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## Lots of Room In Oregon

In an editorial in Tuesday's paper, the Morning Oregonian gives some illuminating figures on Oregon's growth in population since the 1940 census was taken. Our state is second only to California in population gain and when it is considered that the Golden Bear state and Washington each have extensive military, naval and air establishments while Oregon's showing in these federally maintained units is all but nil, it may be considered that Oregon's permanent growth has been on a larger percentage basis than that of our neighbor to the south, while the increase here has been about six percent greater than that in the state of Washington, military establishments included.

California, in the opinion of the Oregonian, has about reached the limit of population that can be sustained on that state's present water supply or any prospective supply in the future—unless the Columbia river is diverted to the south, as has been suggested as a possibility for irrigation relief. That leaves Oregon and Washington, with their more abundant water resources, in a favorable position to continue to attract population long after California has reached its peak.

In a recent statement, Kenneth W. Sawyer, agricultural adviser for the Proletarian Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Willamette valley is capable of supporting a population of five million people and that it is the belief that Oregon will some day have at least that many people. It is true that the wartime migration started an influx of people from eastern and southern sections of the country which has not abated since the cessation of hostilities and Oregon can look forward with confidence to seeing this influx continue for many years. A large majority of the newcomers, particularly those from the plains states, will first seek residence in the western half of the state, but not a few of them will be attracted to the hills and prairies of eastern Oregon where greater acreages may be obtained for less money. The irrigated districts stand to draw settlers and

investors first, and eventually the vast wheat ranches and grazing areas will be broken down to smaller units. This is inevitable if the influx continues on the basis foreseen by the Oregonian. Just what effect this state growth will have on Morrow county is a matter of conjecture at this time. The two small projects on the north side of the county have experienced some growth—perhaps the biggest part of the gains shown since the war. As more water becomes available from the McNary dam, Irigon and Boardman can easily be expanded beyond their present limits, provided the government sees fit to return at least part of the bombing range to settlement. But the growth need not be confined to the north end of the county. There are possibilities along the creeks and on the less rolling ranch lands.

On the one hand a few dams would be required on the upper reaches of the streams that now carry away much valuable topsoil to the Columbia river, where topsoil does no good. Holding back the flood waters and releasing them at a time when water is needed for the crops will retain the precious topsoil where it will do some good. The other part of the story lies in the extension of electric power service to the rural areas, which will open up possibilities for private irrigation and readjustment of agricultural policy.

These developments will depend upon the tendency of large landholders to split up their acreages—to sell to new neighbors instead of buying out the old ones. It may require years to start such a development but it is sure to come if the present "On to Oregon" movement continues indefinitely. One hundred new homes on Willow creek between Heppner and the Columbia river, or even the Gilliam county line, and a similar cutting up of ranches on other streams of the county would absorb some of the increasing population and bring about a greater diversification of crops. Such a development is more a probability than a possibility and is of sufficient importance to command the attention of the Chamber of Commerce, the Farm Bureau, the Grange and other organizations as well as individuals.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Aug. 15, 1918  
Real estate moved last week. Supt. D. W. Boltnot purchased the Gay M. Anderson place in the lower end of town. Gilbert Coats bought the Walbridge place which adjoins the Boltnot place. H. A. Emry associated

Bro's store, returned Sunday from an extensive trip through the East. Mr. Duncan went from here to Atlantic City where he attended the Elks convention.

A son was born on August 9 to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tash.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Wright and Jack McCulloch returned Tuesday from a trip to the Greenhorn

## Local Melons Go On Sale at North End Communities

By Mrs. Flossie Coats  
Melon and fruit stands are opening for the season on the highway and in town. The Anderson stand has been serving for the past many weeks. Ed Skoubo is west of town and A. Archer has a stand in town. These are selling local melons, Others will open as the melons ripen. Recent guests at the Guy Fer-

mountains where they went to inspect the Dan Stalter mine.

Mr. and Mrs. Con McLaughlin of Lena report the birth of a son, born Friday, August 9.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kinery of Pine City are the parents of a son, born Tuesday, Aug. 13.

Misses Doris Mahoney and Helen Barratt are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd on Buttery Flats.

Lee Cantwell has purchased the Cecil Humphreys residence in the south end of town and is now settled there. This house has been occupied by E. M. Shutt.

Oris Parker, young son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Parker, was rather painfully injured last Saturday when a pony he was riding stepped in a badger hole. The boy was thrown off and the horse stepped on him.

J. M. White, pioneer resident of Lexington died Friday, Aug. 9, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his two daughters and two sons, Mrs. L. S. Gilbreath of Dayton, Wash., Mrs. J. E. Gentry, Claude J. White and Gerald White, all of Lexington.

At a business meeting of the fire department Monday evening it was decided to ask the city council to purchase six rubber hats and coats for the department. These are needed for the protection of the nozzle men.

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guson home were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Harwood of Warden.  
Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Earwood were his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Williams of Caldwell, Idaho.  
Mrs. May Barnes, who has been here caring for her sister, Mrs. John Yonger, for the past several weeks returned to her home in Christine, Texas, Thursday.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Allen were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings of Portland. Jennings and Allen were old school chums.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Allen who have been employed in Milton arrived at the home of Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Allen, and will remain until the fore part of September.

Wanda Reid of Phoenix, Ariz., was a recent guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Brown for a few days.

Mrs. Mratin Anderson and Mrs. Martin Anderson and in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Macomber and two sons were overnight guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Macomber Wednesday, and also visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Root. Macomber is the highway foreman at Spray and has been transferred to Arlington. They were here looking for living quarters.

Miss Mary Mallery of Eugene and Miss Marjorie Chester of Salem stopped for a short call at the Clud Coats home Friday. The young ladies are both school teachers and were on their way to Wallawa lake vacationing.

Mrs. Wiley Brown, Mrs. Lee Wheatley and two daughters motored to Pendleton Friday.

News came to Boardman friends recently of the death of George Funkhouser, former resident of Boardman. The Funkhousers moved to California several years ago and the past year came to Portland.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gus McLouth for a week are Bill McCullough and Albert Allen of Bremerton, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie, son Lynn, and Mrs. Clud Coats motored to Pendleton Saturday.

Nate Macomber and grandson, Gary Petteys, motored to Pendleton Sunday, Macomber going to consult a physician and Gary returning home after a few days with his grandparents.

Mrs. Elvin Ely entertained her little daughter, Irene on her third birthday Friday, by having many little ones in for play. Those attending with their mothers were Marcia Woolley, Greg and Sandy Knoop, Keith and Dennis Gronquist, Larry West, Anita Garner, Brenda Billings, Jimmie and Patty Miller, Carolyn and Connie Baker, Gwendolyn Fussell, Dickie Skoubo, Shirley Earwood, Douglas Shattuck, Cora Deulen, Judy Partlow, Billy Getz, Mary Joan Peterson, and Jerry and Cora Louise Ekberry of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wicklander Jr. and family of Pendleton were calling on Boardman friends Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Ransier was an overnight guest Saturday of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Ransier, of Ordinance. Sunday they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Looker of Echo and went fishing near Pilot Rock.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Tannehill were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graham and son of Portland. Mr. Graham is with the Oregon Journal.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West Jr. and Mrs. Ray Gronquist motored to Arlington Sunday evening.

Sunday guests at the N. A. Macomber home were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews of Pilot Rock. The Matthews's were returning from a few days spent at Seaside.

Visitors this week at the Ronald Black home are Mr. Black's mother, Mrs. Clyde Black, and his niece, Miss Vona Dene Ralphs, of Ferron, Utah.

Recent guests at the Dewey West Jr. home were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Brewer and daughter, Cathy Ann, of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fletcher of Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry Brewer of Arlington.

A pre-school clinic was held in the Community church Monday under the direction of Dr. Margaret Smith, child specialist of Longview, Wash., and our county nurse, Miss Margaret Gillis.

Mrs. Zoe Billings and daughter Benda left Monday for Portland to spend a few days with Mr. Billings who has been a patient at the veterans hospital at Vancouver, Wash., and with the Grace Tyler family.

Guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats are their daughter, Mrs. Glenn Mallery and two grandsons, Gerry and Jimmie of Seattle.  
HEC met at the home of Mrs. Russell Miller Wednesday with a potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Plans for the North Morrow County fair were discussed, in which the club has an interest.

## Horse Show and Racing Featured At Hermiston Fair

Hermiston—A two-day amateur horse show and racing program will highlight the Umatilla County Fair at Hermiston, August 26-29.

Four amateur racing events will be interspersed with the Saturday show which will feature riders of 16 years and under and with the Sunday show at which senior men and women riders will compete.

P-51 fighter planes of the Oregon Air National Guard will fly to Hermiston to take part in an air show at the Hermiston airport at noon Saturday, August 28. The air show will follow the morning parade at 10:00.

A record number of 4-H, FFA and open class exhibitors is expected to compete for an all-time high of \$6,250 in premiums. Horses, a new class, is included in the competition.

The celebration will get rolling Friday night with a style show, featuring the New Look in apparel from the county's leading shops, and the coronation of Queen Janis I. Jitney dances and square dance contests will be held each night, and a baseball game between the Richland Orphans and the McNary League All-Stars is slated for Sunday evening.

Final event will be a huge fireworks display Sunday night, Thursday, August 26 is entry day for exhibitors.

## A WORD OF THANKS

We would like to thank everyone who came to our aid last Friday when fire destroyed our sheep sheds and hay. Your timely aid is deeply appreciated and most certainly saved the place from greater destruction.  
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ruhl.

## THANK NEIGHBORS

We take this means of thanking our neighbors for their timely assistance in stopping the field fire at our place Wednesday afternoon. More words seem rather empty but we want you to know that we deeply appreciate your services.  
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Griffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gibb and family arrived from Seattle Monday evening to spend a week here visiting relatives and friends.

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