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PAY IS SURE

Do not read this story if you think the present boom of jobs and income is written in indelible ink across the pages of our economic future.

A vast majority of people reason prices will go down, and a big majority of this majority feel sure they will go down and wages will not be hunting men but men will be hunting jobs. No one knows for sure. It all depends on where the guesser is making his guess from. If you are hunting a job, however, or are thinking of making a change of vocation you will be interested in the statement that 2000 employees of the state and its sub-divisions become eligible for retirement July 1. One thousand state employees, 600 teachers and 400 workers for cities, counties, port and drainage districts have reached the retirement age of 65 years. Exceptions are for police and firemen who are subject to retirement at 60. After July 1, 1951 the age of retirement for public employees, under the state retirement act, will be 60 years for police and firemen 55 years. Persons under the retirement act provisions, with a few exceptions, must be removed from the payroll by December 31, 1947. Employers may retire those eligible at any time after July 1, 1947, however, those who desire to retain their positions the rest of the year may be able to do so under certain provisions. The objective of the retirement act is to provide \$100 a month for each retired employee but those retiring this year will draw from \$50 a month and up according to their accumulated service records.

### WANTED—A NAME

Twenty-six states have laws covering limited access on highways. The states use almost as many names in designating the activity. In Oregon and New York the word "throughways" is used. In other states the laws are known as parkway laws, parkstrip laws, expressways laws, etc. There is an urgent need for unification of highway laws. J. M. Devers, chief counsel for the Oregon state highway commission, has been appointed chairman of a special committee of the national association of state highway officials. "The first effort at unification will be to select a name to be adopted by all states," says Mr. Devers, "that we may all know what we are talking about." Mr. Devers will attend a national convention, the date soon to be announced, to meet in New York.

### OPPOSE ROGUE RIVER DAM

The reclamation bureau's intention to build a dam on Rogue river has aroused the active interest of fish conservationists throughout Oregon and a move to institute the referendum is contemplated. "The Rogue is the one river, above all others, we should preserve in its natural state as America's No. 1 trout fishing stream," says Elmer Church, president of the Izaak Walton League of Oregon. "The steelhead of the Rogue has made Oregon famous in every state of the Union. We intend to do all in our power to maintain this interest," said James Loder, president of the Oregon Wildlife association.

### CREDO SLAVIA

The state of Oregon has a complicated foreign problem all of its own. It may or may not pay \$10,000 to four citizens who were our enemies in the last war. When Nick Bubinek, a Yugoslavian, died in Astoria he left no will or apparent relatives. His estate of \$10,000 was escheated to the state and is now in the general fund. A circuit court has ruled that \$10,135 be sent to four citizens of Yugoslavia who have established their claims as relatives. The case may go to the alien enemy property commission. They have a record of tossing such matters back to the states. If the heirs bring the case before the legislature it is doubtful if members would decide that money amassed in this country should be sent to recent enemy aliens.

### "FLAG DAY"

Governor Earl Snell this week announced the reappointment of George H. Flagg as public utilities commissioner, for a four-year term. Flagg was chief deputy under Snell for 8 years when the present governor was secretary of state. Other reappointments include: Fred Asndahl, Portland, as a member of the state board of architect examiners; John C. Veath, as a member of the state fish commission; Frank Hertzner, as a member of the state dairy commission and Mrs. Bernice B. Farr, as a member of the board of cosmetic therapy examiners.

### Jaycees Launching Move to Organize Softball League

Midsummer evenings in Heppner will be enlivened somewhat if plans formulated by the junior chamber of commerce are carried out. The young men of the town, through the organization, have launched a move to form a softball league with the object of having a little fun and providing a lot of entertainment for the public at a time of year when life would otherwise be dull. It has not been divulged just what course will be followed, whether business houses will be asked to sponsor teams or if the town will be districted, but whatever the plan is the Jaycees hope there will be cheerful cooperation.

The junior chamber has been considering the matter of lighting the athletic field so that night games can be played. Such a move possibly could not be carried out this season and present plans call for a twilight session with possibly six or seven inning games. It has been found that in places where the fields are lighted the softball games attract good attendance, even with a moderate admission charge, and the possibility that such an arrangement here would prove successful are being considered. Some is going ahead with the lighting of the athletic field down there and the result of that venture will be watched with interest by those studying a similar project here.

### Memorial Service Draws Small Crowd

Despite the fact that many people were in town Friday to observe Decoration day, a comparatively few of them turned out to the Memorial day service held at 11 o'clock in the Star theater. Some consolation is felt by the veterans organizations that this year's attendance was better than last year but they feel that the public shows a lack of interest when it comes to honoring those who made the supreme sacrifice while in the service of their country.

The program was carried through as previously advertised and those who attended felt well repaid.

### Veterans Cancel Scheduled Dance

In deference to the Condon rodeo, the dance scheduled by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for Saturday evening, June 7, was cancelled.

### MAY 1947 DRY MONTH IN WHEAT COUNTRY

A total of 31 inch of rain was recorded by V. L. Carlson at Gooseberry during the month of May. The precipitation was received in four showers, 03 May 6, 02 May 8, 23 May 19 and 03 May 31. June started off better, according to Carlson. On the first there was 47 of an inch, which left the observer to state that "this is a wonderful help to crops." With rain falling nearly every day since the first, June is apt to prove to be a wet month.

### GOING TO GIRLS' STATE

Corabell Nutting and Joan Hiler will leave Friday for Silver Creek falls, near Silverton where they go as the choice of the Heppner American Legion auxiliary at the Girls' State camp. They will be in camp ten days.

### Covering 15 States Matter Of Few Days for Flying Farmer

Time was, not so many years ago when traveling over a considerable section of the country required many weeks but today it is boiled down to a matter of days. That's one of the advantages of the airplane. With a trip to Missouri to bring his daughter home, Orville Cutsforth decided to take a few more days and see what the wheat situation is in other states. And what he got was a bird's-eye view of the wheat states west of the Mississippi—no less than 15 of them—and what he saw was a lot of wheat. He is now familiar with the crop situation in Texas, Kansas and a lot of other territory. In the two states mentioned he found the crop situation good. In Kansas it is excellent. Rains

### Lobby Good Thing In Most Instances, Peterson Believes

Lobbyists frequently abuse their privileges and when they do their activities should be curbed, in the opinion of Rep. Henry Peterson. This does not mean that lobbies should be entirely eliminated from the legislative halls, he told the chamber of commerce Monday, for in the main their services are valuable to the legislators.

It is not possible for the legislators to delve into all of the facts pertaining to the many measures introduced and interested parties may be relied upon to supply the information, leaving it to the solon's judgment in deciding the merits of the several bills.

Peterson touched upon the tax situation, explaining why the legislature felt it was necessary to introduce a sales tax. He expressed the belief that the measure is a good one and should help lighten the burden on property tax, as well as reduce the state income tax.

The club went on record favoring recommendation to the business houses that the town close up on Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, and that as quickly as it is decided to do so that fact should be advertised.

### Missionary Group To Observe 20th Year Wednesday

Wednesday, June 11, at 2:30 p.m. the Union Missionary society will meet to observe the 20th anniversary of the organization of the society. The meeting will be held in the Methodist church and will be featured by a talk by Rev. S. Darlow Johnson, whose father was a bishop in Africa for 24 years.

### ROBERT SCRIVNER IN EXECUTIVE POSITION

Robert Scrivner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner of Heppner, has accepted the position of junior executive in the personnel department of the Montgomery Ward store in Portland, his parents report. Robert graduated in March from the University of Oregon where he majored in psychology. He gained valuable experience in personnel service during the war, conducting aptitude tests for applicants in the air service to help place them in the right positions.

### DOH PICNIC

The annual Degree of Honor picnic for members and their families will be held June 15 at the old Heron Mill site on Willow creek. Bring a well-filled basket and join the fun. Ice cream and coffee will be furnished by the committee in charge. 11-12c

Mrs. Raymond Huddleston and daughters, Lorene and Alice, arrived Thursday with her father, Frank Turner, after spending a few days in Portland visiting the Fred Allison family. Mrs. Huddleston and children came by air from Valdez, Alaska, to Seattle, a matter of seven hours flying time, where Mr. Turner met them. They plan to remain here a year.

A. A. Scouten motored to Portland Monday. He was accompanied by his mother who has been visiting here.

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### PMA Aid Ordered Curtailed Due to Cut By Congress

Cutbacks in assistance to farmers in carrying out erosion control and soil building measures under the 1947 agricultural conservation program have been announced by E. H. Miller, chairman of the state PMA committee, because of the prospect of reduced appropriations for the current program year.

The state committee has suspended contracts with six limestone plants for furnishing lime to farmers as conservation materials, and has canceled all unfilled purchase orders for phosphate and for conservation services such as land leveling and livestock water developments.

County AAA committees have been instructed to discontinue notifying farmers of minimum allowances for conservation work, and to permit no substitution of practices on farm plans already approved.

These actions were necessary, Miller explained, because recommended congressional appropriations will not provide sufficient funds to cover amounts already obligated to farmers for conservation work under the 1947 program. County allocations of practice funds and commitments to participating farmers were based on congressional authorization of \$300,000,000 for this year's conservation program.

The report of the house appropriations committee reduces the authorized amount by about 45 percent.

Considerable curtailment of both state and county committee staffs and activities will be necessary because of the reductions ranging from 40 to 100 percent in administrative funds for the conservation, price support, crop insurance and other farm programs handled by the committees, Miller added.

### Rain No Deterrent To Good Time at Wallowa Lake Lodge

One would not deliberately choose a rainy day to start on a vacation but it so happened that numerous Heppner people had arranged week-end vacation trips and the matter of a little rain was not to deter them.

This was especially true of several families who had planned a week end at Wallowa lake. Why that was rain, anyway? There hadn't been a drop for weeks and almost anyone would welcome a little soaking if the crops and grass would be benefited. So away they went toward the land of Chief Joseph.

There were the Phil Mahoneys, the Orville Smiths, the Walter Bangers, the Afton Gayharts, the Carl Whillocks, the O. G. Crawfords, all of whom were registered at the lodge, and Mrs. Frances Mitchell and daughter Lorene who visited relatives in Joseph. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson spent their week-end vacation on the Lostine river and at Minam lake.

There were showers and there was sunshine. People were fishing on the lake, others were horseback riding, one group making the trip to Aneroid lake to open the season at that altitudinous point.

Saturday evening was a highlight in the life of Bobby Mahoney. He staged a marshmallow party, doing the toasting before the fire in the massive fireplace in the lodge. He had not planned on other entertainment and was delighted when a group of Whitman college girls gathered round and sang songs for an hour or so. Bobby's special guests were Carolyn Jean Smith and Jimmy Smith and the parents of the children.

Although frequent showers prevailed Sunday, the Heppner contingent was not ready to return home, but business must go on as usual and all were on hand at the usual places Monday morning.

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### Queen, Princesses Order Rodeo Garb

Queen Merlyn and Princesses Shirley, Francine, Corabell and Laurel drove to Walla Walla on Wednesday, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Wilkinson, Mrs. Paul Hiler and Mrs. Merle Kirk, with Frank Turner chauffeur one of the cars, where the royal court of the Heppner Rodeo was outfitted with cowgirl garb for the forthcoming show.

Mrs. Ola Holloway, who came from her home at Watsburg to spend the Decoration day holiday in Heppner and Lexington, accompanied the group as far as Walla Walla enroute home.

### Edwin L. Bucknum Called By Death Early Wednesday

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock a.m. Saturday at St. Patrick's Catholic church for Edwin L. Bucknum, 78, who passed away about 8 o'clock a.m. Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Walter Rood where he was being cared for. Rosary will be held at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the church.

Mr. Bucknum had been failing for some time but insisted in looking out for himself until about two weeks ago his sons prevailed upon him to move to Mrs. Rood's to be cared for. Mrs. Rood had waited on him as usual at breakfast time and made him comfortable. About 8 o'clock Mrs. Edwin Bucknum Jr. went to call on him and discovered he was dead.

Born March 15, 1889 at Binghamton, N. Y., Edwin La Verne Bucknum moved to Portland, Ore. in 1907, coming to Heppner to make his home seven years later. He engaged in the lumber business with Lee Slocum, operating a sawmill on Willow creek for two years and then came back to town and followed his trade of plasterer and cement worker for many years. His wife preceded him in death in December 1939.

Surviving are four sons, Edwin Jr. of Heppner, Elmer J. of Los Angeles, William J. of Heppner and John G. of Los Angeles.

### Revision In Vets Home, Farm Loan Act Interpreted

Important revisions in the Oregon veterans' home and farm loan act, including an increase from \$3000 to \$8000 in the amount the World War II ex-serviceman may borrow, were explained by Director George E. Sandy following certain interpretations of the new law by Attorney General George Neuner.

The act, including amendments passed by the 1947 legislature, now provide: 1. A loan of 75 percent of the appraised value of the property, not to exceed \$8000, for the acquisition of a farm or a home by World War II veterans with at least 90 days' service who were Oregon residents before entering the armed forces.

2. Payment at 4 percent interest, over a period of 20 years or less. The veteran must own the property, and give a first mortgage when the loan is completed.

The term "acquisition" now means purchase of real property and its improvement; payment of balance of purchase price and interest on a contract; and refinancing of an existing purchase money mortgage. The act also now permits a loan for the construction of a new home on property already owned by the veteran, according to a recent opinion handed down by the attorney general.

Another provision is that the state can act as a lending institution for the veteran seeking a home or farm loan under the G. I. loan guaranty after other lending agencies have turned him down. In these instances the veteran may borrow up to \$10,000.

Applications should be made through the Department of Veterans' Affairs, State Library Building, Salem, or at 416 S. W. 11th avenue, Portland.

Scott Corbett of Portland was a visitor the first of the week, demonstrating a fog fire fighter for the benefit of the city. City officials are interested in the equipment and are considering purchase of one of the machines. Corbett was a friend of LaVerne Van Marter's when both were students at the University of Oregon.

H. R. Jacobson of the Baker-Detroit Lumber company will arrive in Heppner Friday from New York to take charge of the local office in the absence of Robert V. Turner, manager, who is leaving with his family to spend a few weeks in California.

## Failure to Approve Budget Will Curtail Necessary Work And Projects, Court Explains

### Farmer Group To Meet June 9 at Lex Grange Hall

The June meeting of the Morrow County Farm Bureau, scheduled for June 2, has been postponed until June 9, according to Oscar Peterson, secretary. The postponement was felt necessary due to absence of some of the members from the county.

Merrill Overson of the experiment station at Moro has been billed to discuss aerial plots and experiments at the Sherman branch station, including points on the manner in which wheat farming of the area and of varieties grown in Morrow county, he will also cover conservation experiments and results at the branch station.

N. C. Anderson, county agricultural agent, will treat on current agricultural projects being carried by the extension service. Other local and statewide projects will be brought before the meeting, including subjects under discussion at the "House of Delegates" conference held in Pendleton last week.

Entertainment will be provided by the 4-H club band, and there will be refreshments.

### Delameter Bills Public Auction

Having disposed of his ranch, Joe Delameter is preparing to sell off most of the equipment and the remaining stock at a big public auction Wednesday, June 11. The sale will be held at the ranch, four and one-half miles north of Heppner.

Delameter sold the place some weeks ago to Tom Michos, restaurant operator in Portland. During the years he has run the place, the former John Hughes farm, he has built up an extensive stock of equipment, most of which will be put on the auction block.

V. R. Runkion will call the sale, with Harry Dingess serving as clerk.

## News Items of Interest Around Town . . .

By Ruth Payne

Miss Mary Beckett returned to her home in Portland Monday after a few days' visit here with relatives and friends. On Saturday, the Beckett family enjoyed a picnic at the Tyndall Robison ranch south of Hardman. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beckett, Miss Mary Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. Harley Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beckett and daughter, Sharon, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Anderson of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McCarty of The Dalles spent Saturday in Heppner visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Smith motored to Stevenson, Wash., to spend Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and family spent the week end in Baker with relatives.

Mesdames Lucy E. Rodgers and Sara McNamer motored to Walla Walla for Memorial day. M. D. Clark and daughter, Mrs. Frank Riggs of Eugene are spending a few days in Heppner looking after business matters.

Mrs. Frances Mitchell and daughter Lorene motored to Joseph Thursday to spend the week end visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Huston of Lyle, Wash., were week-end visitors in Heppner.

### Lexington Plans Big Celebration July 4th and 5th

Annual Airport Benefit Includes Many Activities

Machinery was set in motion for the annual 4th of July celebration at Lexington when the town council of that place met and selected committee chairman and other officials.

Parade: Archie Munkers. Air Show: Mayor Henderson and Jack Forsythe. Baseball: Fred Hoskins and Lloyd Morgan. Dance: Orris Padberg and Ed Grant.

Airshow tickets: Vernon Christopherson. Decorations: Ben Grant. Advertising: Leonard Munkers.

Smoker: R. B. Rands. Manager Yarnell is charged with the duty of obtaining a carnival and he reported Wednesday that he has already contacted an outfit. He also stated that he had ordered fireworks, which will be part of the evening's entertainment on the 4th.

The Lexington airport will benefit from the celebration, net returns from the celebration going for that purpose. Net receipts from the dances, which will run both evenings, will be divided between the airport and the Oddfellows dance hall which the community plans to build in the near future.

Yarnell reported that several floats are already in prospect and that an effort will be made to put this year's parade out ahead of anything heretofore attempted.

Mrs. George Allen of Lexington was shopping and attending to business matters in Heppner Monday.

Harry Munkers and son, Don, motored to John Day Tuesday.

Mrs. Raymond Huddleston and daughters of Valdez, Alaska, arrived in Heppner Monday to spend the summer with her father, Frank W. Turner. She was met in Seattle by Mr. Turner and motored to Heppner from there.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey returned Monday evening from a week-end trip to Silverton, Portland and Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Cox moved Sunday into the house on S. Court street acquired recently in a property trade with Marcel Jones. Mr. and Mrs. Jones moved Tuesday to the former Cox farm in Donaldson canyon. The house on Jones street vacated by them will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gilliam.

Mrs. Hilma Anderson has moved from the Case apartments on Gale street into the new house she purchased recently from Jack Haiseth. Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Phelan have moved into the apartment vacated by Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clive Huston left Thursday morning for Medford to spend several weeks visiting with relatives. They accompanied their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Parker of Pasco, Wash., who stopped over in Heppner Wednesday enroute to southern Oregon.

Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny were Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Kenny and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kenny and daughter Patsy of Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Breslin and Mrs. Anna Bayless motored to Condon Monday to attend the funeral services of John Simmy, 61 of Monument.

Failure to approve the 1947-48 budget will result in curtailing essential work and projects in the county, members of the county court declared Wednesday. All items must receive the sanction of the voters if the affairs of the county are to be carried on, including the hospital, funds for fighting crickets and demands placed upon the court due to enactment of new school laws.

"There will be no funds for fighting Mormon crickets unless the \$2500 item in the budget is approved," Judge Bert Johnson said. "There is the item of \$1000 for the rural school board which is mandatory; an increase in pay of county officials fixed by the legislature, and increased wages for the county road crew. Some new road equipment has been purchased at greatly increased prices, and still other equipment is needed," he said.

Speaking of the hospital fund, the court pointed out that it would require a special election to vote on that item separately and that, along with the other new items had to be included in the budget. As the budget now stands, it is a yes or no vote, meaning all special sums are at stake. The hospital extra fund was included with the hope that early construction of the building may be made possible.

A considerable amount of road expenditures has been drawn from the sinking fund acquired from sales of county property and condemnation proceedings on the bombing field. Operational expense has been so heavy, due to increased costs, there is nothing left for retirement of road bonds.

Normal road work formerly required from \$20,000 to \$40,000 a year, usually nearer the first figure, and here again the court referred to the greater costs of labor and material which have thrown the whole operation out of gear, causing the budget committee to place road fund figures at \$95,000 if needed repair and limited construction are met. Wages for a crew of 20 men are set at \$51,000; diesel fuel and gasoline, \$4,000; tires and repairs, \$12,000; bridge repairs, \$1,000; gravel, \$4,000; trailer, \$3,750 (for which the county owes), making a total of \$75,750 which must be included in the amount available and above the six per cent tax limitation, along with the hospital, cricket and rural school board funds.

Road equipment owned by the county is not up to the standard of efficient operation. The two patrol graders are in bad shape and it is possible that one fairly good one could be salvaged out of the two by using the best parts from each. Two patrols are needed and that means purchase of at least one.

The officials called attention, to the fact that members of the budget committee are extensive taxpayers, men who would not be apt to insert needless items in the budget just to make taxes higher. It has been the policy for the past several years to appoint at least five members aside from the court personnel, whereas the law requires only three, and the selection is made from people of extensive interests. Members of this year's committee besides the court are W. E. Hughes, E. C. Heikler, C. N. Jones, Frank Wilkinson and A. C. Houghton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Saager enjoyed a brief holiday with friends and relatives in Lebanon over the week end. They were accompanied by Mrs. Saager's little niece, Sharon Pearson, who will visit here for a few days while her mother and the new baby brother are in the hospital.

Among Hardman shoppers in town Wednesday were Jim Hains, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Craber, Mrs. Frank McDaniel and Alta Stevens.

Dr. and Mrs. M. A. Leach of Pendleton were week-end guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo.

Leslie Matlock is about town on crutches having sprained his right knee in a fall Saturday evening.

Mrs. Larry Ober who works on the Lee Beckner ranch near Lone was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo left Wednesday for Atlantic City, N. J., where Dr. McMurdo will attend the centennial anniversary of the American Medical association. They will visit in Virginia. Dr. McMurdo's former home, before returning to Oregon late in June. They motored to Pendleton, taking the train from there.

Among lone residents shopping in Heppner Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Mrs. Darrell Padberg and Mrs. Delbert Emert and daughter.