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The "Bacon" Again.

HOME with the bacon" for the second consecutive year, and the third year in which they have competed, the school band is again proudly welcomed from the state contest by an appreciative community. Expression of pride in their achievement by anyone here must be taken as pardonable as the bandsters represent a cross section of the community, touching in kinship or close acquaintanceship the homes of all.

We in Heppner felt the band was good. We believed it was good enough to win, which is indicated it did by being placed alone in the superior rating of the class D division. We do not feel that it was happenstance. Again it was the result of many hours of practice, patient leadership, and attainment of high morale. The accomplishment again this year reflects hours of self-denial on the part of members, hours spent blowing horns or beating drums when it would have been more desirable to be at play. It reflected ability of the leader to maintain discipline while instilling in the boys and girls a desire to achieve and a love for the work in the doing.

It gives everyone in Heppner a deep sense of satisfaction to know that the band was good enough to come out on top in its division at the contest. But the sense of satisfaction goes deeper than that. It includes the knowledge that a fine group of boys and girls have evidenced the attributes of a high type of citizenship, attributes which bespeak progress in other things, attributes which, when applied to carrying on the burdens of government and society on the morrow, spell a brighter future for the community itself.

For adding to Heppner's good name in far places, we say thank you to band and leader, the while knowing how empty such sayings are, for in this, as in all things, "virtue is its own reward."

A Cloudburst Year?

MANY old-timers believe this has the earmarks of being a cloudburst year.

That may or may not be. Nevertheless, when the heavens to the southward turned to inky black Saturday evening, there was that which gave one a feeling of uneasiness.

At the time of the Heppner flood, high southwesterly winds banked up the clouds which precipitated disaster for our city. Such were the winds of Saturday evening, and undoubtedly the resultant cloud bank was similar in appearance to that causing the big flood, though apparently not nearly so dense for no cloudburst resulted.

Some credence in the theory of this being a likely year for cloudbursts is seen in the fact that the

hinterland is wetter than it has been for years. With warmer weather rapid evaporation and condensation are likely to result in heavier cloud banks and heavy rains, quite probably torrential in proportions.

This is not written with the idea of attempting to scare anybody. It is intended merely to point out the possibility of recurrence of cloudbursts, to serve as a warning, if you will, and to point the need of flood control measures.

Word is received from our senators and representatives that they are working for the appropriation for a survey of the Willow creek basin looking to control of its floods. That is good news. We hope their efforts will be successful. They are backed by recommendation of the board of army engineers, which should give them a good chance.

With breathing spells between showers just about long enough to say "Jack Robinson," so far in April, the prospect for May flowers is much enhanced. Ironical, however, seems the organization of a blow control district—or, mayhap, better said, ironical seems Mother Nature's disposition just now as such organization is taking place—when water instead of dust appears as the big bugaboo. Next season may be a different story; so on with the blow control organization.

A new wrinkle in Hollywood is the drawing of crayon caricatures on bare backs of dancing lady entertainers, each caricature giving different expressions with moving of the wearer's shoulders. The genius who conceived this idea of utilizing blank space on milady must have attended a formal ball some time.

So much rain seems to have put a damper on baseball in Heppner. We predict there will be a different story to tell as soon as a few sunny days show up.

Dusting One Method Of Controlling Weevil

Seed selection, planting practice, trap crops, dusting, seed treatment and disposal of crop refuse are all important factors in the current widespread effort to control pea weevils in Oregon and elsewhere.

This is shown in a new circular of information No. 171 issued by the OSC experiment station, which contains a summary of control suggestions agreed to by the Pacific Northwest Cooperative Pea Weevil Control Project committee.

Practically every state in the Union where peas are grown commercially is now confronted with the weevil problem. Control is particularly important in Oregon and Washington, where vast acreages are now devoted to growing peas for seed or cannery use. Fortunately in a few sections, notably in the coast areas where peas are grown mostly for the fresh trade, the weevil is not a problem.

Until this year very little encouragement was given home gardeners or other growers in the use of dusts. As a result of field work carried on by the Oregon Experiment station last season, however, it is believed that considerable control may be had through the use of rotenone bearing dust applied during the early blossoming period. Dust with a strength of .75 to 1.0 percent rotenone is recommended.

COMMITTED TO HOSPITAL.

John Webster Thomason, 29, was committed to the Eastern Oregon hospital at Pendleton at alienation proceedings in the county court yesterday morning. R. M. Rice was examining physician. Thomason came to the county about two months ago from North Carolina. Sheriff Bauman left yesterday at noon to take the committed man to Pendleton.

TAKES WHEAT AGENCY.

W. M. Eubanks announces this week that he has been appointed representative for Kirr, Gifford & Co., Inc. for the Heppner branch, and expects to be kept busy from now on buying his share of the prospective large Morrow county wheat crop.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Brown were business visitors in town a short time yesterday.

SUPERINTENDENT CITES POSSIBILITY OF SCHOOL HELP

Earnest consideration by Morrow county people is directed by Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent and president of Oregon State Teachers association, to the Harrison-Black-Fletcher bill now before congress, the purpose of which is to promote the general welfare through appropriation of funds to assist states and territories in providing more effective programs of public education.

With support of state and national education associations, the bill was opened to public hearings before the education committee in the house of representatives on March 30, and may come to a vote any time, making necessary immediate action by organizations and individuals in contacting their legislative delegations if they wish to support it.

The bill calls for an initial appropriation of \$100,000,000, to be increased by \$50,000,000 each year until a total of \$300,000,000 is reached, to be apportioned among receptive states for school use. The manner in which each state uses the funds is left wholly to individual state

legislatures. Apportionment would be on the basis of number of persons aged 5 to 20 years in each state, making available \$2.54 per person the first year and increasing to \$7.63 the fifth year.

All control, administration, and supervision of schools and educational programs are reserved strictly to the states and forbidden to all federal officers and agencies.

To qualify for the federal allotment each state and territory must maintain a system of public schools available throughout the state or territory for at least 160 days each year, and spend for schools from state and local revenues or from both combined as much per person 5 to 20 years old as was spent in 1936.

The bill is known in the senate as S 419, and in the house as HR 2288. It has been reported favorably to the senate by the senate committee on education and labor. If it passes it will greatly assist individual districts. District school boards, service clubs, granges and individuals are urged to give it their consideration and forward recommendations to the delegation in congress.

Hopper-Eating Turks Gain Notoriety

How the natural appetite of young turkeys for grasshoppers has been utilized to save many thousands of dollars formerly expended in other forms of grasshopper control in Klamath county is described in the March issue of the Extension Service Review, published by the United States department of agriculture at Washington, D. C.

In 1931 it cost more than \$48,000 for a poisoning program to hold the grasshoppers in check and prevent widespread crop damage, according to C. A. Henderson, Klamath county agent and author of the magazine article. Since that time the use of turkeys in grasshopper control has grown until about 45,000 were ranged on the hopper lands last year, while only about \$500 was used for other forms of control by the county.

"The general procedure in using turkeys for grasshopper control is to haul them from the brooder to the infested area at from 7 to 10 weeks of age, ranging them in bands of approximately 2500 each," Henderson said. "Temporary roosts are built with a tent covering, as storms frequently occur in the mountain areas during that period. Two men with good dogs are usually required to herd each band during the summer months."

"When one area is cleaned out, the turkeys may be moved several miles to another infested spot. The turkeys are kept in the grasshopper area until the hoppers start dying, usually in September, and from there they are moved into stubble fields and fattening pens for the finishing process."

"On several occasions turkeys have been closely examined and observed as to the number of grasshoppers that each will destroy daily. During the early part of the season, before grasshoppers have attained their full size, we have found that on the average a turkey will consume around 1000 grasshoppers per day. Later in the fall when adult hoppers are congregating on egg-laying grounds, the turkeys are moved to these areas and catch a tremendous number of the mature hoppers, averaging 500 to 800 per day."

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Outstanding warrants of School District No. 12, Morrow County, Oregon, up to and including Warrant No. 256, will be paid upon presentation to the district clerk. Interest ceases April 16, 1937.

BEULAH B. NICHOLS,
Clerk, School Dist. No. 12.

CALL FOR WARRANTS.

Outstanding warrants of School District No. 42, Morrow County, Oregon, up to and including Warrant No. 349, will be paid on presentation to the district clerk. Interest on said warrants not already called ceases April 16, 1937.

MRS. SOPHRONA THOMPSON,
Clerk, Heppner, Oregon.

Lake, Wash., where they will enjoy the benefits of that health resort.

The social meeting of the Women's Topic club will be held at the home of Mrs. Bert Mason Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mrs. George Tucker were hostesses for two parties at the home of the latter last week. On Wednesday they entertained with a bridge luncheon the following guests, Mesdames Ed Dick, H. D. McCurdy, Victor Peterson, D. M. Ward, Cleo Drake, C. W. Swanson, M. E. Cotter, Cleo Rea, Carl Allyn, Frank Lundell, Werner Rietmann, C. F. Feldman, Louis Bergevin, Clyde Denny, Agnes Wilcox, and Miss Mildred Lundell. Prizes were won by Mrs. Ed Dick and Mrs. Frank Lundell.

On Thursday they had as guests at a dessert bridge Mesdames A. Newlin, P. J. O'Meara, Ella Davidson, Cleo Rea, Carl Allyn, E. J. Blake, Cleo Drake, M. E. Cotter, T. E. Peterson, E. R. Lundell, Fred Mankin, and J. E. Swanson. Prizes were given Mrs. Cleo Rea and Mrs. Ella Davidson.

FINES ASSESSED.

Francis Conner was fined \$25 and costs in justice court yesterday on a charge of driving a truck in excess of 25 miles an hour, and W. H. Van Orsdall was fined a like amount on a charge of reckless driving. The charge against Van Orsdall arose out of a collision at Lexington. The complain alleged that it appeared Van Orsdall's truck had faulty breaks, and that it appeared he was driving more than 20 miles an hour through a town.

FRIENDS GIVE SHOWER.

Mrs. Grace Hughes and family received many lovely and useful presents at a surprise shower at their home in south Heppner Saturday afternoon, tendered them by many neighbors and friends as an expression of sympathy for the loss sustained when their farm home was razed by fire last week. That evening they were tendered a benefit pie social at Rhea creek grange hall.

The GOLDEN YEARS PLAN.

James J. Hill said: "If you want to know whether you are destined to be a success or a failure in life, you can easily find out. The test is simple and it is infallible. Are you able to save money?" If interested in Golden Year Plan see ALTA S. BROWN Agent Oregon Mutual Life Insurance Co. Heppner, Oregon

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