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## On to Rhea Creek

OREGON'S highway commission made no promises when in Heppner Tuesday, but the county court and citizens of Heppner who were available made it plain to them that this county feels it is entitled to have oiled surfacing of the road from Heppner to Rhea creek completed next year.

The county court emphasized the fact that grade work must be completed this fall if the oiling is to be accomplished next year. Whether this can be done was not stated, though Mr. Baldock, the state engineer, made notes on grade revision and expected to have a check up made on costs in the near future.

The visit itself of the commission, and the admission by members of the visiting party that this section of road is the most heavily traveled road in the county excepting only the primary highway from Heppner down Willow creek, makes prospects of action heartening. A hitch, as stated by the commission, lies in the fact that, despite all publicity given about large amounts of federal aid road money coming into the state, the total sum available next year will be about 25 percent short of last year.

Morrow county is depending upon the fairness and broad vision of the commission in bringing this project to fruition. It is difficult to criticize the men holding responsibility of carrying on the state's largest business—that of road building. They are under demands from all sections of the state and they must do the best they can with funds available. Certainly a close scrutiny will reveal inequalities in distribution of funds and other seeming administrative flaws. But those not on the inside do not know the whole story.

Sometimes the commission finds it advisable to place an extra large amount of money in one place in order to bring a project to completion and thus sooner realize on the investment. Other times, worthy projects are overlooked because the people most interested do not bring their story forcefully to the commission's attention. These and many other considerations have a bearing on the commission's action.

There are many undeniable factors which must ultimately bring the Heppner-Rhea creek road favorable consideration, however. The fact of its being a double secondary (being a part of two state secondary highways), the fact of the potential timber and wheat resources behind it, the fact of the heavy traffic now existent which is causing the road's rapid deterioration and, one of the largest facts to be considered—the fact that it is part of a cross state route which inevitably will be heavily used by through traffic between points in California and points to the northeast of Heppner.

We join in thanking the commission for the fair hearing they have given the project, and acknowledging gratitude to the county court for their action which led to the commission's visit here.

R. C. Wightman accompanied C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, to Salem yesterday as Mr. Bauman took Fred Gallagher there to begin sentence. The gentlemen expected to stop in Portland for Masonic grand lodge on the return.

## F. W. Turner Heads Lions at Election

Election of officers for the ensuing year at the Lions noon luncheon resulted in F. W. Turner being named president. Other officers selected were Joe Belanger, first vice president; Tom Wells, second vice-president; Rod Thomson, third vice-president; Spencer Crawford, lion tamer; L. D. Tibbles, taitwister; J. V. Crawford, secretary; C. J. D. Bauman and Dwight Miller, directors.

B. C. Pinckney, scout committee chairman, announced June 19 as the tentative date for starting the Boy Scout camp at Ritter, though definite announcement could not be made pending word from other troops in the district. Richard Tullar entertained with a solo, "Just a Song at Twilight."

## New Barley Variety Looks Good

Albany—A planting of Santiam barley, a new variety released from the Oregon experiment station last fall for experimental trials under farm conditions, was showing up well on the Grimes farm near Harrisburg late in May, according to County Agent F. C. Mullen, and gave promise of being a high-yield-

ing variety. It showed tall, stiff straw with three to five stalks to a plant and was commencing to put out large heads. Other Linn county farmers who made trial plantings of the new barley this year are Leslie Cade and Mr. Blaine, of near Albany.

## Local Man's Song Pays Oregon Tribute

George M. Gibson's first views of Oregon when he came through on arrival from Tennessee inspired a song which was accepted by Columbia Music Publishers, Ltd., of Toronto, Canada, and recently released. Mr. Gibson has been employed at Heppner hotel for the last year. He came here about two years ago to visit at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lulu Herren Rumble and to recover his health following a serious illness.

In the lines of the song Mr. Gibson has perpetuated the feelings and emotions obtained from many of Oregon's grandeurs. It is entitled "Nostalgia."

## POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

I hereby announce myself as an independent candidate for the office of county assessor at the General Election to be held November 8, 1938. (Paid adv.) A. J. CHAFFEE.

## More County Timber Goes to Kinzua

Transfer of 1000 acres of timberland of the Hirschheimer estate in Morrow county to Kinzua Pine Mills was made this week through J. H. Dunlop, trustee, who was in the city from Portland on Tuesday.

Mr. Dunlop reported that a block of this timber is being turned to the Kinzua Mills each year. It was his understanding that Kinzua is setting up a sustained yield operation and will not start cutting on the timber just acquired for several years.

## PAST GANDS MEET

Past Noble Grand club enjoyed an all-day pot-luck dinner and quilting meeting at I. O. O. F. hall yesterday. Mrs. Luola Bengstrom of Medford, Mrs. Cypert, mother of Mrs. Tacie Parker, of Walla Walla; Miss Irene Beamer and Mrs. Irene Straight were guests. Members present were Flora Dimick, Sadie Sigsbee, Olive Frye, Bernice Bauman, Etta Parker, Lilian Turner, Clara Beamer, Florence Hughes, Retha Smith, Margaret Phelps, Verna Hayes, Ella Bengt, Tacie Parker, Bessie Campbell, Sylvia Devin and Mary McMurtry.

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