



END OF LEGISLATURE NEAR

A determination to end the regular session of the 1953 legislature on April 18 began to jell in the house last Saturday.

On Monday morning April 13, the 91st day of the session, and only six days prior to the proposed adjournment, 1299 bills, memorials and resolutions had been introduced but only 678 had come up for final consideration in either house. On the same day only 224 bills had been signed by the governor.

There is considerable opposition to a sine die before April 24. Many leaders are reasoning that a better job could be done by extending the time of adjournment to consider some of the 621 bills still in committee, with 60 per cent of the doomed to die there.

The pattern of early adjournment was designed by members who just don't like to handle hot potatoes—and there are a dozen sizzling bills that should be considered.

BUDGET FUDGING

During the past 20 years the ways and means committees of Oregon legislatures have acquired the habit of appropriating millions and millions of dollars for a future biennial budget when only a small per cent of the amount is in the state treasury. It has worked so far because income tax revenues have continued to increase. They reckon the assumed income for two years and take the total as a target to shoot at with appropriations.

The long heads of business (who are not in politics) advise that the state should curtail expenditures gradually each year so that at least 25 per cent of all expected state revenues could be invested in 4-year bonds. This program would put the state on a cash basis in less than four years.

When personal and corporate income tax revenues shrink the property owners of the state will be holding the sack before they know it. The installment spenders can prove that this is trite trite but they can't disprove the facts.

The 1953-55 budget will balance—as far as the legislature can guess. They have allocated most of the assumed revenues which are expected to total \$160,717,203 by June 30, 1955.

Topping the estimated revenues is \$80,000,000 of personal income tax revenues; \$36,000,000 of corporate excise tax revenues; \$42,432,444 of miscellaneous fees and \$2,284,759 expected to be left in the general fund at the end of the present biennium.

HOUSE TAKES HOLIDAY

Forty members of the House spent the weekend at Astoria where they attended a launching of a mine sweeper at 11 a. m. Saturday and a banquet later. The christening was by Mrs. Rudy Wilhelm, wife of the speaker of the House.

The Senate worked Friday and Saturday processing 35 bills, 27 on Saturday which was a record for the session.

RIGHTS OF STATES

The prerogatives and rights of the states have gradually drifted away to the federal government because state legislatures have failed in many cases to fulfill their responsibilities. State representative Richard L. Neuberger states in an article in the New York Times this week.

It is not the fault of the legislatures or legislators themselves that they have lost standing, but rather because, as the Portland author and journalist puts it "in many instances they are attempting to perform a 20th-century task with tools and methods of our frontier days. State constitutions, written before the age of the internal-combustion engine or the urban metropolis, reach a bony hand out of the distance past and hold legislatures in a vice-like grip."

LOWER AUTO INSURANCE

The Mutual Rating Bureau this week filed with the Oregon state insurance commission a lower rate schedule for certain classes of automobile insurance.

If approved the schedule provides lower rates for two classes of drivers: "preferred risk" adults who operate their cars less than 7,500 miles a year, a 25 per cent decrease; and parents of young part-time drivers using only 25 per cent of the yearly mileage, a 20 per cent decrease.

NEW LABOR BILL

At several press conferences Governor Paul Patterson has parried questions about the legislature put him by reporters by saying he did "not want to interfere with the legislature."

Last week the governor changed his mind and sent his own idea of a picketing bill to the Solons, after a so-called little Taft-Hartley bill had been passed by the House.

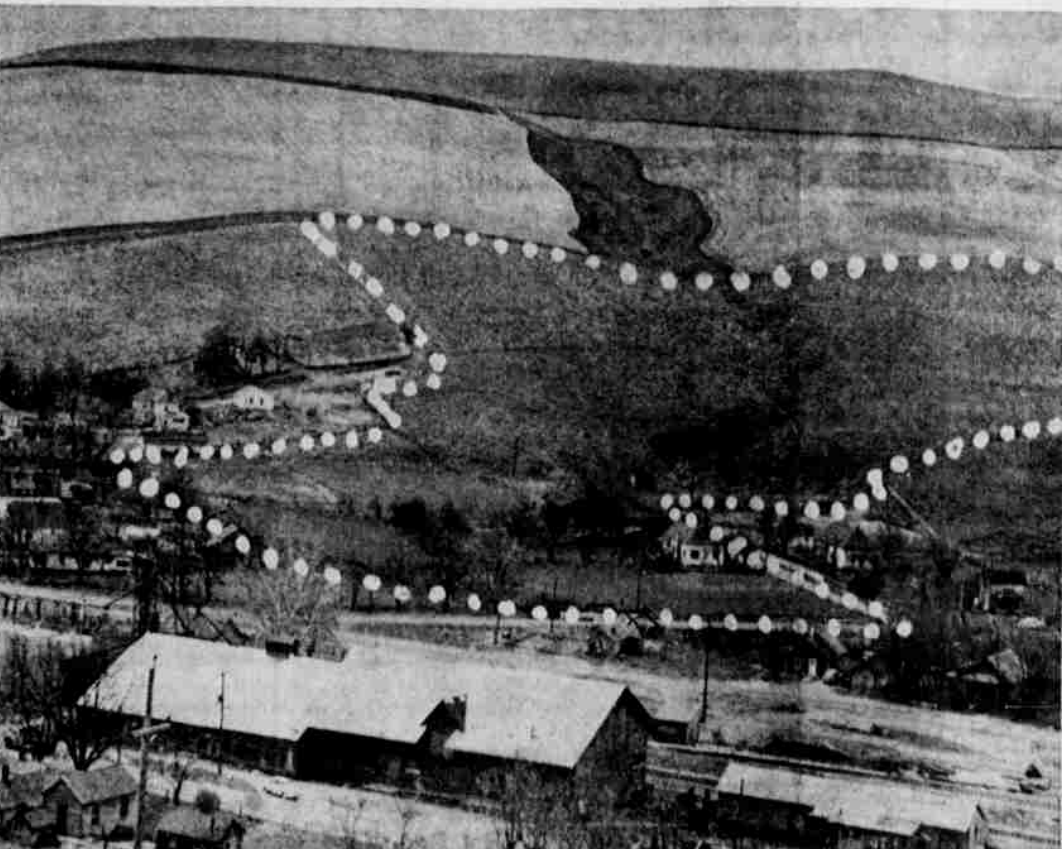
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SCHOOL SITE—The white dotted line outlines approximately the area included in the site on which the Heppner school district proposes to build a new elementary school. The total land area in the section, known as the Cason property, is approximately 32 acres, with about 5 to 6 acres located on the flat at the bottom of the outlined section. An access street is also planned (not shown within the dotted line) connecting the property with Water street at approximately the lower left point of the outline (left-center of picture.) The building would be located at the foot of the hill at about the corner of the "Neck" of the outline, or to the left and rear of the barn now on the property. (Photo by Tom Wilson)

Dial Telephone Conversion Being Made Rapidly

Telephone officials said Wednesday that the conversion to the dial phones in Heppner, started Tuesday morning, is progressing according to schedule and that they expect to have all subscribers hooked up with the new instruments by the end of the month.

Workers expressed satisfaction with the new system, saying that in nearly every case the dials were working properly and that most residents were having little difficulty getting the numbers they desire during the cut-over period.

They also pointed out that Heppner residents will not be able to dial Lexington and Ione numbers direct until the entire installation is completed. There have been reports of attempts to reach these outside numbers, but until all local phones are changed to the new system, it will be necessary to let the local operator reach these numbers.

Fire Reporting

Heppner fire chief C. A. Ruggles said Wednesday that delivery of the new fire alarm equipment, which has been ordered to operate with the new dial system, has been delayed another few days and urged residents to remember that until it is installed they should report any fire call directly to the Heppner operator by dialing 9101 and giving her the report as in the past.

When the new siren and equipment arrives, he said that local citizens will have little difficulty in knowing that it is ready for use because several tests will have to be made which will probably raise "quite a commotion." When it is ready to operate the dial number listed on the instruction card and in the new telephone book will apply, and instructions on the proper method of reporting fires under the new plan will be given.

Oil Stove Blaze Ends Firemen's "Vacation"

Heppner firemen answered their first fire call since February 14, Monday when they were called to the Tom Walker residence on West Center street to cool off a hot oil stove. There was no damage.

Fire chief C. A. Ruggles stated that the 58 day "dry spell" was the longest time the local department had gone without a call for several years. The record for recent years is 62 days.

Ordinance Governing City Sewer Published

To give Heppner residents an opportunity to study the recently enacted ordinance governing the construction and operation of the new city sewer system, the council is publishing the entire ordinance elsewhere in this issue of the Gazette Times.

The measure covers all phases of the construction, hookup, and use of the sewer, and the council felt it was in the interest of all residents to publish it in full.

Four County School Bands Entered in La Grande Contest

The Heppner high school band and several solo and group instrumentalists, under the direction of James Kamprud will go to La Grande this week to take part in the annual Eastern Oregon music competition sponsored by the Eastern Oregon College of Education and La Grande high school. It will be held Friday and Saturday. The Ione school band under the direction of David Raskin will also enter the competition.

Both the Heppner and Ione bands have been practicing for several weeks for the contest and all of the solo and instrument groups of the Heppner band presented their contest selections on Tuesday night at the Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Among the 28 schools in the area registered for the festival are the Boardman and Irigon bands.

29 On Heppner High School Honor Roll

One of the largest groups in many years to receive grade point averages high enough to win them a spot on the Heppner high school honor roll, was announced this week by Leonard Pate, superintendent. 29 students are listed.

The top students are seniors: Wendell Connor, Florence Elde, Monte Fast, Mike Grant, Pat Peck, Jack Sumner. Juniors: Nancy Ball, Jean Graham, Mary Green, Dick Kononen, Sally Palmer, Barbara Prock, Joan Wright, Patsy Wright.

Sophomores: Adella Anderson, Ronald Currin, June Privett, Loree Stager. Freshmen: Nancy Anderson, Lynda Borman, Darlene Connor, Nona Fast, Diane Grant, Sandra Lanham, Shirley Peck, Skip Ruhl, Dale Stager, Judy Thompson, Lance Tibbles.

Fair Building Gets Heating System

Steve Thompson, chairman, Morrow County fair board, announced today that installation of a heating system in the fair pavilion has been recently completed. The system is an oil burning furnace, capable of heating the entire pavilion. Only the dance portion is heated at this time.

The furnace, of the forced air type, is capable of producing one million B. T. U.'s and is equipped with a unit which will be used for air conditioning during the summer dances.

With the installation of this heating system the fair pavilion is now suited for year around use for community activities, he said. Plans call for sealing the building before next winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Solo of Menasha, Minn., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Art Brownlow. Mr. Solo is Mrs. Brownlow's brother. They will visit friends in Washington and N. Dakota on their return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bergstrom spent Thursday in Condon where they were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Pierson.

Cattle Sales Up At Hermiston

P. G. Gners of Ione was among the consignors at the Hermiston livestock auction Friday, according to Delbert Anson, manager. Gners sold 6 cattle.

Volume of cattle consigned was up almost 50 per cent over the previous five weeks. A total of 542 cattle was consigned to the sale Friday. The average for previous weeks was 356. Decreased pasture supply as a result of cold March weather was one cause of the increased selling, Anson said.

J. W. Worthington of Pendleton topped the market for hogs at the sale, with 9 sows going for \$19.80 cwt. Also topping the market was Harry Andrews of Echo, with one cow going for \$17.80.

Hermiston Market Report

Calves—baby calves 7.00-25.00 hd; weaner calves 18.00-20.60 dr; veal 25.00-28.25.

Steers—feeder steers 16.50-18.70; fat slaughter steers 19.20-21.10, no goon or choice available.

Cows—dairy cows 12.00-14.25 hd; dairy heifers 8.50-11.25 hd; stock cows 19.20-21.00 pair on top cows, \$135.00-165.00 on medium pairs.

Bulls—16.50-17.80.

Slaughter cows — commercial 15.20, young cows to 17.90; utility 12.50-13.60; canner-cutter 9.75-12.00; shells 7.10-9.25.

Hogs—weaner pigs 7.50-13.00 rd; feeder pigs 19.10-20.20 cwt; fat hogs 21.10-21.50; sows 17.35-18.90.

Sheep—ewes, good shorn 4.50-6.00, culls down 1.50 cwt., bucks 5.50-7.00.

County Cancer Drive Under Way

The annual crusade of the Oregon division, American Cancer Society, will be held in Morrow county and the rest of the state during the month of April, which has been designated cancer control month by the U. S. Congress.

The campaign in Morrow county is under the direction of Mrs. Richard Meador, of Heppner. The crusade has a two-fold purpose, according to Mrs. Meador, to raise funds to support the various research, education and service programs of the society and to acquaint persons with the facts about cancer, the Nation's No. 2 killer.

"Cancer education is most important at this time," Mrs. Meador explained, "because early diagnosis and treatment are the most potent weapons against the disease. If persons know the cancer danger signals, their chances of early diagnosis and treatment are much greater."

The answer to the disease still rests in the research scientists' laboratories, however, and millions of ACS funds have been granted to scientists throughout the nation in past years to aid them in their work. William B. Feldenheimer of Portland, state crusade chairman, reports.

Governor Paul Patterson is the honorary chairman of the crusade in Oregon.

Chamber Members Told Opportunity Is Unlimited

Nearly 100 persons attended Tuesday night's annual banquet of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at the Heppner Legion hall to hear the speaker, Donald C. Sloan say that America "offers opportunities unlimited" and stress the need for dynamic leadership in community development.

Sloan, who is a Portland businessman, gave numerous examples of his contention that good citizens are the riches of any city in his talk on "America and You."

"Is your town green or ripe?" he asked, adding that "when you're green you grow when you're ripe you rot."

He concluded his talk with a call for a "spiritual awakening."

Sloan was introduced by P. W. Mahoney, master of ceremonies. Speakers included Robert Penland, chamber president who told briefly of the efforts of the organization since the first of the year and urged the committees to continue their efforts to promote a better city and county.

Penland presented two certificates of recognition to Allen Case of the Case Furniture company and to W. C. Collins for outstanding building improvement in Heppner during 1952. Case Furniture underwent an extensive remodeling program last year and Collins constructed a modern business building on North Main Street.

Several displays were located around the room, prepared by the several chamber committees. In keeping with the theme of the committee's activities.

Several members of the Heppner high school band under the direction of James Kamprud, instructor, presented musical selections during the dinner. The students who will be in La Grande this weekend to compete in the district music contest. The selections played were the pieces the students will play in the competition.

General planning chairman for the banquet was Wayne West, chairman of the special activities committee.

CARNIVAL SCHEDULED

A room fund benefit school carnival has been announced by the Lexington school to be held on Friday April 24 at the I. O. O. F. hall in Lexington, James Vanover, principal said this week.

A regular carnival-type program is planned by the students who assured plenty of fun for everyone.



HOWARD C. REED

Prescott, Wash. Man Named New Heppner School Superintendent

The Heppner school board Wednesday received word that Howard C. Reed, Prescott, Washington, has accepted the position of superintendent of the Heppner schools replacing Leonard L. Pate who recently resigned. He will take over his new duties July 1.

Reed, who has been superintendent of the Prescott schools for the past two years, was selected by the board from a large group of applicants from all over the state. He has had over 20 years teaching and administrative experience, most of it in Oregon.

Reed was teacher-coach in the Astoria elementary schools for two years and then principal of the Lewis and Clark junior high school in the same city for 15 years. From 1948 to 1951 he was

superintendent of the Sweet Home, Oregon elementary system where he aided in the development of a school building program forced on the community because of a heavy influx of population. During the past two years at Prescott, Washington he has acted as superintendent of a large consolidated school district which included four elementary schools and a high school scattered over a 35 mile radius of Prescott.

Reed, who is 46, is a graduate of Eastern Washington College of Education and has received both his B. A. and M. A. degrees from Washington State College. He is married and has one son, 11 years old.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed were in Heppner early this week for an interview with board members and to look over the school system.

Death Takes Herbert M. Olden

Herbert M. Olden, 83, long-time resident of Morrow county, died Tuesday, April 14 at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland. Final rites will be held at 10:30 Friday morning at the Carroll Funeral home in Gresham.

Mr. Olden was born March 22, 1870 in Atchison county, Kansas and came to Morrow county when he was 18 years of age. He homesteaded in the Eightmile area and farmed there until health forced him to move to the Portland area about 15 years ago.

He is survived by one brother, Grant Olden, Cannon Beach, Oregon; two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Chrisman, Allene, Washington, and Mrs. Jessie Henderson, Allice, Oregon; three step-sons, Walter, Harold and Noel Dobyns of Ione. There are also several nieces and nephews.

Fair and Rodeo Dates Selected

With dates of September 3, 4, 5, 6 selected for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, committees responsible for making the events successful became active with recent planning meetings. Meeting recently was the fair committee which laid the foundation for that event. Work will begin at once in readying grounds and buildings for another big event.

Appointment was made of a new fair committee member to replace Earl McKinney, Ione. Bernard Doherty, Lexington has accepted. Superintendents were tentatively appointed and will be called together within the next week or two to consider changes that are needed in the premium list, as well as make suggestions for improving operations in the various departments. Plans were made to add more rabbit and poultry pens to take care of an increasing exhibit in that department. With the increased exhibits in many of the divisions, it was recommended that three home economic judges be engaged this year; two livestock judges, a saddle horse judge and a farm crops judge. This will speed judging and do away with conflicts in various classes. Consideration is being given to build a new swine barn to take care of these expanding classes. Some improvements will be made in the cattle barn. The Wranglers have consented to sponsor the Friday horse show again and they are making plans for this event.

The general superintendent of the home economics division announced that the fair would again sponsor the Chiffon Cake contest, The National Needlecraft contest and C. & H. Sugar awards. The committee are calling to the attention of everyone that it is only a few months till fair time and that plans should be made for bigger and better exhibits this year.

SQUARE DANCE SET

The Morrow county 4-H council will hold a square dance at the Ione Legion hall Saturday, April 25 starting at 9 o'clock. It was announced there will be no charge, but donations will be accepted.

Funds raised will be used to further the International Farm Youth Exchange, which during the past two years has been very successful.

SALE POSTPONED

Officers of the JayCee-Ettes announced Wednesday that their rummage sale scheduled for April 24 and 25 has been postponed until some time in May, due to conflicting dates.

E. Harvey Miller of Portland was a business visitor in Heppner the last of the week.

Sally Palmer Chosen U. N. Trip Winner



MISS SALLY PALMER, Heppner high school student, who Sunday won a trip to New York and the United Nations in the Oddfellows U. N. Pilgrimage of Youth.

Miss Sally Palmer, Heppner high school sophomore, was chosen Sunday as one of the two delegates from this district to the United Nations Pilgrimage of Youth sponsored by the I. O. O. F. lodge. Miss Palmer, and Miss Roberta Cobain, Pendleton, the other winner will receive a three weeks expense paid trip to New York as their award.

The finals of the I. O. O. F. sponsored contest were presented over Pendleton radio station KWRC last Sunday afternoon. Four local winners from Heppner, Pendleton, Stanfield and Echo were competing for the two awards. The two girls will leave early in July for New York where they will spend a week visiting the United Nations. They will leave from Spokane along with

other winners from the north-west.

Miss Joyce Johnson of Stanfield and Russell Floop, Echo were the other two contestants in the final judging and Floop, who was stricken with the measles a few days before, tape recorded his speech at home which was played back for broadcast purposes.

Miss Palmer, who is 15 years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer of the Eightmile district. She won her place in the district contest by winning out in a local judging held several weeks ago at the Heppner Oddfellows hall. The Heppner lodge will pay her expenses.

Miss Palmer is the second Heppner student to win the cross-country trip, Jack Sumner, local high school senior, receiving the award last year.