

Wasco County Seen As One Of Bright Spots In State's Economy, Survey Indicates

(EDITORS: This is the first of a series of articles condensing and summarizing findings of J. W. Forrester Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, in a tour through the state in which he looked for economic trends and prospects.)

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Wasco County is one of the bright spots in Oregon's economy, "unlike almost anything we have seen," J. W. Forrester, Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, said in opening a discussion of the state of business affairs in all parts of Oregon.

He noted the sharp contrast with adjacent Hood River County, where "the pattern has been set for a long time and any change that could come is talked about hopefully but doubtfully."

These side-by-side Columbia River counties were chosen by Forrester for opening a series of articles in his newspaper, based on a first-hand inspection trip through the state. This is what he found:

Wasco County, until 1952, was geared to an economy of agriculture and wood products manufacture. Then workers came and built The Dalles Dam across the Columbia River. They were well paid and spent much of their money in The Dalles; in 1955 the Chamber of Commerce said Wasco County had the highest net income per family of any county in Oregon; employment now has dropped from a 2,000-peak to 700, where it will remain until the final generator is installed in 1961.

"All the communities that have lived with the construction of dams on the Columbia River—Bonnieville, Grand Coulee, McNary, etc.—have hoped they would attract industry because of the favorable busbar rate for power that was available for industries that would locate within their boundaries. None did."

"At The Dalles, one has Harvey Aluminum Co. is building a plant at The Dalles. It will be in production before the end of this year and will employ about 400 people. "Harvey has given Wasco County the stability it needs in this period of transition" following ending of employment on construction of the dam itself. But, we find, Wasco County probably isn't going to need it. "The John Day Dam is about to be built."

Confident that the projected dam is certain, Forrester noted that from start to finish a Columbia River multi-purpose dam is a 10-year job. "This is a picture that chamber of commerce secretaries can dream of."

But this is only a part of the economy. The two million dollar cherry crop—lost last year in the freeze—is an important segment. And the wheat crop is worth 3 1/2 million and livestock another 2 to 2 1/2 million. Much of the Sherman and Gilliam counties' wheat income also is spent in The Dalles. "The bread and butter of Wasco County's economy is agriculture and wood."

For the future, there may be some expanded use of high timber for the county's sawmills and wood processing plants. And, most important in many minds, is the possibility of getting a deep-water channel in the Columbia, to make The Dalles an ocean port.

"To sum it all up: As it has been for many years, agriculture still is the hard core of the economy here and the people know it. They realize that much more can be done with their timber resources and therein have an opportunity to make a major contribution to the economy of the state. If they can establish a "world port" here for the movement in and out of commerce from every place to and from the vast Inland Empire, the prosper-

ity they are enjoying through this boom period may seem infinitesimal. The Dalles looks like a good place to live for a while."

In contrast with this "bustle, activity and planning" in Wasco County, Forrester found in neighboring Hood River County—one of the state's smallest in size and population—a major factor "about which nothing can be done. Much of the activity that surrounds the fruit crop—apples, pears, cherries—is the foundation of the county's economy, worth 11 million dollars a year.

Lumber, too, is important to the economy and there also is a sea-natal aspect because much of the timber is from high areas, inaccessible in winter. Sawmills, a plywood plant and a hardboard plant, use the timber and installation of the hardboard plant a few years ago leads to hope of fuller utilization.

Strawberry growing, once all but eliminated by weevils, is making a recovery. But "like most counties that have their eggs in a small basket," the people are looking for industrial development.

Hood River County has one asset in this: It has a water so pure it has virtually no mineral content at all.

Presumably there is some industry which needs an abundant supply of pure water. This is a chief hope.

The rerouting of Highway 30 around the city has cost some tourist money.

Forrester summarizes: "What happens in Hood River County in the future isn't likely to make much of an impact upon the economy of the state of Oregon. But if its orchards and its forests

were not there, the loss to the economy of the state would be irreparable."

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A band and chorus instructor from Chester High School, here with colleagues from throughout the state for the Illinois Music Educators Assn. Conference, said rock 'n' roll is used to good effect particularly at basketball games.

"Without exception every band in Southern Illinois plays it at games," Wayne M. Thorne said. "It elicits howls and whistles and they think I've got a great band because of it."

Ralph Carter, principal of Aau-nemin Consolidated High School and leader of its 45-piece all-girl band, said the group began its concert last week with "rock around the clock."

"I think it'll die out," he said, "but I don't think it's any more sinister than the music we played when I was a kid."

Lyle Hopkins, band instructor from Thornton Township High School at Harvey said he hasn't made up his mind about whether rock 'n' roll is good or bad. He described the music this way:

"It had a tendency to 'send' students and creates a restless reaction. In assemblies where it's played for 'pep' purposes with 3,000 students attending, it almost gets out of hand. Usually you have to play a smooth ballad afterward to calm them down."

3,000 Small Businesses Aid Hungarian Relief

WASHINGTON — Some 3,000 of the nation's smallest businesses, all incorporated by teen-agers, Wednesday made corporate contributions to Hungarian relief.

Shares of stock in Junior Achievement companies operating in the United States were presented to Vice President Nixon. The shares, with a par value of 50 cents, represent donations of \$1 per company to Hungarian relief.

Junior Achievement companies, averaging 15 boys and girls of senior high school age, are organized under the sponsorship of American business organizations. Their members sell stock, elect officers, manufacture products, sell services, declare profits and losses, beginning their business careers in September and liquidating the following May.

NAMED TO COMMITTEE

SALEM — Sen. Leander Quiring (R), Hermiston, was appointed this week to the Senate Agriculture Committee.

He also will be vice chairman of the Local Government Committee, and a member of the Alcoholic Traffic, Labor and Industries, and Public Welfare and Institutions committees.

Michigan Turning Out Model Young Drivers

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan is turning out a new crop of model young drivers this year to go along with its new model cars.

As of many years, Michigan youngster under 18 will be licensed to drive unless he has passed an approved course in driver education.

Other states have driver education courses in the schools, but Michigan is the first to compel the youngsters to pass the course if they want to drive before 18.

Under the state law passed in November, 1955, free driver training instruction is available to every Michigan youngster under 18—whether in public, private or parochial school or out of school.

Standards are at least 12 hours of behind-the-wheel driving and 30 hours of classroom instruction per pupil.

Record Timber Amount Harvested From Forests

MISSOULA, Mont. — Regional Forester Charles L. Tebbe said Saturday a record 709 million board feet of timber were harvested in the national forests of Region 1 during the first half of the current fiscal year ending June 30.

Tebbe said the previous record was 691 million board feet, set in the first half of the 1955-56 fiscal year.

He estimated the timber cut from July 1, 1956 through Dec. 31, 1956, was worth a little less than seven million dollars, two million dollars more than in the comparable 1955 period.

Region 1, with headquarters in Missoula, is the largest of the Forest Service's geographical divisions. It includes Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington.

Bus Driver Suffers Heart Attack, Dies

MEDFORD — A Medford man suffered a heart attack that later proved fatal while driving a Greyhound bus in Northern California Friday.

He was Warren L. Duesman, about 55, who was stricken while driving north between Castella and Dunsmuir.

The eight passengers reported that when Duesman became ill, he pulled to the side of the road and waited for a southbound bus. The driver of the other bus took over and drove Duesman to a hospital where he was reported dead on arrival.

Canyonville Youth Center Sates Valentine Dance

A Valentine dance the evening of Feb. 9 at the Youth Center in Canyonville is being planned, according to correspondent Virginia Proctor.

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