

SOME DIVERSITY BUT

Cattle, Wheat Form Basis of Eastern Oregon Economy

EDITORS NOTE: This is the last in a series of articles condensing and summarizing reports made by J. W. Forrester Jr., editor of the

Pendleton East Oregonian, on economic trends and prospects in all parts of Oregon.

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Cattle and wheat are the great bases for the economy of the counties of Eastern Oregon.

But there are strong additions to this economy in some, and notable expansions of it in others. Completing a survey of the economy and trends in Oregon's counties, J. W. Forrester Jr., editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, found encouragement in the opportunities and activities under way or projected. This is the way he viewed them:

Malheur County — Great cattle country — six million acres of

range land — with sugar beets, potatoes, corn and dairying all adding to the wealth of the area. Two hundred thousand acres of land are under irrigation, the water bringing a dramatic example of agricultural growth. Before irrigation, Malheur's economy was all beef cattle and hay. Now it is a broadly diversified agriculture with a 31 million dollar income last year.

Noteworthy in Malheur County is the Ontario livestock auction, a 12 million dollar business; food processing; and meat packing. Malheur is going against the tide in one respect. It is a county of small farms and there are more farms now than there were when the 1950 census was taken.

Even cooler agricultural production can be looked for. Baker County — There has been trouble here and a falling off in agriculture, but that has been checked. The situation now is stable and the possibility of irrigation offers hope for a promising future. The farm income is 11 million dollars a year with a

good of that from livestock. There are good opportunities for impounding water for irrigation—and at the same time for checking floods—which can bring a strong upturn in farm crops.

Lumbering has had a good growth in Baker County in late years and an expected increase in the allowable cut on the Whitman National Forest, plus new access roads, will help this further.

Mining, once a great industry, still has its important side in Baker County but it has changed. Once it was gold. Now the important mining industry is lime. A new plant to burn high critical grade lime is being built at Baker. The quest for various minerals is being stepped up in the county to determine whether those known to exist are present in commercial quantities.

Union County — As in Baker, Union County needs dams both for flood control and for irrigation. However, the most likely irrigation rivers promise high cost reclamation so the immediate likelihood is for some channel straightening to check floods, and no important irrigation dams. Although irrigation would help the agricultural outlook the county is doing well. A more diversified farm picture is developing with attention to grass seeds especially noticeable. The county's agricultural income of around 11 million dollars a year has wheat as its No. 1 factor—some 2 1/2 million dollars—and seed crops now come in second place ahead of beef cattle, which themselves account for more than a million dollars in income.

There is a healthy lumber industry in Union County with Mt. Emily Lumber Co. a major factor with what seems to be a solid future.

Movie Scenery But one of the most hopeful fields for future prosperity lies in the incomparable scenery of Union and the county for which it is the gateway. Wallawa. A movie company which filmed "Hill of the Sky" in Union county left behind some three quarters of a million dollars! And there is a lot more movie scenery around.

Umatilla County — This county produces one per cent of all the wheat grown in the United States—and yet in dollar volume lumbering runs right side-by-side with agriculture. Although wheat is big, it is only one part of the diversified picture.

The county took a severe loss in the 1955 freeze and it's not yet certain what recovery will be made from it. The crop of prunes, apples, cherries and peaches was worth \$1,708,000 in 1955—and brought only \$897 last year! This orchard tree kill has brought hardships but the economy as a whole is overcoming that and looks good for the future.

Full utilization of wood had some of its pioneering applications in Umatilla County and such large operations as Harris Pine Mills, Pilot Rock Lumber Co. and U. S. Gypsum's hardwood plant have profited from this. Privately owned timber stands are being depleted by the several small operators and the annual cut in the county may, in later years, be reduced by as much as a half. However there are large stands in the hands of big operators and federal timber is available.

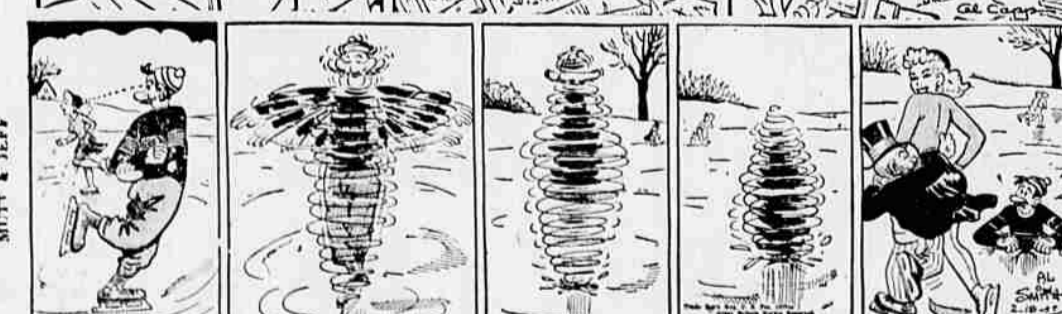
Morrow County — This is a wheat county. It is well served by the Union Pacific's branch and main line; has seen a start made on an improved highway into the Blue Mountains from Heppner to Spray; and last year saw more than a million bushels of wheat delivered to the barge dock at the site of the old Patterson Ferry.

Three fourths of its 12 million dollar farm income is from wheat, barley and hay.

The average size of a Morrow County farm is 2,112 acres and the county's total population is under 5,000.

In the northern part of the county melons have come into some prominence and last year there was a successful potato growing venture.

But the important new thing is the projected John Day Dam. It will flood out some good land and force the community of Boardman to move. To offset this, the best industrial sites behind the dam will be in Morrow County.



RADIO PROGRAMS

Table with columns for HOUR, MONDAY—P.M., and radio program details including station call letters and program titles.

TUESDAY

Table with columns for HOUR, 00:00, 00:15, 00:30, 00:45, and radio program details for Tuesday.

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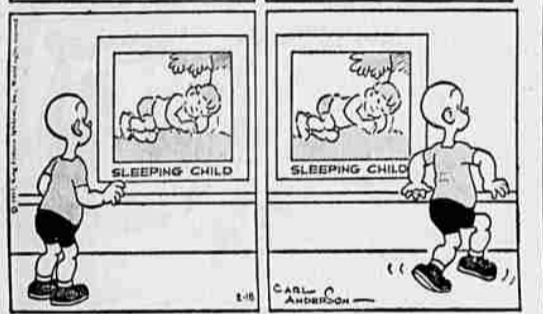
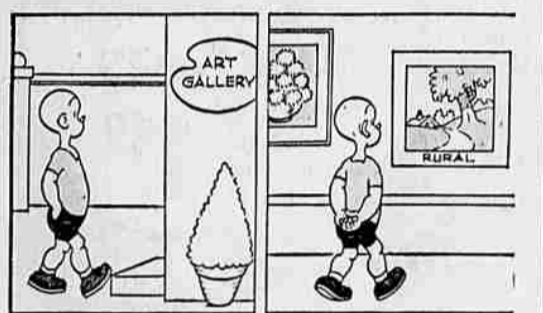
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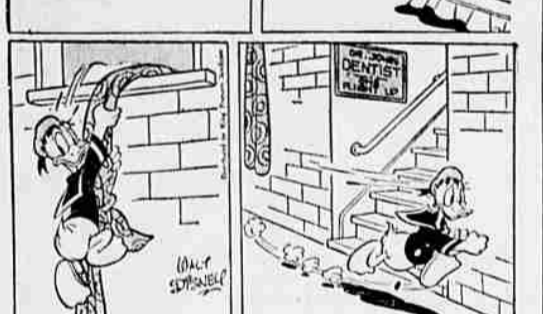
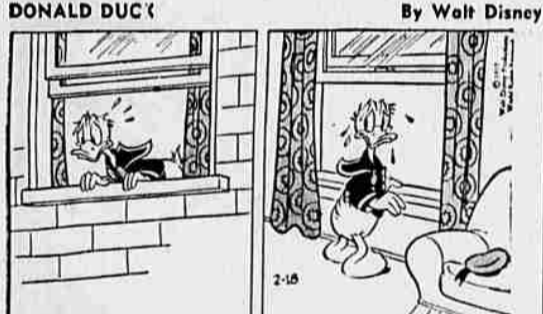
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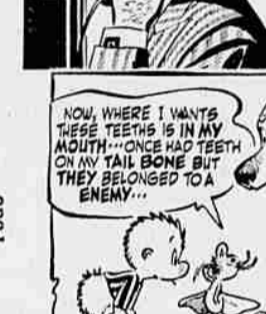
Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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Word puzzle grid with clues for Ends, Ask, and Brow words.

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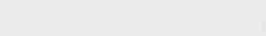
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