

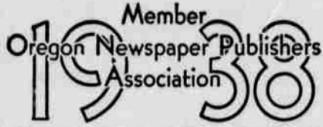
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Progressive Planning

SOME people might consider the city council's ambition to rid the city of old shacks as a bit too visionary to be practical. Or the idea of straightening and widening the upper Willow creek road approach to the city to eliminate a hazardous traffic condition might appeal to some folk as just an idle dream.

These things are actually, however, progressive planning that will bring ultimate benefits far greater than the small individual sacrifice in a few instances.

The men now serving on the city council have shown a large degree of self-sacrifice in working for measures which should have whole-hearted public support. They serve the city without pay. In every instance they have business connections which they can ill afford to jeopardize by antagonizing any considerable number of people.

Already in the present regime Heppner has seen the street surfacing program brought to completion. That good piece of work will do much toward solving the dust aggravation of past years. Now Willow creek through town is being cleared of brush, straightened and shaped up in a manner to reduce the old flood menace and make the stream neater and cleaner in appearance. There should be thought given to eliminating the offensive sewage dumping into the creek while the work is under way, but in any event a large measure of sightliness and safety will be contributed in this work.

A general public consciousness is now needed of what a contribution to safety and pleasurable living would be afforded if all sites now occupied by shacks were cleaned up and landscaped in a manner to make them not only acceptable but pleasurable to view. A consciousness is also needed of the necessity, under modern traffic conditions, of eliminating as many narrow and sharp street turns as possible. Fortunately no serious accidents have happened on the narrow, tedious outlet of the upper Willow creek road. But it should not be necessary to wait until the inevitable death toll comes before the new approach is completed.

The council has brought no undue pressure to bear upon anyone in working for these measures of civic betterment. They have moved cautiously and wisely. And they are entitled to more cooperation than has been given.

As has been said before, there is small inducement for good men to administer the affairs of city government. And there is less reason still for them to attempt to put across work of improvement that meets only with public passivity at best. That men are serving the city who are really trying to improve conditions is a favorable situation and one that should be encouraged. An attitude of public laissez faire can mean only that it will be harder and harder to get capable men to accept city administrative positions.

Just because Heppner is a small town in eastern Oregon is no reason why it cannot be made a clean, attractive place in which to live. An old adage says dirt attracts dirt. An exact corollary is the proposition that cleanliness is next to godliness.

A Furtive Fellow Is the Shrew—Has B.O. and P.U.

By F. F. WEHMEYER

One of the animal residents of our mountain country is the shrew, a tiny little creature usually about the size of the first joint of a man's finger. To the unknowing he is just another mouse but to mice and other small denizens of the forest he is a holy terror. A furry mite with a long pointed nose constantly seeking the next meal and an appetite that would do justice to a Swede harvest hand. To sustain life he has to eat several times his own weight each day and will starve to death in a few hours if deprived of food. His constant hunger gives him the courage to attack anything from Susan cottontail down, but his main diet is mice and he is therefore quite a useful little citizen in curtailing what might be an embarrassing population, for mice can strongly compete with the native Italian in any stork derby. Not much is known about the shrew, for he is so wee, so furtive and lightning-like in movement as to make observation difficult. He doesn't hibernate but spends an enjoyable winter among the sleepy-heads who do. Like the skunk, weasel and others of that ilk, he has the power to excrete a sickening odor for self protection. He fairly exudes not only B.O. and P.U., and the pangs of starvation will hardly force other animals to eat the stinking little wretch and even hawks and owls will curl their upper lip in disgust and drop him if they accidentally mistake him for Mickey Mouse.

Federal Farm Loan Men Attend Meeting

J. J. Wightman, president; Chas. B. Cox, vice president; W. Vawter Parker, secretary-treasurer, and Victor G. Peterson, field salesman with local national farm loan associations, were in Walla Walla Monday and Tuesday to attend a meeting of directors and secretary-treasurers of 27 associations serving farmers in 17 counties in eastern Oregon and eastern Washington. Mrs. Parker accompanied her husband.

A highlight of the meeting was an address by E. M. Ehrhardt, president of Federal Land Bank of Spokane, who used a chart in depicting the material progress made by the system last year, and to reach the conclusion that "financially the land bank's position is stronger than at any time in recent years." Much improvement last year was said to have resulted from decentralization in administrative work with larger share of responsibility and interest taken by directors and secretary-treasurers of the local associations.

O. E. S. MEETS TOMORROW

Regular meeting Ruth chapter 32, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at Masonic hall tomorrow evening, announces Mrs. Mary Guild, worthy matron.



As the footlight fame-seeking girl who faced disappointment and disillusion gallantly to her dying end, Andrea Leeds offers a remarkable characterization in "STAGE DOOR," screen hit co-starring Ginger Rogers, Katharine Hepburn and Adolphe Menjou and coming to the Star Theater Sunday and Monday.

Local Bank Making Loans Under FHA

Applications for class one and two loans under Title I of the new National Housing act just passed by congress are being accepted by the Heppner branch of The First National Bank of Portland, it is announced by B. C. Pinckney, manager. "Under this act," Mr. Pinckney stated, "which amends and revives the home and business plant modernization act, known as Title I under the original F. H. A., loans may be made for the purpose of alteration, repairs or improvements. We are receiving many applications under classifications one and two outlined by the act and believe we are entering a new era of renovating and modernization."

Mr. Pinckney pointed out that the act specifically covers three classifications of loans: Class 1—to repair, alter or improve an existing structure or the real property in connection therewith. Class 2—to erect new structures exclusive of those used in whole or part for residential purposes, and Class 3—to erect new structures to be used wholly or in part for residential purposes.

PRISONER TO SALEM

Ralph Brumfield, sentenced to four years in the state penitentiary by Judge C. L. Sweek in circuit court here last week end, was taken to Salem Friday by Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman to start serving sentence. Brumfield's sentence arose from a larceny charge in connection with breaking into Bert Mason's store at Ione several months ago.

NAME ARMY DAY GROUP

Army day, April 8, is planned to be celebrated locally with talks at the high school and various civic organizations. Named on the local committee are Spencer Crawford, chairman; George P. Starr, Lieut. Richard C. Lawrence and Mrs. Floyd Adams. Army day is sponsored by the Military Order of the World War and will be observed in 97 cities and towns of Oregon. Governor Martin is honorary chairman; Mayor James K. Carson, Jr., of Portland, chairman, and Jacob Kanzler, Captain Oscar Kaufer, Major H. D. Bagnall of Portland recruiting office, members, of executive committee.

SOCIAL CLUB MEETS

Mrs. Sara McNamer and Mrs. Blanche Patterson were hostesses for O. E. S. Social club at Masonic hall Saturday afternoon. First prizes were taken by Mrs. Chas. Vaughn and Mrs. W. E. Pruyn. Others attending were Mrs. David Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Cleveland, Mrs. Glenn Jones, Mrs. E. R. Schaffer, Mrs. Earl Gilliam, Mrs. A. D. McMurdo, Mrs. Chas. Cox, Mrs. Mary Guild, Mrs. Harold Buhman, Mrs. Anna Bayless, Mrs. Lillian Cochran.

HAS FEATURE ARTICLE

Oregon State Daily Barometer of March 4 carried a feature article on Capt. H. L. Beard, veteran cadet band leader who is coming to eastern Oregon with the band next week. The article was written by Miss Nancy Jane Cox of this city.

Harold Anderson was in town yesterday from the Gooseberry district.

Ross to Address Pendleton Meeting

J. D. Ross, Bonneville administrator, will address a meeting at Pendleton at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, March 15, in the little theater of the Vert Memorial building, according to announcement of C. L. Lieuallen, Pendleton mayor. Ross will give information on Bonneville power.

Mayor Lieuallen has extended an invitation through Mayor Jeff Jones for everyone interested in first hand information on Bonneville to attend the Pendleton meeting.

FARM HOMEMAKERS YEARN MOST FOR RUNNING WATER

Roseburg—Farm homemakers of Douglas county rated running water in the house as the most desirable convenience in a survey made by the committee in charge of the farm home and rural life division of the recent agricultural outlook conference at Roseburg. Given three more "wishes," they would take inside toilets and bathrooms, remodelled kitchens and added sleeping rooms.

The survey showed that a large percentage of the rural homes did not have running water in the kitchens or on back porches, although many of the farms provided running water for livestock and for use around farm buildings.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jones attended the basketball tournament from Condon to see their son, Don, member of the Condon team, in action. Mr. and Mrs. Jones publish the Globe-Times.

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