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A Follow Up Is Needed

The move for a highway from the mouth of Chapin creek to Monument has been officially launched and the destiny of the project is in the hands of the state highway commission. It has taken time and effort to get the proposed improvement this far and it will require much more time and effort to make the road a reality. This fact was stressed at the luncheon meeting of the Chamber of Commerce when members of the delegation attending the highway meeting in Portland last Thursday reported on the presentation of the local club's proposal for which the state commission granted fifteen minutes.

Three projects were included in the proposal to the commission. The first was the request for hard surfacing of the highway from Hardman to the mouth of Chapin creek. The second called for the building of a highway from the mouth of Chapin creek to Monument, and the third asked that the commission authorize the widening of the North Main street bridge in Heppner.

Of the three requests, the one most likely to receive attention, and that in the near future, is the surfacing of the Hardman-Chapin creek section of the Heppner-Spray highway. This was more or less promised in 1943 and proof of the commission's sincerity is to be found in the improvement of the Ruggs-Hardman section of that highway. As to the proposed new highway there is the matter of surmounting the commission's policy of not building new roads until those already constructed are brought up to standard. If sufficient grounds are established and the sections interested in the road maintain steady contact with the commission it is within the realm of reason to expect that in due time the road will be incorporated in the state system. It will require constant vigilance, but not necessarily pressure, for there are good reasons for asking for the road and these reasons should be kept before the commission.

As to the Main street bridge widening, that project has been on the commission's improvement program and it may be possible to get it restored. It must be remembered that presenting projects to the commission is but the opening wedge. It will take a lot of hammering to finish the job.

Heppner Dam on Map

This page has from time to time pled for action on the proposed flood control dam for Heppner and will continue to urge this important project upon our people until something of a local nature is done. It has been included in the overall flood control and irrigation program of the Columbia basin and is being held in the background only because the people who are most vitally concerned manifest no interest in seeing the dam built. We are so overawed by the larger developments that we cannot see our own advantages, yet the fact remains that the Heppner dam is definitely in the plans of the government engineers and is put down for both flood control and irrigation.

Heppner is more vitally concerned with the flood control aspect of the dam. It was due to the terrible disaster of June 14, 1903 that the engineers first became interested and subsequent high waters, fortunately not so destructive but potentially dangerous, aided in getting the project included with the general flood control and irrigation program.

Plans presented here several years ago were concerned more particularly with control features. However, it was explained that time and a limited amount of irrigation would be possible. Waters could be retained until the flash storm period, which usually opens up in May, making available to ranchers down the creek such storage as had been accumulated up to that time. This would fit in with irrigation practices followed by the ranchers, since most of them do their field flooding during the time of the early spring runoff. Storing of the excess water would make spring irrigation possible for a longer period and provide for extra acres as more land is leveled along the creek bottom and lower benches.

The engineers have made their plans for the dam. Estimates prepared at the time of drawing the plans have been expanded to take into consideration the difference in costs. The question is, do our people want this security to life and property now or do we want to wait until another disaster strikes. Should that occur again in all probability the government would take the step contemplated before deciding to build a dam here—buy up what is left and let us settle where we may, except in this particular vicinity.

Christmas Shops In Vets Hospitals Will Provide Gifts

Plans for Christmas gift shops in veterans hospitals throughout the country are being completed by the American Legion auxiliary. Mrs. Otto Steinke, rehabilitation chairman of the Heppner unit of the auxiliary, has announced. The unit will participate in the gift shop to be operated by the Oregon department of the auxiliary at Portland veterans hospital.

The gift shops make it possible for disabled veterans with little or no funds to send Christmas gifts to their families. Mrs. Juniper canyon from Heppner Sunday shooting rabbits. The black tails are very thick down there. They make fine chicken feed.

Steinke explained. Gift articles of all kinds, including toys and games for the children, are contributed by the auxiliary and made available to the veterans without charge. They are gift-wrapped by the auxiliary and mailed to the veteran's home in time to arrive for Christmas.

The shops are set up in a room in the hospital where veterans are able to leave their beds can come and make selections for the members of their families. Hospital carts loaded with gift articles are taken to the bedside of those unable to come to the shop. Auxiliary volunteers operate the shops, and wrap and mail the gifts. The project brings to the disabled veterans a share in the joy of Christmas giving and gives them the comfort of knowing that their families are not forgotten on Christmas Day.

Last Christmas auxiliary gift

ALTAR DEDICATION SET

A special service will feature the regular meeting of Ruth chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star, Friday evening according to Mrs. Frank Connor, worthy matron, who announces that the dedication service prepared for October 22 and postponed due to the fire in the Masonic hall, will be held. There will also be a memorial service in honor of members whose deaths have occurred during the year.

shops were operated in 136 hospitals with expenditures for the project totaling \$350,731.77. This was in addition to the Christmas gifts given by the auxiliary to the veterans themselves. In all of its Christmas activities for the more than 100,000 veterans who spent last Christmas in hospitals, the auxiliary expended nearly \$750,000.

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Many new cases of the Spanish influenza are reported this week and it would seem that the epidemic is not going to stop until it has caught up with us all.

A. E. Scott exhibited some very fine potatoes in town today that

were raised on the Ralph Scott place in Six Dollar canyon. There are four of them weighing about 14 pounds. Mr. Scott said he had been offered 30 cents for the lot.

For the last three weeks Sheriff McDuffee has had under his keeping a slacker who could produce no registrations card. He later produced his card under another name and claimed he had been suffering from loss of memory. He was released.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wigglesworth are visiting on Butter creek

before leaving for Beverly, Wn., where they will spend the winter at their ranch.

Armistice terms are most drastic and must be met by defeated Huns within 30 days. Immediate evacuation of invaded territories shall be completed within next 14 days. Guns, airplanes, naval equipment and stolen monies must be turned over.

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2. Emergency materials like this are stored in special yards... set aside and reserved especially for disasters like floods and fires. They're assembled by fast-working crews and rushed by rail, truck or air to spots near the damaged area. They're then sent on by truck... and sometimes by boat... to the individual repair jobs.



3. The trouble's remedied... often while the water is still high. Some calls will be going through in a remarkably short time. For although problems like major floods and forest fires are infrequent, telephone people are always prepared to make teamwork match emergencies... to keep your telephone working well for you.

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