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**EDITORIAL . . . . .**

**Change in Law Would Help**

In view of the housing shortage, which is getting no better at a rapid rate, it appears reasonable to advocate that laws or regulations that effect certain projects be changed. This thought is brought to mind by a decision handed down just recently by the state attorney relative to the building of teacherages. Like the Morrow county hospital case, it was somewhat of a setback to learn that a school district cannot be bonded to erect a teacherage.

While Mr. Neuner's opinion was given in response to a request from Umatilla county it is statewide and directly affects a proposed teacherage to be built in lone by school district No. 35. The need for such housing is too obvious to warrant discussion. The average school is faced with a difficult task in acquiring teachers. If housing facilities are poor or, as in many places, practically nil, it is easy enough to imagine the problems school boards have to wrestle with. Their difficulties could be greatly lessened if they could arrange housing for their teacher corps and not have to depend upon the uncertainty of placing them here and there.

There may be some good reason for not permitting school districts to bond for this purpose, but it must be remembered that we are in an emergency with the prospects that it will take at least five years under favorable conditions to bring needed relief. Unless something is done, and that soon, the teacher problem will grow worse instead of better.

**Recreation Building Needed**

The matter of using funds accumulated by the county through pari mutuel betting proceeds for the purpose of building a county fair pavilion and recreation hall has been up for discussion in the American Legion and the Heppner chamber of commerce. According to the law under which the fund was established, it is permissible to use it in the erection of a building, or buildings for the use of the public at large.

This county has at present upwards of \$21,000 accumulated under the racing setup. If the new track in Portland goes into operation and is not halted after a few years, it will be possible to put up a \$50,000 building here and finance it through the racing fund. It is deemed permissible to build a county fair building, which would be used for that purpose about one week out of the year, and use it as a recreation building the rest of the time.

That is a good idea and should go farther than the discussion stage. At present there is scarcely a suitable place in the county for large public gatherings, and aside from the limited social use made of the school facilities there is no place for young people, and old, for that matter, to enjoy wholesome recreation.

The county and the city should get together on this project and do some swapping of properties that would make it possible for one or the other to provide a proper site for the building. Some of these vacant untaxed lots would look a lot better with a handsome structure on them, even if they remain untaxed.

**BRIDAL SHOWER  
A SURPRISE EVENT**

Some 50 ladies of the Christian church assembled at the C. W. Barlow home last Friday evening while the Barlows were having dinner at the home of Rev. and Mrs. O. Wendell Herbison. When the dinner party, which was in celebration of the birthdays of Miss Marie Barlow and Miss Betty Jepson, was concluded the guests repaired to the Barlow home where the surprise miscellaneous shower for Marie was produced.

The evening was spent in opening the gifts, of which there were very many, and in visiting.

Refreshments of ice cream, cookies and coffee were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Herbison, Mrs. Grace Hughes and Miss Edna Hughes.

Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Claud Coats of Boardman and Mrs. Truman Messenger of Lexington, aunts of the honoree.

Miss Barlow is the bride-elect of Cecil Warner of The Dalles and the wedding will be an event of Feb. 22. A farewell party was given at

the court house Friday honoring Pat Mollahan whose duties as sheriff expire today, and for Miss Marie Barlow whose duties in the assessor's office will end shortly. They presented each with a gift.

**County Committee  
Named for Home  
Management Work**

Miss Grace Gadeken, emergency home demonstration agent, has completed selection of a county-wide group which will act as a steering committee in an advisory capacity, to help anticipate needs and assist the agent in carrying out program.

Construction of REA lines into the farm districts will create new household problems, Miss Gadeken stated, and she has selected her committee with a view to aiding new users in the application of electric current to every day living.

A county-wide meeting will be held at the I.O.O.F. hall in Heppner Feb. 8, at which time Mrs. Mabel Mack, state specialist in home management will assist the com-

mittee in setting up definite objectives.

A series of 4-H leader training classes has been started. At the next meeting, Feb. 9, two little misses from Jefferson county, Marilyn Welter, Warm Springs, and Emaline Overhulse, Madras, state winning team, will be present and demonstrate their pet subject—the school lunch. Merit pins for individual achievement in completing projects, and first, second, third fourth, seventh and eighth year awards will be given.

**RETURN HOME**

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Ray of Salem spent a few days here this week coming to visit Mrs. Ray's mother, Mrs. Wm Cowins who was ill. Returning home Wednesday they were accompanied by Mrs. J. G. Cowins who is taking a vacation in the valley.

Howard Bryant is attending a meeting of the Oregon Bankers' association in Portland this week. He went to the city Sunday and is due home Friday.

Mrs. Nellie G. Anderson of Anderson and Wilson's dress shop plans to be in Portland this weekend to do some buying for the store. J. F. Davis and his daughter, Mrs. Dan Maynard were in The Dalles Wednesday where Mrs. Maynard

had her eyes examined.

Pfc Jack Schaeffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schaeffer is home on 30 days leave. He will report back Fort Lewis on Feb. 10 and will then start a three year hitch in the army.

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