

EDITORIAL

No Cause for Worry

If you are one of the older generation who has been worrying about what is to become of the country now that you are about to release your share of the control, don't worry any longer. Take your retirement in stride and enjoy the fruits of your labors. The country's going to be all right. The younger generation will take over and probably do a better job than their forebears.

One gains that impression after attending a 4-H club function and learns of some of the things the young folks are doing. Kids of that age know more about livestock, farm problems, cooking and sewing and numerous other projects they are working on than most of their elders had learned by the time they were privileged to vote. And those who have livestock projects have, for the most part, learned more about finances than most of us knew at twice their age.

One also learns that the door to opportunity is as wide open today as it was in those long gone days when the country was new. The young people have the advantage of learning or rather profiting by the mistakes of the older generation. They are being trained along lines of conservation to overcome some of the handicaps imposed on them through the improvident development of our agriculture and in this they are attaining greater wisdom. They are learning to live better, to appreciate the better things of life. And the nice part about it is they are having a lot of clean, wholesome fun while they are learning.

It is a pleasure to note that 4-H club work is on the upgrade in Morrow county. Good leadership is being developed and progress is being made. New clubs are starting up and more are planned. There should be activity enough to claim the attention of every young person of that age in the county. It can be done if enough leaders can be found. The pleasure obtained from the work by those who have followed through for several years should be an inspiration to others.

One of the highlights of a 4-H clubber's career is to attend the summer school on the Oregon State college campus. Due to housing shortage and other problems induced by the war, attendance the past few years has been curtailed. When accommodations can be provided for considerable larger numbers we would like to see more of the young people from the county attend. That wish is so earnest that the Gazette Times begs the privilege of sponsoring one scholarship for the 1947 4-H club summer school.

The Gazette Times is pleased to welcome a new correspondent in this issue. Mrs. Clarence

Hayes of Lexington has consented to cover that section of the county and her first grist of news will be found elsewhere in the paper. The paper is indebted to Mrs. A. M. Edwards for having carried on for the past two or three years. Her contributions were voluntary as she did not wish to obligate herself for a weekly column but felt the community should be represented. Arrangements have been made with Mrs. Owen Leathers to send in items from Kinzua and we are looking forward to the return of the former correspondent at Hardman to the columns of the Gazette Times. There must be someone in each community who could send in items to the county paper. There are happenings every week that would be of interest if they were given publicity.

House Bill No. 176

House Bill No. 176 is the Eastern Oregon Wheat League sponsored bill introduced in the Oregon legislature by Representatives French, Peterson, Lindberg, Lieuallen, Eberhard, Heisler, Childgren, McKenzie, Lage, Morse, R. H. C. Bennett and Frisbie, and Senators Engdahl, Ellis, Fatland, Dunn, Zurcher and Stadelman.

To make it clear just what the bill is the introductory paragraph is quoted herewith: "For an act relating to and providing for the promotion and advancement of the state of Oregon through the development of industries based on agriculture; creating a state research and development agency; providing funds by an impost on products of the industry affected; providing penalties for violations; providing a saving clause and declaring an emergency."

While times have been good for the wheatraisers in recent years, the farmers are not unaware that history has a habit of repeating and they are looking ahead to the time when they will again be on their own; that is, without government price guarantees, subsidies, and the like. A surplus of wheat is grown in the state and during recent years that surplus has been in excess of available markets. To meet this condition the Wheat League proposes to set up a commission for the study of new uses for wheat, formation of the plan, and the general operation of the plan. To meet the expense, a tax of one-half cent per bushel of all grain raised in Oregon and sold through commercial channels, beginning with and including wheat harvested in the crop of 1947, and each and every crop thereafter. "Said tax shall be levied and assessed to the grower at the time of sale, and shall be deducted by the first purchaser from the price paid to the grower."

Mr. Wheatgrower, your representatives would

like to hear an encouraging word from you. This is a good bill and worthy of your favorable consideration. There will be opposition, no doubt, yet wheat is one of the big crops—industries, if you please—in Oregon and anything done to stabilize the industry will be of benefit to the entire state. Drop a line to your representatives today and tell them you are with them. Just feeling inclined toward the measure will not suffice. They should know how you feel about it.



Nearly 2,000,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts will observe the 37th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America during Boy Scout Week, Feb. 7th to 13th. Through their World Friendship Fund of voluntary gifts the Boy Scouts of America have given \$110,464.36 to help Boy Scouts overseas rebuild their organizations. During the first year of their "Shirts-Off-Our-Backs" project more than 400 cases—or twenty tons—of Scout Uniforms and equipment collected from Scouts were contributed to Scouts in 13 nations. Scouting has always been an active force in promoting better understanding and mutual goodwill among the nations. Above is the official poster marking the event.

David Hynd is in receipt of a letter from Walter Luckman, who is spending the winter at Manchester, England. The weather is cold over there, according to Luckman, and he is uncomfortable and unhappy, judging from the tone of the letter. He expects to return home in March.

30 YEARS AGO

Two hundred thousand pounds of fine staple wool grown in the Heppner district were sold in the past week by the Portland Wool Warehouse company at 33 cents. This is the highest price ever paid for wools of this class in the northwest.

Laxton McMurray, prosperous farmer of the lone section, was a Friday visitor in the city last week.

H. M. Olden was a Heppner visitor on Tuesday from his farm west of Heppner.

"Farmer Smith" who is well known throughout the northwest, gave two very interesting addresses in Irignon last week.

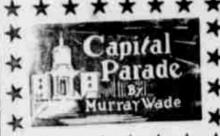
Frank M. Parber, who recently sold all his stock and farm machinery after giving up his lease on the John Hughes ranch on Willow creek, has purchased the adjoining farm from Henry F. Blahm.

Carl F. Trudson has returned from a visit of several weeks in the Sacramento valley, California.

George Perry is a Heppner visitor this week from his Rock creek ranch.

Workers have completed the interior of the City Meat market which was recently damaged by fire and water.

Frank Mason and Charles Johnson, prominent farmer and warehouseman respectively of Lexington, attended installation of officers at Doric lodge No. 29, K. of P., in this city last Tuesday evening.



DROP A TEAR HERE

Had you looked in on the legislature any afternoon during the first three weeks of the present session you would have seen a scattering of members, say 10 or 12, giving a good imitation of the leisure class. A Miami back-drop would complete the illusion and raise taxpayers' blood pressure higher than it will go when the long-suffering punters hear what happens to the budget.

What you could not have seen, however, was the other 80 members grinding away at long stretches of nerve wracking committee work. They are working for the state, and their doctors, who will have more stomach ulcer patients soon after the session—if not sooner.

As yet little legislation has been passed that will shorten the session except the big truck bill allowing wartime weights and lengths.

Headlines and radio comedy relief flared when the gorgeous overstuffed furnishings of two lounge rooms for the senate and for the house, were discovered. President of the Senate Cornett ordered the Renoir-tinted furniture "out." Speaker Hall was a close second with his ouster. Within two hours two big Meier & Frank trucks backed up and carted the Esquire decorator's dream back to Portland.

NEW LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Bills introduced the past week provide minimum salary for teachers of \$2400 a year based on a nine months school year, transfer of receipts of racing commission to general fund instead of to county fairs, authorizing school boards to purchase houses for teachers, creating a wheat commission with administrator at a salary of not more than \$10,000 a year, increasing from 25 years in penitentiary to life the penalty for kidnapping, limiting number of retail beer licenses to one for each 1000 population of locality, forbidding cosmeticians to advertise to perform work at reduced prices, increasing state income tax exemption for dependents other than husband and wife from \$300 to \$500, minimum of \$50 monthly for old age pensions, full amount of insurance be paid when a building is fully destroyed and banning the use of fireworks excepting when licensed.

PAROLEES IMPROVE

The state board of parole and probation acted on 307 cases during the six-month period ending January 1, 1947. Of these 257 cases involved penitentiary sentences and 48 jail sentences and fines. Director H. M. Randall reveals. Favorable action was given or recommendation made to the governor on 123 cases including 91 orders for parole from the penitentiary, 1 com-

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mutation of sentence, 30 county jail paroles and 1 remission of fine. There are now 523 parolees with 431 under supervision. It was found necessary to order 37 revocations making an unusually low record of 8.6 percent.

GOING IS GUMMY

Terms by which the state of Oregon might acquire for \$1 the \$600,000 Klamath barracks have been unanimously rejected by the state board of control and a counter proposal submitted to the war assets administration requesting either a reduction of the 25-year period in which the government demands the property shall be used for educational purposes only or retain the 25-year provision and permit the state to use the property for other purposes if its use as a school became unnecessary.

RECENT LEGAL RULINGS

United States forest roads, when open to the public, are "public highways" within the meaning of the Oregon fuel tax laws. Municipal judges who are ex-officio justices of the peace do not have authority to commit girls to Hillcrest state school of correction. Where action for false arrest is brought against a district attorney or sheriff in their official capacities, the county court has authority to employ counsel for defense, and pay reasonable fees out of county funds. Corporations cannot be licensed as chiropractors or to render such service in a corporate capacity. Will and David Hynd spent Wednesday in Pendleton on business.

What Birthstone For February 14th?

Traditionally, amethyst is February's stone. But not everyone was born in February, and February 14 is a day of special meaning. On that day, it is in the best of taste for your gift to your loved one to carry the additional sentiment of your loved one's birthstone. Birthstone jewelry for both men and women, at prices within your reach, is one of our specialties.

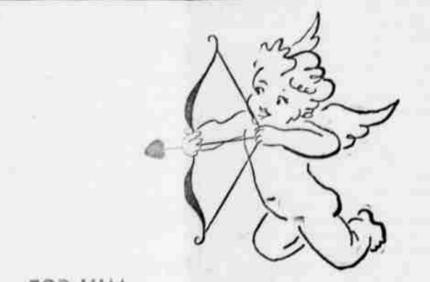
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