



## 10 Pct. Increase In Freight Rates On Wheat Opposed

Bean Presents Oregon's Case at St. Louis ICC Hearing

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 7.—Oregon producers, shippers, farmers, lumbermen, cannerymen and other vital industries had their inning presented today before the ICC hearing here when Ormond R. Bean, state public utilities commissioner, represented them at the hearing called by the federal body on the request of the railroads of the nation for a ten percent increase in freight rates. The hearing is being held by Clyde B. Aitchison, formerly of Oregon, who has been a member of the Interstate Commerce commission for many years.

Bean, in his statement, pointed out that Oregon takes no position for or against the general increases proposed but did oppose the large increases proposed on lumber, grain and other agricultural products of this state, and "especially the percentage method of increasing the rates on these products." In part, Bean's statement follows:

"The pending application, if granted, would authorize all the railroads serving Oregon to increase their existing interstate carload freight rates 10 percent on grain and grain products, lumber and forest products, deciduous fruits, livestock, wool, vegetables, canned goods and practically all other descriptions of traffic.

"Oregon produces and ships raw materials and manufactured products far in excess of its consuming capacity and of the consuming capacity in the Pacific Coast and Mountain Pacific states. Such raw materials and manufactured products are shipped largely by rail to those distant consuming markets in transcontinental and eastern defined territory, in competition with sources of supply geographically much closer to those markets.

"They already are under heavy handicaps in existing freight rate relationships by reason of their remoteness from the principal consuming markets. A uniform percentage increase of existing freight rates will necessarily aggravate and increase the disadvantages under which Oregon producers and shippers already labor in selling raw materials and manufactured products in these distant markets in competition with closer sources of supply.

"If a percentage increase is granted, these rate spreads will be considerably widened. Differentials or spreads ordinarily fix the boundary lines of commodity movement. If the rate is too high or the spread too great, any movement of our products to the east and middle west will cease. We are fearful, if further percentage increases be granted, that this point will be reached."

## M. J. Devin, 80, Was Resident Since 1884

M. J. Devin, 80, resident of Morrow county since 1884, and prominently connected with life in the Sand Hollow country where he farmed the larger portion of the time spent here, passed away at the country home this morning, following a lingering illness. Funeral rites, not yet announced will be held from the Church of Christ. Phelps Funeral Home is in charge.

Mr. Devin was born at Bolivia, Mo., and there married Sarah E. Hurt, December 9, 1880. Mrs. Devin preceded him in death in Dec., 1939.

Surviving are one son, Austin; six daughters, Vella Walton of Yakima, Letha Archer, Ora Wyland, Tena Scott and Altha Devin of this county, and Dessa Hofstetter of Monmouth, also 10 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, one sister, Mrs. D. O. Justus of this city, and one brother.

## Ione Schools Lead in Defense Savings Work

Ione students and faculty have taken the lead in raising funds for the purchase of defense bonds and stamps. When Judge Bert Johnson visited the school Tuesday morning he was immediately accosted by a red haired young lady with the demand for his old newspapers, magazines, and waste paper. He had to yield. While he stood at the school's front entrance many students arrived with sleds loaded with paper, or arms loaded.

The paper drive, encouraged by Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county superintendent and abetted by Erret Hummell, principal, and faculty, is conducted as a contest, with the losing side to fete the winners. The paper is being properly bundled and will be sold with money used to buy defense bonds. After the paper drive a raffle and play will be staged to raise more money for the same purpose.

Judges Johnson reports the 50 percent of the upper grade pupils are purchasing defense stamps as individuals. The school has plans all made for evacuating pupils in time of danger. First aid classes are starting under direction of the Red Cross on January 21.

## Chas. B. Cox Heads Paralysis Campaign

On resignation of Dr. A. D. McMurdo as president of the President's Birthday Infantile Paralysis campaign in Morrow county, Chas. B. Cox took the helm of the local organization this week. Workers have been named in the various communities, but due to absence of Mr. Cox in Portland this week the names were not released.

Following the precedent of previous years, it is expected the campaign in this county will follow in nature those of former years, with staging of an annual ball in the president's honor on or about the 30th. The campaign starts January 20 and culminates on the 30th, the president's birthday anniversary date.

## Red Cross War Relief Fund Drive Progresses

The special Red Cross war relief fund drive for \$1500, under way for the last several weeks had brought donations at Heppner totaling \$250, reported James Driscoll, chairman, this morning. Weather conditions have held up individual canvassing which is expected to get under way shortly. In the meantime Driscoll urges donations be left with him at the postoffice, or with the workers in outlying communities, as follows:

Hardman, Mrs. Elsa Leathers; Eight Mile-Rhea Creek, Mrs. Walter Beckett, Mrs. B. O. Anderson; Lena, Mrs. Edwin Hughes; Lexington, Mrs. Juanita Carmichael, Loyal R. Parker; Ione, Gar Swanson; Pine City, Mrs. L. D. Neill; Cecil, Mrs. Herb Hynd; Boardman, Mrs. Flossie Coats.

## All With Income Asked To Regularly Save For Defense

County-wide Campaign Set; Mahoney Cites Objectives

Because the war effort must be sustained at an ever increasing tempo, the inflow of dollars to finance the effort must be regular and continuous. To that end the United States treasury department is inaugurating a pledge card campaign to start January 23, P. W. Mahoney, county defense savings chairman, told committeemen in a meeting at the council chambers Monday evening when plans were laid for contacting every person with an income starting from that date.

Chairman Mahoney attended a state meeting of county defense savings chairmen in Portland last week, at which state heads brought a message direct from U. S. Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau given them at a previous meeting in Chicago.

The secretary said he or President Roosevelt either one did not want enforced savings, but intimated that voluntary effort of the people must bring the desired results or such a program would have to come to supply the flow of dollars needed.

While in amount, sale of defense savings bonds and stamps so far has been up to expectations, disappointment is felt in the number of people purchasing them, and the lack of assurance that continued buying will prevail. It is to add to the feeling of national unity as well as to raise the needed money that the new campaign is being instituted. Every one of the 30,000,000 million people with some form of income is wanted as a regular purchaser of defense securities. So far only 3,000,000 million people have been investors, said Mahoney.

It was emphasized that in event the United States should succumb to Axis domination, the money of the country would be worthless, and that in event of victory the defense securities will be paid at face.

In conducting the campaign there shall be no attempt to tell anyone how much he shall invest in the defense securities, Mahoney said, but it is desired that everyone buy to the limit of his ability.

The pledge cards are not legally binding, but they are kept on record in both state and national offices, and a close check will be made on the response. Should anyone become unable to fulfill his pledge, he may be relieved by writing to the state or national headquarters informing them of the circumstances. Strict compliance with pledges so

## George L. McMillan Was Lexington Leader

George L. McMillan, prominent Lexington wheat grower and business man at Lexington for many years until his removal to Portland in 1926, passed away in that city last Thursday, aged 70. Funeral rites were held from the Christian church at Lexington Tuesday afternoon, with Cecil Warner of Hermiston officiating and interment in Lexington I. O. O. F. cemetery. Pallbearers were all nephews of the deceased, being Jack, Bob, Pete, Ted and John Robert McMillan and Vernon Warner.

Mr. McMillan was born at Mohawk, Green county, Tennessee, on July 23, 1871. He came to eastern Oregon in 1886, settling at Lexington where he wheat farmed, and for many years was a partner of the late W. G. Scott. He served as a director of the Lexington State bank during the life of that institution.

His successful business career led to his retirement to Portland in 1926. Mr. McMillan left the reputation for being a kindly neighbor and loving husband with those who knew him. He was especially fond of young people and always ready to give them a helping hand. A prolific reader, he took an active interest in civic and public affairs.

Surviving are the widow, Carrie Rodine McMillan; four brothers, E. D., S. G. and J. F. of Lexington, and W. P. McMillan of Corvallis, and three sisters, Mrs. Minnie Leonard of Spokane, and Mrs. Lou Broadley and Mrs. Cora Warner of Lexington.

## Emmett Ayers Takes Own Life With .22

The lifeless body of Emmett Ayers, secretary of the local I. O. O. F. lodge and resident of this city for many years, was found this morning at his home with a .22 rifle bullet wound in the rear of the head. Dr. A. D. McMurdo, coroner pronounced death as suicide.

Besides acting as secretary for the Oddfellows lodge, Mr. Ayers had also acted as sexton at the Masonic cemetery for several years. His act came as a shock to friends who had no intimation of its contemplation.

far as possible is a patriotic duty.

In organizing for the campaign Chairman Mahoney placed various members of the county committee in charge of zones, with instructions to seek assistance from organizations in each zone to assist in making individual contacts. Those named to zones follow:

Heppner, J. G. Barratt, P. W. Mahoney.  
Lexington, Ralph Jackson.  
Ione, Bert Johnson, Lee Beckner.  
Boardman, C. J. D. Bauman.  
Irrigon, Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers.  
Lena, J. Logie Richardson.  
Hardman-Eight Mile, J. V. Crawford.

## Chamber Elects Directors, Reviews Work Of Past Year

Cessation of State, Federal Aid for Road Work Here Told

Electing directors for the new year its special Tuesday evening meeting at Lucas place, Heppner chamber of commerce tightened its belt for war time rations on expenditures by voting to purchase one \$25 value series F defense bond each month for the next twelve months, authorizing the secretary to sign a pledge card to that effect in the forthcoming pledge card campaign.

Newly elected directors are R. C. Rosewall, C. J. D. Bauman, B. C. Pinckney, Elaine Sigsbee and E. Harvey Miller. These, with the holdover directors, Chas. B. Cox, L. E. Bisbee, H. D. McCurdy, George Howard and P. W. Mahoney, will name the officers.

P. W. Mahoney, county defense savings chairman, explained the new savings drive to the chamber, and in his capacity as chairman of the highways committee reported progress on roads for the year.

With all federal funds for roads except those necessary to the military organization of the country, withdrawn, Mahoney said the state highway commission has followed the federal lead in announcing that all available funds will be expended on the same type roads in the state. This means that Morrow county will have no outside assistance on roads this year. Mahoney reaffirmed the position of his committee that the chamber should continue its efforts in behalf of improvement of the upper Willow creek road, a county road, which he considered of leading importance in the county's road program.

In his annual report, President B. C. Pinckney gave a resume of club projects for the year, showing effective activity in many fields.

A resolution to the United States department of forestry asked that existing reserve timber in Morrow county be sold only to mills established and operating in Morrow county.

An effort was made to present a picture of Morrow county's favorable position for establishment of a munitions factory.

Assistance was given in staging the annual Rodeo.

A program of civic improvement was prepared and presented to the city council.

The Lena-Sand Hollow mail route, to become operative July 1, was given active support.

Pacific Power & Light company was approached to increase voltage sufficiently to enable Heppner Lumber company to operate a day shift in its planing mill.

The chamber's Rodeo float won the \$40 sweepstakes prize.

Assistance was given in staging the E. O. W. L. conference.

"The immediate future, whether the duration of the war be one or four years, presents to every citizen of Morrow county a challenge—a challenge to give his all to the defense of our country, both in money and spirit," said President Pinckney. "It behooves each and every one of us to get back of the administration, buy bonds and offer our services whenever and wherever such service can be of help.

"The chamber offers a nucleus through which much of this effort can be coordinated to best advantage. Never in the history of Heppner was an organized body of representative business men so much needed as right now. Never in the history of the Pacific slope have we been confronted with the dangers now existing.

"Let's keep Heppner prominently on the map in defense bond sales again in 1942. Let's get 100 percent behind our chamber so that it can support the national program 100%."

U. S. Treasury Department  
Defense Savings Staff

### PLEDGE FOR REGULAR INVESTMENT IN DEFENSE SAVINGS BONDS

NOTE—This is not an order form. The Signer will buy Defense Savings Bonds by one of the methods listed below:

To aid the National Defense, I pledge that,

I will invest the sum of \$..... in Defense Savings Bonds (or Stamps) each  week.  month.

I will buy these Bonds:

From a post office, bank, or other sales agency.  
 By mail from the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C.  
 Under a Pay-Roll Savings Plan (or other similar arrangement for regular purchasing) in effect at my place of employment:  
 (Employer's name) (Employer's business address)  
 Through a regular purchase plan installed by the following organization:  
 (Name of organization) (Address)

If you are already purchasing Defense Bonds systematically, please indicate the type of plan when signing this agreement. Also check here.

I will faithfully fulfill this pledge for the duration of the War, or so long as I am financially able to do so.

(Print) (Given name) (Middle initial) (Last name)  
 (Street and number) (City) (State)  
 (Date) (Signature)

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Shown above is a replica of the pledge which every loyal American will be asked to sign, during a house to house campaign to be carried on in every part of Oregon beginning January 20. Citizens, to be designated as "minute men" will call at homes, with the request that all Oregonians sign up to "buy a share in Uncle Sam," by agreeing to purchase regularly defense savings bonds or stamps.