

EDITORIAL

Garbage Disposal Needed

This is a dry season. Heppner is preparing to obtain an additional water supply, but as yet we have no more water than we had before the taxpayers approved the council's action on the water project. That means that we have no more fire protection than we had last year and the year before—in fact, for many years. Yet, people have to dispose of their garbage and other inflammable material one way or other, and the easiest way is by carrying it out behind the house or the store and setting fire to it.

The council, or members of that body at least, have suggested passing an ordinance calling for adding seventy-five cents to each water bill each month as a means of financing a garbage disposal plan. The city attorney says the law does not provide for such a measure but that the council may levy a tax for that purpose by following the usual procedure of having it inserted in the budget and getting approval of the taxpayers. Be that as it may, the most equitable method is the collection along with the water bill. That would apply to residences, business houses could make separate arrangements with the garbage hauler.

The brand of weather we are having makes trash burning a hazardous undertaking. From the editorial window can be seen evidence of this every day. Heaps of cartons, wrappings and other material used in shipping goods are piled into, onto and around an inadequate incinerator and set on fire. If the air is still, well and good. But if a brisk wind comes up there is danger of scattering the live burning material over the surrounding area where other inflammable material is collected. That very thing happened only Tuesday of this week and the fire truck was brought out as a safety measure. Some day the fire truck will be inadequate to cope with the blaze that will get started from that source.

These so-called incinerators are unsightly and in plain words are a nuisance. At the same time they are the answer to the people's requirements in lieu of anything better. There are safe and clean incinerators that can be installed for, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$450—but how many business houses and home owners can afford to install that type of a disposal plant? Insurance companies are urging that this type of incinerator be used where regular garbage disposal is not available. They are tiring of urging and soon the urging will give place to demanding. That will work a hardship on a few when the entire community is concerned.

The prospect of being burned out is not pleasant. Neither is it a pleasant condition to have trash from garbage fires blow over your property. And the payoff comes when some unthinking person tosses bones into a garbage fire and the obnoxious fumes wend their way into one's sleeping compartment in the wee sma' hours. Need we say more in favor of garbage disposal—the proper way, we mean?

Why Pick on Morrow County?

Granting that there was a good measure of truth in Muri Cummins' report to The Oregonian relative to the crop condition in eastern Oregon, why single out this county. Is Morrow the only one of the Columbia tier of counties faced with a grain crop shortage?

Admittedly the situation is not favorable at present, but a few showers within a reasonable time will improve the yield in a good many fields. That's what graingrowers say, and most of them have been engaged in the business a good many years.

There have been poor seasons before but if we have been properly informed we believe it is safe to assert that a crop failure is unknown in this county. Sections of the county have suffered blackouts in the past and these same sections have been heavy producers in recent years. It is not news to the people of the county that these districts, denied moisture at the right time, are again or may be again entering upon an era of light production.

It is quite evident that rain or no rain, the wheat crop will be noticeably lighter this year. The farmers are philosophical about it and take the view that Mother Nature can't stand around with her arms about their shoulders all the time. They are grateful for the bountiful harvests of the past few years and are laying their plans for the 1948 crop.

The Cummins report has not discouraged the farmers to a great degree, because they know the situation, but it has had a dampening effect upon business and to that extent it would be more appreciated by the people up this way had the discussion been more general relative to eastern Oregon and not so specific concerning Morrow county.

Saturday Is Poppy Day

Saturday, May 24, the veterans' organizations will launch their annual poppy sale. If you are in town, or up town, as the case may be, you will be given an opportunity to wear one of the little imitation flowers which are of no value in themselves but priceless in what they stand for.

The poppy as applied to Poppy Day is full of significance to those who have fought in the world wars. To them it honors those who gave their lives in the service of their country and to those who must spend what remains of their lives in hospitals or homes unable to enjoy the fruits of a normal life because of injury or sickness acquired in the service.

Buy a poppy and wear it in honor of those who gave dearly that you might live to enjoy the comforts and privileges of a democracy. The small sum you may spend will add to the comfort of a hospitalized veteran or help provide a necessity for him or his family.

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WORK TO START SOON ON OSC WOMEN'S DORMITORY
Oregon State College—Ground breaking on the new women's dormitory is expected to occur before the month is over by the contracting firm of Lease & Leigland Construction Co. awarded the general contract by the state board of higher education.
The new structure, to be completed in about a year, will have a normal capacity of 312 girls with possibilities of increase to about 400 by doubling up. The cost of approximately \$1,500,000 will be met with proceeds of a bond issue to be paid for over 30 years from dormitory income.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Davis have received word of the birth of a seven pound five ounce baby boy to M. and Mrs. James Davis Jr. at Bend.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times, May 24, 1917
Upper Butter creek wool is beginning to come into the warehouses for shipment. Four large producers from that district will bring in about 300,000 pounds of wool in the next few weeks. As fast as cars can be secured this wool will be moved east.

The erection of a community church in Boardman. Quite a sum in cash, materials and labor has been raised.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomson and Mrs. J. A. Waters attended a session of the state Sunday school convention in Pendleton Sunday, going to the city by auto.

The Morrow county chapter of the Red Cross has received its charter and steps necessary to complete the organization are being taken.

The high water did quite a

bit of damage in the Social Ridge district. Three cords of wood and a buggy were washed away from the Earl Eskelson ranch. W. T. Campbell's and J. P. Stockard's cabins washed away and the windmill on the Mrs. Sadie Lewis place was smashed and partly carried away.

Fred Lucas had a hair-raising ride down Heppner hill Tuesday evening when the brakes on his car refused to hold. Dr. McMurdo was driving up the hill. The two cars came together and a stop was thus effected. The damage to both cars will probably not exceed \$60.

Frank McMenamin of Portland arrived in the city Sunday to spend a few days on business.

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