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Official Paper for Morrow County

## A Real Need

MORROW county is truly in need of hospital facilities. That is no indictment of such facilities as have been available, though these have been far short of requirements, both as to modern appointment and equipment, and in capacity to care for the number of patients who should be accommodated.

At the present moment, both hospitals in Heppner, one private and the other partially county-sustained, are closed because of shortage of help, leaving the community in a serious condition to meet such emergencies as may arise. That, too, is no indictment of those who have made hospitalization here possible.

At the moment the Heppner chamber of commerce is taking the lead in sponsoring a new hospital movement. This movement is gaining momentum, and should gain the support of everyone. Details of the program are yet to be worked out, but it is quite certain that a general county hospital plan will be used, with possible property tax added to provide funds for construction. That is yet to be determined when the hospital committee meets and formulates plan for action.

No long discussion of benefits to be had from a good, modernly equipped hospital, open to all practitioners need be undertaken. The facts are self-evident. The need, too, has long been recognized, but the past decade of depression has not seemed the time to promote anything calling for additional burden upon the taxpayers.

It now appears that financing such a project can be done without undue hardship. There might even be possibility of obtaining free will subscriptions in an amount that would cover a large part of the initial cost.

In the final analysis, however, any cost may well be justified if the realization results in saving one or more lives. No one knows when the lapse of the hour or two of additional time it takes to reach a good hospital elsewhere might be the difference between life and death for someone in the immediate family.

The county has a definite obligation to hospitalize its own wards. This hospitalization might well be of the best, while making the same kind of facilities available to everyone at rates commensurate with those charged elsewhere.

It can and should be done.

## Apples Aid Ripening Green Tomatoes

The use of ethylene gas in ripening tomatoes which do not color readily late in the season has been practiced on a commercial scale for some time. The gas may also be used on a home basis with apples as a source of the ethylene, points out A. G. B. Bouquet, head of the vegetable crops work at Oregon State college.

Either ripe apples or pears give off ethylene gas in small but continuous quantities. In an experiment conducted by Bouquet, boxes of mature green tomatoes were put in a room at a temperature of 68 to 72 degrees. Some of the boxes contained a few ripe apples, while others had tomatoes alone. Those with apples were sealed shut to confine the gas.

At the end of ten days, 98 per cent of the tomatoes in the boxes with apples were colored and ripe, while the remainder were yellow to half red. In the unsealed boxes containing tomatoes alone, a third were still completely green, while less than half were colored and ripe.

## Pedestrian Protection — No Steel Body Protects Walkers

One Out of Four Non-Pedestrian Accidents Involves Injuries



BUT

Nearly All Pedestrian Accidents Involve Injuries



—Chart courtesy Oregon State Motor Association.

Accidents mean injuries when pedestrians are involved! Experience in Oregon shows that while passengers in cars may escape uninjured in an accident, rarely does the person on foot who is hit by a car escape uninjured. Drivers and pedestrians alike should observe the rules, consider the rights of each other and cooperate to avoid these accidents, says the state traffic safety division.

## AGRICULTURAL ODDITIES

(Reported by O. S. C. Extension Service)

Hybrid popcorn is now being produced which is said to give greater expansion in popping than ordinary sorts. This makes the popcorn more tender and allows the dealer to get more bags of popped corn from a given amount.

Trucks now haul about one-sixth as much freight as railroads, and farmers operate about one-fourth of all trucks in the country. Because the federal government wants a complete inventory of transportation available, a detailed registration of all farmer-owned trucks will soon be undertaken.

Various kinds of combination foods are now being precooked and then frozen for sale to those who can thus take a frozen package, heat it, and serve it directly. One of the cross-continental airlines has already ordered a varied assortment of these precooked frozen foods to be served on passenger planes.

Oregon and Washington fruit growers have been meeting a shortage in refrigerator cars by improving the refrigeration so more fruit can be shipped in a single car. One method is to use dry ice, found particularly valuable in shipping cherries. Pear shippers, by precooling the fruit, are able to load nearly half again as many pears in a car as is possible otherwise.

Deaths from suffocation occur

## Corporations Given Added Tax Time

J. W. Maloney, collector of internal revenue states that corporations will have additional time within which to file 1941 capital stock tax returns.

The collector announces that a further extension of time has been granted to October 29, 1941, within which to file capital stock tax returns for the period ended June 30, 1941, ordinarily due on July 31. As the extension is general, it is not necessary to file an application therefor.

Collector Maloney states that the capital stock tax rate was increased under the revenue act of 1941 to \$1.25 per thousand and that forms now in the possession of corporations may be used after correcting the rate of tax to \$1.25 per thousand in lieu of \$1.10 printed on the form.

Corporations which already have filed their capital stock tax returns and paid the tax at the rate of \$1.10 will not be required to pay the additional tax due under the new rate until they have received notice from the collector's office.

fairly frequently in silos when no provision for ventilation is made. In an ordinary above-ground silo ventilation is accomplished by keeping the doors open above the silage. With underground silos it is always safest to test for carbon dioxide by lowering a chicken to the top of the cut silage and observing it for five minutes before allowing a man to enter. The gas if there may be driven out by raising and lowering a blanket 20 or 30 times.

## NOTICE OF HEARING ON NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a budget committee of the Non-high School District of Morrow County, State of Oregon, at a meeting of said committee held on the 6th day of September, 1941, prepared an estimate in detail of the amount of money proposed to be expended by said Non-high School District for all purposes during the fiscal school year beginning July 1, 1941 and ending June 30, 1942, and an estimate in detail of the probable receipts of said Non-high School District from all sources for the school year 1941, 1942. The Board of Education of said Non-High School District has fixed the 31st day of October, 1941 at the hour of 9:00 A. M., at the Court House in Heppner, Oregon as the time and place at which said estimates may be discussed with the Board of Education of said Non-high School District, at which time and place any and all persons interested will be heard for or against said tax levy or any part thereof. That said estimates and original estimate sheets are on file in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools and are there open to the inspection of all persons interested therein, and the same are by reference made a part thereof.

### RECEIPTS

I. Cash on hand at the beginning of the year for which this budget is made ..... \$2,244.81  
II. Amounts received from other sources ..... 295.99  
TOTAL RECEIPTS ..... \$2,540.80

### EXPENDITURES

	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	Estimated Expenditures 1941-42
Tuition .....	\$ 9,856.00	\$10,549.80	\$11,574.61	\$11,500.00
Transportation .....	4,737.29	6,088.82	5,152.62	5,000.00
Printing .....	17.11	14.61	26.36	25.00
Travel Expenses of Board Members .....	30.60	38.80	43.20	50.00
Emergency .....				500.00
Total Expenditures .....	14,644.00	16,692.03	16,796.79	17,075.00

### RECAPITULATION

I. Total Receipts ..... \$ 2,540.80  
II. Total Expenditures ..... 17,075.00  
DIFFERENCE: (Amount to be raised by tax on the Morrow County Non-High School District) ..... 14,534.20

Dated this 6th day of September, 1941.

RALPH I. THOMPSON,  
Chairman, Budget Committee.  
PEARL WRIGHT,  
Secretary, Budget Committee.

LUCY E. RODGERS,  
Clerk, Board of Education,  
Morrow Co. Non-High School Dist.  
GLADYS ELY,  
Chairman, Board of Education,  
Morrow Co. Non-High School Dist.

## Oregon Doubles Sugar Beet Acreage

Oregon will probably double its production of sugar beet seed next year compared to this if growing conditions are favorable, according to reports of acreage received by the extension service at Oregon State college. Approximately 1700 acres were grown this year, while close to 3500 acres have been signed up by the West Coast Beet Seed company for next year.

A discussion of Oregon's opportunities in sugar beet seed production was recently given before the agricultural committee of the Portland chamber of commerce by Ronald Hayes and George Scott of the seed company. Before the war most sugar beet seed was imported from Germany.

## Iron in Spring Water Troublesome in Pipes

Presence of dissolved iron in spring water causes considerable difficulty when such water is piped to houses for domestic use, according to reports repeatedly received by J. S. Jones, agricultural chemist at Oregon State college. Sometimes this dissolved iron may come from the pipes themselves when the original water is strongly acid, although more frequently it is dissolved out of the soil.

The only effective way of remov-

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ing it from solution is by the use of a tank or settling basin in which sodium carbonate is used to precipitate the iron after which it will settle out, says Jones.



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