

EDITORIAL

People Want More Water

Heppner people showed that they are not afraid to face additional taxes for something that is badly needed when they went to the polls Tuesday and voted to grant authority to the city council to issue bonds in the sum of \$75,000 for the purpose of building a new reservoir and repairing and extending the pipe line. The vote for the resolution was so favorable as to be considered almost unanimous and this is the assurance the council needed in carrying out the improvement plans.

Next step in the procedure will be the advertising for bids on the work. It is understood the council will be called in special meeting to take care of this matter and other details so that the work may be started at the earliest possible date.

While there has been no unusual building going on, such as whole additions, there is evidence of expansion in both residential and business districts, with promise of much more growth in the immediate future. County and city owned lots are being sought by persons wishing to put up residences and the town is being scoured for private lots for that purpose.

All this is not to be taken as a boom. It is a natural demand occasioned largely by the lack of normal residential construction and altering during the war period and heightened somewhat by the addition of numerous families connected with the sawmill operation. It is estimated that 100 new living units would be taken up in a short time. Of this number, between 25 and 50 new residences would be required to meet the demand.

What has all this talk of new building to do with the water bond election? Simply this: that it would be unreasonable to talk building expansion if the present inadequate water supply were not to be increased. The council is looking ahead to a town of at least 2,000 population and it is not out of the bounds of reason to anticipate a town of 2500 to 3000 people. Whether these figures are attained or not, the fact remains that Heppner is growing and additional water supply is badly needed—and it now looks like it will be forthcoming.

Who Pays Federal Grants

During the past decade there has been so much government spending for local enterprises that we have come to think we can't put through a project of any kind without government assistance. Without giving thought to where the money was coming from we have sought assistance in building our schools, municipal buildings, hospitals, and what not, while all the time federal taxes have been mounting to the point where even new dealers have begun to give tax reduction a little consideration.

It is beginning to dawn on us that federal grants are more expensive in the long run than direct tax for certain enterprises, that an erstwhile paternal government is something other than it appears to be on the surface. The machinery for providing grants is expensive. Administrative costs eat up a liberal share of the money set aside for buying the good will of the voters. And after the money is "given," the recipient usually finds a string attached which the government can pull at its discretion.

We have seen a bureaucratic government built up, with government agencies seeking and in many instances obtaining virtual control of certain enterprises usually delegated to private or corporate business concerns, and all the while the cost of running the government has been mounting.

Morrow county is concerned with the construction of a hospital. Since the tax was levied, and

most of the funds allocated, it has developed that material and labor costs have advanced to a degree that original estimates were about two thirds of the estimated cost today. Application was made for a federal grant which would provide one-third of the total cost. This would be nice, and it would be acceptable if obtainable in the immediate future. It seems, however, that before we can get this assistance, a special committee appointed by the governor following passage of an act by the legislature appropriating more than \$20,000 to defray expenses, must canvass the entire state to find out how many places are contemplating hospitals and how much assistance will be needed. Could our local officials have foreseen the skyrocketing in building costs they might have provided for more funds, but at the time the levy was made it seemed adequate for a county of this size, and would be plenty for anything like normal times. Then came along the proposal that the court apply for federal assistance, which seemed a reasonable course since the government had the money for that purpose, and hopes were aroused that the hospital could be built at an early date. These hopes have been dashed for the present, so far as a federal grant is concerned. It will take a year or more for the governor's committee to complete its task.

It has been proposed that red tape be cut and the court ask approval for another levy sufficient to construct the hospital building. This may not appeal to the voters. Of that we are not sure. But we are sure that if the taxpayers will look this federal grant business square in the face they will conclude that in the long run it will be more economical to pay an outright tax for the hospital and know where the money is being spent than to pay all the taxes, visible and invisible, that go to make up the federal tax bill.

State Needs Camp Hospital

The legislative assembly, expressing the will of the people, passed a measure authorizing the state board of control to purchase the Camp White hospital. Governor Snell vetoed the measure, house bill 443, but signed senate bill 361, the original Camp White hospital bill, which authorizes and empowers the board of control to acquire the federal facility for state purposes. It is now the law of the state of Oregon, having carried the emergency clause, and has been since March 6, the date it was signed.

Under this sleeper bill, says the Oregon Journal, which was the first of a series of four Camp White hospital measures adopted by the legislature, and which was rediscovered April 29, the state board of control can proceed at any time with acquisition of the \$7.5 million facility. And while State Senator Lew Wallace, who headed the fight for Camp White, is proceeding with preparation of initiative petitions, authorizing and directing the board of control to acquire the hospital, it may not be necessary to submit the acquisition issue to the people at the next general election—unless the board of control fails to act under the legislative authorization. Senator Wallace is making a formal demand for action upon Governor Snell, Secretary of State Farrell and State Treasurer Scott, individually, once more calling their attention to the "tragical emergency" which exists at the state's three existing hospitals for the mentally ill.

The Journal concluded with the opinion that regardless of what prompted the governor to veto the house bill and sign the senate bill, the board of control should reopen negotiations with the War Assets Administration and avoid junking of this priceless facility. One of the best ways to insure action is for the people to let the governor know that they want and need Camp White hospital. They cannot be denied.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, May 10, 1917

Because almost all of the boys of the high school, including the members of the graduating class, have gone either to war or to work in the fields, the directors have decided it would be unwise to hold the regular commencement exercises this year.

Miss Lucille Culbertson and Arthur McAtee were married Monday evening at the home of Judge C. C. Patterson, in the presence of a few relatives and friends.

Manager Sparks of the Star

William Hughes died at his home in Portland Saturday morning and his funeral service was held on Monday at the Episcopal church in Heppner. Mr. Hughes was a pioneer stockman of this country, having settled here in 1878. He is survived by his



CORNETT HAS SPASTIC DAY

Acting Governor Marshall Cornett has had one busy day, Thursday of last week, when he made a good buy, was robbed, attended a brave man's funeral, received a gift from the governor of Hawaii and let high government officials cool their heels in the capital waiting room.

The deal was the transfer of Klamath marine barracks, with its 80 buildings situated on 734 acres about four miles from Klamath Falls, to the state for \$1. The barracks are valued at \$5,781,320 and personal property of the barracks at \$443,207 or a total of \$6,224,527. The property will be used as a vocational school. Acting Governor Cornett had not been informed that government officials were ready to close the deal and had gone to The Dalles, to attend the funeral services for State Police Officer Rondeau when located by state police who escorted him to the capital. When he entered the waiting room, where government and state officials had been waiting for an hour, he was

widow, two sons, Dr. W. G. of Milton and Percy Hughes of Heppner, and two daughters, Mrs. William Whitfield and Miss Helene Hughes of Portland.

The wedding of Jesse O. Turner and Virginia E. Crawford was solemnized by Turner McDonald, pastor of the Christian church at an early hour Sunday morning at the home of the bride's parents.

Chief of Police Frank L. Nash died Sunday at a Portland hospital and he was buried Tuesday afternoon in Pendleton. He is a former resident of Heppner where he lived for 15 years, and was deputy sheriff. Mrs. Nash is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walbridge of this city.

Hugh Neill, foreman of the Mountain Valley Stock Farm of W. O. Minor, is now in the middle west gathering up a carload of Shorthorn bulls for shipment to Heppner.

N. S. Wheistone and wife departed Tuesday for their Grant county ranch and will be absent some time looking after their interests there.

The city council has designated May 17 and 18 as clean up days, according to a proclamation signed by S. E. Notson, mayor and J. P. Williams, recorder.

All Oregon is now organized for vigorous prosecution of the United States and Oregon cooperated food preparedness campaign.

Ralph Yeager, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Yeager of this city, who has been making his home in Pendleton, has enlisted in the navy as an engineer. He has gone to Portland to report for duty.

J. J. Wells, county assessor, made an official visit to Lexington Tuesday.

W. G. Scott, the Lexington banker, was in the city Tuesday.

handed a telegram informing him of the robbery of his business office in Klamath Falls where \$3000 was taken. His next official business was the acceptance of a lei from Governor Stainback which was delivered by Miss Virginia Hanks, representing the United Air Lines. The flight from Hawaii was made in 9 hours and 19 minutes which is believed to be a record.

ALMOST FOR FREE

Surplus property at Klamath barracks that was not included in the sale of the institution to the state educational agency for \$18,000. The property sold had a purchase invoice of \$80,000. Another lot of surplus equipment will be made available to the home economics departments of Oregon schools and educational institutions without cost by the army and navy donation program. The war assets administration has submitted a long list of equipment available to schools and educational institutions at a 95 per cent discount. Included in this list is kitchen and office equipment and school furniture. Fifteen motor powered boats have been allocated to Oregon without charge to be given without charge to any educational institution that can justify need for such a boat for instructional purposes.

BIDS TOO HIGH

The lowest bid for construction of a new treatment hospital at the state institution for the mentally ill which were opened this week were 50 per cent higher than the architect's estimate and the lowest bids or a custodial building for the institution were 27 per cent higher than the bids rejected by the board of control and the emergency board a year ago.

The state board of control will meet later in the week with the state emergency board to consider emergency action on bids. The buildings are to be of concrete construction with brick facing. The treatment hospital is to be located at the main institution just east of Salem, while the custodial building is to be located at the Cottage farm south of Salem.

NEW PROBLEMS FOR SCHOOLS

Oregon's superintendent of public instruction Rex Putnam now on an extended eastern trip, presided at a meeting of the executive committee of the council of chief state school officers at Chicago May 3 and 4. Following this meeting he attended a joint meeting of state superintendents and directors of vocational education to consider revision of the vocational educational program. Following the Chicago meetings Superintendent Putnam will go to Washington, D. C. where he has been invited to confer with the national commissioner of education on various subjects.

Many states including Oregon are confronted with new educational problems as a result of recently enacted laws. New laws changing the age limit when a boy or girl can quit the classroom from 16 to 18 has left another problem of delinquency to be solved. It is generally accepted that unemployment and delinquency are tant to a great degree and the responsibility of the state in guiding and assisting in employment has been increased as a result of new laws.

PHONE RATE HEARING

Scheduled for June 15 hearing on the proposed increase of rates sought by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be

4-H CLUB NEWS

Newest 4-H agricultural clubs member in Morrow county is Mike Stalcupp, Boardman. Mike along with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Stalcupp, have just recently moved to Boardman from LaGrande. Mike has a registered Poland China swine project with sow and litter. His is the first swine project in Morrow county for several years and Mike is looking for other club members who may be interested in the same project.

Plans are rapidly shaping up for 4-H summer school to be held on the Oregon State campus, June 17-27. Dormitories, sororities, fraternities, and cooperative houses are rapidly being reported as available.

N. C. Anderson, county agent, will broadcast over KWRC, Pendleton, on Saturday, May 10, 11:30-11:45 a.m. This will be a 4-H club item broadcast and all club members are urged to listen to the broadcast on that date.

Patsy Albert of Heppner entertained the 4-H clothing club at her home a few days ago. The Heppner 4-H clothing club holds four regular business meetings every month. One of the meetings is devoted to a social hour and discussion while the other three meetings are devoted to actual work of their club. The club members along with their local leader, Mrs. Laurel Van Marter and the home demonstration agent discussed their club requirements and plans. All members displayed their well done needle cases. Carla Whillock, treasurer, reported a few dollars in their fund from two successful popcorn sales. The club members voted to buy several pairs of anklets each for Beth and Nancy Ball, two members of their club, whose home was totally destroyed by fire. After this the meeting adjourned. Patsy Albert assisted by Beth served ice cream and cookies.

Nancy Ferguson entertained the Heppner homemaking club at her home on May 2. Mrs. Alva Jones was an invited guest, who gave an interesting discussion on flower arrangement to the club members. After the discussion the club members made several beautiful original flower arrangements from flowers brought by Mrs. Jones from her yard. Sally Cohn reported she had finished making her articles for the club. Jo Jean Dix received assistance from the local leader, Mrs. Gene Ferguson, and the other club members on how to make a chair and davenport set. The girls brought out that the main point to observe in making articles for a living room is to obtain a harmonious color scheme. Nancy Ferguson has started the making of hand towels which she will embroider in attractive colors. One of the requirements of the club is the daily and weekly care of their bedroom for one month along with the responsibility to be carried for a six week period of the daily and weekly care of the bathroom or living room.

Jerry Beaver, Lynn Gillespie and Robert Fortner, officers of the Boardman Woodcraft and Art club, report that all their members have practically finished their club project.

Mrs. Mabel C. Montgomery, fifth and sixth grade teacher who is their local leader has given the boys some special instruction in making hammered copper articles. Mrs. A. R. Fort-

held at the offices of the public utilities department in Salem. The proposed monthly rate increases asked for by the company range from 25 cents to \$1.15 for business service, and from 25 to 75 cents for residence service.

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ner will be the acting leader at the close of school.
Time to Enroll for 4-H Food Preservation
Club members, local leaders, and other interested girls are beginning to ask about the 4-H food preservation projects for the late spring and summer months. The food preservation project includes both freezing and canning. No jams, jellies, or preserves are required this year due to sugar restrictions. Since all girls are equipped to can food and not all to freeze it, we are not setting up a strictly frozen foods project. For example in division one, 25 quarts of fruit are required—12 1/2 quarts of this must be canned and the other 12 1/2 quarts or less may be frozen. There will be awards for frozen foods at the state fair. Girls who decide to put on special emphasis on frozen foods are eligible to compete in the national frozen foods contest if

general rules for national contests are followed.
HENRY SCHWARZ IMPROVING
Henry Schwarz is reported improving after being confined to his bed for the past week. He was cheered Monday with the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davis from Minneapolis who have come for a month's visit. Mrs. Davis is a sister of Mrs. Schwarz and it had been 32 years since the families had seen each other, when the Davis's visited here before. The visitors will return home via California.
Billy Schwarz and family of The Dalles spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Schwarz.
WORD OF APPRECIATION
We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our wholehearted friends and neighbors in Morrow county for their timely assistance at the time of our recent fire.
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ball and family.

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