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We All Have Our Troubles

The series of strikes that have beset the country since the cessation of hostilities have in one way or another affected every line of business. We grew accustomed to shortages necessitated by war demands and took our handicaps cheerfully, comforted by the thought that when the war is over we will be able to get the things we need. But it appears that the end of the war was but the beginning of domestic troubles which to date have not been sufficiently ironed out to permit resumption of a normal trend.

In all this turmoil the printing and publishing industry has carried on philosophically. Curtailments have been instituted to keep the machinery in motion. Newspapers have narrowed margins, limited advertising space, reduced the number of pages, omitted special features in an effort to keep going. During the war period allotments took care of some of the trouble, particularly in the case of the weekly newspapers, few of which approached the limit of their quotas. In recent months this situation has changed and the word coming from the best informed sources is to look well to your newsprint supply. As stated elsewhere in this issue, the Gazette Times is trying to conserve on newsprint. The larger pages may not be as convenient in the matter of makeup and readability. Some of our readers have expressed a preference for the tabloid size, while advertisers have shown a liking for the larger page. Under normal conditions it will seldom be necessary to expand to the extent of two or four extra pages because of the possibility of handling a larger volume of advertising to the page. It is hoped that the change will permit of more news coverage, too, for after all a newspaper is published primarily for the purpose of disseminating the news of its community.

Road Improvement Needed

This newspaper is not fully informed on the highway improvement situation in Morrow county but it is recalled that when the highway commission last visited here the matter of completing the Heppner-Spray road at least as far as Hardman was discussed and that there was some assurance given that this would be done when road work could be resumed on a general scale. Mention was made that the improvement should extend as far as the Kinzua Pine Mills company's Camp Five road in order to preserve the grade already established.

Since the commission's visit three years ago timber activity in that area has increased and there is a heavy volume of traffic between the Wall creek timber region and Heppner. The narrow, crooked route from Ruggs to Hardman poses a problem for trucks meeting at some points, especially if the one coming this way is loaded with logs, and people in passenger cars feel a bit uneasy when meeting one of the big carriers.

At present a construction crew is engaged in completing the Heppner-Condon highway. It is recognized that this is a link in a route that will lead either to central Oregon or the Columbia river through Gilliam and Sherman counties. This will be an excellent road and place Heppner on a through route.

Our next concern, and in some respects our first concern, is completion of the road over the mountains to the south. With the opening of a second camp by the Kinzua interests and the cutting of an extensive belt of timber by the Heppner Lumber company in the Wall creek area, there will be still heavier traffic out of here. Added to this development is the Monument area, for which district Heppner is a natural outlet, and attention should be given to the matter of obtaining a highway directly into that district. Re-establishment of trade with the northern Grant territory will not hurt Heppner. It is possible to combine several interests in obtaining a route down Little Wall creek to the main creek and thence into Monument by water grade. This should be looked into and followed up. Talking and dreaming about it will not get results. No doubt the lumber companies and the Forest Service would be interested in such a route, and surely Heppner, if our business people are looking beyond the horizon of the surrounding hills should be interested in extending its trade territory.

In the years to come there will be much re-routing of highways to better serve districts now more or less remote from such traffic arteries. It has been evident almost since construction of the Heppner-Spray route that the road was more of an accommodation to certain individuals than to the public at large and while it is nice to have it, so far as this community is concerned it has not been a developer of trade with the interior country. If this condition is to be remedied we will have to formulate a program and follow it up. We will have to collect and prepare factual data to present to the commission and stir up interest in the territory to be served. It will be work but will be worth the effort.

A Munificent Rain

Abundant rainfall since the first of the month has improved crop conditions in this section and removed some of the gloom that has beclouded farmer countenances. Added to the 1.70 inches which fell in late May this puts a reasonable amount of insurance on a fair crop in 1946.

Varying reports come in from over the county. Some farmers say their prospects are good, others take the opposite view. It is true that stands are not up to the level of the past few years, yet it is difficult to accept the view that crop failures are on the calendar for this year. Some of the marginal territory will be poor. In some of the better districts weeds will cut down the yield and the over-all picture is that stalks are short and the heads small. The present rainy spell and reasonably warm weather following should improve the filling out process and raise the general average.

Town Growing Younger

Changes are taking place in Heppner at a rapid rate these days and gradually the picture is becoming one of youth along Main street. Younger people are buying out the old established places and setting about to make their position secure in the community.

It might be said that the ball started rolling when M. D. Clark decided to retire and sold his business to Harry Van Horn and Roy Quackenbush. Later on Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Hughes disposed of their stock and retired. The Earl Gordons, altogether too young to retire, decided to sell and brought to town a younger couple, Mr. and Mrs. John Saager. In recent months the picture has changed faster and we find James Thomson Jr. succeeding James Thomson Sr.; Alien Case and Gus Nikander taking over management of the Case Furniture company; Reynolds & Hubener succeeding Edward Chinn in the Elk-horn restaurant, and numerous other changes.

Now comes the sale of the Noble Harness and Saddle shop, one of the oldest established businesses remaining in one family since its beginning. E. G. Noble has bowed to the inevitable and from here on the business will be operated by Thomas Lloyd with the assistance of his brother Jack.

There remains one firm name which has been in the hands of two families from its establishment, Gilliam & Bisbee. Next to that it looks like the Gazette Times falls in line for long succession of family name, excluding, of course, the Thomson Bros. store previously mentioned.

There is an opportunity for these younger business people to cash in on the experience of their predecessors. Perhaps they can see where their elders were a bit too conservative, or on the other hand, not conservative enough, and can steer their ship on a safer course. At least, Main street has grown younger in recent years and if the young fellows have not been satisfied with the way things have been going they are in a position to do the steering from here on.

What Can Be Done About It?

One of the problems facing the small town these days is to provide entertainment for its people. This is more especially true in regard to returned service men who had no special employment or perhaps a business of their own before entering the service. The remark is heard from time to time that "I don't want to return to Heppner. There's nothing for a young fellow to do in his idle time."

This poses a problem for communities such as ours, for there appears to be little the small town can do to provide excitement such as some of the returned veterans think they crave. The average small town, such as Heppner, with a picture show every night in the week, a dance either in town or a nearby community practically every Saturday night, the lodges, pastimes and other centers—all these features which once had appeal no longer suffice for the youth who has been in the midst of some of the greatest excitement the world has ever known.

Perhaps there is another side to this question. Just as there are many youths who got "hopped up" on excitement during the war, there also are as many others, and doubtless more, who sought only to get the war over and return to their homes and resume a normal life. These boys for the most part have returned home and gone to work. Many of them have married, others have returned to school. They have not been content to accept the allowance made by their government for a period of idleness. Work is the surest way of forgetting the horrors of war and when properly employed there is less time to think about the lighter side of life.

This does not excuse the home town from trying to provide entertainment, and Heppner does reasonably well, and it will take time to build up a program of this nature. In the meantime, some of the war "hop" will have worn off and the regular commercial entertainment channels will take care of most of that type of business.

NOTICE OF SCHOOL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 1, of Morrow County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at the City Hall on the 17th day of June, 1946, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year beginning July 1, 1946 and ending June 30, 1947, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET

Schedule I				Estimated Receipts and Available Cash Balances	
ITEM				Total All Funds	General Funds
Estimated Receipts from					
2. County School Fund.....				\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
3. Elementary School Fund.....				3,000.00	3,000.00
4. State Irreducible School Fund.....				450.00	450.00
5. Vocational Education.....				900.00	900.00
6. High School Tuition.....				6,500.00	6,500.00
7. Elementary Tuition.....				8,000.00	8,000.00
8. High School Transportation.....				1,900.00	1,900.00
9. Sales of Supplies, Property, or Equipment.....				50.00	50.00
10. Rentals.....				400.00	400.00
11. Estimated Total Receipts.....				\$23,500.00	\$23,500.00
12. Estimated Available Cash Balance or Deficit (Add Cash Balance—Deduct Deficit).....				\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
13. Estimated Total Receipts and Available Cash Balance or Deficit.....				\$27,500.00	\$27,500.00

Schedule II—General Fund Estimated Expenditures

ITEM	Elementary Schools	High Schools	Estimated Expenditures for the En ensuing School Year in Detail	Estimated Expenditures for the En ensuing School Year by Totals	Budget Allowance in Detail for the Current School Year	Expenditures for Three Fiscal Years Next Preceding the Current School Year		
						Detailed Expenditures for the Last Year of the Three-year Period	Second Year	First Year
						Totals	Give Yearly	Give Yearly
I. GENERAL CONTROL								
1. Personal service:								
(1) Superintendent.....	\$1,114.50	\$1,114.50	\$2,229.00		\$,527.14	\$,516.66		
(2) Clerk.....	300.00	300.00	600.00		600.00	360.00		
(3) Stenographers and other office Assts.....	593.75	593.75	1,187.50		950.00	753.23		
(4) Compulsory education and census.....	10.00	10.00	20.00		20.00	20.00		
(5) Other services.....	50.00	50.00	100.00		100.00	50.00		
2. Supplies.....	75.00	75.00	150.00		150.00	252.58		
3. Elections and publicity.....	50.00	50.00	100.00		100.00	4.85		
4. Legal service (clerk's bond, audit, etc.).....	75.00	75.00	150.00		150.00	191.70		
5. Other expense of general control:								
(1) Travel.....	100.00	100.00	200.00		200.00	243.01		
6. Total Expense of General Control.....	\$2,388.25	\$2,388.25	\$4,736.50	\$ 4,736.50	\$ 5,527.14	\$ 4,441.83	\$ 879.80	\$ 9,178.67
II. INSTRUCTION—Supervision								
1. Personal service:								
(1) Principals.....	300.00	300.00	600.00		600.00	600.00		
(2) Smith-Hughes.....			230.00		230.00	236.30		
(3) Supplies.....	40.00	40.00	80.00		80.00	25.51		
2. Total Expense of Supervision.....	340.00	340.00	910.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 861.81	\$ 170.89	\$ 1,312.87
III. INSTRUCTION—Teaching								
1. Personal service:								
(1) Teachers.....	21,640.00	17,111.00	38,751.00		33,572.86	29,857.98		
(2) Handicapped Children.....	270.00		270.00		270.00	212.50		
(3) Retirement.....	1,152.00	942.00	2,094.00		2,000.00	93.08		
(4) Music.....	50.00	50.00	100.00		100.00	50.00		
2. Library supplies, repairs.....	25.00	25.00	50.00		50.00	12.14		
3. Supplies (chalk, paper, etc.).....	400.00	400.00	800.00		800.00	574.84		
4. Textbooks.....	300.00	300.00	600.00		600.00	1,850.68		
5. Other expense of teaching.....	150.00	150.00	300.00		300.00	283.47		
6. Total Expense of Teaching.....	\$23,987.00	\$18,978.00	\$42,965.00	\$42,965.00	\$39,392.86	\$32,885.84	\$28,979.89	\$28,257.07
IV. OPERATION OF PLANT								
1. Personal service:								
(1) Janitors and other employees.....	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 2,130.00	\$ 4,260.00		3,600.00	3,084.46		
(2) Retirement.....	106.50	106.50	213.00		213.00	170.62		
2. Janitors' supplies.....	500.00	500.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
3. Fuel.....	500.00	500.00	1,000.00		1,000.00	660.93		
4. Light and power.....	310.00	310.00	620.00		620.00	685.75		
5. Water.....	75.00	75.00	150.00		150.00	154.15		
6. Telephone.....	100.00	100.00	200.00		200.00	205.84		
7. Total Expense of Operation.....	\$ 3,721.50	\$ 3,721.50	\$ 7,443.00	\$ 7,443.00	\$ 6,540.00	\$ 5,761.95	\$ 3,908.46	\$ 3,159.83
V. MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS								
1. Repair and maintenance of furniture and equipment.....								
250.00	250.00	500.00		1,000.00	1,144.73			
2. Repair and maintenance of: (1) Buildings.....								
500.00	500.00	1,000.00		1,500.00	2,369.03			
(2) Grounds.....								
1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00		500.00				
4. Total Expense of Maintenance and Repairs.....	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,513.75	\$ 1,897.58	\$ 1,001.81
VI. AUXILIARY AGENCIES								
1. Health service:								
(2) Supplies and other expenses.....	80.00	80.00	160.00		160.00			
2. Transportation of pupils:								
(1) Personal service.....		1,600.00	1,600.00		1,600.00	1,874.52		
3. Other auxiliary agencies:								
(3) Hot Lunch.....	400.00	100.00	500.00		500.00	507.41		
4. Total Expense of Auxiliary Agencies.....	480.00	1,780.00	2,260.00	\$ 2,260.00	\$ 2,260.00	\$2,381.93	\$ 1,894.68	\$ 3,311.89
VII. FIXED CHARGES								
1. Insurance.....								
113.40	113.40	226.80		243.00	448.20			
3. Other fixed charges:								
(1) Northwest Association.....								
		5.00	5.00		5.00	8.88		
4. Total Fixed Charges.....	\$ 113.40	\$ 113.40	\$ 231.80	\$ 231.80	\$ 248.00	\$ 453.20	\$ 148.68	\$ 148.68
VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS								
3. Alteration of buildings (not repairs).....								
500.00	500.00	1,000.00		200.00				
4. New furniture, equipment and replacements.....								
1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00		1,000.00	1,327.52			
6. Other capital outlays:								
(1) Library books.....	150.00	275.00	425.00	\$ 3,425.00	300.00	268.51		
7. Total Capital Outlays.....	\$ 1,650.00	\$ 1,775.00	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 3,425.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,596.03	\$ 805.32	\$ 453.28
X. EMERGENCY								
				\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,500.00
Total Schedule II—General Fund—Total estimated expenses for the year—sum of items I-8, II-5, III-7, IV-8; V-4; VI-4; VII-4; VIII-7, IX-3, X								
				\$66,871.30	\$69,778.00	\$51,903.14	\$42,787.70	\$36,419.70
Schedule V—Special Improvement Fund (Serial Levy, Etc.)								
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT FUND								
2. New buildings.....								
\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 5,000.00						
4. New furniture, equipment and replacements.....								
1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00		8,000.00				
7. Total Schedule V.....	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00				
Schedule VI—Summary of Estimates of Expenditures, Receipts and Available Cash Balances, and Tax Levies								
ESTIMATION OF TAX LEVY								
	Total all Funds	General Fund Tot. Sched. II	Sp. Impr'm't. Fund Tot. Sched. V					
Total estimated expenditures DEDUCT:	\$74,871.30	\$66,871.30	\$ 8,000.00					
Total estimated receipts and available cash balances (Schedule I).....	27,500.00							
Amount necessary to balance the budget.....	47,371.30							
Balance to be raised by taxation.....	47,371.30							
Total estimated tax levies for ensuing fiscal year.....	47,371.30							
Levy to be extended.....	47,371.30							
Analysis of estimated tax levies:								
Amount inside 6% limitation.....	24,787.06							
Amount outside 6% limitation.....	22,584.24							

Dated this May 8, 1946
Signed: Bonnie B. McClintock District Clerk
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