennon, Mrs. Blanche Hill, Mrs. Edgar Collison met with Mrs. Bonta and Mrs. Meador early this week preparing the Sword Mail Appeal for distribution. It will be distributed April 7 and business house solicitation will start the same day.

Two films, "Man Alive" and "Self Examination of the Breast" will be in Heppner the week of April 15 and will be available to any organization wishing to show them. They are already scheduled for the Jaycee meeting April 15, chamber of commerce April 20, and at the Soroptimists, April 23. They will also be shown in the schools. Arrangements can be made with Miss Martha Tapanainen to obtain the films.

Aiding the drive throughout the county will be Mrs. Kenneth Batty, Hardman; Mrs. Robert Davidson and Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Lexington; Mrs. Gordon White and Mrs. Adon Hamlett, Ione; Mrs. George Gwinn and Mrs. Seth Russell, Boardman and Mrs. Ida Slaughter, Irrigon.

Stockmen To Talk
Veterinarian Need

Meeting last week, the executive committee of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association made plans for a meeting of livestockmen on Wednesday, April 8. Main business of the evening meeting to be held at the court room at 8 p. m. is consideration of movement to attempt to get a veterinarian to set up practice here. The committee urges all livestockmen and others interested to attend and stress their views as it will take the cooperation of all in encouraging a qualified veterinarian.

Brad Fancher, District Attorney, will discuss laws pertaining to livestock trespass and game.

Appointments for representation of this association at the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association were made. This meeting will be held at the Multnomah Hotel, Portland, on May 11, 12, 13. Appointments made were R. S. Thompson, legislation and taxation; Gerald Swaggett and Herbert Hynd, wildlife; Dick Wilkinson, Jack Hynd, Jr., public lands; W. E. Hughes, forest lands; Luke Bibby and Raymond French, brand and theft; John Graves, livestock sanitation; Frank Anderson, resolutions; Donald Robinson, membership and finance; John Campbell, Range and Pasture Improvement Committee, reported that 300 acres of grazing alfalfa trial seedlings had been made. Seedlings have been made at the ranches of Delbert Emert and Oscar Peterson, Ione; Kenneth Peck, A. C. Lindsay and Bill Padberg, Lexington and W. E. Hughes, Heppner.

Grangers To Hear
School Discussion

Rhea Creek Grange members will hear a discussion of the school building problem in Heppner, at their meeting April 10 at the grange hall.

School board members will present the problem faced by the district in providing facilities for students. Residents of the Rhea Creek and Eightmile area send their children to the Heppner schools.

The discussion will start at 7:30 and will be preceded by a potluck dinner.

Heavy Carryover of
Wheat Expected to
Tax Storage Facilities

According to current information, it is estimated that the Commodity Credit Corporation will take over approximately 40 million bushels of wheat in the Pacific Northwest area on April 30. It is further anticipated that the total inventory of all 1952 crop wheat in elevators in the area on July 1 of this year will exceed the 40 million bushel figure.

These figures readily point up the fact that adequate storage space for the 1953 crop of wheat may be difficult to maintain, according to Morrow County Grain Growers officers.

Last year Oregon, Washington and Idaho produced 152 mil-

lion bushels of wheat, 25 million bushels of oats and the same amount of barley plus other crops which are warehouse stored such as peas, beans, grass seed, etc.

With general crop estimates running at close to normal and with total storage space in the area being nearly 190 million bushels, it is evident that the anticipated wheat carryover along with that of some other elevator stored crops, can spell storage space shortage for 1953.

Locally, the Morrow County Grain Growers report that wheat shipments are continuing heavy, but that it is anticipated that the CCC will take over in excess of 500,000 bushels of wheat stored in their elevators on April 30. Should this happen, it is very possible that a heavy share of this grain will be on hand here through the coming harvest as CCC has indicated that they will be unable to accept the grain on a pro-rata basis due to insufficient terminal storage facilities.

Al Lamb, manager of the local cooperative has urged members of the association who still have wheat under CCC loan to redeem and sell it before April 30 in order to reduce the anticipated carryover in the local area to as low a figure as possible.

Heppner Man Now
Serving In Germany

With the 28th Infantry Division in Germany—Cpl. Cecil Rill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard H. Rill Heppner, Ore., is serving in Germany with the 28th Infantry Division.

Now in southern Germany, the 28th is receiving intensive field training as part of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Army.

Corporal Rill, a gunner in machine gun platoon of the 109th Infantry Regiment, arrived overseas last July. He received basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

Before entering the Army in January, 1952, Rill was a farmer.

He is a 1949 graduate of Heppner high school.

Two Chosen To
Attend Girls State

Loree Stager and June Privett, juniors in Heppner high school, have been chosen by the American Legion Auxiliary to attend Girls' State at Willamette University early in June.

The award is based on scholarship, courage, physical fitness, leadership, and citizenship, among other things.

Mrs. Creston Robinson is chairman for this auxiliary project.

BARLEY AND WHEAT MARKETS SHOW
MOST PROMISE, ECONOMIST SAYS

The market outlook for Oregon's 1953 barley crop is being bolstered by prospects for the smallest national supply in nearly 20 years, says M. D. Thomas, extension agricultural economist at Oregon State college.

Barley and wheat rank as the most promising spring-planting field crops, the economist points out in the latest "Oregon Agricultural Situation and Outlook." Nation-wide, the carry-over of barley is less than last year and farmers are planning to plant more barley than the small 1952 acreage. Corn and oats show no signs of increasing the competition with barley.

Another large wheat acreage is expected but support prices keep this crop in a favorite spot for many farms. The 1953 support level is set at one cent a bushel higher than last year, and barley is up two cents over the 1952 support price.

Hay requirements for Oregon's increased livestock numbers will be large but lower hay prices are

likely this year, Thomas believes. Even so, he says, returns from hay will probably compare favorably with other uses of the same land on many Oregon farms.

Pastures look promising as one of the cheapest sources of livestock feed. Plantings of tall (alta) fescue, ladino clover, and other forage seeds may make better returns as pasture and silage for a few years than in any other way, the economist reports. He adds that Oregon growers of most hay, pasture, and range seeds face another season of high costs, heavy competition, and large carry-overs with no price support program for the first time in several years.

Hardest hit by the removal of price props will be ladino clover. Tall fescue, alsike clover, red clover, and alfalfa seeds also face lower prices until production is reduced to meet market outlets. All sold at support prices last year and supplies are large.

Chewing and creeping red fescues and Kenland red clover show the most promise among spring-planted seed crops.

Good Friday and Easter Church Services Scheduled

The Cantata "The Crucifixion" by John Stainer will be presented Friday evening, 8 p. m. at the Christian Church. The choir is composed of members of the Methodist, Episcopal and Christian Churches.

The program will be as follows: Processional, Invocation, Earl L. Soward; Congregational Song; Scripture Reading, J. Palmer; The Crucifixion, Part I, director, Maurice Stone; The Crucifixion Part II, director Oliver Creswick; Benediction, J. Palmer; Sorlien. Organist, Mrs. J. O. Turner.

Soloists, Harvey Wilhite, McDon L. Bonta, Oliver Creswick, Dell Jordan, Robert Ordway, Maurice Stone.

Members of the choir include: Sopranos—Ethel Lyngholm, Betty Dobbie, Donna Hudson, Betty B. Warren, Kathryn Hoskins, Lucella Sorlien, Meredith Ann Sorlien, Virginia Barger. Altos—Grace Hughes, Lennie Loudon, Lucy Rodgers, Lucy Peterson, Juanita Carmichael, Ealor Huston. Tenors—Walter H. Gay, C. W. Barlow, Robert C. Walker, Oliver Creswick, Dell Jordan.

Bass—Roy Quackenbush, L. D. Neill, Raymond McNabb, Harvey Wilhite, McDon L. Bonta, Robert Ordway, Maurice Stone, Walter Barger.

On Saturday April 4 most Heppner churches will have entertainment for their Sunday schools. The Methodist church is having an Easter egg roll from 2 until 4 for all the children, at the Christian church the Bible school will present their Easter program Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p. m. following this program there will be a social hour for the children

and their parents. At the Episcopal church there will be a party for the Sunday school on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Easter morning there will be a sunrise service at the Christian church at 6:30 a. m. with J. Palmer Sorlien as guest speaker.

The Methodist and Christian churches will have their regular Easter services at 11:00 a. m. while at the Episcopal church the only service will be at 8:00 a. m. at which time the children's choir will sing.



Congressman Sam Coon, Republican, of Oregon's Second District, is shown on the rostrum in the chamber of the House of Representatives, where he presided recently. Speaker of the House Joseph W. Martin, Jr. often calls upon Republican members to take the chair when his duties as Speaker require his absence from the rostrum.