

Senator Tony Yturri Reports:

The people of Malheur, Harney and Grant counties are now providing me with numerous letters concerning their views on legislative matters for which I wish to thank them. Now for a few items that may be of interest.

The Governor spoke to a joint assembly last Wednesday morning urging the abolition of the Oregon Development Commission and asking that a new commission under his direction be formed to be known as the Department of Planning and Development. The purpose of such department would be to assemble facts concerning our resources in order that out of state industry thereby be attracted to this state. His address was very general in nature and did not contain any specific items.

The last hearing on Hell's Canyon Memorial was held Wednesday evening. The matter is now before the state and federal affairs committee which is expected to report on Monday, Feb. 25. This would mean that debate will commence on Tuesday or Wednesday and considerable excitement is undoubtedly in the offing, particularly if the acrimony exhibited at the hearing continues.

I spoke to 300 representatives of the Oregon Federation of Republican Women at a luncheon at the Marion Hotel in Salem last Tuesday. It was a very interesting experience and I have been invited to speak at the annual convention of this federation on March 26 in Portland.

Members of the state senate were taken to Portland in a bus last Wednesday to attend the ground-breaking ceremonies of the new Oregon Museum of Science and Industry building. This building is being constructed entirely by private funds without state assistance. One of the speakers there discussed the future potential of atomic power. And if what he intimates is true, we will find a startling revelation in fields of medicine, agriculture and even housekeeping!

We experienced a surprising flare of excitement Thursday morning of this week. You see, normally a bill is read twice and then referred by the president to a committee. The committee then deliberates upon the bill and has the choice of either killing it, sending it out "do pass" or "do not pass." Many times, it is customary to merely retain the bill in committee for the entire session thereby preventing it from ever coming onto the floor. Well, Senate Bill No. 92 is a bill which provides that the state will not levy a property tax except for payment of bonded indebtedness and interest. This bill was read twice and referred to the taxation committee which has four Democrats and three Republicans. Apparently the bill has been discussed on two occasions and the Republican members felt that the bill should at least be voted upon so that the House of Representatives, where taxation bills originate, might know the feelings in the senate concerning state property taxes. In view of the fact that the committee was not reporting out the bill, and it did not appear on the agenda for the immediate future, the Republicans resorted to a surprise move. On the floor of the senate Thursday morning, it was moved that the committee be required to return the bill to the desk at two o'clock on that day in order that it might be voted upon by the senate. There were some spirited argu-

ments, but the motion, which requires only a majority, passed, with six or seven Democrats joining the 15 Republicans. The result is that this bill has been set as a special order of business for Tuesday morning, Feb. 26 at 10:15 a.m. I anticipate that this skirmish will precipitate a great deal of bitter debate on controversial bills that will soon come to the senate.

Bills of Amusing Interest:

A bill introduced by the senator from Douglas county requires the county dogcatcher to impound rather than kill dogs running at large without a license unless the owner, if any, claims such animal within five days.

Senate Bill No. 213 would place bullfrogs within the definition of game fish. All bullfrogs have ever done for me is to produce warms, or so I was led to believe.

My bill relating to pensions for justices of the peace over 90 years of age and who have served twenty years, is stalled in committee. There is a feeling that existing agencies can take care of such problems.

The Saturday bank closing bill is causing a great amount of comment and provoking many letters. It has not yet arrived in the senate and from the extent of the lobbying going on, this would appear to be one of the most important bills of the session.

The Key District plan for distribution of the basic school support funds is opposed by Multnomah, Clatsop and Lake counties. Apparently it would be beneficial to Malheur and Grant counties. I understand that an alternative bill is being introduced by Multnomah county, but as yet its contents are unknown.

Another item of interest is senate bill No. 4 which is known as the Repeal of the Libel Law. Two years ago, the legislature passed a law that pertained to newspapers, magazines, radio and television stations. In general, it provided that in the event any of these representatives of the press should publish a libel about any person, then if a demand was made by such person to have such statement retracted and it was retracted within a given period of time, then the individual offender would have no cause of action against the particular paper, radio or television station. I believe that the real purpose of those who brought about the passage of this law was to spare the newspapers and press from nuisance lawsuits resulting from inadvertent and unintentional statements. For example, there have been lawsuits filed when a newspaper inadvertently reported that a person pleaded "guilty" rather than "not guilty" to some criminal charge. The fact in such cases was that the omission of the word "not" was a typographical error. However, the law as written is broader in scope and many senators feel that it is unconstitutional and that it places the press in a position of immunity not available to the ordinary citizen. Here again I will find a difficult decision to make. In the first place, obviously I, together with other members of the legislature, am to a large extent, at the mercy of the members of the press. Furthermore, some of the closest and warmest friends that I have are either owners, editors or representatives of newspapers, radio and television stations. On the other hand, I have grave doubts as to the constitutionality of the law and regardless of whether or not it is being abused, there is some merit in the position that a law which is probably unconstitutional should not remain on the books. I have not reached a decision, but I will be required to make either one side or the other unhappy. In this respect, service in the legislature is at times unsatisfactory, still it does impose a challenge and provides a requirement that men stand up and be counted on issues which they might normally wish to dodge.

Among our visitors here in Salem have been Earl Bopp, Louis J. Yturri, Art and George Aguer and we were extremely happy to see each of them!

Rep. Al Ullman Asks Federal Flood Assistance

Assistance for the Vale flood area has been requested in three separate actions by Congressman Al Ullman, his Washington office reported Wednesday.

Rep. Ullman, the report said, asked the Secretary of Agriculture to make an immediate conservation program survey to determine the extent of livestock, crop, soil and irrigation facilities damage and to qualify the area for federal assistance.

He also wired President Eisenhower requesting disaster assistance, and in his third action, "called upon the chairman of the Federal Power Commission to survey the amount of damage at the Brownlee damsite, to estimate the delay in construction, and to determine the cause of the wash-out."

The third action by Ullman apparently was aimed at the Idaho Power Company's private power dam at the Brownlee site, which has been heavily opposed by Ullman and other advocates of a federal high dam in Hells Canyon.

Idaho Power announced earlier this week that damage to its coffer dams at the construction site was not serious and that other work was continuing without layoffs of employees until the high water in the Snake river recedes.

Sunset Valley

Lois Council
Phone 2439

Mrs. Vera Fine of Burns visited Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hanna and son, Steven of Sacramento, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Newgen. Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen were dinner guests and showed picture slide. Miss Vera Wilson of Nyssa was also a guest.

Karen Foss of Ogden spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harley Wilson and returned to college at Moscow.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Stoker, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Maw and her sister, Mrs. Arnold Vincente of Ogden were dinner guests Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Ballantyne.

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Humple and children, Mr. and Mrs. Don Parker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Maitland Smith and family were supper guests Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lorenson.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Hobson were Sunday dinner guests at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Robert Jackson in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lenon and sons in Boise Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holmes and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Culbertson were guests at a crab feed Monday night at the Neil Dimmick home.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Stam, Mr. and Mrs. Gerritt Stam of Nyssa and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fyllingness and children of Ironside were supper guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmick honoring Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Stam.

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Dimmick and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Durfee attended the housewarming at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Cleaver Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Berrett and Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Durfee attended the Seventies banquet at the stake house in Nyssa Friday night.

The women of the Owyhee Riding club and the Oregon Trail Grange finished hanging the curtains in the Oregon Trail hall Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cooper and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Corfield attended the American Sunday School Workers conference in Ontario. The Charles Chapin, Elver Nielsen and Wayne Robb families also attended.

Apple Valley PTA Observes Founders Day

The Apple Valley PTA Founders Day program and special film, "Teen-age Violators," was attended by 103 persons at the Apple Valley school Thursday evening.

Richard Foote, state policeman, showed the film and made comments, followed by a discussion.

The program, observing founders day, was arranged by Mrs. Charles Mann. Frank Huett directed the opening group songs. Past presidents and active officers took part in the candle light acoustic of Founders Day, which carried out the theme suggested in a poster drawn by Mrs. Jack Steward.

President Mrs. Forrest Reed presented a life membership pin and card to Mrs. Waldo Smalley for her years of service and work with the hot lunch program in the PTA. This award, given every year for the past four years, has been awarded to Mrs. Tom Ferguson, 1954; Mrs. Ella Stephens, 1955 and Mrs. Dwight Seward, 1956.

Mrs. Ferguson's room received the \$2 check again for the room count in January. Mrs. Ken Robinson received the door prize, a cake baked by Mrs. Frank Plagman.

Mrs. Reed appointed a nominating committee for election of next year's officers at the March meeting.

Refreshments featuring a decorated birthday cake honoring Founder's Day were served by the fourth grade mothers.

Coming Events . . .

March 2—St. Hubert's altar society pinetree party, IOOF hall, 8 p.m. Public invited.

March 4—Eastern Star meeting. Election of officers.

March 7—Newcomers meeting at Henry Quast home, 411 Reece Ave., 8 p.m. All ladies of the community are invited.

March 9—Card party at Oregon Trail hall, 8:30 p.m.

March 12—St. Hubert's parish annual ham dinner at school cafeteria.

March 21—Meeting of Nyssa extension unit at the Leonard Hewett home. Meeting rescheduled from March 14.

NYSSA MAN PLEDGED TO FRATERNITY
Two national professional fraternities at Willamette University's college of law, Salem, have pledged new members for the spring semester. Among them is Emil Stunz, Nyssa, who joined the Wolverton Senate of Delta Theta Phi.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who gave flower offerings, sent cards and food and for the many kindnesses following the passing of our husband and father, W. A. Bybee.

—Mrs. W. A. Bybee
—Mr. and Mrs. Jarvis Mitchell
—Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bybee
—Clyde and Karen Bybee

Too Late To Classify

LOST—Steer, 400 lbs. Owyhee Junction area. Phone 2352.

FOR RENT—Three room house with bath, unfurnished. \$30 a month. Phone 3097.

FOR SALE—Six Milton beet planter units. Hollingsworth Inc., Nyssa. 8-1c.

FOR SALE—2-bedroom modern home furnished, clean, good location, lawn, shade, garden spot, fenced yard. \$4500. Inquire 614 Reece Ave. 8-1tp.

FOR SALE—Laundromat, like new, used 4 months, \$200, boys bicycle, \$20, beat motor, \$35, M. W. refrigerator, good, \$29. Phone Nyssa 7711. 8-1tp.

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Eligible Vets Warned To Apply For Exemptions

Disabled war veterans and war widows of the Nyssa area were reminded this week that they must apply by April 1 for their state property tax exemptions.

The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs announced the exemption for those entitled to it amounts to \$7500 of the true cash of the property. Applications should be filed with the county assessor.

Entitled to the tax exemption on their real or personal property are the following:

1. All veterans of the Indian, Mexican or Spanish-American wars, regardless of disability or amount of income.

2. Veterans of all other wars who have disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by the Veterans Administration or a branch of the Armed Forces, regardless of income.

3. Unmarried widows of veterans of any war, regardless of income. Pensioned widows of Civil and Spanish war veterans get an extra \$500 exemption.

War veterans with disabilities of 40 percent or more as certified by their physician and the county health officer also may get the exemption, provided they have not received more than \$2500 total gross income in the past calendar year.

The exemption applies first to the applicant's homestead—that is, the property he owns and on which he resides. After that, it applies to his personal property.

Further information is available from the Malheur county assessor.

Traveler
Among ducks, the pintail is one of the strongest and fastest fliers. Among a flock of 22 pintails on Palmyra Island, 1100 miles south of Hawaii, there was one banded bird. When records were checked, it was found that the bird had been banded in Utah 82 days before the band was recovered.

NEWS OF RECORD

Week of Feb. 18th to Feb. 22nd.
Real estate transfers recorded:
Ira Goforth, et ux to A. L. Toney, et ux—A parcel of land containing 17.59 acres in Sec. 26, T. 16, R. 47 (Metes & Bounds), 2/-/57 \$10.

John J. Gross, et ux to Harry Gouldin, et ux—Lots 3 & 4, Sec. 7, Lot 1, Sec. 18, T. 17, R. 44; E-1/2 NE1/4, Sec. 12, T. 17, R. 43, 12/2/56 \$10, QCD.

W. H. Briner, et ux to State Highway Commission—Lots 5 & 6, Block 2 Highway Subdivision, 2/11/57 \$5,050.

William Staub, et ux to State Highway Commission—Lot 1, Block 1, Highway Subdivision; Lot 6, Sec. 33 and Lot 3 of Sec. 34, T. 17, R. 47, 2/12/57 \$11,000.

E. L. Griffith, et ux to George W. Bain, et ux—SW1/4SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 20, T. 18, R. 47, 6/13/47, \$10.

George W. Bain, et ux to Kusue Hasegawa — W1/2S1/2SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 20, T. 18, R. 47, 11/18/49, \$7,300.

Kusue Hasegawa—Undivided 1/2 interest in W1/2S1/2SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 20, T. 18, R. 47, 2/14/57, \$1.

Pearl E. Foster, et vir to United States of America—N1/2 Sec. 16, T. 17, R. 42, 4/19/56. Exchange of certain lands.

Letha E. Thayer to G. H. Thayer, et ux—NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 29, T. 17, R. 47, 2/1/57, \$4,000.

Grover C. Foster, et ux to United States of America—W1/2SW1/4, Sec. 16, T. 17, R. 43, 4/19/56. Exchange of certain lands.

Angelina L. Skippen to Alva Luther Street, et ux—Lots 18-20, Block 80, Ontario, 2/16/57, \$10.

Marriage Licenses Issued
Henry Martin and Anna Meier both of Wesier, 2/18/57.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court
Malheur county, a Political Subdivision vs. Homer G. Voltaw, et al 2/19/57. Tax Foreclosure.

United Adjusters, Inc. vs. Velma Myers, 2/19/57. Recovery on Account. \$800.00.

City Of Nyssa Helps Out Vale

Two Nyssa city employees went to the aid of their stricken neighbor city, Vale, this week to help speed the cleanup job.

Millen Whitlock, street sweeper operator, and Ed Steinke, park superintendent, went to Vale with the city's big dump truck to lend a hand in hauling out mud and debris from the flooded town.

Nyssa city officials checked with Vale Tuesday to see what equipment or manpower would best serve to help out.

Runoff Cuts Gulch In Seward Property

Heavy runoff from the highway and fields just east of the Snake river washed out a gulch about 10 feet deep and 30 feet wide in front of the home of A. F. Seward Sunday night.

Seward's home and lawn were not damaged by the freak runoff, although the ends of his flower beds fell victims to the flood waters.

Seward said he plans to fill in the gulch blocking entrance to the rear of his property as soon as the ground dries out. He said water causing the damage seemed to come from heavy runoff into the co-op ditch above his property.

Civil Defense Gives Vale Aid

The Federal Civil Defense administration has dispatched officials to the Vale flood area and is bringing in emergency equipment for temporary water and sewage facilities, Oregon Senators Wayne Morse and Richard Neuberger reported by wire yesterday.

The senators in Washington checked with the Civil Defense administration in response to a telegram from Mayor Howe of Vale. They said that the CDA had been alerted by Governor Holmes immediately after word of the flood was received.

Weather . . .

	max.	min.	prec.
Feb. 20	37	23	.12
Feb. 21	31	10	.33
Feb. 22	37	10	.04
Feb. 23	54	19	.02
Feb. 24	55	32	.25
Feb. 25	57	34	.14
Feb. 26	53	38	.04
Feb. 27		33	

Nyssa Births . . .

Feb. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saugi, Ontario, boy.

Feb. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Haney, Nyssa, boy.

Feb. 22—Mr. and Mrs. George Renwick, Vale, girl.

Feb. 24—Mr. and Mrs. James Lissman, Nyssa, girl; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kurtz, Nyssa, girl.

Petitions Filed in Probate Court

Estate of Cornelius Vessies, an incompetent, 2/20/57.

Guardianship Estate of Joseph William Dittli, a Minor, 2/20/57.

Estate of D. E. Wilcox, Deceased, 2/21/57.

Basque Dance For Flood Aid

All proceeds from the annual Basque dance, to be held Saturday night at the Japanese community hall, south of the Ontario airport, will go to flood relief, according to a report received at the Journal.

This year's apron and overall dance sponsored by the Ontario Basque club, will feature modern and Basque music.

In previous years the proceeds from the dance have gone to charity funds including polio and cancer benefits.

Nyssa Lodges Hostesses To Women's Club

The Nyssa Rebekah Lodge and Eagles Auxiliary will be hostesses to the 18th annual Malheur County Women's club March 9 at the high school.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. with lunch at 12 noon. Officers will be elected during the business meeting to begin at 1 p.m.

Community Chorus Leaders Chosen

The weekly meeting of the Community Chorus was held Monday night at the Methodist church, at which time section leaders were chosen. The leaders will notify each member of his group as to when and where each practice will be held. The next meeting of the chorus will be March 4 in the Christian church.

Base singers are still needed and are urged to join the group by contacting Mrs. Margaret Brown, director or Mrs. Bob Wilson, president.

RECEIVES WORD OF DEATH IN COLORADO

J. I. Brady received word Monday of the death of his aunt, Mrs. M. L. St. John at Rocky Ford, Colo.

Mrs. St. John suffered complete paralysis Nov. 28 at which time Mr. Brady went to Colorado to spend two weeks with her.

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