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Dollars and Sense

MORROW county has only a small amount of morning glory and white top compared with other Columbia basin counties, but the area of Russian knapweed probably exceeds that of any other county in the area with the possible exception of Gilliam, says Joseph Belanger, county agent. So far devastation of creek bottom hay lands has not reached an alarming proportion, but if remedial steps are not taken early the situation will become worse and worse.

That remedial steps are in sight is heartening. And any amount of money set aside for the purpose in this year's budget should not be alarming. The county court is following a well advised course and is entitled to cooperation on every hand in the work.

From a dollars and cents standpoint, a good sized investment in control work is justified. Mr. Belanger points out that everyone loses and no one gains when hay lands are taken out of production by noxious weeds.

Morrow county's farm land tax burden is borne 60 percent by livestock interests, 40 percent by farming interests, including wheat. The highest assessed lands are the creek bottom hay lands charged against livestock raising. Their devastation by weeds means ultimate removal from the tax rolls.

At present the county is about on a self-sustaining basis in hay raised and consumed. Any depletion in the hay crop means a raise in the price of hay to the stockmen, besides loss to the hay grower and the county generally, or any depletion in supply means importing just so much hay at increased price, the money for which goes clear out of the county.

A conservative estimate of \$60,000 loss to the county in one year would result from a 20 percent reduction in hay yield, Mr. Belanger says. Figuring the average production at 30,000 tons, at an average price locally of \$10 ton, the value of the county's hay crop is \$300,000. If it is reduced 20 percent, and the price goes to \$12 which is a fair resultant price increase, the value would be \$288,000, while the stockman would have to import hay to the extent of the 20 percent deficiency, an outgo from the county of \$72,000. Though the grower receives \$2 a ton more for the hay he has to sell, actually his income has been decreased and the county has lost \$72,000 entirely.

These figures are not fanciful. They speak cold logic. And that they ring true is borne out by experience in Wheeler county where hay yields have already been reduced an estimated 25 percent by noxious weeds, Mr. Belanger asserts.

A Better City

TODAY Heppner has all of its principal streets paved.

Like magi, the growling, groaning, smoking, gravel and oil spreading machinery transformed dusty, bumpy thoroughfares into smooth, attractive boulevards, almost overnight, it seems. Their spirit caused dozens of lesser magi to hop around in improving approaches, alleys and driveways. And Heppner has emerged a young, energetic metropolis where before it was a lazy, slow-growing town.

The comparison may seem ill-advised. But, there's no denying the quickened step of everyone, even as motor traffic has greeted the smoother streets with increased pace. The tempo of the town has been enlivened. The spirit has turned from hopelessness to hope.

Such is the spirit of accomplishment. Such is the satisfaction with being a part of progress.

Heppner is a better city for the improvement. And as one improvement leads to another, Heppner will continue to become more attractive, to become a still better place in which to live. Today its living accommodations are filled. There will be more people tomorrow. More building is to be done. More progress is in sight.

But a few problems brought about by the street work will need to be solved. There is increased danger at street crossings. U-turns on at least two of the principal intersections on Main street should not be allowed. Now that streets are surfaced around blocks on either side of Main, no inconvenience to traffic should result, and traffic hazard would be lessened.

And while we step on the gas in rejoicing over the new streets, let's not forget that potentially another car is to be met at each corner, driving at like speed, and that a child is dashing into the street just around every corner we turn.

IRRIGON NEWS

Hoaglands Purchase Markham Place

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. and Mrs. Hoagland from Stanfield have purchased the place west of town formerly owned by Fred Markham and have established residence.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Aldrich accompanied their daughter, Mrs. Sykes, and Mrs. Stroller who had been here visiting for some time, to their home in California last week.

Mrs. Stevens moved from the Chas. Benefiel place to the place formerly occupied by Harvey Walpole, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and family moved from the W. C. Isom house in town to the Chas. Benefiel place Monday. They have rented the place for the coming year.

Mrs. Ed Adkins' mother from Idaho is visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Becker are home from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Markham from Richland, Wash., were business visitors in this vicinity Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Isom and baby daughter, Dohnlee, motored down from Baker Saturday night to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom. Don returned Sunday and Mrs. Isom and baby returned for a few days visit.

The Earl Ismo and Geo. Kendler families and Earl Leach were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Warner were dinner guests of their daughter, Mrs. Batie Rand and family, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Grabeil motored to Imbler Saturday night. Mrs. Josephine Grabeil who has been

with her daughter all summer recovering from a broken limb, returned with them Sunday and will live with her daughter, Mrs. Emmet McCoy, this winter.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express out heartfelt thanks to all the kind friends who assisted us at the time of our bereavement.

Leta Biddle and family,
Otis Biddle and family,
Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Salter.

PLEADS GUILTY

Marion Cunningham plead guilty to a charge of giving liquor to a minor on arraignment in justice court yesterday and was fined \$25 and costs.

CALL OR WARRANTS

Outstanding warrants of School District No. 34, Morrow county, Oregon, up to and including Warrant No. 359, will be paid on presentation to Heppner Branch, First National Bank of Portland. Interest on said warrants not already called, ceases October 1, 1937.

L. A. FLORENCE, Dist. Clerk.

United States Department of the Interior, Division of Grazing, Burns, Oregon. NOTICE OF ELECTION. United States Department of the Interior, Division of Grazing, Region No. 4, Burns, Oregon, September 29, 1937. Under Departmental orders an election will be held at the Morrow County Court House, Heppner, Oregon, on Monday, October 11, 1937, at 1:00 P. M. for two members of Oregon Grazing District No. 7 Advisory Board. Nominations will be opened at 1:00 P. M., and the polls will be open from 2:00 o'clock until 5:00 o'clock P. M. A voter must have the qualifications of a license in the District where he or she lives. Under recent rulings by the Director of Grazing a qualified licensee may vote and therefore hold office under the rules of this election in one or all of the districts within which he is a qualified licensee. All qualified voters should attend this election.

MARVIN KLEMME,
Regional Grazier.

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