

# EDITORIAL

## A Region of Sublime Beauty

It was the writer's privilege to pay an all-too-brief visit to the Willamette valley last Friday and, as in times past when closer proximity to that region prompted frequent prose musings, the urge is as great as ever to paint a picture in words, which, for some reason, fail to materialize.

Instead of a rare day in June it was a perfect day in April—bright, warm sunshine and clear atmosphere. The high, matchless Willamettes are still decked in winter garb, the firmly packed snow glistening in the sunlight, combining winter and spring tones in a picture that no artist's brush could fully interpret. It was nature in all its glory.

The casual traveler into Willamette county may feel fully repaid in what he sees from his car window speeding along a smooth highway. That feeling is fully justified, yet what he sees may be termed merely the surface for that region abounds in mountain and valley vistas and deep canyons forming some of the rarest scenery in the northwest. On the west one enters the county in a picturesque canyon—the Minam—and traverses the Willamette river canyon ten or eleven miles before emerging into the lower Willamette valley. On the east side of the county are the Imaha and Snake river canyons, the latter the deepest gash in the American continent. To the north is the Grand Ronde river canyon, at the approach of which on the Willamette side is Paradise (with Hell only 17 miles away on the old wagon road). So it may be said that the Willamette valley is a fertile spot surrounded by mountains and canyons.

The settlement of the Willamette valley is one of the romantic chapters of Oregon history. The whites really crowded the Indians out of their happy hunting ground and in these days one does not hear Willamettes using the expression, "we'd better give the country back to the Indians" for the red men would take them up in no time at all.

## Let's Turn Out and Vote

Tuesday, May 6, beginning at 8 o'clock a.m., the qualified voters of Heppner will have an opportunity to vote on the question of a better water supply for the town. They will have the privilege of saying whether Heppner shall go

forward or remain stationary, in which case it would be inclined to slip backward, for unless we move ahead or make preparation in that direction we most certainly will not go forward.

Tuesday's election involves a question of a considerable sum of money—\$75,000, to be exact. That is the amount required for the construction of a new reservoir and improvement to the water mains leading from the city well to town. The condition of the water plant is such that it is imperative that something be done, and that right away. If it were not the case, the council would not be asking a change in the charter permitting the floating of bonds.

It is reasonable to believe that all water users are interested in a more adequate supply and a better distribution system. Drying lawns and gardens each successive year have created a desire for improvement, yet there are always some people who are dead set against bond issues of any nature and these people are the ones who turn out and vote. What the council is interested in is getting the people who favor improvement bonds to turn out and vote.

Something more than immediate relief to the water situation is involved in Tuesday's election. Improvements are not contemplated merely to meet the present shortage but to provide for population growth and to pave the way for eventual installation of a sewage disposal system. Heppner's population has increased at least fifty per cent since the present water system was built. There is every reason to believe that the town will experience more growth, that its boundaries will expand, in the years to come. By their action next Tuesday, the people of the town may well express their faith in Heppner and their confidence in its future and invite growth by voting 100 (X) Yes. One development that will mean an expansion of boundaries is standing by now awaiting the verdict on the bond election. This development alone gives promise of adding twenty-five or more homes to the town. But there must be assurance of an adequate water supply.

Let us not fail the council in this effort to improve the water system. A full expression of community sentiment will be more reassuring to those handling the job and it is but a minor effort to go to the city hall and cast a ballot for the bond issue.



## DRIVERS LICENSE RENEWALS

An item of state capital news that is a small matter, as state affairs go, has, however, a personal interest angle for 800,000 citizens of Oregon. It is the renewal of drivers licenses, which long have been a big headache for the department of the secretary of state. Space and help are never available to care for peak loads, and delays cause complaints and misunderstandings. A new law of the 1947 legislature is designed to spread the load over the year by grouping drivers according to their present license numbers. A schedule card has been prepared that will show a driver what month he is in and during what month he must apply for renewal. The schedule cards will be available from city and county peace officers, service stations and other convenient places to be announced in advertisements in daily and weekly newspapers.

## SAFETY COUNCIL

A meeting of the governor's safety council held this week at the capital was attended by members from over the state who showed a warm interest in promoting corrective education in safe driving. Robert Glenn, of Corvallis, was elected chairman upon the resignation of Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. who announced he was scheduled to leave for St. Paul to attend a meeting of the national association of secretaries of state. Farrell is now president of the association and expects to return to Oregon within a week.

## CORNETT ACTING GOVERNOR

During the absence of Governor Earl Snell in San Francisco, where he is attending a Pacific coast conference on inter-government relations, President of the Senate Marshall Cornett is functioning as governor. His first executive act was to announce his approval of "National Home Demonstration" week, May 4-10, when demonstration clubs throughout the nation will present special programs to acquaint the public with the type of educational work which they do.

## MAY GET CAMP WHITE

There remains a chance that Camp White hospital near Medford will be acquired by the state of Oregon. The decision rests with General Robert M. Littlejohn, chief of the war assets administration, who has been asked to freeze the property until arrangements for state ownership may be arranged. State Senator Lew Wallace of Portland piloted a bill through the legislature providing for state acquisition. The bill was vetoed by Governor Snell. A group of veterans organization officials and labor leaders have joined



Latest entry in the "what-won't-they-think-of-next" sweepstakes is the handy gadget illustrated here, euphemistically known as "Spare-Aire," a Chevrolet accessory. Designed to "steal" air from the spare tire to inflate a punctured or slowly leaking flat, this accessory eliminates tire-changing when within reasonable distance of a service station. Since approximately 90 per cent of all flat tires have leaks so slow that an emergency inflation will suffice, the new inflator will eliminate most roadside tire changes. It will pipe half the air from the spare, and a few pounds from each of the other tires, if necessary. Women drivers, especially, will appreciate this new convenience.

Wallace in a movement to put an initiative measure on the ballot at the May 1948 primary election which would, if adopted, direct the state board of control to take over Camp White as a state institution.

## MORE DAMS ADVOCATED

The steady increase in flood damage in the Willamette valley was emphasized during a hearing on Willamette valley projects before government engineers at the capital this week. Three floods on the Willamette river—in 1943, 1945 and 1947—resulted in property damage amounting to \$23,000,000, said Colonel O. E. Walsh, district engineer of the Portland district. Not only are floods getting to be more frequent but with the development of the valley there is more property to be damaged. He said in addition to flood control, the projects would benefit navigation, provide irrigation of a large area of land and also provide recreational facilities for people of the state. An addition of two more dams to the project was advocated, one on the Rickreall creek in Polk county to protect the water supply of Dallas and the other on the Molalla river to prevent destruction of farms and highways.

# 30 YEARS AGO CHURCHES

From Heppner Gazette Times, May 3, 1947

Percy Garrigue of Portland is in the city to superintend the work preparing for the erection of a modern one-story business block between the Heppner garage and the Vaughn & Sons store.

A deal made the past week in the transfer of real property on Rhea creek involves \$10,000. Wilson Bayless has sold his diversified farm to Glenn Hayes. The farm is considered one of the best of its kind in the county.

Fred Ashbaugh was down from his Hardman ranch Saturday. He will soon have the machinery installed and open up the swampland on the Allen place at Toll Rock.

C. N. Jones, one of Morrow county's leading farmers, is spending the week in Portland.

The ladies of the Episcopal guild held a very successful window sale in the north room of the First National Bank building last Saturday.

The restaurants have been hit hard by the H.C.O.L. and as a result they are raising the price of meals. The Elkhorn has announced that from the first of May they will have no meals for less than 25 cents.

I. C. Bennett and Oscar Davis left Wednesday for Nevada where they will work with sheep during the summer months.

Loy M. Turner, Jesse O. Turner, Miss Ella Coe and Miss Virginia Crawford made up a party which went to Hermiston last Sunday to inspect the government dam. They report that it is being well guarded these bellicose times.

Baseball fans will have an opportunity to see a fast game next Sunday at the Garrett Akers place in Gooseberry when Sully's Mud Hens of Heppner meet the Wheat Growers for the first time.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke of Rhea creek were in the city Saturday.

Jack Hynd is converting his house-yard into a lawn. His son Herbert is laying plans to raise one of the best gardens in the valley. He is also quite a successful flower raiser.—Cecil news item.

This wet weather started Ed Bristow's Ford to grow and it has got so much bigger that it refuses to go into its old barn, which will be the cause of his having to cut it down or make the barn bigger.—Lone news.

Quite a number of Oddfellows

## METHODIST CHURCH

J. Palmer Sorlein, Pastor  
Morning worship, 11 a.m.  
Sunday church school, 9:45 a.m.  
Thursday choir practice at 7 p.m.  
W.S.C.S. meets first Wednesday of each month.

## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Holy communion, 8 a.m.  
Church school, 9:45 a.m.  
Holy communion, 11 a.m.  
Wednesdays, holy communion, 10 a.m.

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible school, 9:45; C. W. Barlow, superintendent.  
Morning worship, 11; communion and preaching; sermon topic: "God's Claim Upon Your Life."  
Christian Endeavor meetings, 7:00 p.m.  
Evening evangelistic service, 8; Mrs. Willard Warren, song leader. Communion service; sermon topic: "God's Message in the Book of Romans."  
The men of the church board will meet Sunday afternoon in the church for their monthly meeting.  
Monthly business meeting of the church Thursday evening, May 8, at 8:00.

from Heppner and Lexington attended the dedication of the hall at Lone last week.

**M**stands for myriads of different things...but this month of May it stands for *Mother*

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