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A New Day Dawns

REAL ESTATE deals and rumors of real estate deals are in the air. That's an encouraging sign. For it indicates an upward trend in real property values, the truest indicator of any that depression days are past, at least for the time being.

When the depression was heavily upon us, real property values were at a very low ebb. An indicator of the extremely low ebb is the fact that when local banks applied for assistance from RFC to prevent going to the wall, no basis for credit at all would be given on real estate assets. This tenor was shown further by inability of landholders to secure credit until federally sponsored financing agencies came to the rescue.

Fundamentally, real estate is the backbone of our economic structure. This is recognized by the principle of the property tax which has served as the backbone of government. There has never, really, been anything wrong with the land. It suffered because money and credit dried up and people were for a time without buying power. Now the situation is corrected, or somewhat corrected for a time. With increased buying power, products of the land are again strengthened in price, reflecting the healthier trend in real estate.

What the future holds will be determined considerably by the stability of government and the safeguards effected against throwing the economic structure out of balance. A danger signal lies in the tremendously increased public debt which was assumed in instituting recovery measures, which will have to be repaid, and which may draw heavily upon all incomes at a time when those in charge of the basic industries should be recuperating depression losses for the building of a firmer structure against the trade demon's recurrence.

Jesse Jones, RFC administrator, in Portland this week, said the present signs of recovery are genuine and inferred that no quick return of depression need be feared. We do know that under normal conditions this country can produce enough for everyone and to spare, and that there is a strong determination in the American people to see that no one suffers. Increased opportunity is here for enlarging the individual scope of endeavor, and it is heartening to note that with the uptrend there is no large class in America clamoring for a dole. Mr. Average Citizen is rising to the occasion as the opportunity is again afforded to "be on his own." That is the spirit which provides Uncle Sam with a stiff back bone.

Mr. and Mrs. Chance Wilson were over from Monument Saturday with cattle for shipment from the local yards.

RARE SPECIMEN OF MAN'S GENIUS STARTS OPERATION AT LEXINGTON

Morrow county boasts within its borders a rarity in the field of man's ingenuity. It's the new telephone remote control station which started operation at Lexington last Thursday and which now gives and will continue to give users through that exchange 24-hour telephone service with the world.

Uncannily human in its operation, the mechanism has been installed in few places in the United States to serve the purpose which it serves at Lexington, though it is the same mechanism used in cities having automatic telephones, said J. R. Farrington, district manager, in an interview last week end.

As we stood in front of the board and listened to the buzzing noises and watched the little gadgets click about, we were astounded by realization that development in the comparatively young telephone industry had actually reached the point where country telephone users in far places have but to remove receivers from their telephones to command the ear of anyone any place in just a few moments time. We thought what a thrill Alexander G. Bell would get out of it if he could return to life today and see the amazing outgrowth of his invention.

The first thing to attract our attention was a little thing-a-majig clicking away.

"That's a relay working," said Mr. C. K. Kidwell, introduced as the "brains" of the new installation. "When someone calls in on a line already in use, the relay works until the line is cleared and notifies

the Heppner operator of the additional call."

At the bottom of the board were several little rigs with fingers on them which rotated every now and then.

"Those are the line finders," explained our instructor. "When the line is clear, immediately the receiver of a calling telephone is removed, the finder gets the caller in touch with the Heppner operator. Then if the number called is cleared through this board, the finder again connects with the line of the party called."

While we were watching, a little red signal flashed. Immediately our curiosity was satisfied with the explanation that it indicated the power had been off momentarily. When the branch power service is in, it supplies the juice needed for operation. But when it goes off, power from a set of storage batteries is automatically switched on, and interruption in service is scarcely noticeable.

Everything about the board is automatic. With all adjustments complete, it can be padlocked and no human attention whatever is needed. If any trouble does develop, sound signals tell the Heppner operator. And in case the board fails to work, there is a little plug box on the outside with two holes where an operator may sit and clear the calls.

The front of the little wooden building containing the board will be worked over to make a booth accessible to the public at all times, protected from the weather, Mr. Farrington said.

Francis Troedson Weds at Corvallis

Mr. and Mrs. Johan Troedson and son, Carl, of Ione motored to Corvallis last week end where they attended the wedding of Johan Francis Troedson, Jr., and Miss Jean Ann Campbell. Present also were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Condon. A report of the ceremony is given in the Corvallis press, as follows:

Before the fireplace in the living room of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house, banked with greenery as a foil for tall arrangements of gladioli and white cathedral tapers in candelabra, half a hundred friends and relatives assembled at ten o'clock this morning to witness the wedding of Miss Jean Ann Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Condon, and Johan Francis Troedson of Corvallis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johan Troedson, Sr., of Ione. Dr. Jesse Lacklen of the First Methodist church read the service.

Just before the ceremony Miss Jean Mehlhaf of Lincoln, Nebraska, sang "I Love You Truly," with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Mehlhaf, also of Lincoln, as her accompanist. Mrs. Mehlhaf then played Lohengrin's wedding march to announce the coming of the bridal party.

Miss Evelyn Mays was the bride's

only attendant and wore a blue taffeta gown of street length, lace trimmed, and a corsage of Cecil Brunner rosebuds and dainty blue and white blossoms. Lynn Long at-



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tended Mr. Troedson as best man.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was a lovely picture in a formal afternoon gown of blue-flowered white chiffon, street length, with blue trim and girdle. She carried a dainty nosegay of summer flowers in pastel shades harmonizing into the blue of her gown.

A reception followed the ceremony with Mrs. Uriel S. Burt and Mrs. Anna Bliss pouring and Mrs. E. A. Finley of Silverton, the bride's sister, cutting the wedding cake. The serving table was centered with tapers in candelabra and summer flowers. Mrs. Stanley Thompson, Miss Frances Welch and Miss Shirley Stuart served refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Troedson left on a wedding trip to Seaside and later are to be at home in the Avondale apartments, Corvallis.

Mrs. Troedson, a former student at Oregon State college, has been employed in the soils conservation office in the Memorial Union building on the college campus. Mr. Troedson, a graduate of the college

and a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity, is associated with M. M. Long and Lynn Long in the Long Realty company.

Telephone Officials Call at Local Office

The local telephone office was the scene of much activity last week end when the cut-over of the Lexington exchange into the Heppner office was made.

Among the visitors were W. S. Wade, district traffic superintendent; E. C. Gillard, state engineer; Lester Campbell, also of the state engineering department; C. K. Kidwell, plant superintendent, all of Portland; J. A. Murray, district commercial manager of Pendleton; J. R. Farrington, commercial manager, Homer Davis, wire chief, and H. C. Bemis, plant superintendent, of The Dalles; Harry Higgs of Arlington, and Leland Castor of Astoria. Mr. Castor is taking Mr. Higgs' place while the latter has gone east on vacation.

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