

EDITORIAL

Voluntary Contributions Accepted

Due to circumstances over which he has no control, Chairman Blaine E. Isom has been unable to set in motion the program for raising Morrow county's quota in the current Community Chest fund campaign. In the meantime, time is passing rapidly and there is danger that the quota will not be raised by November 1 unless contributions are made voluntarily. This may be done by leaving or sending in checks or cash. The First National bank will take care of your subscriptions.

It hardly seems necessary to dwell upon the merits of this campaign. We learned in past years to set aside certain amounts for various worthy causes and in the case of the Community Chest we have numerous beneficiaries grouped under one control, which eliminates solicitation by representatives of those concerns. With post-war adjustment traveling at a slow pace there will be many demands for assistance, especially during the winter months. There should be ample funds on hand to meet emergencies as well as carry on work regularly set up for institutions drawing a large part of their financial support from this source.

Still Fertile Trading Field

Elsewhere in this issue is a communication written more than fifty years ago which, in a measure, has some bearing on conditions as they exist today. The article deals with the construction of roads and other communications into the then isolated John Day region, and although in later years hard surfaced highways were built east to west and north to south in Grant county, the situation as far as Heppner is concerned is far from being as favorable as it was in those earlier days.

Fifty years ago the business men of Heppner were alert to trade possibilities with the vast territory to the south. It must be admitted that for many years this little trading center had something bordering on a monopoly of trade with the interior. It was something that could not be held longer than it would take other centers to get roads built, but when the road building got underway from other directions Heppner was eventually chiseled off bit by bit until its interior trade was almost lost.

Heppner still has an advantage in distance when considering trade relations with Grant points. We have a highway leading to the John Day river which doesn't get us directly into the heart of the John Day valley, but a little diversion of that route would throw Monument and Long Creek over this way once more, as well as put Heppner in closer touch with John Day and

other towns of that region. It will take pull to get this change and pull seems to be something lacking in Heppner these days.

Badly Needed Improvement

Heppner's Rodeo field is one of the best playgrounds, athletically speaking, in this part of the state. It is roomy, there is ample seating capacity for most occasions, and barring nasty weather the field is as good as any in the un-sodded class.

There is one thing lacking to make the field a more complete athletic set-up. It is noticeable during the football season in particular. There is no place for the teams to spend that ten-minute rest period between halves. The local squad takes the bandstand, which offers little shelter to the boys whose temperatures are running high from exertion, while the visitors do the best they can out in the open. Heppner should offer better facilities than this.

It is possible to make shelter for both teams under the grandstand, and, we believe, at no great expense. By sealing up a certain space at either end, the squads could spend that ten-minute interlude in the dry. Of course, the rooms should be sound-proofed to give the coaches an opportunity to say what they have to say without being heard by the outside world. Showers would not be necessary as they are already provided in the gymnasium.

It is too late to get anything done this season but it is not too early to begin laying plans to have it done ere another season comes along.

Week Ends Bad Time For Accidents

According to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr., almost half of Oregon's weekly traffic deaths take place on week ends. Mr. Farrell revealed this startling information in a special warning to football fans, many of whom drive long distances and do not allow, or have, time to drive leisurely.

State-wide accident records show that Saturday claims more lives in car smash-ups than any other day, with Sunday and Friday ranking second and third. This ratio becomes even more definite each year with the seasonal onset of early darkness and rainy weather.

Traffic officials know, and the driving public should realize, that we are due for a rise in week-end fatalities starting right now. It is imperative that football fans recognize this fact and drive accordingly, the officials urge.

It is stressed that the danger is accentuated this year by the growing volume of car travel, now higher than ever before.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Oct. 18, 1917

T. H. Lowe of Cecil, who is a member of the English army and who is leaving immediately in response to a call to duty, will be given a farewell reception tomorrow evening. Arrangements are being made to run a special train from Heppner to Cecil.

The first number of the Midland Lyceum course was delivered in Heppner Monday evening when a concert appeared before a good audience.

Oscar and Claude Keithley of Eight Mile made a visit to Klickitat county, Wash., last week in the Keithley car.

Harley Wright and Lulu Margaret Gant, both of Hardman, were married Monday evening, Turner B. MacDonald officiating.

The new community church at Boardman which has been built by the people of the new irrigation town by the donations of both money and work will be dedicated Sunday, Oct. 28.

Uncle Joe Williams, city recorder of Heppner, is 81 years young. He passed the milestone Sunday and in honor of this event gave a dinner at the Palace grille to a number of his friends.

Dr. McMurdo was called to Hardman in a hurry Tuesday to

wait upon Juanita Leathers, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Leathers, who had a crochet hook implanted in her left side.

J. O. Allstott shipped two double deck cars of goats to Kansas City Tuesday.

The Ciceronian Literary society of Heppner high school is preparing the following interesting program to be delivered Friday afternoon: Instrumental solo, Lois Hall; reading, Neva Chidsey; reading, Rita Neel; debate, "Resolved, that the only way to drive war out of the world is by war," affirmative, Garnet Barratt and Cecile Devore; negative, Jasper Crawford and Ruth Van Vactor; school paper, Virginia Currin and Roland Humphreys.

George Perry, prominent stockman of Morrow and Gilliam counties, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. E. Gilliam, Saturday, Oct. 13.

Humphreys Drug company has been quite busy this week moving their stock of goods into new quarters in the Roberts building.

Creston Leathers, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Leathers of Hardman, died at John Day, Oct. 11 at the age of five years, four months and 17 days.

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ment hospital is under construction at the state hospital. It is the largest single unit of the program and is scheduled for completion in about 18 months. A similar treatment hospital costing \$1,000,000 is under construction at Pendleton. A ward building costing \$688,542 is also under construction at the cottage farm annex at Salem. Three projects are under way at Fairview home, a patient's building, \$252,300; employees dormitory, \$222,994 and a laundry and sewing building, \$125,000.

NONPARTISAN OPINION Chief Justice Rossman of the

Oregon supreme court who was recently named vice president of the administrative law division of the American Bar association, is of the opinion that government boards and commissions are too complicated and conglomerated—and too numerous.

"One of the marvels of our times in the growth of boards and agencies," says Mr. Justice Rossman, "is that their programs are unknown and their functions unknowable. However rugged individualism is still with us—the man who can support the government and carry his own load at the same time."

OREGON FIRE LAWS ADVANCED

"The quickest way to smoke yourself to death is to smoke in bed. According to reports made at the recent national convention of state fire marshalls 30 per cent of the deaths caused by fires are due to smoking in bed. Smoking carelessness is responsible for almost 44 million dollars in fire damage each year.

Charles Taylor of the state fire marshalls' office, who attended the convention, says Oregon's fire laws are far in advance of those of many eastern states. Reports made at the convention reveal 30 per cent of the fire losses the past year were in homes and of these 30 per cent were caused by heating plants.

GOP CIRCULAR QUESTIONED

It looks like a certain Portland republican organization is going to get the old "hot foot," and soon. Circulars are purported to have been distributed through the mail explaining that "twenty valuable prizes will be given away to those who have contributed to the Republican Festival association fund. Gifts in denomination of one or more dollars entitle the giver to one bid for each dollar."

On September 26 State Senator Thomas R. Mahoney, Portland democrat, requested an opinion by Attorney General George Neuner concerning the legality of the "prank." Last Friday Neuner held the circular to be in violation of Oregon's anti-lottery

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HEPPNER TEACHER DELEGATE TO O.E.A. CONFERENCE
Mrs. Velva Bechdolt, teacher of the third grade in Heppner, was

one of 75 representatives chosen from teachers throughout the state to attend the first annual conference of the Oregon educa-

tion association's department of classroom teachers held in Portland on October 10 and 11. The purpose of the meeting was to formulate a program of activity for the state group. Co-operating with the Oregon teachers were presidents of the Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Washington.

Dr. Virgil M. Rogers, superintendent of the Battle Creek, Mich., schools, was one of the featured speakers at a dinner meeting on Friday night at the Heathman hotel in Portland. Those who also took part in the dinner were Miss Marie Ernst, St. Louis classroom teacher who is president of the national organization, and Mrs. Pearl Wanamaker, Washington state superintendent of public instruction and junior past president of the National Education association.

Records show that a total of 99 enlisted men and 12 officers named John Paul Jones have served in the Navy since 1885.

UNCALLED FOR WARRANTS
Notice is hereby given that School District No. 1 has the following uncalled for warrants: No. 3556 for \$2.60, issued to Western Stationery Co.; No. 6515, for \$5.75, issued to Merlyn Kirk; No. 6997, for \$8.64, issued to Lois Blackburn, on which interest ceases as of this date, October 16, 1947.
BONNIE MCCLINTOCK, Clerk, School District No. 1, Heppner, Oregon.



STATE FINANCING UNCERTAIN

There was so much sop and sophism peddled by proponents and opponents of the sales and cigarette tax measures that the voter never had a chance to learn "for sure" what Oregon's financial situation really is. The measures were loaded with double-jointed ifs that left electors in a maze of uncertainty.

So they voted, "No." Governor Earl Snell now warns, "There is a day coming when Oregon will be faced with a serious financial problem. This day will come with arrival of a business recession. Oregon depends on income tax revenue as a chief means of state financing. A business recession will bring a drop in this source and we will be caught with a deficit. It is not likely that this day will come during my term of office, which expires in 1951. I do wish to emphasize that a business recession is inevitable and the extent and seriousness of the situation will be governed by the length and magnitude of the recession."

In his message to the 1947 legislature Governor Snell counseled the adoption of an amendment which would release surplus of excise tax revenues and make them available for general fund use. The legislators spurned the suggestion and gave the people a heavy-baited sales tax measure to vote on—which the people spurned.

Now Governor Snell can say, "I told you so."

STATE BUILDING PROGRESSES

Oregon's \$6,000,000 building program is well along—at long last. A nurses' home at the state hospital and a cold storage building at Fairview home have been completed. A \$1,500,000 treat-

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