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Hitchhiker Becomes Relief Problem

A UTOMOBILE drivers should think twice before stopping to pick up transient wayfarers along the highways. There is an element of danger that should be taken into consideration and besides there is a law against such practice. The danger is present inasmuch as the driver rarely, if ever, knows the person to whom he tenders a ride and there is no protection against loss or damage accruing through a "good Samaritan" act. These are commonly known facts, or should be known by all persons operating motor vehicles.

Another factor which seldom enters the mind of the car driver is that picking up a transient along the main highway and depositing him at your front gate or elsewhere in the county is apt to add to the relief problem of your county. As an example, if you were returning to Morrow county from Pendleton and that that was the "off" day and picked up a hitchhiker at Echo who merely wanted to get away from there and used the much abused tale of seeking work as an inducement to getting a ride and you bring him to Heppner, you are merely throwing one more person on relief here, either at the relief office or by his own efforts at begging. The latter condition is not the concern of the relief authorities, but the feeding of outsiders is a problem with which the relief office is not prepared to cope.

The county court is battling against a constantly growing relief list. The aged and infirm, widows and orphans, blind assistance and many other items of relief constitute the one real headache for the court. For that reason, not as a personal

Heppner Anglers Merrill's Cafe is Fish Diamond Lake Looted for Cash

Leonard and Earl Gilliam drove to Diamond lake the last of the week for a bit of high Cascade fishing. Enroute, they were joined at Redmond by Leonard's son, Louis, who accompanied them. Louis had just finished his year's work at Oregon State college.

Fishing was good, the Gilliams say, and they returned with a nice string, the average being about 18 inches. They did not attempt to catch the limit, which could have been done with ease, but quit when they felt they had enough for a good feast.

A side trip was made to Crater lake to give Earl his first sight of Oregon's number one natural wonder. Evidence of wild game in the park was plentiful, with a large brown bear and her cub, and a wolf as part of the exhibit. Deer tracks were to be seen everywhere. Snow is still plentiful in the upper raches of the park, particularly around the rim of the lake. The east entrance was opened the day the Heppner men visited the lake and travel will not become general until the other entrances are available.

Lions to Meet at Camp Next Monday

Heppner Lions club will meet at Camp Heppner next Monday instead of at Hotel Heppner. This conclusion was reached at a meeting held at the Elkhorn restaurant last Monday when a group of ten members assembled at the hotel to find repaired to the restaurant for a called meeting. It was also decided to meet every Monday to avoid confusion arising out of the policy in vogue the past few months of suspending one meeting a month.

The Lions club is sponsoring one membership at the Beaver Boy State camp and will send Dean Gilman to the 1940 session. The Elks and American Legion have made their selections also, the former sending Kenneth Jackson of Lexington- and the latter Albert Schunk, Jr., of Heppner.

Election of officers will be held at the meeting at Camp Heppner next Monday

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Borg of Portland were week end guests at the home of Mrs. Borg's parents, Mr.

and Mrs. W. G. McCarty.

Citizenship Day Named by Governor

Jne 14, Flag Day, has also been se-Merrill's cafe was broken into lected as Citizenship Recognition early Tuesday morning and the cash register and a punchboard cash box yielded upwards of \$50 to the thief. Entrance was gained through a ventilator shaft at the rear of the dining room and after the money was taken the culprit left the building

through the rear door. Discovery of the robbery was made by Mark Merrill, proprietor, when vate homes; he opened for business Tuesday As Citizenship Recognition Day, when by suitable public ceremony in the several communities, youth the building brought the discovery

avenue of entrance, for there were telltale smudges around the casing of the shaft.

Merrill had a suspect in mind when reporting the robbery to the sheriff and police and by 9:30 Tuesday morning, Harold Cox was taken into custody at his quarters in the rear of the old planing mill. After a few hours detention Cox told the officers where the money was hidden. A part of it, about \$32, was recovered from a pile of chips at the rear of the planing mill. Later, City Officer Albert Schunk recovered clothes that Cox wore on his venture and a \$10 bill was found in the coverall pocket. Whether the balance of the loot was spent or is hidden in some other spot the officers have not decided.

Arraignment before Justice J. O. Hager at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday, selted in Cox waiving indictment by grand jury and asked for a hearing before Judge Calvin L Sweek. The judge was expected to hold court here today or Friday.

Mrs. W. O. Dix was a Rose Festival visitor in Portland last week remaining for a visit of several days in the city.

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sibilties of mature citizenship.

ATTEND HIGHWAY MEETING

Several Heppner ctizens and members of the Morrow county court are in Portland today attending a meet-Day, when youths who have become ing of the Oregon state highway commission. The delegation is interested in the surfacing of approximately four miles of the Heppner-Spray highway from the end of the present paving at the Frank E. Parker farm to Ruggs'. County Judge Bert Johnson and George N. Peck, commissioner, are representing the county and the delegation representing the chamber of commerce included Chas. B. Cox, E. O. Ferguson, E. Harvey Miller and J. G. Barratt.



just passed twenty-one may be truly initiated into the rights and respon-PERSONAL SERVICE



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morning, a few hours after the theft was committed. A hasty search of

that the ventilator shaft was the

twenty-one during the year previous are honored. I, therefore call to public attention the dual patriotic significance of June 14th.

As Flag Day, when the national emblem should be appopriately displayed at schools, public buildings, commercial establishments and pri-

matter in any sense, the court has developed a natural antipathy to transients and would urge less sympathy on the part of car drivers residing in the county-if the wayfarer is in Umatilla or some other county he is just as well off there as any place. His only objective is to get away from the place he is in to land at some other point. But if you think you must take the risk of inviting a stranger to ride with you and by that act throw an unnecessary burden on the county, don't blame the county court if it is found necessary to add two or three mills to your assessment.

John Crawford returned to Heppner Friday evening following the close of school at the University of Oregon. He went to work in the First National bank Saturday morning.

Miss Harriet Hager, student at Oregon State college, returned home Saturday to spend the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hager. Mrs. Hager met Harriet at Arlington.

V. R. Runnion has been issued a real estate license and is taking listings of farm, residence and business properties for sale or exchange. Phone 452.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney left Thursday night for Detroit, Mich., to purchase two trucks which they will bring back to Heppner.

Joe Snyder was reported improving the first of the week and he was expected to be out of bed Wednesday.

Leonard Rill and family of Eight Mile left last week for their former home at Tulsa, Okla., for an extended visit.

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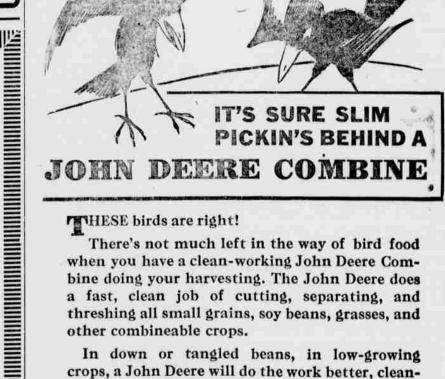
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