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## Must Keep Awake

**M**OVE has been started by the county court to obtain for Morrow county its just share of state road monies. That act is commendable and should meet with wholehearted support of everyone.

Oregon's highway commission is a non-political set-up. The men sitting on that body are broad-visioned men. They are to be credited with doing a good job, by and large, of administering the largest business in the state. But they are not free from pressure.

All sections of the state constantly clamor for more and more road money. Some sections are better organized, are in favored position, and get the lion's share. Other sections that merely cheep are neglected. That is evidenced by the fact that Multnomah county has no tax levy for road purposes, while Morrow county's levy per square mile is among the state's largest; and that Morrow county has no federal aid highway except the trunk highway along the Columbia, while Umatilla county is crisscrossed with same.

We of Morrow county merely chirruped when the Heppner-Junction-Nye sector of the Oregon-Washington highway was removed from the federal aid map a few years ago. The mileage was placed elsewhere, presumably on the John Day North and South highway, without any notice beforehand being given this county.

The late S. E. Notson and other local road enthusiasts worked hard to make possible the Oregon-Washington highway, the only state highway serving the interior of the county, when the original state highway system was made up in 1917. The law creating that system provided for eventual surfacing of all such primary highways. The Heppner-Pilot Rock sector of the Oregon-Washington highway is the last sector of any such highway not to be so treated, though since this road was built, the John Day North and South highway has been or is in the process of being finished en toto, and that section of the latter highway which coincides with the Oregon-Washington from Nye Junction to Pendleton was made into a boulevard. For the last year or so the sector from Heppner to Nye has not even been decently maintained.

Morrow county does not need the Oregon-Washington highway to get to Pendleton. Since oiling of the Lexington Echo road and straightening of the Oregon Trail into Pendleton, that route serves adequately in this respect. But Morrow county did put much of her own money into construction of the Oregon-Washington highway believing that it would eventually be brought up to the standard of all other primary highways. And we of this county are justified in feeling that faith

has not been kept in this regard.

We are not so much concerned now in having the road to Nye surfaced as we are to have the sector of the Heppner-Spray and Heppner-Wasco highways surfaced to Rhea creek. These are secondary highways which coincide as far as Rhea creek junction, and probably the heaviest traveled section of road outside the primaries. The work was tentatively promised for this year, but as snow clouds are now appearing on the horizon any hope of its being done this year has gone a'glimmering.

This county did get surfacing on the Lexington-Jarmon road this year, but the work was done with money allocated in 1936. Maybe the surfacing of the Rhea creek road will be done next year on money allocated this year. But the court would like to know, and that's reasonable, if such practice will not eventually mean losing out a year on the county's rightful portion of state road money.

A road now crosses this county with inter-state connections fulfilling requirements that has just as much to recommend it for placement on the Bureau of Public Roads map as has the John Day North and South highway. This county was not well enough organized and lacked the political pull to get it connected with the Three Flags highway, but it is time that forceful attention to the matter is given at Washington. This route connects with the Wallula cut-off at Hermiston, up Butter creek to Jarmon's, following the Lexington-Echo road in Lexington, the Oregon-Washington highway to Heppner, the Heppner-Spray road to the John Day highway, the John Day highway to Service creek, the Service creek cut-off to Mitchell and connection with the Ochoco highway which in turn ties up to The Dalles-California highway. This is, in fact, the shortest route between populous centers of eastern Washington, and points northeast, and south central Oregon and points south. For publicity purposes it might be known as the Eagle route.

Heppner's good theater brings good pictures in good season. Pearl S. Buck's "Good Earth" was shown to good (meaning large) audiences the first of the week. A marvelous picture, it could not do justice to a great work of literature, due to time limitations. Paul Muni and Luise Rainer, especially the latter, gave truly great characterizations. Too long dwelling on mob scenes and locusts gave unbalance toward the spectacular, left wanting the great underlying theme which the author so beautifully developed without necessity of a happy ending love theme—that in spite of all of nature's reverses and the false glamour of things worldly, the earth is fundamentally good. The Wang Lung which Muni portrayed did not have enough of those calm moments of soliloquy in which he received moral fortitude by communing with the good earth.

Is ex-King Edward headed for England's premiership? A potent possibility is pointed out in the current issue of a popular national weekly magazine. Edward's popularity among British laboring classes, in the dominions, and with foreign powers; a very apparent interest in doing something to help the "lower" classes as evidenced by his recently proposed and called-off trip to the U. S. A., and his being domiciled in France with Mr. Bedoux whose reputation is known as an efficiency expert in the ranks of factory employees whom he once supervised in America, all contribute to the magazine writer's belief that Edward is headed, not for oblivion as certain English gentlemen would like for everyone to believe, but for No. 10 Downing street. The idea does appeal to the imagination.

"Off" market conditions prevailing the last few weeks caused one wag to opine that it's so quiet all one can hear is the singing of the notes at the bank.

Dr. J. P. Stewart, Eye-Sight Specialist of Pendleton, will be at the HEPPNER HOTEL on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17th.

Cecil Lutkins was in town from Hardman way Saturday, feeling pretty good over growing prospects.

## SCHOOL EDITORS HOLD OUT FOR 'GOSSIP' AS ESSENTIAL TO NEWSY PUBLICATIONS

By PAUL McCARTY, local delegate to High School Press Association Conference.

With 80 delegates coming from schools representing all sections of the state, the 12th bi-annual conference of the Oregon High School Press association, held on the University of Oregon campus at Eugene, came to a close last Saturday (Oct. 30) noon, after a very interesting and profitable two-day session. The meeting was climaxed by presentation of awards to Baker, Carleton, Pendleton, and Franklin and Benson Tech of Portland for editing the best papers in their respective divisions.

In charge of the session were Eric W. Allen, dean of the school of journalism, and George Turnbull, professor in the same school and veteran of many journalism conferences.

This recent conference differed from and far surpassed the writers' conference held in Portland last summer in that the subjects were more widely discussed, with the students themselves playing an important role through their leading of discussions. My duty while there was to lead a discussion on the topic "How the Sports Editor Meets His Particular Problems."

One of the most willingly discussed topics was the one concerning the gossip column. This was also the case at the Portland writers' conference. Students seem to take greater interest in that section of the

paper, one school issuing a paper containing two pages of humor and, quoting one speaker, "delicious morsels of gossip."

Many schools and many different styles of papers were represented at Eugene, several giving the essentials which they considered necessary in editing a "newsy" newspaper, also giving the degree of success with which they met in publishing their publication. One feminine delegate, a representative from a valley school, commented that her paper contained no gossip whatsoever, the adviser forbidding any such material, and that as far as she was concerned, the paper was a flop, and everyone thought the same.

Friday evening a no-host banquet was given at the Del Rey cafe in downtown Eugene, with Dean Allen acting in the capacity of toastmaster. Speeches, musical selections, and an initiation of several new members into Sigma Delta Chi, men's national journalism honorary, were features of the program.

The various sororities and fraternities furnished housing facilities to those attending the conference. It was my privilege to stay at the Beta Theta Pi fraternity of which Don Turner, Heppner '37, is a freshman pledge.

As those attending the press association meeting were more than satisfied with its results, an effort is being made to make it an annual event, instead of the bi-annual conference that it has been in the past.

## MORE RECOGNITION

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third of the funds in its construction and surfacing.

"During 1936 repeated requests and demands were made by this court for the resurfacing and paving, during 1937, of the Heppner-Wasco secondary, number 300, from Heppner to Rhea creek but to date nothing has been done. This road is practically worn out, having been constructed 13 years ago. We admit that 12 miles of the Lexington-Echo road, number 320, was oiled and a dust coat placed on about 8 miles to the Morrow county line this year, but this work was done with money allocated in 1936 and could have been completed in 1936. None of the 1937 money allocated to Morrow county has been expended in this county except for maintenance only.

"The present court has gone on the assumption that the people of this county would be accorded fair treatment in road matters and that they would be treated like white people who live in the Valley and we did not consider it necessary to come down to every meeting you held and holler like hell for what was justly due us. We are beginning to believe that our assumption was all wrong. We do not believe that it should be necessary to spend county money to have the pleasure of telling you what should be done when you have a commissioner in the next county and have some employees here who should know what is needed. The natural assumption is that your commissioner is entirely ignorant of road

conditions here or is too interested in the building of roads in Umatilla county to think of Morrow county. Your whole commission and the governor made a trip some time ago viewing the roads of eastern Oregon but completely passed up this county and this seems to be the usual and natural policy of the commission. How can you get any first hand information if you do not go over our roads? Possibly they are so bad you are afraid to risk damaging your cars.

"As you are well aware the present court has not been riding you at every meeting for favors or making unreasonable demands but we believe that we are entitled to consideration and fair treatment from you and for our share of work and money to be expended on our roads.

Mr. Johnson also read the reply of R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, which stated:

"This is to acknowledge receipt of your communication addressed to the Oregon State Highway Commission under date of October 26. Please be advised that copies will be sent to each of the Commissioners and your letter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the State Highway Commission."

In recognition of the pleasurable relationship enjoyed by the club in the time its meals had been served by the Tennessees, Lions presented Mr. and Mrs. Tenney with a gift, and President L. D. Tibbles expressed appreciation of the club. Mr. and Mrs. Tenney each made response. They expected to leave Heppner the end of the week for their new field.

## 'Buckaroo Slim' Dies; Was Known Here

Hugh R. Smith was in The Dalles last Thursday to attend funeral services for "Cowboy Slim," colorful rodeo performer who left Mr. Smith's employ two months ago after two and a half years service, and in which time he was a familiar character in Heppner. From The Dalles Chronicle of Wednesday of last week is taken the following account:

Funeral services for Bert Slack, Dalles resident who died here Monday, will be held Thursday at 10 a. m. from the Zell funeral home. Rev. R. A. Hutchinson of the Congregational church will officiate and interment will be in the local I. O. O. F. cemetery. Surviving relatives include two daughters, Mrs. Feleta Barnhill, Mason City, Wash., and Mrs. W. H. Graham, Pendleton, and one brother, James Slack, Elgin.

Mr. Slack came to The Dalles from Summerville, Ore., more than 20 years ago. He was a cowboy all his life and participated in the Pendleton Round-Up annually from 1910 until 1936. Known as "Buckaroo Slim," he was reported to have been an outstanding rider and roper at the yearly event. His horse, "Lizard," is still alive at the age of 36 years. Pallbearers at the services will be former cowboy associates.

Wm. J. Hughes and son Don were visitors in Heppner over the week end, calling on relatives and friends. A good many years ago Mr. Hughes assisted Gene Noble in the local saddlery. He left here in 1912, going to Prineville, and in 1920 became employed with Hamley's at Pendleton where he has been continuously since. He is a brother of Joe Hughes and Mrs. Dennis McNamee of this city.

Harold Cohn and son Philip left Monday night by train for St. Paul, Mr. Cohn going east on business and intending to drive home a new car. They expected to be gone two weeks.



Dear old Grandma, long since dead,  
Made delicious, tasty, wholesome bread.  
But why should you, over a stove of steel  
When you can jump into your automobile  
And purchase baked goods browned to a turn  
As the folks of today continue to learn.

Baking at home is rapidly becoming a relic of the by-gone days. No matter whether its nutritious bread, or an appetizing pastry, we can supply you with products equal to those made in your own kitchen.

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