

EDITORIAL

Looks Like Activity

For many months there has been planning for improvements of one kind or another but never any definite steps in the direction of actual accomplishment. That period appears to have run its course and we are definitely entered upon a period of activity. One job, the construction of a new reservoir, is well under way and the city has contracted to have the new water mains laid, a work that more than likely will be finished early in August.

Definite action on the hospital is seen in the move made early this week to have plans altered to fit the funds in hand. There will be no more delay in attempting to get more funds, either by direct taxation or through a federal grant. The hospital committee has acceded to the demands of the people and will build the best possible hospital with funds on hand. This means a smaller building than originally planned but doubtless will be adequate for the present. If it proves inadequate there will be time to raise more funds and make additions to suit the demand.

Action of the city council Monday evening instructing the city attorney to contact the county attorney for the purpose of consummating the much-discussed city-county property trade should clear the way for the county fair board to do some definite planning for the establishment of a general fair. To date, the board has laid nothing more than tentative plans for a 4-H club fair and while it may not be possible to do more than that this year, it will be possible to prepare for the development of the property and get things going for next year.

Now if a housing campaign can be gotten under way to provide living quarters for the people actually in need of homes we will really be getting the wheels of progress in motion.

A Good Celebration

It is seldom that a community as small as Lexington puts on as good a celebration as the one which came to a close there Saturday evening. It was a successful affair and one in which the community can well be proud. The program on the Fourth was particularly good, with enough events to keep the crowds entertained. The parade was a creditable opening for the celebration, enlivened by the presence of a good band, and the airshow and ball game in the afternoon provided good clean entertainment.

There is a lot of work connected with a celebration, a heap of preparation for such a short period, and attending one also takes its toll of one's energy, so that one day is about as long as the average person can maintain an active interest. With this thought in mind it might not be out of line to suggest that one day crowded with events for the people to attend would be more profitable than a two-day celebration. In other words an all-home talent affair given for the people of the county would cost less to put on and should bring a bigger net profit.

Much Ado About Nothing?

There must be some merit to all this hullabaloo about flying discs or the news interest would subside. Not having seen one of the things, or knowing no one who has seen one, we are not in a position to pooh pooh the idea or declare in its favor. So we must wait until the right answer comes along. If certain parties had reported seeing the flying saucers, plates, wash-tubs or houses—whatever they may be—we might caution them about imbibing too freely of spirits fermenti, but since all classes of people have reported seeing them we must still wait for the right answer or go out looking for one.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times July 12, 1917

A. P. Hughes, farmer and stockman of Little Butter creek, was transacting business in Heppner Wednesday.

Oscar Keithley and Lawrence Redding were in town the last of the week to get one of those new two-man harvesters.

F. J. Leonard, Portland contractor, arrived in the city Sunday to take up the work on the new First National Bank building.

W. E. Straight and John Bronnan of Lena delivered four cars of prime beef cattle in Portland Monday.

The three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moyer died at the family home in Blackhorse July 7.

Frank W. Turner went to Hot Lake sanatorium to take a course of treatments for rheumatism.

About 35 people gathered at the Harry Turner ranch in Sand

Hollow for a Fourth of July celebration.

A party of Heppner men, C. E. Woodson, W. W. Smead, J. L. Wilkins and W. G. McCarty went to Pendleton and Walla Walla last Friday to investigate various kinds of street paving.

Stewart Valentine, son of Chas. Valentine was kicked by a horse in the barn lot at the Valentine home.

W. E. Leach of Lexington lies very ill at the Heppner sanatorium. He was operated upon Saturday evening and since that time has been very low.

Now that the bulk handling of grain in Morrow county is about to be universally adopted, many types of wagon bins and field bins are being introduced.

SUMMER FOREST RULES NOW IN EFFECT

The usual summer restrictions are now in effect in all national forests. These restrictions include the following rules: No smoking while traveling except on highways; campfire permits are required for all areas in the Heppner vicinity, and the carrying of the following firefighting tools by car or horseback travelers—axe, bucket and shovel. All forest users are urged to extinguish their campfires and cigarettes.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dubok of Oregon City visited Mr. and Mrs. Carey Hastings and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson the first of the week, returning home Monday.

Rita Dell and Carolyn Johnson have returned home from Boise, Idaho, where they visited relatives.



ROAD BUILDING PROGRAM HIT

Oregon's luck with congress seems to be based on "Tails we lose, heads you win."

With a solid republican delegation in congress we will get the deepest cuts in appropriations we have had for twenty years.

For the past decade Oregon congressmen have allied their inability to secure Oregon's justifiable share of forest road funds with "what can we do with a republican congress?" With timber sales receipts now seven times what they were ten years ago and 49 percent of the standing timber in national forests of the western states that border highways being within this state, Oregon is likely to receive from a republican congress only \$70,000 of the required \$3,500,000 sought for forest roads. The failure of congress to increase forest road funds will seriously retard Oregon's highway program. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldock said after returning from Washington, D. C., where he appeared before congressional road committees last week.

JUSTICE'S SUMMER RECESS

The Oregon supreme court handed down a decision this week setting aside a judgment for \$39,349 in favor of a seaman in his suit against the Burns Detective Agency. In setting aside the judgment the high court reversed a decree by Judge James R. Bain and the case was ordered retried.

The judges' retirement fund, created by the 1943 legislature now has to its credit \$49,022 as compared with \$38,214 a year ago. The fund is created by withholdings from judges' salaries which are matched by the state. During the past year \$14,404 was withheld from circuit judges' salaries and \$3314 from supreme court justices' salaries.

APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS

During the past week Governor Earl Snell made three appointments and four reappointments to state positions. The appointments were provided for by an act of the 1947 legislature creating new district courts in counties having over 50,000 and less than 200,000 population and that the appointments must be those serving as justices of the peace in those counties.

The authority of the legislature to designate who should be appointed was questioned by the attorney general. To avoid legal entanglements the justices of peace resigned. The governor then appointed Joseph B. Felton, judge of the district court of Marion county; John Bryson, as judge of the district court for Lane county and Paul C. Fischer, Oregon City as judge of the district court of Clackamas county.

The four reappointments were A. F. Hayes and E. A. McCornack as members of the state board of agriculture; B. F. Ruffner as a member of the Oregon state board of aeronautics; Dr.

Bruce A. Bedynek as a member of the state naturopathic board of examiners and Frank L. Emery as a member of the public employees retirement board.

GIFFORD FILM PREMIER

The first meeting of the colored sound moving picture of Oregon state parks was attended here Monday by many state officials. The colored photography was by the late Ralph Gifford, chief photographer for the state highway department travel division for the past 12 years. The Oregon parks picture was the last colored film he made. Mr. Gifford held international fame as a photographer of Oregon scenery and was a son of a renowned photographer of Oregon scenery. The audience stood with bowed heads in his memory before the picture was shown as a token of respect and friendship.

CAPITAL TOPICS

Referendums against the legislative enacted cigarette tax and the power bill which was passed over the governor's veto were verified by the state department of elections Monday. State police school will open Sunday at Oregon vocational school at Klamath Falls. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company has asked Oregon's public utility commissioner for rate increases totaling \$2,249,000. A two-weeks hearing on the request started at the capital Monday. A campaign for an election on the proposal to put the state of Oregon into the automobile insurance business has been started here. The state agricultural department's early prediction of "only a normal yield of farm products," is being verified by late reports.



Ronald Baker, lone club member of the Morrow county beef club has recently been notified by Safeway Stores that his Shorthorn steer purchased by them at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League 4-H fat show and sale graded U. S. prime when slaughtered.

Safeway Stores have congratulated Ronald on the excellent job that he did in feeding out the beef animal for sale. The Shorthorn steer was purchased from the Sherman-Ferguson herd of Heppner and put on feed October 21, being fed until May 28, when sold at the weight of 970 pounds, selling at 36 cents a pound.

The steer was fed on a ration consisting of 78 percent wheat with molasses, barley and protein supplement making up the remainder of the grain ration.

Frank Anderson, Heppner, gets the distinction of being the first Morrow county breeder to offer 4-H beef project calves for the 1947-48 club year. A few weeks ago Frank let us pick three calves from his purebred herd of Herefords to be fed and marketed by 4-H club members.

Ingrid Herman, lone, fed out one of his Hereford calves during this club year, selling the animal at the Eastern Oregon Wheat League 4-H fat show and sale on May 28. The calf, put on feed last October, weighed 1020

LEXINGTON . . .

By Mrs. Clarence Hayes
A large crowd attended the celebration in Lexington on the Fourth of July and everyone reported a good time. The day started with the parade at 10 a. m. It was headed by the combined Heppner and Lexington bands directed by Bill Cochell of Heppner. There were quite a few interesting floats with the Amicitia club float winning first prize. The 3-links club ran a close second and the Odd Fellows float won third prize. The Wranglers riding club of Heppner rode in the parade.

The children and grown-ups as well enjoyed the home talent carnival which ran all day. The air show and ball games were both well attended. The smoker did not draw as big a crowd as expected, however.

The dances on the evenings of the Fourth and Fifth were big successes with Hazel Fisher's orchestra playing.

Miss Mary Alice Coch of Emporia, Kansas, is a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillan.

Mrs. Mary Valentine of Portland, former resident of this community, was visiting friends here on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Swift and son of Pomeroy, Wash., were here for the celebration over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges went to Hood River Tuesday to meet their son Dan and to get their car.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hill and family of Portland are visiting at the S. G. McMillan home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and family went to La Grande and Union Sunday. They were accompanied home Monday by Miss Dorothy Miller who will spend a few weeks visiting here.

Mrs. Mary (Cypert) Hall and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gheverat, and their daughter Susan of California were Fourth of July guests at the home of their cousins, Dona Barnett and Trina Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Welcome McAllister of Pennsylvania, who have been visiting their father, Ray McAllister in Heppner the past week, were visiting with friends in Lexington on the Fourth.

Miss Elsie Tucker of Stanfield was here to celebrate the Fourth of July. Miss Tucker is a teacher in the Corvallis schools.

Rev. and Mrs. Elbert Moreland and family have returned from a short vacation spent in Mt. Rainier, Onalaska, Wash., and Portland. Mrs. Moreland's father, Leon M. Fisher of Grafton, Vt., who is their house guest, accompanied them on the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Steagall and family of Lebanon were guests at the Oscar Breeding home and spent the Fourth and the week end visiting friends and relatives.

Many Lexington people attended the dance in lone Monday to hear Glen Gray's orchestra. Those attending included Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Yarnell, Mrs. Ralph Jackson and daughters Marcella and Carol, Mrs. Herman Green, Mrs. Pete Klinger, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Forsythe, Clarence Buchanan, Betty Smethurst, Dorothy, Vesta and Fay, Cutsforth, June Van Winkle, Louise Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Orris Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Padberg and Bill Van Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Sherman and daughter of Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Wait Eubanks of Arlington spent the Fifth of July visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael, house-guests of the week end were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Leathers and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Emry of Vancouver and Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers and son of Kinzua.

Clarence Buchanan arrived home around the first of the month, having received his discharge from the army. He was recently on guard duty in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Johnson visited the Leslie Rasmus family at Lynden, Wash., Wednesday of last week. They went into Vancouver, B. C. for the 4th, returning home Sunday.

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