

**EDITORIAL**

**A Showing of Appreciation Is Due**

An important highway link has been completed between Condon and Heppner, providing not only smooth travel between the two towns but also the motive for a celebration of some kind.

Those of our citizens who have not traveled over this road are unaware that this is a scenic route as well as a highly serviceable road to those who dwell along it. They also may not be aware that it is the beginning of a system that will lead to central Oregon, that eventually we will be able to drive to Portland with never a glimpse of the Columbia, if we so choose.

It has been suggested that Condon and Heppner and the people the highway serves get together at a dinner where in a spirit of fraternization and good fellowship we may make a showing of appreciation for this fine road. The writer approached Stewart Hardie of the Condon Globe Times on the subject and he fell in with the idea at once. It has been presented to the board of directors of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce and they too feel that an observance of some kind should be made. The question remains when and where to celebrate.

Since the long end of the road is in Morrow county, it is not out of order to propose that the Chamber of Commerce, the County Court and the City of Heppner arrange for such a gathering and issue an invitation to Condon and the people enroute to be our guests.

**Not Such a Good Hideout**

For the second time within a year the Morrow county jail has housed bad men—young chaps getting a good start towards being real desperados. It was one year ago that Jesse Kirkland and Delbert Emery carved their way out of the county jail here only to be picked up a day or so later and turned over to the FBI. While not as desperate as the bandit trio captured here Sunday, these lads had broken jail in Tennessee and started on a tour of the country towards the west, leaving a trail of thefts behind them.

The Avery-Neal-Dahl combination, although not in the hands of the FBI, have enough against them to keep them out of mischief for some time. Had they crossed the state line with Mrs. Havelly in their custody it would have been a different story.

It might have been Neal's idea that having lived in this section and knowing the lay of the land this would be the place for the outlaws to hole up. His idea may have been good in some respects, for it is a region of mountain fastnesses, but the law enforcement officers are alert and fearless and that is a tough combination for bad

boys to cope with.

**Oppose Gross Income Tax!**

As election time approaches there is a growing opposition to the so-called Townsend plan—the three per cent gross income tax for the support of the aged and disabled. One of the strong groups voicing alarm over the plan is the Oregon State Grange. From the Oregon Grange Bulletin of September 20, 1946, the pension plan is designated as a "cumulative sales tax," with the following comment:

"While reiterating its advocacy of more adequate pensions for the aged and disabled, the State Grange executive committee voted to oppose the so-called Townsend measure asking for a 3 per cent tax on gross incomes, which will appear on the November ballot. The action was taken at a meeting at Grange headquarters, September 10.

"In taking the position that such a tax would be nothing less than a sales tax in its most dangerous form, being cumulative in nature, the executive committee re-affirmed the position which the organization took in 1944 when a similar proposal was on the ballot.

"(The vote in 1944 was close—219,981 against, 180,691 for. A shift of 19,695 votes would have exacted the constitutional amendment).

"State Master Morton Tompkins pointed out to the committee that agricultural commodities would be assessed the 3 per cent tax each time they changed hands on their way from the producer to the consumer. Such products, when grown and consumed in Oregon, would be at a competitive disadvantage of no mean proportions with those grown in other states to be sold at wholesale or retail levels in Oregon.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Oregon must do much more than she is for her senior citizens and those incapable of earning a livelihood," Tompkins asserted. "We are morally bound to give them greater assistance but the answer will not be found in this type of tax, which, if enacted, would wreck the economy of the state."

The Grange is one of the most conservative organizations in the matter of new legislation and once sold on a measure will give it effective support. When opposed to a measure it can prove equally as effective. It is significant that the Grange is opposed to this bill and it is hoped all voters will acquaint themselves with the contents of the bill before going to the polls.

If Herbert Hoover felt that national prohibition was a noble experiment, what, gentle reader, do you suppose Harry Truman thinks of the OPA?

**Escaping Summer Heat**



Veterans Administration Photo. Warren Johnson, 8th Air Force veteran, appears to be enjoying his regular dip at the Veterans Administration's Wadsworth Hospital, Los Angeles. A victim of infantile paralysis, the Long Beach veteran receives daily exercises and treatments in this special tank. Technician Gene Miller, former Navy physical therapist, massages leg muscles.



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**Are Returning Veterans "Different"?**

During the war you heard a lot about how hard it was going to be for returning veterans to get adjusted to civilian life... how they'd be "different".

Well, plenty of them have returned to our town, and a finer, sturdier bunch you couldn't ask for. Most of them are back at the same jobs... going with the same nice home-town girls (getting married, some of them, and setting up families)... renewing the same old friendships.

Even their amusements are the same. Nothing more exciting than fishing Seward's creek or pitching horseshoes... enjoying an outdoor barbecue with friendly wholesome beer and pleasant talk.

If they've changed at all it's in the direction of maturity and tolerance... tolerance for everything except dictators, and those who would destroy our democratic principles of live and let live. And from where I sit, that's another reason to be proud of them.

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