

BUNTING COMPANY IN NEW LOCATION

La Grande Is Headquarters for "Caterpillar" Tractors

A La Grande business house that, from a comparatively small beginning only a few years ago, has grown into one of the largest organizations of its type in the Inland Empire, and which is already busily engaged in satisfying demands that indicate 1929 may be its biggest year for sales, is the Bunting Tractor company, located on Jefferson avenue between Greenwood and 17th in the new Hoesch building.

The history of the company is one of much interest and it reveals the reason for the rapid growth of the concern.

In 1926 the Caterpillar Tractor company was organized representing a consolidation of the Holt Manufacturing company and the Holt Manufacturing company, which was shortly after this consolidation that the local corporation, the Bunting Tractor company, was formed to accept the dealership of this new company in the sale of "Caterpillar" tractors and Holt combined harvesters.

C. W. Bunting, President of the new corporation, was formerly with the Holt Manufacturing company, having had an experience extending over many years in the sale and servicing of tractors and harvesters.

The new company, with La Grande as its headquarters, was allotted a territory comprising several Eastern Oregon counties and all of Southern Idaho. In order to serve this huge territory satisfactorily a branch office was established in Boise, Ida., to maintain close contact with the Southern Idaho trade.

Since 1926 the Bunting company has made great strides, having only recently moved into a larger location in the Hoesch building, where the most modern, adequate facilities were provided for handling the increased business.

Another Addition

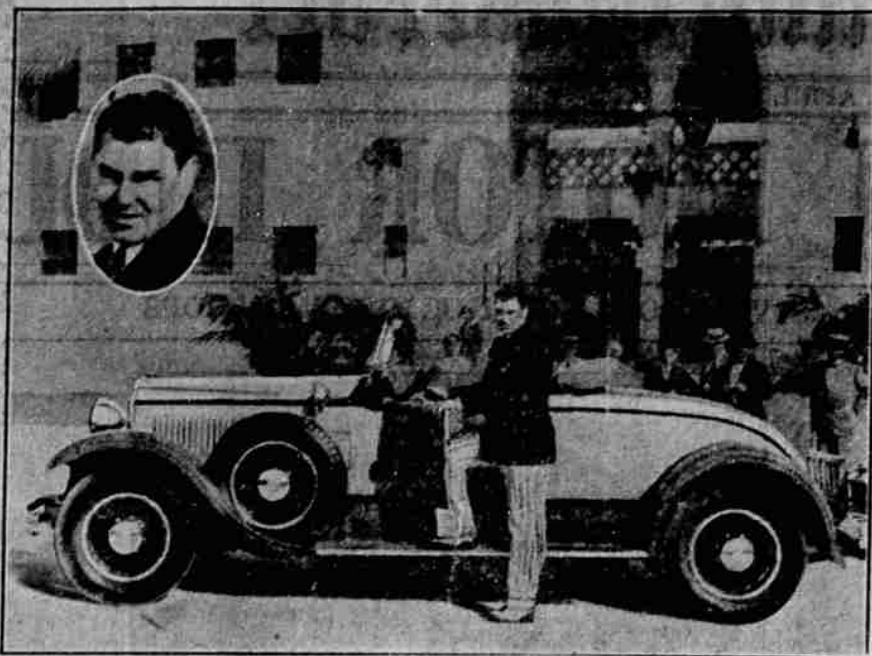
Another addition made to the stock of the company came early this year when the Caterpillar Tractor Co. purchased the Russell Grader Manufacturing company, so that now "Caterpillar" dealers handle Russell road machinery.

Recently, in order to concentrate more on the sale of the additional lines, the local company relinquished part of the Idaho territory, and at present is operating in the southwestern part of the state, retaining their Idaho headquarters in Boise with the main office here.

Since its organization, the Bunting Tractor company has sold more than 200 "Caterpillar" tractors, and of that number about 60 have been delivered to purchasers in or near the Grande Ronde valley; this in addition to a large number of Holt combined harvesters and other large units of tractor drawn equipment.

Ten people are employed by the

DEMPSEY DRIVES A CHRYSLER



Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion of the world, drives a Chrysler. He is shown here in his new Chrysler Imperial sport roadster. Chryslers are distributed here by L. W. Weeks.

local company in the various positions necessary to properly care for the operations of the firm.

Three New Models

Speaking of the "Caterpillar" products, Mr. Bunting states that since 1925 the company has announced three new models of "Caterpillar" tractors. These are the Twenty, the Ten and now the new Fifteen.

Five drastic price reductions have been made over that period of time, bringing the price of "Caterpillar" tractors down to within reach of anyone having the need for dependable power in their operation, he said, concluding with the statement that "There is a size for every need and a hundred uses for every size."

RECEIVE NEW TRUCKS

Two new Peugeot trucks have been received by the Menefee Lumber company, Mr. Andrews and Mr. Geodon, both of Tillamook, Ore., are driving them. The men have come to La Grande to make their homes.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION IS 6 PER CENT MORE

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In license fees, registration fees, permit charges, fines, etc., the sum of \$222,630.625. This is \$21,568.83 more than was collected in New Mexico 1927 and an increase of more than

State	Motor Vehicles Registered
Alabama	269,519
Arizona	54,372
Arkansas	214,531
California	1,799,890
Colorado	248,467
Connecticut	369,792
Delaware	51,210
Florida	352,961
Georgia	218,556
Idaho	108,154
Illinois	1,504,359
Indiana	823,806
Iowa	733,466
Kansas	533,799
Kentucky	304,231
Louisiana	246,293
Maine	172,638
Maryland	285,311
Massachusetts	726,395
Michigan	1,294,221
Minnesota	673,573
Mississippi	246,242
Missouri	712,965
Montana	126,655
Nebraska	391,355
Nevada	77,376
New Hampshire	102,644
New Jersey	758,430
New Mexico	65,787
New York	2,634,942

Highways of State Brings Praise From All Parts of U. S.

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Union county—the Old Oregon Trail (a transcontinental highway), and the La Grande-Walla Walla Lake highway, leading from this city to the "Switzerland of America." The highway system in the county, although completed in previous years, has resulted in so much traffic that it will be necessary to widen and resurface the old Oregon Trail from the Umatilla county line at the summit of the Blue Mountains to La Grande, and this work will probably be done during this and next year, the state commission declares.

The state commission has authorized the purchase of land adjacent to the highway in the Blue Mountains and in the Umatilla Canyon so that standing timber would be preserved and several tracts varying in width from 300 to 1,500 feet have been purchased with purchase of other tracts likely to be completed during the summer just starting.

H. G. Smith is in charge. All the work of the state highway except is under the direction of H. G. Smith, division engineer, who has headquarters in La Grande in the division office building on East Adams avenue.

This building, with four others including the main shops building, were constructed last year at a cost of several thousands of dollars. At present a sixth building is being erected by Contractor J. G. Gethner. All work in this division is taken care of in the local shops, such as repairing, etc. About 25 men are employed at present.

In the very near future the grounds will be further beautified by planting lawns, shrubs, etc. This work being held in abeyance until a sidewalk is installed along Adams avenue so that proper slopes may be made.

Returning to the highway system in this county, there are 12.62 miles of state highway here, of which 48.53 is on the Old Oregon Trail. This includes 5.3 miles of pavement, the remainder being untreated macadam. On the La Grande-Walla Walla Lake highway there are 25.68 miles, including 2 miles of pavement, 5.2 miles of bituminous macadam, 18.3 miles of untreated macadam and 12.69 miles of untreated macadam.

COUNTY HAS FIRST CLASS ROAD SYSTEM

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ner-Warm Springs market roads. These two market roads, together with the Island City-Cove market road which was constructed in 1922 and 1923 as a bond road, form a loop which serves one of the richest farming districts in the Grande Ronde valley, and provides a driveway for motorists that brings to them some of the most beautiful farms of the valley.

As to the quality, this is quoted from the Oregon state highway commission biennial report: "Excellent alignment has been obtained. A good surface is well maintained and the area is assured of all year intercommunication with La Grande and the rest of the county."

Loop Facilitates Traffic

This loop, together with other completed market roads, serves the county with a network of roads, facilitating traffic, the transportation of products, etc. Location and construction work has been first class; costs are low and more especially this is true on surfacing projects. The county has modern construction equipment which is well cared for.

Maintenance is organized on the patrol system under the supervision

of County Engineer S. B. Morgan. The crews are well equipped, well organized and efficient, thus permitting very good work to be done and at the same time keep costs reasonable. In spite of the fact that some years during the winter there is a great deal of snow to remove from the roads, greatly increasing the cost of maintenance as well as requiring additional equipment.

The work is under the direction of the county court, which consists of Judge U. G. Couch and Commissioners W. W. Stevens and W. R. Lebetter.

Status of System

The status of the market road system is best shown by the following figures, taken on Nov. 1, 1928:

1. Ladd Canyon-Clover Creek road: Length in miles 12.3; surfaced with rock or gravel 2.95; graded to market road standards 2.95.
2. Union-High Valley road: Length in miles 7.9; surfaced with rock or gravel 1.8; graded to market standards 2.4.
3. Union-Cove road: Length in miles 8.17; surfaced with rock or gravel 8.17.
4. Hilgard-Starkey road: Length in miles 12.3; graded to market road

standards 2.92.
5. North Powder-Clover Creek bridge road: Length in miles 4.8; surfaced with rock or gravel 4.19.
6. Union-Medical Springs road: Length in miles 18.1; surfaced with rock or gravel 8.
7. High-Palmer Junction road: Length in miles 15; surfaced with rock or gravel 3.26.
8. Telorass-Medical Springs road: Length in miles 14.34; surfaced with rock or gravel 1.06.
9. Hunter Lane-Pleasant Grove road: Length in miles 9.85; surfaced with rock or gravel 9.85.
10. Indian Creek road: Length in miles 2.12; surfaced with rock or gravel 2.12.
11. North Powder-Clover Creek road: Length in miles 7.93; surfaced with rock or gravel 2.95.
12. Mr. Glen road: Length in miles 6.16; surfaced with rock or gravel 6.16.
13. Cove-Mill Creek road: Length in miles 1.96; surfaced 1.96.
14. Afton-Lower Cove: length in miles 1.96; surfaced 1.96.
15. Pumpkin Ridge-Rhineland: length in miles 3.59; surfaced .69.
16. Pleasant Grove-Summerville: length in miles 4.50; surfaced .69.
17. Fruitdale-county line: length in miles 2.22; surfaced 2.22.

18. Summerville-Dry Creek: length in miles 3.20; surfaced .69.
19. Wolf Creek road: length in miles 2.73; surfaced .69.
20. Becker-Corner-Warm Creek: length in miles 3.21; surfaced 2.21.
21. W. R. Hindman road: length in miles 4; surfaced .69.
22. Cemetery-Crockett Flat: length in miles 3.37; graded to market road standard 3.37.
23. Island City-Cove: length in miles 13.94; surfaced 12.50.
24. Imbler-Summerville: length in miles 3.55; surfaced 3.55.

This County Leads Others

A check of the entire system shows that there are 1659.17 miles of roads in Union county and of this total 72.13 miles are surfaced, 17.59 more miles are graded to market road standards while only 72.54 miles are not graded to market road standard.

In Walla Walla county there are 234.38 miles of road and of this only 46.38 are surfaced and 187.99 are not graded.

In Umatilla county there are 279.49 miles of road and only 125.72 surfaced, a total of 153.77 miles are not graded.

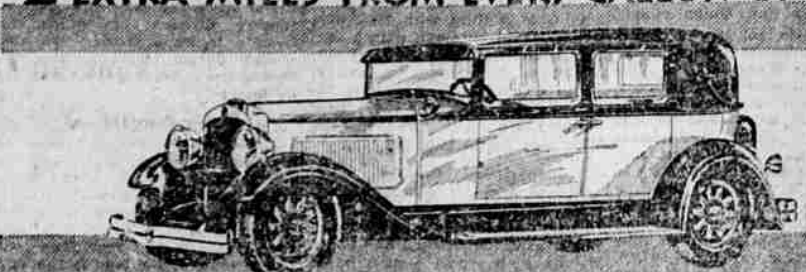
In Baker county there are 150.70 miles of road and only 52.48 are surfaced.



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AUTO SALES IN QUARTER SET RECORDS

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responding month last year. This represents an increase of 21.412 cars, or seven and seven-tenths per cent for March this year.

Not only has March been a good month in General Motors—and the same situation exists in other automobile organizations—but January and February also have been "booked up," particularly February. During that month dealers sales to users were about 6,500 more than last year and February was probably as bad a winter month as was experienced during the season of 1928-29.

Showing New Models

New models of cars are being shown during this week and will be specially stressed during the coming week, bringing out the many improvements that make for ease of riding, more speed and better control and other similar advancements. Not the least of these forward steps is the ever increasing attention to beauty and comfort, reflected in the new models of all makes.

Indicative of the brisk outlook in Oregon this spring, is the fact that registration of new cars in March showed an increase of 59 percent over last March, according to the Oregon Motor Register company.

Every county excepting one (Gilliam) shares in this increase and with but few exceptions, every make of car is in the "gain" column.

March Registrations

March registrations of new passenger cars in the state and Multnomah county, include the following:

	Ore.	Mult. Co.
Ford	281	237
Chevrolet	719	216
Duesenberg	163	76
Durand	142	46
Pontiac	138	52
Whippet	126	57
Dodge	83	14
Oldsmobile	57	30
Nash	57	21
Hudbaker	57	25
Plymouth	56	15
Chrysler	53	21
Hudson	42	14
Willis-Knight	40	19
Graham-Paige	28	18
Oakland	26	15
Packard	18	9
Brakine	9	3
Lincoln	7	6

Incidentally, the motor register also points out county by county new passenger car sales for 1928, showing that in Union county 446 were sold in 1928 compared with 447 in 1927. Motor dealers expect the 1929 figure to be well over 500 and possibly over 600.



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