

# TROY NEWS

### Friendly Club

Friendly Club met Thursday, February 20 at the home of Mrs. George Webb with Mrs. Virgil Koistinen and Mrs. Ralph Drury as hostesses.

Contest winners were Mrs. Laura Johnston and Mrs. Bert Winslow. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Walter Zimmerman with Mrs. Warren Wallace assisting.

### Dorcas Society

The Dorcas Society met at the home of Mrs. Alice Wilcox with Mrs. Basham and Mrs. Cripe hostesses. The work consisted of 65 garments mended and 138 packed in boxes to be sent to needy people. A dainty lunch of Jello and whipped cream and cookies was served. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Dan Doyle with Mrs. Ellis assisting.

It is the desire of the group to help more needy people next year. Accordingly a contest was put on to see who could give the most practical ideas on the subject. Norma Laffoon was the winner of the prize.

### Rod and Gun Club

At the last meeting of the Rod and Gun Club the discussion centered around stocking Savage Lake, the establishing of a local Rifle Range and the fish pond for the children. Most of this was tabled for further information and will be taken up later.

March 5 is the next meeting and there will be the election of officers at this time. This is an important meeting.

### President Department of Montana V. F. W. Auxiliary Visits

On Saturday night, Mrs. Ella Johnson of Helena, Pres. of Mont. Aux., V. F. W., paid her annual visit to Troy. The local Auxiliary consisting of twenty-seven members put on mock instruction and floor work for her inspection. They were assisted by three ladies from Libby. A very interesting meeting was held. At the close, apple pie with cheese, and coffee was served by the ladies.

### Basketball

Monday night the local vets team played the Bonners Ferry team, and in a closely contested game won by one point. The score was 46-45 in Troy's favor.

### Here and There

Miss Yvonne Hammil underwent a minor operation at St. John's Lutheran Hospital, Libby, on Saturday.

Mrs. Wesley, Whitefish, is spending a few days with her friend, Mrs. Cora Fife.

Mrs. Pershal, Bull Lake, spent a few days in town this week. She visited at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Gene Carr, and also called on old friends here.

Mrs. Grover Smith, Mrs. John Sagen, Mrs. Harold Nelson and Phyllis and Joan, and Miss Rita Cole were Whitefish visitors over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil LeCount were business visitors to Bonners Ferry on Wednesday.

Pvt. Eddie Gaston is driving a truck in Korea, according to word received by his mother, Mrs. E. Gaston.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Joy spent the weekend at Stryker where they visited at the Barto Joy home.

Mrs. Vera Emerson underwent a tonsilectomy at Libby last week.

Mrs. Maurice Nelson was in Kalispell on Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. James Savage spent the weekend at her parents home in Columbia Falls. While there they attended the Tournament.

### Kuwahara Is Among Editors of Magazine

Missoula—Joy Kuwahara of Troy is a member of the board of editors for Cub Tracks, state university freshman literary magazine. Editors are chosen from students in the more than 30 university classes in freshman composition. Kuwahara 1942 graduate of Troy high school, is a fresman in the university school of journalism and fought with the infantry in Italy during the war.

Geo. R. Geiger, APC 1/c USN, arrived last Wednesday on a 30-day leave from Camp Miramar, San Diego, to visit his mother, Mrs. Anna Buck and other relatives and friends. George has four and one half years of Navy service. He is a graduate of Troy high school, graduating with the class of '42.

### Notice

The Troy Rod & Gun Club will meet Wednesday, March 5th at Moose Hall, 8 o'clock. Officers will be elected at this meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Consider Many Very Vital Bills

Helena, Feb. 26—(U.P.)—Montana's lawmakers approved a bale of vital legislation this week—but among the measures killed were some which could have had far-reaching effects on the state.

First in importance was the measure by Rep. E. A. Blenkner, R., Columbus, under which the State of Montana would have maintained rent control in event the Federal government finished off the OPA.

The bill was done away with Monday on an unfavorable report by the House committee on state boards and offices.

Second on the "kill" list was the constitutional amendment (by Rep. I. M. Head, R., Missoula) setting up a separate state department of labor and industry. HB-98 died in the senate Thursday on a 31-23 third-reading vote despite Gov. Sam C. Ford's recommendation that the 30th assembly break up the existing "illogical combination" of labor and agriculture in one state department.

Third was the dumping of 14 possible revenue-raisers down the chute. On Wednesday, the House revenue and taxation committee brought in adverse reports on bills which would have imposed a two per cent retail sales tax and legalized gambling in Montana.

The 12 other measures included proposals to double the state income tax and lower exemptions, impose a severance tax on all products of the soil, and sharply increase corporation license tax.

Killing of the tax measures came over the protests of the democratic minority in the House. Minority leader D. F. James, D., Joplin, said death of the revenue bills left the legislature "only two alternatives—either we kill the school reorganization bill because we don't have the money, or else we're throwing the state wide open to two years with an unbalanced budget."

No one spoke on behalf of the sales tax bill, which was introduced by nine republicans, headed by Rep. C. J. Taber, Hamilton.

Only man on his feet to defend the gambling bill was its author, Rep. G. M. Melton, Ind.-Dem., Dillon, who told the representatives "whether you like it or not we're already in the gambling business."

"Let's face it . . . take charge of it . . . license it," Melton said.

Another important negative vote came Wednesday when the representatives beat down an attempt to reconsider their action in giving final passage to the bill reorganizing, redistricting and refinancing Montana's elementary and secondary school at a cost to the state of \$4,000,000 a year.

During the debate which preceded the vote, Rep. C. J. Williams, R., Billings, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said, "we haven't got the money to pay for this reorganization—and the money isn't in sight."

When the week ended after the transmittal deadline, the school bill along with two measures financing it, had reached the senate.

The House had passed bills appropriating \$9,000 during the next biennium for the expenses of the Montana school reorganization commission, and providing \$4,000,000 during fiscal 1949 for operation of the reorganized schools.

The House also approved bills levying taxes of two cents per pack

on cigarettes (raising an estimated \$1,400,000 annually and three per cent on punch boards (bringing in \$750,000 a year). Another tax bill sent along to the Senate was the measure which would raise an estimated \$1,500,000 annually by sliding-scale licenses on slot machines, which would be prohibited in places of business where minors are allowed.

By a single vote the bill increasing weekly benefit payment to injured workmen to \$17.50 squeaked through the Senate late Friday. The vote was 27-26 after a call of the Senate brought all but three of the Solons to his desk.

The compensation bill (by Sen. J. A. Liggett, R., Roundup) was advanced despite a warning by Sen. L. I. Wallace, R., Polson, that increased payments would come "at the hazard of the small employer." The measure faced a rocky road in the House, which earlier killed a similar measure.

Final Senate passage also went to Sen. Ellenmore M. Bridenstine's premarital blood test bill.

A \$7,500,000 hike in the State's constitutional indebtedness ceiling was proposed by a referendum meas-

ure approved by the House Friday. Reps. O. J. Armstrong, Kalispell, and D. F. James, D., Joplin, House majority and minority floor leaders, sponsored the measure necessitated by postwar construction at state institutions.

The Senate Fish and Game committee trimmed to \$75 the non-resident big game hunting license fee, then recommended for passage the House bill sharply increasing the cost of hunting and fishing permits. As the bill was introduced (by Reps. R. G. Lowe, R., Glendive) the non-resident big game hunting license would cost \$100. No changes were made in other fees—and out-of-staters would pay \$25 for a bird hunting license, \$10 for a fishing permit, and \$2.50 for a three-day fishing license. Montanan's would buy a fishing and bird hunting permit for \$3, and a big game hunting license would cost an additional \$2.

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- A. F. & A. M., Troy Lodge No. 126 meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of month at the Masonic Temple. W. M., Maurice Nelson; Sec'y, Frank Frye.
- Troy O. E. S. meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of month. Worthy Matron, Lorraine Brown, Secretary, Edith Mason.
- The Moose Lodge meets 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month at the hall. Governor, Lester Coffman; Secretary L. S. Dillon.
- Troy Volunteer Fire Dept. Pres., R. M. Russell; Secretary, R. R. Peterson; Fire Chief, Wm. J. Dolan.
- Troy Boy Scouts meet each Wednesday in School Bldg. Scout Master, Hadley Sullivan; Cubmaster, Walter Morrison. Cub Pack meets weekly, Master Morrison. Pack No. 1 meets Tuesdays after school, Mrs. Robert Westover, den mother; Pack No. 2 meets Thursdays after school, Mrs. Glenn Maddox, den mother; Den No. 3 meets Friday at 2:15, Mrs. James Savage den mother.
- Troy Girl Scouts meet Fridays at 3:15 p. m. Leaders Mrs. Harold Nelson and Mrs. Roy Sales.
- Troy Woman's Club meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month. Pres. Mrs. Maurice Nelson; Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Farris.
- Episcopal Guild meets 2nd and 4th Fridays at homes. Mrs. J. B. Farris, Pres.; Mrs. Perry Wilson, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Thomas Smith, Sec'y-Treas. Phone 62F4.
- The Friendly Club meets every other Thursday. Mrs. Marge Bennett, pres.; Mrs. Wesley Cooley, secretary.
- Dorcas Society meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Mrs. Jack Reidlinger, Pres.; Mrs. Edwin Cripe, Secretary.
- W. S. C. S. meets alternating Thursdays. Mrs. John Sagen, President; Mrs. Roger Kensler, Secretary.
- Troy Churches:—Holy Trinity Episcopal, Methodist, St. Mary's Catholic, Sevents Day Adventist, Assembly of God.
- Cabinet Grange meets 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. Master, Dorothy Perkins; Sec'y, Mrs. Sig Anderson.
- Junior Woman's Club—Pres., Evelyn Bissell; Secretary, Dorothy Landon. Meetings 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. In case of changes in officers, or errors in listings, proper officials should notify The Western News of Same.
- John E. Freeman Post No. 5514 V. F. W. meets 1st Thursday of month, 8:00 p. m., i Moose Hall. Eddie Cady, Pres.; Doris McDonald, Sec'y; Faye Jones, Treas.
- Ladies' Aux. to John E. Freeman Post, V. F. W. No. 5514 meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Mrs. Wm. Purcell, acting president; Doris McDonald, sec'y; Faye Jones, Treas.

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