

EDITORIAL . . .

A Good Road Program

It can not be predicted what attitude the highway commission will take towards the highway set-up in Morrow county, but the program advocated by the county court and citizens is a good one and merits the backing of all who are interested in better roads.

This newspaper has pointed out from time to time the desirability of securing direct highway connection with the Monument district. The county court, city of Heppner, forest service, and roads committee of the Heppner chamber of commerce are in accord relative to the proposed road. The people of Monument and vicinity would appreciate a direct route out this way and a considerable volume of trade would result from such a road. In addition to the practical commercial value there is also the matter of opening up more mountain playground.

Some of the court's requests, backed by the chamber of commerce, have been granted. Oiling of the Oregon-Washington highway from the Hanna ranch to Lena was accomplished a few years ago. Completion of the Heppner-Condon highway is in sight. Highway 207 between Lexington and Buttercreek, or the Morrow-Umatilla county line, is in the process of being rebuilt. That leaves the Ruggs-Hardman section of the Heppner-Spray highway to be rebuilt and surfaced. The county court will ask that this improvement be extended as far as the mouth of Chapin creek. Heavy hauling over that section from Parker's Mill turn-off into Heppner has been hard on the grade and much of it needs rebuilding.

Completion of these units will give the county a good highway system under the state set-up. The county also has a road program designed to give each district a trunk line. It will take a number of years to make any appreciable progress in that direction but it is a step in the right direction.

It looks like the country is going to be well swept this fall, what with both major political parties predicting clean sweeps.

THE CAPITAL PARADE

By MURRAY WADE

POLITICAL DOG DAYS

With the general election 90 days in the offing, just now it looks like the coming campaign will be the quietest in decades. So it looks from the outside. From the inside little has leaked, but that little is potent. Democratic national strategists have been quietly working in Oregon for the past three weeks. Republican organizers are spacially laboring to block pacification of the CIO and AFofL for a united front to be joined by agricultural organizations. Word has been passed down the line for workers to give their employers efficient service plus. This to ease the shortage of commodities and nullify anti-labor propaganda.

The labor-agriculture agrandizement, the democratic coordinators reckon, should carry the state; the labor vote to win in Multnomah county and the labor-agriculture combination to win in the up-state counties. This sounds like a big order in a republican state like Oregon and gives the seasoned GOP party councillors a belly laugh. However, a big smoke signal from the White House warns that soon after the next congress pulls the stick back things will happen that will interest Oregon agriculturists in having a democratic congressional delegation representing the state. Already threats from Washington jeopardize heavy federal appropriations that have long been planned for Oregon.

Expressing the evangel of General Omar Bradley, veteran administrator, Col. John J. Andrews told convention delegates of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, "Veterans can

build a world in which there will be no war."

"Veterans and their families comprise a majority of this nation's population—80 million persons—so they are in a position to promote international understanding and to build a better world. One in which there will be no war." Colonel Andrews emphasized.

ADJUST VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Superintendent of Public Instruction Rex Putnam and O. I. Paulson, head of the state vocational education division were in San Francisco this week to assist in revising the vocational bulletin dealing with the Smith-Hughes and George Dean federal acts. These laws deal largely with agriculture, trades and industries, and vocational training in high schools.

ENCOURAGES BRANDING

Branding will always be necessary in the livestock business, is the reminder made recently by Dr. M. J. Belton, of the animal industry division of the state department of agriculture. Methods of cattle rustling have changed from the hard riding hairtriggered bandits to those of the present "gasoline cowboy" who moves fast and strikes with a high powered truck equipped to do slaughtering anywhere. Modern rustling is still a threat in some sections of the state. Branding, earmarking and tattooing all help in apprehending cattle thieves.

CANDIDATE IN A JEEP

Campaigning from a jeep, David C. Epps, Mill City publisher, says he will start his campaign for secretary of state about September 1. Epps who is one of the few veterans running for office on the November ballot, says he will "spend very little money" but intends to cover the entire state.

FERNIST ONE-ARMED BANDITS

A mandate ordering all state, county, and city law officers to more rigidly enforce state laws prohibiting punch boards and slot machines in Oregon was issued Saturday by Attorney General George Neuner. Neuner said "it appears little effort is being made by officers to enforce the statutes and abate these nuisances." He declared that by direction of the governor "I am impelled to call the attention of all local officers of their respective communities to any condition which requires action."

RACING FUNDS UP

pari-mutuel dog and horse race bettors contributed \$236,393 in revenues so far this year for state, county, and district fairs and expositions. Racing funds deposited in the state treasury exceed any previous year's receipts for the same period. These funds have steadily increased, each year, from \$92,876 in 1942.

Heppner Teachers to Take Short Course

Mrs. Ethl Adams and Mrs. Beulah Ogletree of Heppner are registered to attend the two-week short course for teachers at Eastern Oregon College of Education from Aug. 19 to 30.

The course is especially organized to help teachers plan their work for this coming school year. It will deal with the practical problems of the teacher, such as methods of presentation, use of textbooks, manuals, Oregon courses of study, references, etc., and will include lectures, demonstrations, group discussions, and library readings. The work will be organized to care for the needs of the primary, upper-grade and rural teachers. Registration will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 19 in room 11 of the administration building.

Lexington Items . . .

By MRS. MARY EDWARDS
Misses Aiko and Frances Griffith left Sunday to return to their homes in Sacramento. They have been spending the summer at the Edwards home. Mrs. A. F. Majeske and daughter Audrey were Pendleton visitors last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cherry came up last Wednesday to take

their household goods to Blachly, Oregon where they will teach this fall.

The Camp Five girls under the leadership of Delpha Jones, are sponsoring a tea to be given at the home of Mrs. Elmer Hunt Saturday afternoon, August 17 between the hours of one and four o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Kenneth Way, recently discharged from the navy is visit-

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ing friends in Portland and vicinity.
Miss Jo McMillan has returned from Tacoma where she has been visiting friends for several days.
Mr. and Mrs. W. C. VanWinkle and family were business visitors in Pendleton Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. George Gertson left Saturday for Havre, Mont., to spend a week visiting Mr. Gertson's parents.
Mrs. Olive Young of Portland is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells for a few days. A former resident of Heppner, where her husband, the late R. C. Young, was pastor of the Methodist church, Mrs. Young has been engaged in educational work in the city and is recreational director at Linton center.
Howard Bryant drove to Pendleton Tuesday evening to meet Mrs. Earl Bryant and children who are here from Lewiston for a few days.

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