

EDITORIAL

Don't Overlook Produce Crops

Many of us, when thinking of Oregon industries, seldom include the volume of fresh fruits and vegetables with the more widely advertised lumber, fish, grain and stock production of the state.

Highest single commodity item moving under SPI certification was potatoes, with 16,139 carloads of approximately 450 hundred-pound sacks per car.

Other commodities of which more than 100 carloads were inspected last year are onions, 4,168.6 cars; apples, 2,369.7 cars; lettuce, 1,483.4 cars; fresh prunes, 843.1 cars; celery, 481.4 cars; brine cherries, 462.1 cars; fresh corn, 250.1 cars; walnuts, 337.6 cars; filberts, 398.3 cars; cabbage, 144.2 cars; canner apples, 104.5 cars, and tomatoes, 181.2 cars.

Oregon fruit growers received \$64,093,000, gross, for their products. Total cash receipts from all farm marketings for Oregon last year are placed at \$340,977,000, exclusive of government payments of \$9,102,000.

Conditions Not So Different

Thirty years is sufficient time to bring about many changes and so far as Heppner is concerned there have been many changes since 1917.

Then at the close of the column there is something about urging the people to prepare their exhibits for the Morrow county fair as the big event is only three weeks away.

It is to be hoped that thirty years from now there will be no housing shortage due to World War III. What we hope is that there will not be another war and that peace time industry will provide the materials necessary for wiping out housing and all other shortages, not alone in this country but throughout the world.

ors will all but run over the fair officials getting to the pavilion with their products.

It's A Home Made Product

Out of eighty creameries doing business in Oregon and whose products are graded by the state department of agriculture but twenty have a grade A rating. That is, the official grade rating given by the department.

Of the twenty creameries this grade is located in Heppner—the Morrow County Creamery company, maker of Fride of Oregon butter and ice cream. It is a rating held by the creamery over an extensive period and is a matter worthy of note, a matter in which local people should take more than passing interest.

To be legal, butter must contain at least 80 per cent fat. Morrow County Creamery company percentage is 80.6.

Manager Claude Cox is justifiably proud of his company's standard and the local creamery is entitled to first place in the minds of local people when buying creamery products.

The information contained herein was obtained from the Agriculture Bulletin, publication of the state department of agriculture, copies of which arrive regularly at the editorial desk.

All Accidents Should Be Reported

Delayed accident reports and death notices have boosted Oregon's traffic toll to 205 killed in the first half of 1947, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. has disclosed.

With late reports coming in, the score for June has reached 46 dead, the secretary's report shows. This is ten more persons killed than in June of 1940, formerly the worst June in the state's history.

Traffic men explained that some revisions occur when persons previously reported as injured actually die from the effects of the accident, and that other changes are necessary when tardy reports are received.

As proof of the growing danger of street and highway use, the number of motorists killed for each 100 million miles travelled jumped to over ten in June, compared with about seven in June of 1946.

"As usual, the worst killer is the open highway," Farrell said. "Oregon car travel is at an all-time high—and that travel will kill more Oregonians than ever before unless we do everything in our power to prevent it."

It is well to report any type of accident, whether there be serious consequences or not. The officials want to know what type of drivers are involved that they may be able to keep a closer check on them. Nothing is to be gained by trying to avoid publicity and as a general rule you will be doing the other fellow a favor as well as yourself, for it will be a warning to him to be more alert, as well as more considerate of others on the highway.

Ritter Given Modern Touch

Visitors to Ritter—and there are many these days—are duly impressed with the fact that the hotel and store are now lighted by electricity. Yes, Ritter has gone modern. The hand of progress could be stayed no longer.

And that isn't all. A brand new bath house has replaced the old building where guests took the "mud" baths. It is of concrete brick construction and should stand as long as the hill

on whose steep side it rests.

It has long been the ambition of Mrs. Mary Davis, owner and manager of Ritter, to develop a first class spa. She has worked under a handicap of isolation but has been forward looking throughout the years and is beginning to realize some of her dreams.

Unless fall rains set in early, the late summer and early fall months are the most dangerous in timber and grazing areas. As things stand now, a bit of carelessness could easily cause untold damage to grass and trees.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Aug. 23, 1917 Heppner's new 110,000-bushel capacity elevator is now ready to receive grain.

County quota in the first call for the selective draft was 41 men, and 46 men have been certified as accepted for military service.

Charles Brashears of Lexington broke his arm Wednesday morning while cranking his Ford.

A thief with musical tendencies entered the J. A. Waters home during their absence at the coast, took several jars of jam, devoured a box of crackers and walked off with a perfectly good phonograph belonging to Delmar.

Grain on the Vaughn ranch, farmed by Pearl Shambart, is making 20 bushels to the acre.

A new course, domestic science and art, has been added to the course in the Heppner school.

Miss Zarah Snell of Arlington became the bride of Frank J. Hopkins of Heppner at Vancouver, Aug. 14.

Houses for rent in Heppner

were never so scarce as at the present time.

Dr. N. E. Winnard reports the birth of a daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bray in this city Aug. 18.

Clyde Schriever and Libby Bishop young people of Lexington, were married in this city Tuesday by City Recorder J. P. Williams.

A. W. Dykstra, south Heppner farmer, hauled in the first load of grain to be received at the Farmers Elevator in this city. The grain was delivered Wednesday and consisted of 77 bushels.

Will Ball, head of the grocery department at Minor & Co., returned Sunday from an enjoyable vacation of two weeks spent at Lehman springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn spent several days in the mountains last week gathering the luscious huckleberries.

Are you preparing your exhibit for the Morrow county fair? Remember the big annual event is only three weeks away.

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BUILDING PROGRAM SKIDS Members of the state board of control and of the state emergency board Tuesday went into the fourth week of their mid-summer hickering fiesta over tangents of the state's building program.

The board of control has thwarted, but the emergency board has frozen approval of funds of many essential building projects.

"Why have a building program if it is not to be lived up to?" asks Senator Douglas McKay. Altho he is not a member of the emergency board he is not exactly speaking out of turn as this veteran of two world wars—and several sessions of the legislature—will be president of the next Oregon senate. That is fully conceded. Necessity should be the one and only reason for public building. Decisions should be made with vision—no more mistakes as those made in replacing the capitol with a building too small for state departments the day it was finished. The state is now paying thousands of dollars a month for rent necessitated by building without vision.

Over the years, come high prices or low, the state would strike an average of cost. State wards would not suffer from cramped conditions. More cures at the state hospitals could be effected, which is the essential objective. Hundreds of thousands of dollars more could be collected by the state tax commission if match-needed office space were available. Space here limits further fitting of cases where a consistent building program would eliminate suffering, contribute to efficiency and save money for the taxpayers.

Senator McKay is not just preaching. He also demonstrates. In 1945 when most people were saying costs of construction were at the top and due for a sudden break, he started construction of a business block in Salem that cost \$200,000. This building could not now be duplicated for \$275,000.

FLAX LOANS SKUTCHED The federal government has

called its price support loans on over one million pounds of Oregon flax fiber. "I am afraid that if the government doesn't support our flax production," said L. J. Demytt, government flax counselor for Oregon, "in another year the flax production of Oregon will be a thing of the past, with the exception of the state operated plant at the penitentiary. This would be a very serious situation in the event of war. Flax is an important commodity from a military point of view."

The price support loans do not apply to the 1947 crop.

WOULD LIMIT LIQUOR ADS A preliminary initiative petition to ban advertising of all alcoholic beverages was filed with the state department this week by the Oregon Anti-Liquor League. The measure would limit all such ads to the name of the producer or dispenser, the name of the product, the place where it is sold and the price. The measure would appear on the November, 1948, ballot.

COOS BAY BRIDGE DEDICATION Dedication of the highway bridge across Coos Bay in Coos county in honor of the late Conde McCullough, state bridge engineer who designed it, is due for Wednesday, August 27.

Invitations to attend the ceremony have been sent out by the Oregon state highway commission and the Corvallis Engineers club of Oregon State college. The dedication ceremonies will be held at the approach to the bridge.

CAPITOL CORRIDOR ECHOES The republican national committee has allotted Oregon only 12 delegates to the 1948 GOP national convention instead of the usual 15. Senator Guy Gordon will open his summer office this week in the Imperial hotel at Portland. State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldoak is planning a \$200,000 concrete highway building to be erected on state property since the department has been unable to rent needed space in Salem. New courses recently added at Oregon vocational school include baking, refrigeration, radio repair, carpentry, woodworking and diesel engineering.

State Police Are Checking Drivers' Cards in County

State Police have begun checking Oregon drivers' licenses in Morrow county. It has been disclosed by Robert S. Farrell Jr., secretary of state. Many licenses in this area are known to be past due for renewal.

Under a new law passed by the 1947 legislature, all Oregon drivers' licenses expire during the next two years. They become void according to serial numbers—lowest numbers first. The expiration date printed on the face of the permit is, in most cases, no longer correct.

All drivers' licenses, numbered between 5R-60,000 and 5R-99,000 expire this month. Permits with numbers lower than 5R-66,000 expired earlier in the summer. A complete schedule showing when each permit must be renewed is available free from service stations, police stations, sheriff's offices, and driver's license clerks or examiners.

In Heppner renewals and information are available at the sheriff's office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday. No examination is necessary for those renewing old licenses.

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Everyone Is Invited To Exhibit At The Morrow County Fair September 5-6, 1947 Premium lists have been mailed to all farm families. If you do not have one call at the secretary's office. For information on exhibitors' divisions and classes contact the following superintendents: Beef--Donald Robinson Saddle Horse--Fred Mankin Hogs--Bill Barratt Grain--Frank Anderson Dairy--John Wightman Hay--John Krebs Sheep--Steve Thompson Community Booths--Ed Rugg Poultry--Joe Devine Women's Dept.--Mrs. Ralph Thompson Fruits, Vegetables, and Flowers--Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson 4-H Agricultural--John Graves 4-H Home Economics--Mrs. Lucy Rodgers FFA--Frances Cook and Dick Wightman or see N. C. Anderson, Secretary Plan your exhibit now, whether livestock, home economics, 4-H or F.F.A. Morrow County Fair September 5th & 6th, 1947

Crush out your cigarette