

# EDITORIAL

## A Word on Communications

There is, on the editorial desk, a communication from a resident of the county whose identity was not made known in sending in the article. Therefore, while some of the matter may be worthy of publication, it is not possible to give any part of it space in the columns of the Gazette Times.

If a subscriber or any citizen has a just grievance to get off the chest, and refrains from personalities or reflections upon the character or good intentions of those criticized, the paper feels it is giving a service of value to its readers and to its community by publishing such grievances. A well registered kick may hurt temporarily but as the first pain wears off it becomes apparent to the recipient that there was merit behind it and bitterness is wiped away.

Communications should come signed by the writer, even if it is desired that the names be withheld if the articles are published. The newspaper will not assume responsibility for any article, whether in sympathy with the contents or not. Such articles will be published in the interest of the general good.

Please sign your names to your articles.

## Worst Period of Year at Hand

From now until fall rains set in earnest we will be passing through the worst fire danger period of the year. Field and forest are just right for the type of fires that give deepest concern to range and forest managements. Everything is tinder dry; water in the streams is almost nil; well, the stage is all set if some thoughtless person tosses a match, flips a cigarette, or hammers out live dottle from a pipe on to dry grass or other inflammable material in the woods.

It requires constant hammering to educate the public on the proper use of our forests and it is conceivable that the program to keep Oregon Green is getting results. It must be remembered that back of the desire to keep the state green is the thought of preserving a great industry as well as making it a more desirable place in which to live and a joy to visitors from other states.

Picnicking in the mountains is a pleasure enjoyed by thousands of Oregonians. Most people are thoughtful and leave a clean picnic spot. It is the small minority who do not acquaint themselves with the rules of forest usage who

Whitney W. Ewing of Hermiston has come to Heppner to join O. M. Yeager's force of carpenters. He is at present employed at the residence of Mrs. Ethel Adams where the basement is

must be watched and cautioned. One match can start a terrible fire and as we approach the early fall we should bear in mind that the big burns usually start about this time.

If you plan a Labor day picnic in the mountains, go prepared to help preserve this priceless heritage which is one of Oregon's greatest assets.

## Rodeo Season Is Here

More direct evidence of the approach of Rodeo time is to be seen on Heppner streets this year than for several seasons past. Cowboy hats, neckties, shirts, and other regalia indicative of the time when such attire was really dress up for the boys of the range are to be seen on every hand, the list growing longer each day.

This is an indication that renewed interest in community life is taking hold of the citizens, many of them at least, and that so far as the Rodeo is concerned if it is worth putting on at all it is worth putting on in the best manner at our command.

There may be some fun over the dress up order before the week is out and it is to be hoped that "offenders" will not take offense at the type of punishment meted out. It is all being done to help advertise the show and to help stir up some of the dry bones, civically speaking.

## Drive Carefully

Another two-day week-end holiday will be observed this week, the annual Labor Day event which is participated in by the nation at large and which calls for countless vacation trips. Labor Day does not mark the official closing of summer, neither does it mark the official opening of fall, yet it comes at a time when the harvest is quite generally completed and is the break between that period and the opening of school. For that reason literally millions of people take a last fling at the summer vacation period and plan trips here and there, some for short distances only and other at distances too great to be covered without great speed.

The National Safety Council has issued a four-point safety rule for the week end which vacationers will do well to follow to the letter:

Start early enough; don't drive too fast; keep constantly alert to danger, and above all, don't drink anything of an alcoholic nature.

If these rules are followed you will be more apt to be in your usual place come Tuesday morning.

being completely remodeled and a new roof put on. Ewing is a native of Morrow county, having been born at Cecil. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schunk of Alameda, Cal., are the

# 30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times - Aug. 30, 1917  
W. B. Barratt left Heppner Wednesday for Portland where he goes to attend the first meeting of the food conservation committee of the State Council of Defense.

Mrs. Glenn Y. Wells and Mrs. Dick Wells spent several days this week on Ditch creek gathering huckleberries.

During the past week Heppner has been shrouded in a smoky haze, due to terrific forest fires which have been raging over the northwest.

Clarence J. D. Bauman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bauman who reside on Willow creek just above Lexington, left last Friday for Portland to enlist in the marines.

Gus Williamson, the Blue Mountain poet, is spending a few days in Heppner from the Wigglesworth ranch on Butter creek.

Mrs. Linnie Thornton, Mrs. Tom Arnold and Mrs. Wm. Saunders have entered the Heppner sanatorium for surgical treatment.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green at their home in this city Saturday, Aug. 25.

Frank S. Parker and family will arrive Saturday from Philo-



## REFURBISHING DUE

The Taft-Hartley labor management relations act which became effective last Friday is due for a long career through circuit, state supreme and United States courts. Before some of the many cases have run the legal gamut the congress will have made many changes. In the meantime it will have become one of the biggest political footballs we have ever kicked around the lot. It is due for a lot of modifications. It is due for a course in public relations.

The act applies to interstate trade firms only. It does little or nothing for the firm doing all its business within a state. On these grounds it may be declared un-

constitutional. Congressmen are apologizing for it and promising changes when congress meets in January.

Management is far from satisfied. Labor is anything but satisfied. In its present form it will not help Mr. Taft's campaign for the presidency. It is a hot potato with the rank and file of politicians. Some of the wise old king-makers are calling the act a sure receipt for a third party. Others see in it the rebirth of the republican party. The hard-boiled employer, whom it was supposed to please, is sneering at it and calling it ten thousand words of false hope. "At least," the sponsors admit, "it is only a good start."

TRUMAN CAMP SPASTIC  
Lewis B. Schwellenbach, secretary of labor, will resign from President Truman's cabinet. (Exclusive in this column.) The former Washington senator does not agree with the president's labor views. Washington, D. C. columnists are predicting the resignation of Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson. We predict Under Secretary Dodd will fill his shoes. Dodd is from Baker, Oregon.

GOVERNORS ON EXHIBITION  
Former governors of Oregon and their wives have been invited by Governor and Mrs. Snell to attend the Oregon State Fair Wednesday, September 3. Oregon's former governors in order of their period of service are Jay Bowerman, Oswald West, Ben W. Olcott, Walter M. Pierce, A. W. Norblad and Charles A. Sprague.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS UPPED  
The average weekly check paid by the state unemployment compensation commission to unem-

ployed workers last month was \$4.81 below the new maximum allowance of \$20, which, however, can be drawn only by about forty per cent of 17,000 claimants during the 1947-1948 benefit year.

Payments to food-processing workers for the first time since the close of the war totaled more than those to shipbuilding and aircraft workers. About 20 per cent of the checks went to cannery workers, 17 per cent to industry workers, 10 per cent to lumbermen and nearly 14 per cent to employees of manufacturing plants.

DAM ROAD COSTS  
Working plans for legislation will be submitted by State Highway Engineer R. H. Baldo to the executive committee of the American Association of Highway officials that should save the taxpayers of Oregon millions of dollars in road construction costs resulting from the building of federal dams by the United States corps of engineers and the reclamation service. The committee will present the legislation at the January session of congress.

The dam authority is now authorized to replace roads leading around dam sites just as they were originally, but under the new proposal, additional costs resulting from new locations as well as widening of roadways, necessitated by increased traffic would be borne by the federal government. Authorization was given for \$75,000,000 for forest road construction. However, congress appropriated only \$9,800,000 for the work during the next 12 months.

BIG TIMBER SALE  
The coming sale of timber from Oregon and California lands September 9 by the bureau of land management includes 19 tracts with an estimated 57,215,000 board feet of Douglas fir, Ponderosa pine, sugar pine, incense cedar, white fir, hemlock and western red cedar. The districts of Coos Bay, Eugene, Salem, Medford and Roseburg are represented. The timber is located in Columbia, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Klamath, Lane, Polk and Yamhill counties.

"DOLLAR DINNER" AT STATE FAIR DOUBLES IN VALUE  
The "dollar dinner" will be

## Railroad Company Prepares Booklet For Water Users

Twenty-five thousand copies of an irrigation booklet designed to assist agriculturists in western states is being distributed this week by Union Pacific railroad's agricultural development division.

The purpose of the booklet was explained by A. J. Seitz, the company's vice president in charge of traffic, who in its foreword stated that "a new irrigation era is just beginning."

"The Union Pacific railroad offers this booklet as a practical irrigation guide," Mr. Seitz explained. "New irrigators will find it a source of many ready understood and helpful suggestions. It is hoped also that experienced irrigation farmers can profitably adapt some of the ideas to their farms."

Containing 25 illustrations, the 32-page booklet is handily divided into topics. Major sections include a history of irrigation, land preparation, methods of irrigation, irrigating crops, developing irrigated farms, and soil fertility.

J. W. Jarvis, supervisor of the agricultural development department, said that distribution is being made through cooperation of the National Reclamation association, the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior, the reclamation associations of 11 western states served by Union Pacific, county agents, and vocational agriculture teachers.

Deer season to open on Sept. 1. A small blaze started by small boys in the rear of the Willis Stewart livery stable near the G-T office was discovered in time to avert any serious damage.

Heppner's first Harvest ball will be celebrated at the Fair pavilion Friday, Sept. 7.

After an absence of 14 years Marcus Gunn arrived in Heppner last week. Marcus is stationed at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., but expects to be called to the war zone at any time. His parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Gunn, were victims of the Heppner flood of June 14, 1903.

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"dollar" in name only this year when it is prepared by competing 4-H club girls as an annual feature of the Oregon State fair in Salem, Sept. 1 to 7.

What with the inflated prices of the present, fair officials this week said the actual cost of the contest meals will approach the \$2 mark.

For the contest, each girl contestant has three hours in which to obtain food, prepare menu,

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- Dairy--John Wightman
- Sheep--Steve Thompson
- Poultry--Joe Devine
- Fruits, Vegetables, and Flowers--Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson
- Saddle Horse--Fred Mankin
- Grain--Frank Anderson
- Hay--John Krebs
- Community Booths--Ed Rugg
- Dept.--Mrs. Ralph Thompson
- 4-H Agricultural--John Graves
- 4-H Home Economics--Mrs. Lucy Rodgers
- FFA--Frances Cook and Dick Wightman
- or see N. C. Anderson, Secretary

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