

Legion and Auxiliary Hear State Delegates

Over 50 persons attended the potluck supper and meetings of the American Legion and Auxiliary Monday night. Many new members and their families were present. The Legion has already exceeded its quota of last year's number and urges anyone interested in joining the Legion or Auxiliary to contact Bill Blake or Mrs. Frank Hamlin.

The Girls' State delegates, Marti Dixon and Jennifer Brindle, gave a resume of their activities on campus in Salem last June. Mrs. Hamlin, senior counselor there, spoke on the organization of the Annual Girls State program and how it grew into what it is at the present time. The Auxiliary members are sponsoring a bake sale Friday, October 18, starting at 12 noon in the Heppner Red and White store. Proceeds will be used for their projects during the year.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, is showing improvement on an eye infection for which she has been requiring specialized treatment recently. She was out of the office Monday to be in Portland for treatment but has been working regularly. Pupil of the eye was dilated during the treatments and remains so while she is at work, creating some handicap in the performance of her duties.

Marlene Fetsch was home over the week-end to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch. She is enrolled in Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland, and is finding her classes there very enjoyable.

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Legislature Tax Position Ironic, Rep. Hansell Says

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fare funds, he pointed out. Should Measure No. 1 be defeated Tuesday, Governor Hatfield may either cut the budget or call a special session, Rep. Hansell said. In Oregon, expenditures must be matched by revenues and the state cannot enter deficit financing.

The attorney-general has ruled that the governor cannot alter basic school support, and this, together with other funds which he has no power to change, means that any cuts that he could make would be from the \$250,000,000 left in the general fund budget. This virtually assures that the governor would have to call a special session, Hansell declared.

If the vote Tuesday is overwhelmingly against Measure 1, Hansell predicted that the special session would probably cut out the entire \$60,000,000 from the budget, the sum that the tax program is designed to raise.

If the vote is close, Hansell believes this would indicate that a sales tax is called for and that the state should operate at a low level of service in the meantime. The session would probably look at other tax programs at the same time. It would also have to determine how much to cut basic school support.

"Eleven million dollars for higher education buildings undoubtedly would have to come out," he said. Other building programs would be reduced, one principally at Fairview Home, and Community colleges would be cut.

"If Measure No. 1 is defeated, it can well mean a 4% or 5% increase at the property level," Hansell said.

The rapid speaking Hermiston man discussed the State Board of Higher Education briefly.

"This state board is relatively independent of the governor and the legislature," he said, "except through the budget." The board has said that it plans to hold the quality of education by doubling tuition, if necessary; raising academic standards to hold enrollments down; and by cuts in the extension service.

Sen. Walter Pearson has said that he will introduce a bill not to deny higher education to any student nor to raise tuition, the Umatilla county representative said. The only alternative, Hansell said, would be to cut teacher salaries, raise teacher-student ratios and take other steps that might lower quality of education.

Despite the fact that he is a self-styled critic of higher education, the Hermiston representative stated that of the 12 persons engaged on his hog ranch, it is necessary or desirable for six of them to have a college education.

Residents Ask City For Traffic Control

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\$600 to \$800 but said that budgeted funds that could be used for this purpose are limited. The committee was advised to work out a proposition with the school district, and it was given power to act on behalf of the city.

Audit Presented
Allan Langenwalter, accountant, presented an audit of the city's books and commented on it.

"The city's financial situation is eneviable," he said. "It needs to be commended on its low tax levies. Operations, taxwise, are excellent. I hope the people in the City of Heppner appreciate that."

Langenwalter also commended Recorder Ted Smith. "His records are always neat and well-kept," he said.

In the way of recommendations, the accountant suggested that a \$7000 construction fund should be invested and drawing interest, and the council acted to do this later in the meeting by resolution.

He said the city's insurance program "needs somebody's study" with a view towards "knitting it together." Langenwalter said that the insurance program seems to be "doubled up" in some places and lacking in others. He also suggested that the city carry liability insurance

to cover any false arrest charges that might occur against its officers.

Building Removal Pressed
A letter was read from Mrs. Everett Struckmeier concerning intention to tear down the old building behind Heppner Hotel. She said that they will remove the building but that it will be a little time before the work can be done.

However, in view of the fact that the council first asked for the action more than a year ago and had passed a resolution requiring that the work be done at once, a motion was passed to send a letter to the Struckmeiers stating that the building must be removed within 15 days from the date of the letter. Alternative is that the city will do the job and assess cost to the property.

Andy Van Schoelack, visiting the council meeting, said that Struckmeier is working with him and would be too busy to get the job done for some time, but the action calling for the letter was approved.

Walk Repairs Discussed

A letter from Ford Robertson, owner of Ford's Tire Service, acknowledged that repairs are needed to the sidewalk at the business in Heppner. However, he said that no local contractor could be found to do the work. Robertson said that he plans to blacktop the parking area at the business here, improve the sidewalk and at the same time asked for an additional 30 feet designated as driveway to make it easier for large trucks to get off the street to the establishment. He suggested that if other businesses needed the sidewalk at the curb and curbing improvements it may be possible to have them all done at once to make it worthwhile to engage a contractor.

Odor Correction Talked

A letter from the Oregon State Sanitary Authority answered a request by the city to determine what steps might be taken to eliminate odors emanating from the city's sewage treatment plant. Nearby property owners have complained about these odors.

"It is our opinion that a permanent correction to the odor problem will be accomplished only if a proper clarified supernatant from the digester is returned to the primary clarifier," the letter said. "In brief, inadequate digestion is taking place, and it is the opinion of this office that adequate digestion will take place only if additional digester

capacity and or mixing and adequate heat is provided for the digester."

The letter recommended that the city hire a consulting engineer to study the problem and provide a plan and estimate of costs. It also recommended temporary odor control by use of chlorinated lime sprinkled on surface of sludge withdrawn.

Some discussion was held on

the proposals but no action was taken.

Building permits were granted as follows: Vernon E. Cecil, 135 Quail, build new carport, make alterations to present building for garage; Robert Dobbs, 268 North Main, new siding, \$250; Mrs. Dick Borman, 595 East Hager, \$1000 new garage; Archie Padberg, \$250, replace shingles.

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Alfalfa Producers Harvest Big Acreage

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Harry Proudfoot will be one of the big alfalfa seed producers as he gets into production with a seeding reportedly being made on the land which he has put under sprinkler irrigation this year. He has leaf cutter bees which are depended upon as pollinizers now in place of the old and not so faithful honey bees. These growers have made or are in the process of planning for alkali bee beds which are artificially developed and bees then introduced into the new bed. In some cases, growers have found that alkali bees have natural beds in the area and are encouraging them by making the area more conducive to their requirements.

Recently while visiting with Terry Thompson, he showed me bee beds in the Sanford Canyon area that were natural habitats. Since these bees are located fairly close to his seed producing area, he is encouraging increased numbers there. Harry Proudfoot has established several artificial bee beds which are multiplying rapidly to provide the pollinizers that are so important. Conditions for legume seed production in Morrow county are quite ideal, and with the know how for high seed yields there is an opportunity for growers who are interested in developing a profitable enterprise.



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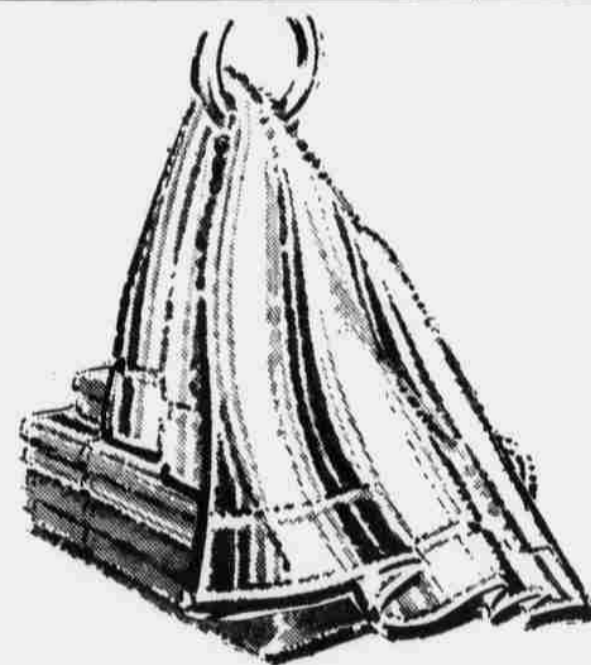
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