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Let's Complete the Job

As of Monday evening of this week, the Morrow county hospital fund was \$20,000 short of the amount estimated to meet and equip the building. This is based on the architect's estimate of the total cost of constructing and equipping a fifteen-bed hospital at current labor and material prices.

To meet this estimated cost, the county court has applied for federal aid from the 1948 fund allotted to the state of Oregon, the local hospital project having an A-1 priority. With actual funds on hand from the special levy, plus an estimated \$1100 due on the levy and \$800 invested in real estate, the court has available \$107,498.73 for building purposes. With the federal government giving one dollar for each two dollars put up by the county the sum is raised to \$150,388—about the cost of erecting the building but leaving nothing for equipment.

To make it clear relative to raising enough money to build and equip the hospital, the government requires that the plant must be built and equipped with the assurance that the hospital will be operated at least the first two years following completion, before funds can be granted. To meet the requirement for the complete cost the court felt obliged to include \$20,000 to be raised by popular subscription. This was based on previous expressions by individuals and organizations that they would like the privilege of contributing directly to the furnishing of rooms or the installation of equipment. It must be remembered that the federal assistance will be forthcoming on the additional \$20,000 just as it is on the fund raised by taxation, so that when the \$20,000 is pledged and paid in the total will be \$30,000 as applied to the building fund. Individuals and groups wishing to specify what their contributions are to be used for will have that privilege, but their subscriptions will have to be placed in the hospital fund in order to obtain the additional one dollar for each two dollars given.

It should not be a difficult matter to raise the additional \$20,000, especially for a project as important as the hospital. The citizens of Heppner, business concerns in particular, should be far seeing enough to pledge liberally to this cause. Public spirited citizens in other parts of the county have already made their pledges. It should not take more than a few days to clean this little drive up and thus assure an early start on actual construction of the hospital. Let us not delay.

Remove the Handicap!

One can not visit Monument without realizing that despite improvements in the road situation in recent years the little community is still more or less bottled up so far as communication with outside points is concerned. The people there can go down the river to the John Day highway on a new hard surfaced road, or they can go over the hill via Hamilton to Long Creek on a post road, which it is expected will be hard surfaced within the next two or three years. That is a good move. It will make travel out of the district to the county seat at Canyon City (the road to Kimberley has made it easier, it should be said), and will afford travel to such points as the people may want to reach via the Three Flags highway.

However, these improvements have not and will not shorten the mileage to railroads on either the John Day highway or Highway 395. Heppner will remain the nearest rail shipping point by a margin of a few miles over Condon and a good many miles over Pendleton. That is figuring the present 24 1/2 miles from Monument to Spray Junction and the 53 miles from that point to Heppner. Take that 24 1/2 miles and turn it more directly towards Heppner, on a route worked out by the Heppner Lumber company and on which several miles of grade is being built, and the distance from Monument to a railroad is reduced to approximately 50 miles. Construction of that stretch of road from the mouth of Chapin creek to Monument will remove the pocket in which the town now finds itself by placing it on a through highway.

Construction of sawmills in and near Monument will add a heavy volume of freight traffic which could easily be diverted in this direction with the building of a highway to connect the Heppner-Spray highway. The Heppner Lumber company is in the process of building a mill at Monument with an approximate capacity of 40,000 feet daily, and with other smaller mills now running and still more to be built there will be a growth in population and commercial activity over that way.

Sentiment of the community relative to closer connection with Heppner was sounded out Monday by representatives from the Heppner Chamber of Commerce. What was learned was pleasing to the visitors and they returned home convinced that not only is closer relationship with that part of the interior desirable but that it must be made feasible.

Lexington Folks Banquet and Award School's Athletes.

By Mrs. Cecil Jones

The Lexington boys and girls athletic teams were honored at a formal banquet in the school dining room Tuesday evening at 6 p.m. by the Lexington P-T-A. The table was beautifully decorated with white and blue tapers, yellow daffodils and green carnations. The place cards carried out the St. Patrick's motif, being green hais and shamrocks tied with white ribbon with names in white ink.

Guest speakers were Dr. and street next to the telephone office in the Bowers building. Our new telephone number is 882. We invite you to come in and see our new home.

Pat Connell, well known local sheepman, has returned from his eastern trip the past week with his bride. They will make their home on the Spring Hollow ranch which he purchased last year.

Mrs. Henry Roe Cloud of the Umatilla mission. The girls wore lovely pastel formals with matching carnation corsages. The introductory speech was given by Mr. J. S. Feathers who introduced the guest speakers. Mr. Feathers presented the athletic awards to the boys after the banquet.

Those attending were Betty Griffin, Edna Ivey, Patricia Mayeske, Alben Shannon, Lavonne McMullan, Ida Buchanan, Marvin Way, Chas. Buchanan, Ray Pappeau, Billy Bloodsworth, Robert Buchanan, James Bloodsworth, John Edwards, David Buchanan, Franklin Messenger, Charley Padberg, Floyd Breeding, Mrs. Palmer Sorlien, Mr. Sorlien, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Feathers and Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Smith and the guests, Dr. and Mrs. Cloud.

The menu consisted of shrimp cocktail, stuffed tomatoes with chicken a la king, peas, potato salad, angel food cake with whipped cream and maraschino cherries and coffee. The dinner was prepared by Mrs. Alex Hunt and Mrs. L. L. Howton and served by Mrs. Cecil Jones and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson, Mrs. Donald Aasted and Mrs. Eldon Padberg. Others assisting in the dining

room were Mrs. W. E. McMullan, Mrs. A. M. Edwards. The flower arrangement was by Mrs. Clifford Yarnell. The regular meeting of the Lexington P-T-A was held following the banquet with guest speakers, Dr. and Mrs. Cloud. Special music was by Delight Bidde of Ione accompanied by Lavonne McMullan. Delight was beautiful in a white formal and pink corsage and Lavonne in pale blue with pink corsage. Another interesting feature of the program were two musical readings by Mrs. Sorlien, lovely in a green formal with matching corsage. She was accompanied by Miss Donna Barnett. After a very interesting talk by both Dr. and Mrs. Cloud refreshments were served in the luncheon room by Mrs. Vernon Christopherson and Mrs. Oscar Breeding.

O. E. Haigh of Jordan Valley is spending a few days at the home of A. M. Edwards.

Mrs. Laura Scott visited in The Dalles last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ralph Jackson.

Mrs. E. S. Burnside who suffered a stroke last week is reported to be much improved. Her daughter is caring for her.

Rev. Paul Davies, superintendent of the Congregational churches in Oregon, will be in Lexington on Wednesday, March 24, and would like to meet with all the members of the church to discuss some matters of importance to the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ledbetter went to Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson visited in Arlington at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spalding.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks and children and Ben Grant of Prineville were visiting at the Ed Grant home over the week end. James J. Allyn of Oak Grove spent last week visiting his brother, George Allyn.

Invitations have been received by friends and relatives to the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Bill McMullan Sunday, March 21, in Corvallis at their home.

Mrs. Eva Hudson and daughter Gwen from Union were visiting at the C. C. Jones home on Saturday. They all attended the bas-

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Some folks might have tried to stop him. But not Pete. He even advanced Bud carfare for the trip... figured that when he'd had a good look around, he'd come back where he belonged.

And what happened? After seven days of big-town bustle and excitement, Bud was back behind the

wheel of a tractor, with color in his cheeks again. And he'd traded the night life of the city for a quiet glass of beer with Dad.

From where I sit, that's how it goes. Try to prevent some one from getting what he thinks he wants—and he'll go on wanting it. But give him his head, and he'll settle for the sensible thing—whether it's country life, or a temperate glass of beer!

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a becoming manner in Heppner this year. On March 16 a patriotic program was given. The following day the Hibernians attended church services in a body. A lodge meeting occupied the afternoon and at 6:30 a banquet was served at the Palace hotel.

The city council has gone in for increased food production and soon will allow the people of the city to keep a pig in the back yard.

According to dispatches from Washington woman farm labor is to be called if the situation warrants.

Mrs. F. A. Andrews, wife of Rev. F. A. Andrews, pastor of the First Christian church, was taken to the hospital the last of the week to undergo four operations.

Burl Gurdane, apprentice seaman, arrived home today for a brief visit with his father. Burl is stationed at Mare Island training camp.

C. E. Woodson, candidate for joint representative from Morrow and Umatilla counties, spent last Saturday in Pendleton on a business visit.

The advancing cost of merchandising has forced all retailers to the limit. Therefore they are restricting all credit to 30 days, with 10 days grace before further credit will be denied until the bill is paid. Deliveries will also be curtailed to two each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

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