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## SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

By Nicky Tom

The legislature moves now into what we hope will be the final quarter of the game. Up to this point there has been a great deal of activity, but very few bills of major importance have gone through both houses.

Now the big measures are stirring in committees. For the remainder of the session attention will be focused on education, taxes and the budget.

Early this past week House Speaker Pat Dooley brought out his proposed tax program. He states that he was shooting at a figure of about \$265,000,000.

The Dooley plan raises exemptions from \$500 to \$600, which excused about 12,000 people who are now paying taxes. This obviously means that a smaller percentage of the people will be paying a greater proportion of the taxes.

Some people may recall that at the last session of the legislature a tax plan was passed by the House which shifted the burden of taxes downward, as Mr. Dooley is now proposing. On the day the bill was passed Dooley made a lengthy oration in opposition to this "most regressive" tax program.

In the coming days you will read and hear much discussion of percentage comparisons between the new tax program and those of the past two bienniums. Such comparisons tend to be unrealistic, because opinions are molded by the income bracket of the individual making the comparison. People in each bracket, being human, feel that they are carrying an unfair share of the load.

This tax program, with the \$32,000,000 surplus left by the last legislature, will take care of the needs of this coming biennium if the budget is held at \$265,000,000. Many legislators, however, feel that the real jolt is coming in the '59-'60 biennium if the present rate of spending is continued, especially with the \$32,000,000 surplus having been spent.

On Friday of the past week Allen moved to bring HB No. 1 to the floor of the House for final passage. This bill, introduced at the request of the Governor, includes the repeal of the surtax and the income tax structure.

The motion was defeated by a vote of 35 to 21. Following this action, Representative Wayne Giesy moved to call HB No. 361 to the floor, this being the surtax repealer introduced by all the Republicans in the legislature. His motion also was defeated.

This action was taken to protest the fact that the tax program and the repeal of the surtax are included in the same bill. Because of this, it will be impossible for anyone to vote against the increase in taxes without voting against the repeal of the surtax. Some feel this is political blackmail.

During the past two weeks we have had a good many worried letters from farmers in our area protesting four Senate Bills and urging the passage of one. SB 68 I mentioned in one earlier column. We call it the "anti-do-it-yourself" bill, since it would require that a licensed contractor be hired for any carpentry job costing over one hundred dollars.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Spring fertilizer treatments are being applied to the wheat experiment plots this week. Applications of 20-40-60-80 and 100 pounds of axilnitrogen are being applied. Identical applications plus 40 pounds nitrogen with 50 pounds phosphorus 40 pounds nitrogen with 50 pounds sulphur, 40 pounds nitrogen with 50 pounds phosphorus and 50 pounds sulphur and 40 pounds nitrogen with 50 pounds phosphorus, 50 pounds sulphur and minor elements of borax, copper sulphate, mag-

ese sulphate, zinc sulphate were applied last fall. Wheat experiment plots are located this year at the Max Barclay, Harold Evans, Burton Peck, Kenneth Smouse and Stefani and Son farms. A barley fertilizer plot, the first for Morrow County, is located at the Oscar Peterson ranch. Soil moisture and nitrogen tests are being taken to determine the amounts of these present in the check plots compared to the various applications.

SB 12 would require a building permit for the county for any new building, or remodeling an old one, on a farm. SB 131 requires a license from the State Department of Labor for anyone operating a steam or refrigerator plant. This would affect mint growers in the operation of their distilleries, and could even reach the steam cleaners used by farmers to clean tractors and other machinery.

SB 94 is the minimum wage law, calling for a \$1 per hour minimum, including all types of agricultural labor.

Last Monday a delegation of wheat growers from our general area appeared before the House taxation committee in support of SB 92, which would take the state out of the property tax field. Speaking on the bill, Wheat League President Raphael Raymond said, "Farm lands in Oregon are being taxed twice as high as the same lands in Washington and one third higher than farm lands in California."

During the hearing the witnesses were badgered by three Democratic members of the taxation committee with questions as to why this measure has not been passed before, if it is so necessary. In other words, "if we didn't need it before we don't need it now". If you can make sense out of this argument you are wiser than I.

Farmers may also be dismayed to learn that their Industrial Accident Rates will be up about 50% if House Bills 260, 450 and 502, now in the Labor and Industries committee, are passed.

Representative George Annala, Hood River, has revised his formula for reapportionment of the House in an attempt to pull the bill off the table in the Elections committee. He is putting up a valiant fight. How about lending him a little moral support?

I promised you a conclusion this week to the story of The Man Who Came to Dinner (at the Governor's house). He did go back on the proper night and Governor Holmes said they had missed him at lunch. The End.

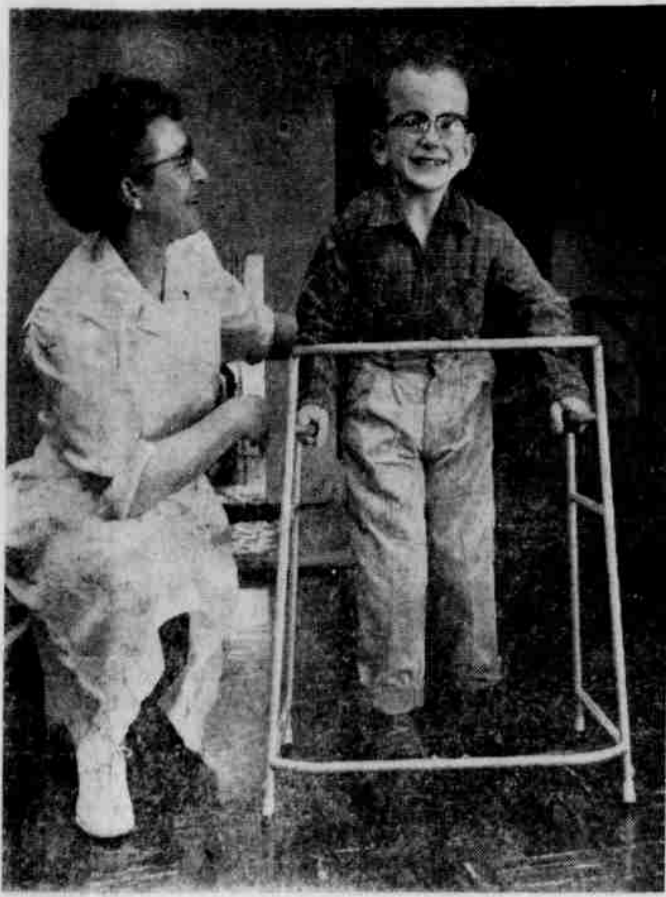
An extra pig or two per litter can result with the sows fed being supplemented with an antibiotic during gestation, says the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture. The extra pigs are due to the birth of more live pigs and better ability of the pigs to live until weaned.

Iowa State College recently reported that successful work had been completed on methods of controlling bloat. Soy bean or lard derivative oil "1/4 lb. per head daily" added to the water, sprayed on forage reduced the occurrence of bloat. This evidently worked best in feed lots or where cattle are closely confined. The cattle seemed to like it and drank more water than usual.

The Governor's committee on farm safety has selected April 22, 28 for spring clean-up week. In selecting this clean-up week the committee felt that spring is the time to clean up for efficiency and safety for the busy farm work ahead, and to beautify the home and surroundings. At the same time this gives an opportunity to fix up all the fire and accident hazards on the farm and in the home.

The first 4-H summer school scholarship was received this week. The scholarship was donated by the Morrow County Livestock Growers association to send one of the 32 4-H boys and girls to Oregon State college for this ten day educational and recreational school. During the next few weeks scholarships will be collected from interested persons and organizations that sponsor these boys and girls.

Those who contributed 4-H scholarships in 1956 were Lexington Grange, Morrow County Livestock Growers association, U. S. National Bank of Hermiston, Ione P-TA, Willows Grange, Pine City extension unit, Morrow County Farm Bureau, J. C. Penney Company, Odd Fellows lodge, Heppner Elks lodge, Rhea Creek Grange, First National Bank of Heppner, Soroptimist club, Leta Humphreys, Padberg Tractor Re-



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pair, Lexington Oil Coop, Safety Stores, Oregon Bankers Association, Morrow County Grain Growers (2), Irrigon P-TA, Umatilla Electric Coop, Inland Empire Bank, Greenfield Grange, Dairy Cooperative Association. Those who contributed parts of scholarships were Lena Extension unit, Lexington P-TA, Omar Rietmann, Herman Blettell Ray Heimbigner, Hatfield Grocery of Ione, James Barnett, McCabe Market, Bristow's Grocery, Victory Cafe, Cot Swanson, Hatfield Grocery, Lexington, Heppner extension unit, Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Lexington Implement Company, Tillamook club Hayes Grocery and Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Nelson.

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times April 14, 1927  
E. N. Gonty is driving a fine new Oldsmobile.

Radio address by Gov. Patterson explains income tax bill which is to be up for vote on June 28th.

Scott Brown, Rock Creek sheepman, and brother of Mrs. R. A. Thompson of this city, was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday.

Heppner high school honor roll, high honor roll, Orrin Bisbee, Marjorie Clark, Second honor roll, Nolan Turner, Fletcher Walker, Katherine Bisbee, Ellen Morgan, Mary Beamer, Evelyn Swindig.

Mrs. J. O. Hager drove to Portland Sunday, being accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Roger Morse.

C. C. Rhea, wife and little daughter were visitors in Heppner from their home in Stanfield on Saturday.

Sheriff McDuffee brought in a still on Tuesday.

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## 4-H CLUB NEWS

### LEXINGTON LIVESTOCK CLUB

A demonstration of implanting broilers with stilbestrol, a growth stimulator, was given by Tom Courtwright, Hermiston, representative of the Pendleton Grain Growers, at a meeting of the Lexington Livestock club Sunday at the Roy Martin home. Twenty-nine children and 16 parents attended.

Thirteen broilers owned by Martha Doherty were implanted to compare with 12 remaining broilers in her 4-H project. Members inspected Jim Martin's 4-H Tillamook dairy heifer and Tom Martin's fat beef projects.

In observance of a farm safety program N. C. Anderson, county agent, showed two safety films "The long way home from school" and "Safety, our number one crop." Other films shown were "Modern beef cattle" and "A long Angus trail." Refreshments were served.

### FUR AND FEATHER CLUB

The Fur and Feather club met at the home of one of the leaders, Mrs. B. J. Doherty, on Saturday afternoon.

After the business meeting a movie was shown and a talk was given on the raising of chickens by Tom Courtwright of Hermiston.

Later refreshments were served and this was cake and ice cream

as the occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Wardwell, the assistant leader.

Kenny Jones, reporter

### THE MERRY TAILORS

The Merry Tailors sewing class held our regular meeting with our leader, Mrs. C. E. Brenner at the home of Sandra Eubanks on April 6. We answered the roll call by naming a material. A song was led by Frances McLeod, also the pledge to the flag and the 4-H pledge were led by Arleta McCabe. We each made a bean bag. Home made pecan rolls and hot chocolate were served by Mrs. John Eubanks. Our next meeting will be at the home of Arleta McCabe April 16.

Cheryle Lundell news reporter.

### LEXINGTON

Jess Orwick who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital has returned to his work at the Heppner mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson were Pendleton visitors last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Munkers were in Pendleton Saturday.

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