

EDITORIAL

We Honor the Dead

We Americans may grow careless throughout the year about remembering our loved ones who have gone to their eternal rest but there is one day set aside for honoring them and that day usually brings out the best in us—May 30, Decoration day.

It is well that in the hustle and bustle of the busy workaday world there is a day set aside for us to stop and give thought to those who cared for us—our own flesh and blood and friends that were dear. We observe many other days, and weeks, throughout the year, but none have the real significance that Memorial day carries and this is evidenced by the homecoming of many whose loved ones occupy graves in the local cemetery.

Economy Program Not All Political

While the Republican congress is receiving much criticism from some sources for its economy program, there are other sources which see in the program a way to normalcy without running the risk of a serious depression. They see in the effort to curb federal expenses a possible reduction in building costs and food and other commodities. Especially is this true with relation to building materials.

Pushing great federal projects along before industry had a chance to recover placed a demand upon manufacturers that they have not been able to meet. This has kept prices at a high level and out of balance with economical construction. By curtailing these projects, temporarily at least, stock piles of steel and other heavy building materials can be built up to a point where orders can be readily delivered rather than filed for future delivery.

The economy policy may work a hardship on projects that are under way, especially reclamation and power development in the west, but these developments may be only retarded and will not suffer as much from delay as they would to go ahead under present exorbitant prices.

There is a lot of excess baggage in Washington and elsewhere throughout the country in the form of bureaucratic servants which will not be disposed of until funds for maintenance of their jobs is withdrawn. If the Republican congress

succeeds in reducing government expenses without crippling more than the political hierarchy that used these bureaus as a means for maintaining control of the government there will be eventual praise rather than censure.

What About That Trade?

This newspaper along with many others was laboring under the impression that the city-council trade had been consummated and that the Junior Chamber of Commerce was at liberty to go ahead with plans for a civic building to be erected on the property now occupied by county road equipment, sheds and other buildings. However, it has been learned that such is not the case.

Mention of this much-debated question is not made at this time for the purpose of discussing the merits of the trade. It is more to ask the question why has the deal not been concluded. Terms were accepted by both parties to the trade but no trade has been made.

If it remains for the people to decide the matter the people should be given an opportunity to have their say. A special election is not advocated herewith, but it is safe to predict that a majority of the citizens would favor the trade if given an opportunity to express their preference by the ballot.

Rain May Be Coming

It is possible that before this issue of the Gazette Times gets into the hands of its readers the much-looked-for rain will have descended. The rain man overlooked two or three good opportunities to make himself popular with the wheat-raisers earlier in the week but the most that can be said for his efforts was what weather statisticians refer to as a trace.

All signs failed Monday when black clouds gathered in the south and pushed their way over the open country. Just when everything looked favorable for a crackin' good thunder storm a brisk wind came from the north and pushed the southern invader back. The net result was enough rain to smear windshields and a lot of dust to fill the atmosphere for several hours.

The threatened showers did perform one valuable service. They cooled the atmosphere and that has been of some benefit to parched crops.



BAFFLING STATUTE

A special force has been assigned to answering the many letters sent to the state tax commission asking about the provisions of the new community tax law enacted by the 1947 legislature which goes into effect July 5. Oregon's first community tax law was enacted by the 1943 legislature. Patterned after the Oklahoma law it was discarded when the United States supreme court declared the Oklahoma law unconstitutional on the grounds that it was optional and this provision made it possible for use as a tax evading vehicle.

The new law is mandatory. A man and wife each have an undivided one-half interest in all accretions received after the act becomes effective. Accretions include rents, interest, salaries, dividends and profits. Exceptions to the joint ownership are gifts, inheritances and compensation for personal injury. The present community property law does not affect the dower rights of property acquired previous to July 5, 1947.

RECORD OF ARRESTS

The increase in law violations during the past month is not the spring head of a crime wave. It is a seasonal occurrence accounted for by the increase in motor vehicle tourists, week-end travel and the opening of the fishing season. Either fishermen are getting conservation conscious or the fishing is getting poorer. Ask any fisherman. There was only one arrest made for exceeding the bag limit. Of the 256 arrests made for game law violations more than two-thirds were for having undersized trout, with fishing in closed areas as the second most prevalent offense. Arrests for motor vehicle law violations totaled 2687 while 4709 others were sworn. There were 14 arrests made for violations of the commercial fishing laws and 278 for general crimes.

PAYROLLS SOAR

Payrolls in Oregon for the first four months of 1947 show indications of topping the previous high established in 1944. Payrolls for the first quarter of this year totaled \$195,000,000 to \$200,000,000, the highest of any peacetime period since 1936 and above the \$191,000,000 in 1945. The first quarter of last year was \$145,000,000.

PARK LODGE OPENS

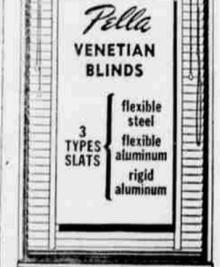
State officials attended the opening of the \$50,000 Silver Friday. The body was shipped to Portland for cremation.

Miss Echo Githens who has been teaching school in Morgan is in the city assisting with the eighth grade examinations. She is visiting at the home of her uncle, H. C. Githens.

The interior decorations are being put in the new telephone building on Willow street.

Mrs. Loto Galloway, formerly Loto Peck, and little daughter are spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. T. L. Dorman.

E. R. Huston of this city has sold his wheat ranch to the Eight Mile country to Harvie Young. All improvements and equipment go with the 969 acres of farm land.



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Creek Falls state park lodge on Wednesday, May 28. The building is destined to be one of Oregon's world-famed attractions. It contains unequaled myrtle wood furniture and decorations of original design by the creator of Timberline lodge furniture. The building itself is of native stone. Ronald Nohlgren, Salem restaurateur, will manage the lodge and serve meals daily from 12 noon to 9 p.m. The Greyhound bus tours has scheduled a loop trip from Portland to the park.

GOVERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Earl Snell has appointed G. F. (Ted) Chambers, Salem, as a member of the state board of higher education succeeding the late Beatrice Walton Sackett of Coos Bay. Mr. Chambers is at the present time a member of the memorial union board and board of intercollegiate athletics, and is a past president of the Oregon State College Alumni association. He was born in Pennsylvania 52 years ago and has been engaged in the meat packing business for the past 27 years.

The governor also announced this week the appointment of Edwin Dyer, president of the Southwest Portland Lumber Co., as a member of the Port of Portland commission. Mr. Dyer succeeds Don Woodward who, because of press of business, preferred that his name be not considered for reappointment.

CRESENDO IN THE CORRIDORS

Forest fire weather but no forest fires. . . . The late legislature increased the cities' share in highway funds now that department declines to share costs of traffic control devices within cities. . . . It is costing the state \$90,000 to convert five buildings at the recently acquired Klamath marine barracks into 75 apartments for married veterans.

A general meeting of the Oregon Association of Land Grant counties has been called for June 5, at Portland. . . . Oregon's birth rate continues to climb, there were 8820 births in the first quarter of the year with 5443 in the same period last year. . . . The new parking meters in Salem are averaging more than \$250.00 a week, with a minimum fee of one cent. Parking meter company officials say this is the largest per capita "take" of any capital city in the United States.

MILDRED CLARY ONE OF 824 GRADUATES

Oregon State College, Corvallis, May 28 (Special)—Mildred Blanche Clary, Heppner, will be among 824 seniors and graduate students to receive degrees here at the seventy-eighth annual commencement Sunday, June eighth.

This will be the largest graduating class in the history of the college, the previous record number being 790 in 1940. Of the 824 in the class, 731 are seniors receiving the bachelor degree, 78 masters degrees and 13 either the degrees of doctor of philosophy or doctor of education. Two professional degrees are also included.

Miss Clary is getting her degree in business and industry, a division in which students combine business training with a minor in one of the professional schools.

Mrs. Frank Davis left the first of the week for John Day to visit her parents for a week or two.

Kinzua News of Week

By Elsa M. Leathers

Owing to the prolonged dry weather conditions the Kinzua Pine Mills company find it necessary to restrict the use of water for lawns to two hours a day. However this restriction isn't had since very few use the water this long.

The Kinzua Pine Mills company announced last week an increase in wages of 7 1/2 cents an hour to all hourly employees, retroactive to May 1.

Miss Dottie Hoover is helping her father, Bert Hoover in the postoffice through the summer vacation. Mrs. Beth Miller recently resigned.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Schroder are the proud parents of a little daughter born on Friday. She has been named Rebekah and will be called "Bekky." She is the granddaughter of Mel Wahm.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wahm and small son Kenny went to The Dalles on Saturday. While there they visited Mr. Wahm's sister, Mrs. Harlan Schroder and new baby at the hospital.

The Kinzua Pine Mills company is having all the houses stained a dark brown color trimmed in white. When all are completed the results will be very pleasing.

Don Kyle and his boys were out on a fire Sunday. The location is not known at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nistod of Spokane moved here last week where Mr. Nistod is with the office staff.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael of Lexington came to Fossil for the commencement exercises Friday the 19th to see Mrs. Carmichael's nephew, Owen Leathers Jr., graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bird went to The Dalles Saturday to see their son, Bud, at The Dalles hospital, where he has been receiving treatment for a badly infected hand. His condition is improving slowly.

Wallace Hendrix and Junior Morgan returned this week after spending two weeks in London, Kentucky, with his parents. Billy Litzell is spending a few days visiting his father here from Salem. Richard Morris came up with him.

Kinzua played Fossil baseball here Sunday. The game was exciting through the ninth inning. Kinzua scoring 4 runs in the first, 1 in the second, and holding Fossil to 0 until the fifth when they scored 4 runs, again 1 run in the sixth and three in the seventh for Kinzua, while Fossil got 5 runs in the ninth. One run in the ninth put Kinzua

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RELIGIOUS VACATION SCHOOL
St. Patrick's parish will hold its annual religious vacation school commencing Monday, June 2, for a period of two weeks. It will be held in the Heppner school building. Two sisters, Sister Magdeleine Francis of Wasco, Calif., and Sister Brendan of Baker will conduct the school program this year. They are expected to arrive in Heppner next Sunday. The school is for pre-school and grade school children up to and including the eighth grade. There will be five classes including pre-school, grades 1 and 2, 3 and 4, 5 and 6, and 7 and 8. Non-members are welcome to attend.

Little Folks
Let your youngsters soak up plenty of Vitamin D . . .
Sue Parker Cotton Dresses
Size 1 to 3 \$1.95 Prints and 3 to 6X \$1.95 Prints
Little Boys' Wash Suits
2 to 6X \$1.60
Seer Sucker Bib Overalls
3 to 8 . . . \$2.00 per pair
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Striped Gingham \$1.05 1 to 3



Norah's Shop

30 YEARS AGO

May 31, 1917
S. P. Garrigues died in Portland Friday morning. Death came to him while he was standing in the front yard of his home. He leaves his wife and one son, Percy.
Evans Bros. are putting up a new barn on their Willow creek ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Severance who have been visiting during the past week with their daughter, Mrs. Roy Campbell of Lexington, were in Heppner Monday evening on their way home. Mr. Severance has rented his Burnton Vally farm to Glenn Farrans.
Mrs. Mary D. McHaley received serious injuries Tuesday

night when she slipped and fell in the yard at her home on Main street. Two ribs were broken and several bad bruises were sustained.
Miss Nettie Davis, popular Lexington young lady, was in Heppner for a few hours Saturday.
The body of Frank Habelt, who was drowned at the train wreck near Morgan some time ago, was found by F. M. Broady on his ranch below Cecil last

Auction Sale

Saturday
June 7

At the Joe Westfall Feed and Sale Stable on Washington St. in Fossil, Ore.

All farm machinery on the O.K. Ranch will be offered to the highest bidder. Sale starts at 10:30 a.m.

- (1) D-4 Caterpillar Cat.
- (1) Allis-Chalmers Combine.
- (2) J. D. Tractor Plows.
- (1) Chev. 1 1/2 T. Truck.
- (2) 5 ft. Mowers.
- (2) Hay Rakes.
- (1) Fanning Mill.
- (2) Teams Horses.

Many other items from O.K. Ranch and others.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

Want to Run a "Collective" Farm?

Was reading the other day about the "collective" farms they have in certain countries. It seems the folks who run them have plenty of help . . . good hours . . . and the best equipment.

Sounds pretty nice—till you learn that the "farmer" doesn't own his land, or even farm it, in our sense. He takes orders from the state; produces whatever they want him to produce, at prices they set. Even his off-hours are spent according to state regulations. No, that would never go here.

We're willing to work hard, but we like to farm the land our own way, put our own value on the crops, and relax as we like—if only with a temperate, companionable glass of beer.

From where I sit, collective farming may produce results. But the American way—freedom to work and relax as we see fit—is what makes this country a great place to live. So let's not change it!

Joe Marsh

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