

EDITORIAL

Should Be Annual Affair

Speaking in behalf of the small group of Heppner people who have been privileged to attend the concerts, some or all of them, given under the Civic Music Association at Vert Memorial in Pendleton throughout the winter months, it will be quite acceptable if Pendleton decides to make this an annual affair—provided, of course, Heppner will be permitted to buy season tickets.

It is one thing to hear big-name talent over the radio and quite another thing to see the same people performing. The talent heard at Pendleton this winter doesn't quite rate top billing but liners and Mr. John Public would scarcely notice the difference.

any one of them could fill in for some of the top. The season coming to a close next Wednesday evening with the appearance of the piano duo, has been a delight to music lovers who have crowded the Memorial building to capacity. Sponsors need have no fear that announcement of a course next season will lack spontaneous support.

There Must Be Some Good . . .

March weather has not been conducive to sweetening the disposition and there is the consolation that it will last only 16 days longer. However, out of all this bluster, the soil has been receiving moisture and some of our farmer friends tell us that crop prospects right now are good. That is satisfying, especially coming at a time when everybody feel about as low as the proverbial underside of a snake, what with Morgenthau's agents putting the pressure on. It is comforting to realize that while all our money is going out right now there will be some coming in next fall.

One farmer relates that about six weeks ago he was building fence. The ground was dry after penetrating the surface. During the past few days the fence building was resumed and this time it required just five dips of the post-hole digger to reach the required depth. Naturally he looks for fairly heavy yield this year.

Farrell Releases Forest Receipts

Receipts for forest reserve rentals in Oregon for the year 1944, totaling \$696,254.33, were distributed to 31 counties this week by Robert S. Farrell, as secretary of state.

The 1944 total is considerably greater than any for the past few years, partially as a result of increased timber sales due to wartime demands for lumber, Farrell said. In 1943, the distributed amounted to \$362,766; in 1942 it totaled \$206,007-

.02; and in 1941 it was \$183,836.27. The fund goes to the 31 counties in which forest reserves are located. The fund allotted to each county depends on the acreage of forest area it contains. There is a total of 14,358,088 acres in the 31 Oregon counties containing federal forest reserves.

VISITS TWICE IN WEEK

C. M. Kennedy, prominent stockman of the lower Hay creek area in Jefferson county, came to Heppner Saturday expecting to pick up a pair of Shorthorn bulls which

were shipped from Spokane with some bought by James Valentine. Valentine learned that the animals had not been shipped from Spokane and tried to notify Kennedy, who was on his way here. Kennedy returned home Sunday morning and receiving notice that the animals would arrive here Tuesday night, drove back to Heppner early Wednesday morning. The Gazette Times family enjoyed a visit with Mr. Kennedy, having known him when residents of Madras a few years ago.

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