

EDITORIAL

Road Improvements Needed

It is a matter of gratification to the county court that the road improvement program submitted to the state highway commission on the occasion of that body's visit here in 1943 has been included in a \$12,202,000 postwar improvement development. When asked what was considered a "must" list, the court placed the Heppner-Spray route as first and included the Heppner-Condon and Lexington-Echo routes as deserving of early attention. Ofcourse, a word about state assistance on the Willow creek road was slipped in and this has been ignored, for the time being, at least.

There is no information relative to the Shani-ko-Heppner secondary highway. It is presumed that it is being projected as a more direct route from points east, such as Hermiston, Pendleton, Heppner, to the central Oregon territory. The Wasco-Heppner route evidently is designed as a short cut for people of Heppner and Condon districts to The Dalles and Portland.

Largest single appropriation for new construction is awarded to the Prineville-Madras secondary highway which will join the Ochoco route with Highway 97 at Madras as well as the new Madras-Mt. Hood unit which shortens the route from central Oregon by about 29 miles. This has no particular bearing upon the local situation other than in the future it will be possible to cut across instead of going miles out of our way to get to points not far removed. It will open up our grand old state to travel more extensively than in pre-war days and visitors will find that wherever they go they will find something of interest, for such is the state of Oregon.

Go Easy on Wrapping Paper

When you see one of those little filler paragraphs down at the bottom of the column in your

daily paper, read it in full and take it for just what it is meant. There is a scarcity of paper—all kinds of paper—and consider yourself lucky that so far there has been enough to go around. This has been accomplished through various conservation measures but with pulp supplies daily growing shorter it is doubtful if heroic measures will meet the demand.

Keep the paper shortage in mind when you visit the grocery store. Your grocer hates to admit that he cannot deliver the pre-war type of service, yet he is confronted with the necessity of soon asking you to take your packages unwrapped or unsacked, that is, unless you cooperate with him now. You can do just that without the slightest inconvenience by not asking that purchases already covered be wrapped. More and more foods are coming already packaged and further wrapping would be folly. Leave the warping paper and sacks for the handling of perishable foods and such items as cannot be conveniently handled otherwise. Do this and you will be making a direct contribution to the war effort.

Mussolini and Hitler spoke in their heyday and the earth trembled, but there was never a shiver when both of them passed out of the picture. They created mighty power which they used own people at the mercy of an enemy they sought to destroy weaker nations and in the end left their to crush. They were enemies to civilization and the most flagrant examples of the folly of a people or a nation relying upon the leadership of one man or one particular set of men.

It looks as if the Allies will have to take over Germany. There are not enough of the Nazi leaders or any other political elements left to hand the country over.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends who assisted during th illness and death of husband and father, Virgil Lawson Warren, and to express our appreciation for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Emma Warren
Clarence Warren and family
Dorothy Nelson

NATIVE OF THE DALLES

Prof. Daniel W. Poling, making his first visit to Heppner Wednesday evening, stated that he was born in The Dalles. His father, Rev. D. V. Poling, was a Congregational minister. The younger Poling's first teaching job was at Maupin—"gem of The Deschutes" as he put it. He holds a professorship in political science at Oregon State.



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