

EDITORIAL

Pay-As-You-Go Looks Best

In the next few months there will be much discussion of roads and how to finance them. For Morrow county is in need of a far-seeing program and it should be given thorough study before any definite financing step is taken.

It will be recalled that in 1925 this county sold the first bonds after the people sanctioned an issue of \$350,000 for the construction of a county road system. We are still paying out on those bonds and will not be through paying until 1955, unless the taxpayers take a notion to retire them by paying the full interest charges, and it doesn't seem necessary to do this. In the meantime, the roads built by funds obtained through that bond issue are sorely in need of repair, and in many instances rebuilding, and the county is faced with the problem of raising perhaps an even larger sum to do the job.

The special road committee named at a meeting of taxpayers in the fall of 1947 has tentatively written up four fund-raising proposals, only one of which has the proper ring to it so far as this column is concerned. That is proposal number four, which provides for a special levy of 10 mills over a period of years until the road situation is well in hand. It is a pay-as-you-go method and carries no interest charge. Presumably the work can begin as early through this method of financing as by bonding. If sanctioned at the primary election, the levy will be made at the first meeting of the county court thereafter, or on July 7, and the county could then issue warrants until November when tax money would be available.

It is likely that the county has paid \$200,000 or more in interest on that \$350,000 issue. That sum in itself would do a lot of road work, even at the high price scale of the present day. At least it would provide funds for buying equipment, bridge materials and other things sorely needed in maintenance and construction. Back in the early thirties it was no small matter to pay upwards of \$25,000 in interest, and although the last payment had dropped to a little more than seven thousand dollars, it will still cost the county thousands of dollars in interest before the last bond is retired.

One thing in the county's favor at present is that there is not one cent of indebtedness aside from the road bonds. Every cent of money raised by a special levy can be applied to securing necessary road equipment and operation of it in building and maintaining roads. Regular county business is amply cared for within the six per cent limitation. The people may vote whatever levy they see fit for roads and be assured the money will be spent for that purpose.

Something New Has Been Added

Presentation of a junior first citizen key is something new to Heppner and represents something of the change and growth that has been taking place here in the past twelve months. It remained for the formation of a junior chamber of com-

merce here to bring this about and to the progressive young men who constitute this live-wire civic organization let it be said that their efforts in behalf of the town and surrounding community are appreciated and it is hoped the work so nicely started in 1947 will continue on to bring to fruition some of the plans the Jaycees have originated and put into operation.

It was not an easy matter for the committee from the senior chamber of commerce to pick the junior outstanding citizen, but the Jaycees themselves were largely responsible inasmuch as they chose William F. Barratt as their leader. Mr. Barratt is a capital hand at conducting meetings and in appointing committees that really go to work. It was a distinct honor accorded him when the county planning conference chose him as general chairman—one of the youngest men participating in the conference. His general usefulness as a young citizen of the county has distinguished him as a leader and the honor accorded him has in no wise been misplaced.

A Good Program

Tom Wilson, director of the Soil Conservation Service in this county, was interested in a statement in this column last week relative to a change in tillage practices and stated that he agrees with the viewpoint. In his capacity he is able to do something about it and gave us a few figures to show some of the things that have been done and what the SCS has in mind for the future.

During the past season, land leveling on three of the creek valleys amounted to 420 acres. This doesn't look like much from the standpoint of figures, yet it represents a considerable sum to those having the work done. Of this amount, some new land has been brought into production, but so far the number of acres is so small as to be worthy only of mention or to show the possibilities of bringing greater acreage under cultivation. Of the acres leveled, 260 were on Willow creek, 110 on Rhea creek and 50 on Butter creek. More leveling remains to be done on these creeks.

The service now has nine damsites surveyed on these creeks with storage capacity running from 450 acre feet to 1500 acre feet. It costs from \$60 to \$200 per acre foot to build these dams which are of a type of construction to withstand flash floods. Incidentally, an acre foot means 6 inches of water to one acre of land.

More contour plowing and strip farming, as well as leveling of irrigated tracts must be done if the forces of erosion are to be checked. It is for the purpose of directing this work that the Soil Conservation Service was set up and the cooperation displayed by land owners has not been discouraging to the plan.

If we stick to our knitting, keep our own economy right side up, explain frankly and fully what we are doing, and act with determination, we can safely leave the hollering to Molotov and Vishinsky.—The Saturday Evening Post.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times January 17, 1918

Claus Johnson, Morrow county pioneer and farmer of Democrat gulch, died at his home last Friday following an accident which occurred earlier in the week. Mr. Johnson's team became frightened and ran away, throwing him violently from the light hack.

The First National Bank of Heppner opened for business Monday in the elegant new home, the move being made without a single hitch in business.

W. W. Smead has been chosen to fill the unexpired term of S. E. Notson who resigned as mayor of Heppner at the last regular meeting of the city council.

M. D. Clark, Frank Gilliam and

George J. Currin, leading Masons of Heppner, departed for Portland yesterday morning and will attend the meetings of the Scottish Rite Masons now being held in the metropolis.

A daughter, Olivia Edna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Baldwin at their home Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hill of Lexington report the arrival of a daughter at their home January 13.

W. B. Barratt and J. O. Hager departed Tuesday morning for Salt Lake City to attend the National Woolgrowers association.

At the annual meeting of the directors of the Lexington State

bank the following officers were re-elected: W. G. Scott, president; T. J. Mahoney of Portland, vice president, and W. O. Hill, cashier.

In a deal this week Charles R. Pointer of Lexington disposed of his interest in the Leach and Pointer ranch to Earl Warner. The ranch was formerly owned by Frank and Jeff Evans and is situated north of Lexington. It joins the ranch Mr. Warner purchased from Ed Brown a few months ago.

A. Henriksen and Jack Hynd, stockgrowers of Cecil, were in Heppner Tuesday. They came by auto but Henriksen said they should have had a boat and thus been able to make more rapid progress.

The parsonage of the Methodist church received a new dress of paint the past week, at the hands of Bradford the painter. About \$800 has been spent on improvements of the Methodist church property this year, according to Rev. H. A. Noyes.

MAKES HIGH AVERAGE
Wade Bothwell of Heppner earned a 3.0 grade point average carrying 15 hours work during the fall term at the Oregon College of Education and is named on the honor roll at OCE.



FLAG BOOSTS PHONE RATES

Last Saturday was "Flag Day" for the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company when State Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg gave the company a \$1,560,000-a-year boost in phone rates and a slap on the wrist just to show he wasn't prejudiced. He indicated there might be another boost soon.

Flagg was critical of the present setup of the control of the Pacific company by the American Telephone & Telegraph company and of agreements requiring the Pacific company to obtain all equipment from Western Electric, a subsidiary of the American company.

The new rates became effective Saturday and will show on your next phone bill. The increases are principally based on population. As an example the rate on a business phone in Salem is boosted \$15 a year over the present charge; individual residence rates are up \$9 a year; two-party lines \$6 and most other users \$3. Farmer line services are upped generally from 50 cents to \$1 a month. Some farmer lines will be reclassified as business customers and be boosted 150 percent while the boost for other farmer lines will be only 100 percent.

FARM COUNCIL ANNOUNCED

T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the state unemployment commission, announced the personnel of the recently established 11-man farm council. The new state activity is an adjunct of the farm placement service in the development of a 1948 program to meet farm labor needs.

The council, appointed with the approval of Governor John Hall, will assist the farm labor office in its transition from federal to state control. Serving on the council will be Harold Barnett, Pendleton; Truman Chase, Eugene; J. J. Fisher, Gresham; Bay G. Larson, Nyssa; D. F. Kennedy, Independence; Henry Semon, Klamath Falls; E. C. Zeigler, Hood River; Ammon Grice, Salem; H. H. Chindgren, Molalla; Robert K. Norris, Medford, and Henry G. Holwiesner, Portland.

VETS PENSIONS DECREASE

Oregon veterans received \$7,497,718 in readjustment allowances under the GI bill of rights during 1947, the state unemployment compensation commission has just announced. Unemployed veterans got \$5,982,342, or 39.4 per cent less than in 1946. Self-employed veterans got \$1,515,376, a decrease of 21.9 per cent less than in the previous year. Every section of the state except Pendleton and Ontario re-



RECENT SLANT ON LAWS

In his latest digest of abridgments Attorney General George Neuner holds that a mother of a minor child cannot authorize guardian of the person and estate of such child, appointed by probate court after death of child's father, to place child for adoption by persons chosen by guardian and unknown to mother. If parent of the child is living and not incapacitated, only her consent can validate the adoption of the child.

A holdover senator or candidate for nomination as a legislator may be a candidate to the national convention of his political party, as this position is not a public office, Neuner holds. In rendering an opinion for the state department of veteran's affairs he ruled that a veteran does not become disqualified for a GI loan by reenlisting in the military service.

BABEL OF TAX-PERTS

That ever-expanding gap between the opinions of tax statisticians, and between state officials as well, on the many and conflicting tax laws of Oregon is alarming. We mean just that. It is approaching the "what's the use stage."

Ever since Governor Chamberlain proclaimed bank holidays, away back near fin de siècle days, every session of the legislature has amended, recommended, repealed or created new tax laws. Now the folks who made them don't know what they mean. So the word is going round that they should all be repealed and a new tax law enacted so we can raise our children and will know what will happen when our wills are probated.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Governor Hall has just appointed Robert T. Mautz of Portland as a member of the racing commission to fill the unexpired term of Henry Collins, whose term expired January 14.

Funeral Services Held Saturday For Dagmar Skoubo

Boardman Girl Perished Of Cold On Alaska Trail

By Flossie Coats
Funeral services for Dagmar Skoubo were held at Boardman Community church at 2 p. m. Jan. 10. The Rev. Charles Eble, pastor, officiated. Music was furnished by Mrs. John Partlow and Mrs. Nathan Partlow, with Mrs. Lowell Shattuck at the piano. Pallbearers were Albert Ball, Harold Baker, Donald Tannehill, Roy Partlow, Vernon and Dale Russell.

Dagmar Axelgard Skoubo passed away at Palmer, Alaska, December 31, 1947. She was born in Boardman 20 years ago and lived most of her life here. She attended grade school and the first year high in Boardman, the last three years high in Pendleton, and one year at University of Oregon in Eugene. She was later employed in Eugene, leaving there last September for Palmer, Alaska, where she lived and worked up to the time of her death. Miss Skoubo had been a member of the Community church the past several years.

Miss Skoubo is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Skoubo; three sisters, Asta and Erna of Palmer, Alaska, and Mrs. Toivo Simila of Portland, and two brothers, Gunner and Leo of Boardman.

Out-of-town relatives here for the burial besides Asta of Palmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Toivo Simila of Portland, were two uncles and one aunt of Portland, Gene and Alfred Skoubo and Mrs. Erick Lind; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Skoubo of Pendleton. Among friends from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eker and Nick Taylor of Eugene, Mrs. Jennie Olson and daughter Ivera of Hermiston, Mrs. Effie Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robertson, and Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Robertson, all of Pendleton.

Taken from Palmer, Alaska, paper.

Palmer, Alaska, Jan. 7, 1948: Dagmar Skoubo, who disappeared sometime late last Tuesday afternoon, was discovered lying dead near a trail in a wooded area only five minutes walk from Palmer late Friday. Daryl Meeks, a member of the searching party combing the area, found the body. Death was caused by extreme exhaustion and exposure, according to the decision reached by the coroner's inquest Saturday.

Miss Skoubo was last seen alive about 3 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 30. She then stopped at the Palmer fountain and cafe, where she was employed, asking direction for finding a path to the river, where she intended to do some sketching.

Marian Barry, a fellow worker, spoke with the girl for several moments and it is believed she set out immediately as she was dressed for outdoor hiking. Her disappearance caused no alarm until early Thursday, when fellow roomers at the "dorm" discovered Miss Skoubo had not returned. Hotels and hospitals were alerted, but reports reached the city marshal too late to begin active searching that night. Early Friday morning the search started and the body was found in mid-afternoon lying beside a well-marked trail, by Mr. Meeks. She had apparently wandered until she had become exhausted and then had lain down to rest, only to become a victim of last week's cold weather. Medical evidence shows that death did not occur before Wednesday noon. Snow which fell early Wednesday morning had been disturbed by the girl's motions as she slept. Miss Skoubo had been in Pal-

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