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It Could Be A Bad Season

While one of the great crops of Morrow county agricultural history is being harvested, and grazing conditions are about all that could be asked for, making this a season long to be remembered, there are hazards that can not be discounted and which should be guarded against. A season that makes excellent growing conditions also creates dangerous fire conditions. Forest officials are well aware of this rule and when the dry season arrives they begin to worry, and not just a little.

July 25-31 is designated as National Farm Safety Week—a time set apart for farmers to check their properties for fire safety. More than 37 per cent of all farm fires are started by lightning. If you have lightning rods, keep them in order. Warm weather means dry hay and grain fields and the use of more gasoline and oil on farm properties. Fire from a spark or cigarette will strip a ripe grainfield as bare as a barn wall in minutes.

Each year 3,500 persons are burned to death on farms and some $90,000,000 worth of farm buildings, machinery and food crops are destroyed by fire.

Look over your barn and house wiring, electric fences and electric equipment. Check your hay for heating which leads to spontaneous combustion. Thrust a pipe into hay in barns and lower a thermometer into it. If it shows 158 degrees watch it carefully; if above 185 degrees start moving it outdoors; if 212 degrees call the fire department. Examine machinery to guard against sparks starting fires. Make safety rules about smoking and see that they are enforced. Dam a stream or dig a pond for emergency water.

You may save life and property by these fire prevention measures.

Passenger Service On The Way

Announcement by Vernon Flatt the first of the week that he hopes to start a passenger service between Heppner and Arlington by August 1 is welcome news. His proposal was received with favor by the Public Utilities Commission and it is not likely there wil be anything to prevent inauguration of the service just as soon as everything can be made ready for it. For the benefit of those who depend upon public utility transportation, Mr. Flatt will accept passengers on his trucks as soon as his application is acted upon.

Since application has been made for carrying passengers on all the Flatt trucks, people living between Arlington and Heppner will have more service than has been the rule heretofore. In other words, they asked for bread and are getting cake along with it. There will be a regular night schedule out of Heppner, with return at an early hour in the morning. On days when freight is being hauled, and it is expected this will be almost daily in the future, people wishing to catch daylight trains or busses will fnid it convenient to use the combination truck-bus service.

Continuation of the service will depend largely upon the attitude of the public. Much of the public utility transportation trouble in the past has been due to the eagerness of private car drivers to pick up passengers who might otherwise have patronized a duly licensed and insured carrier. This practice has been followed to such an extent that a regular bus service has become impossible, and it now remains to be seen what will be the outcome of the combined service.

A drive through the Blackhorse region will soon convince the most radical anti-road improvement advocate that something should be done, in fact, will have to be done real soon if the immense wheat crop in that district is to be delivered to the elevators. With no less than five flash floods this season there is but one bridge left between Lexington and the upper Blackhorse region. To by-pass these former bridge locations, detours have been graded which have made travel by car and light truck possible, but it is doubtful if the heavily laden grain trucks will be able to negotiate some of the detours without difficulty and at the risk of damage to the machines. Much rebuilding of the Lexington-Blackhorse graveled road will have to be done to restore it to a safe transportation artery.

The Gazette Times, speaking for the people of the Heppner branch is indebted to the East Oregonian for taking up the question of passenger transportation between this city and the main line. Although the matter under discussion was practically settled by the time the EO reached its readers, the tender of assistance advocated by Editor E. B. Aldrich is duly appreciated and in the future if such an emergency should again arise we will know where to turn for aid.

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times
July 25, 1918

Dr. A. D. McMurdo and wife are enjoying an automobile trip to points of interest in Oregon and expect to be gone two weeks.

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Joe Howell came in from Hardman Wednesday to get a badly cut hand attended to by the doctor. Joe missed the kindling he was chopping.

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Henry C. Breeding, a prominent sheepman of Spray, passed away Saturday with an acute attack of appendicitis after having been carried for more than 15 miles over mountain trails to reach a physician.

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J. S. Taylor has resigned his position as agent at Heppner for the O. W. R. R. & N. Co. and has been succeeded by Chester Darbee of Portland.

W. B. Barratt departed Sunday for Klamath Falls where he will attend a meeting of the Oregon State Sanitary Livestock board of which he is a commissioner. He expects to be absent at least a week.

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George T. Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cook of this city was united in marriag to Lulu M. Baker at the home of Judge Williams on Monday evening. Mr. Cook departed on Tuesday with the other Morrow county draftees for Camp Lewis.

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A sum of $2,450.00 has been raised for the relief of Heppner flood sufferers, and all has been disbursed.

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Harry E. Wright, formerly of Heppner and Miss Maude E. Woodhams of San Mateo, Calif., were married in San Jose July 17.

Capital Parade
By Murray Wade

A $50,000,000 TARGET

The state's orphan millions haven't found a home yet.

The state supreme court, however, handed down a decision this week that releases $50,000,000 of income tax surpluses and makes the legislature master of ceremonies of the big melon cutting—starts January 10. The ruling of the high court also eliminated the need of submitting an $8,000,000 levy to the voters at the November election by clarifying a "bookkeeping" deficit of $5,000,000. There are almost as many ideas about how the funds should be allocated as there are legislators and lobbyists. Heads of state departments and boards, and representatives of cities and counties will have elaborate plans to accompany their demands for more funds.

It is historic, and often histrionic, that every legislature has too many free-spenders of other people's money and too few with an instinctive perception of what is wise and proper. The 1949 senate has a number of conservative members who should be able to block pressure groups with lopsided grabs.

Senators Douglas McKay and Dean Walker have always taken the position that it is foolhardy to not be prepared for rainy days. If McKay is governor during the next legislature it is certain he will advise that a major portion of the surplus funds be salted away for the days when times are not as lush as now. Senator Walker will doubtless be the floor leader of the conservatives. Pressure groups will bring out novel formations in log rolling.

The raids on the surplus millions will complicate the passage of every bill before the legislature and overshadow all problems short of war.

OREGON BOY'S SUCCESS STORY

Following a declaration that he intended to get only top grades in all classes Carleton Savage entered Salem high school some thirty years ago. He made the grades and on graduation day released the forthright news to his classmates that he was going to be a diplomat.

This week he arrived in Salem from Washington, D. C., where for the past 12 years he has been in the U. S. department of state, eight years as personal assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull and now is secretary of General Marshall's policy planning committee.

While absent from the national capital he will visit with his parents who live near Salem, other relatives and friends. Then there are some fishing trips on his agenda.

Speaking of the "Russian matter" he said:

"There is much talk from time to time of the inevitability of war with Russia. But if we resign ourselves to the inevitability of war, there would need to be a complete reorientation of our foreign policy, which is now directed towards the development of peaceful and stable conditions throughout the world."

UTILITIES COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

John H. Carkin, public utilities commissioner, resigned Thursday and resumed his post as superintendent of railroad and transportation in the public utilities department. Carkin said he wanted his old job back as he did not wish to lose his retirement benefits. The position from which Carkin resigned pays a salary of $7500 a year, the highest salaried appointive office in the state.

George H. Flagg, who resigned as public utilities commissioner just before the May primaries to run for secretary of state, was reappointed to the office Wednesday by Governor Hall. Flagg ran against Hall's appointee Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry but was defeated by a vote of nearly two to one.

GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Raymond E. Kell, Portland, was named this week to represent the grange on the state board of forestry, and Josiah F. Gilray, Portland, reappointed to a five-year term on the state board of watchmakers examiners. Appointments to nine county welfare commissions were: Mrs. Margaret L. Crawford, Baker; Charles S. Willis, Benton; Earl W. Wiley, Douglas; C. H. Demary, Josephine; Fred Peterson, Klamath; Frank L. Bouck, Lane; Mrs. Gladys Shields, Marion; E. Don Ross, Multnomah, and Mrs. C. B. Miller, Umatilla.

THIRD PARTY FILES

Supporters of Henry A. Wallace filed petitions Saturday with the state department of elections to form a progressive party in Oregon. Sponsors said the petitions contain the signatures of 19,111 registered voters. Only 16,743 signatures are required. Declarations of candidacy must be filed with the secretary of state before August 9 to get on the November Oregon ballot.

DON'T SEND MONEY

Hunters should not send money with applications for special season tags, it was announced today by F. C. Baker, controller for the Oregon State Game commission. He pointed out that the seasons that have been announced are only tentative and that no applications should be sent in until the final regulations are set on July 24. At that time, if special seasons are to be held, the applications should be mailed to the game commission office without the fee. If more applications are received than the number of specified permits, a drawing will be held. Those drawing tags will then be notified and at that time only should the fee be sent to the game commission.

In a pre-Democrat convention radio address Congressman John Phillips, (R.-Cal.) said, "I haven't read the papers today but I gather that President Truman is the Democratic candidate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays; General Eisenhower is the candidate on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Justice Douglas is the candidate on Saturdays. That leaves each Sunday for a conference of governors of the Southern States.

Asked his opinion of the 1948 Democrat platform, a Republican leader recently quipped: "The Democrats shouldn't have gone to all the trouble of drafting a platform this year, they have a perfectly good one left from 1932 that they never even used."

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