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## Roads and Drainage

Two problems confront new officer groups assuming their positions Monday of this week. On the one hand is the county court, with two new members—the judge and one commissioner—which has the job of reorganizing the county's road program. On the other hand is the Heppner city council with four new councilmen and several projects one of the most pressing that of drainage. Both bodies have work ahead of them which will justify loss of sleep if any of the officials are inclined to ease their worries to bed with them.

First of all it must be taken into consideration that much of the county's road machinery is in poor condition. Efforts at repairing have proved expensive and the court is faced with the necessity of purchasing new equipment. Higher prices for equipment and materials and a higher wage scale are things that help make the reorganization of the road department a monumental task, especially if, after obtaining some highly essential pieces there is anything left with which to hire a crew and do some much-needed road work.

The county court is giving the road set-up careful consideration and it is the intention of Judge Barratt and Commissioners Thompson and Miller to talk road and other matters over with as many representative citizens throughout the county as possible before launching forth on the expenditure of extensive sums. They have one request to make of the taxpayers and that is to bring their problems, or complaints, or proposals, to the court. They are assured of a fair hearing and the court room is the place to bring grievances or any other matters to the attention of the court.

Mayor Conley Lanham outlined some of the city's projects to new members of the Heppner city council Monday evening and placed emphasis on the matter of drainage. Residents living around the west and east fringes of the town will

not have to be told what the mayor was talking about, for spring mud has been an annoyance that has proved both inconvenient and costly in recent years. To meet some of this annoyance, the city has taken steps to regrade some of the streets and establish curb lines. Some engineering on this project has been done but there remains the formulation of a program for financing the work. Not alone is the building of curbs contemplated but likewise paving the streets to the curb line. It is realized that this will not solve the drainage problem entirely but it will better facilitate removal of the mud and will stop some of the formation of mud lakes in front of people's homes.

The sewer system was discussed briefly and councilmen were given copies of plans and specifications to study.

It is evident that anyone stepping into a position of public trust in this year 1949 is not looking for a life of flowery beds of ease.

Campaigns for funds come in an almost steady stream these days and one wonders where the demand will come from next. If the axiom that it is better to give than to receive is to be taken at its full value we Americans are almost too good to live long. However, it is a privilege to give when we have the wherewithal to part with and none of us should begrudge a little assistance to the less fortunate. Right now there is a move on to raise funds for the purchase of an emergency ambulance. Rich and poor alike will benefit from the acquisition of this valuable piece of equipment and it will require about one dollar per head from each individual in the county to make the ambulance available for emergency use any place in the county. The first person spoken to about the project came through with a check for \$150. No sum will be rejected. Turn yours in now.

## 30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times,  
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H. V. Gates submitted data and a proposal to build and operate a water system consisting of the existing works in Heppner, added thereto a conduit line supplying water from Willow creek, the water to be appropriated 16 miles up the creek from Heppner; and if accepted at once promised to go into contract of detailed specifications for mutual benefit and protection.

Jack Hynd and W. W. Smead handed their resignations to the county court yesterday as members of the Morrow County Fair board and the same were accepted.

Clarence M. White, attorney, died at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton on Friday afternoon after putting up a hard fight against the rigors of influenza.

There was an entertainment at the new Butter Creek schoolhouse Christmas eve, with a Christmas tree and program provided by the school children. Christmas night a reception was given at the Butter Creek hall in honor of Carl Rhea, Hugh Rhea and John Ware, who were all home for the holi-

days from army camps and training schools.—Echo News.

A fire broke out in the bakery of W. C. Bowling on Main street at about 9:30 Friday evening, and before it could be extinguished, much damage had been done to the building as well as the stock therein.

To make secure his summer range, John Kilkenny closed a deal the past week for 13,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Susanville in Grant county.

Influenza claimed as its victim at Hardman this week, Guy L. Hadley, well known resident of that section.

Joseph Snyder, the ice man, is busy these days in storing away a quantity of ice for the coming season.

J. D. French and John Brosnan moved some 400 head of cattle over from the Butter creek ranges to the Earl Warner place a few miles northeast of Lexington, where they are now quartered for the winter months and being straw fed.



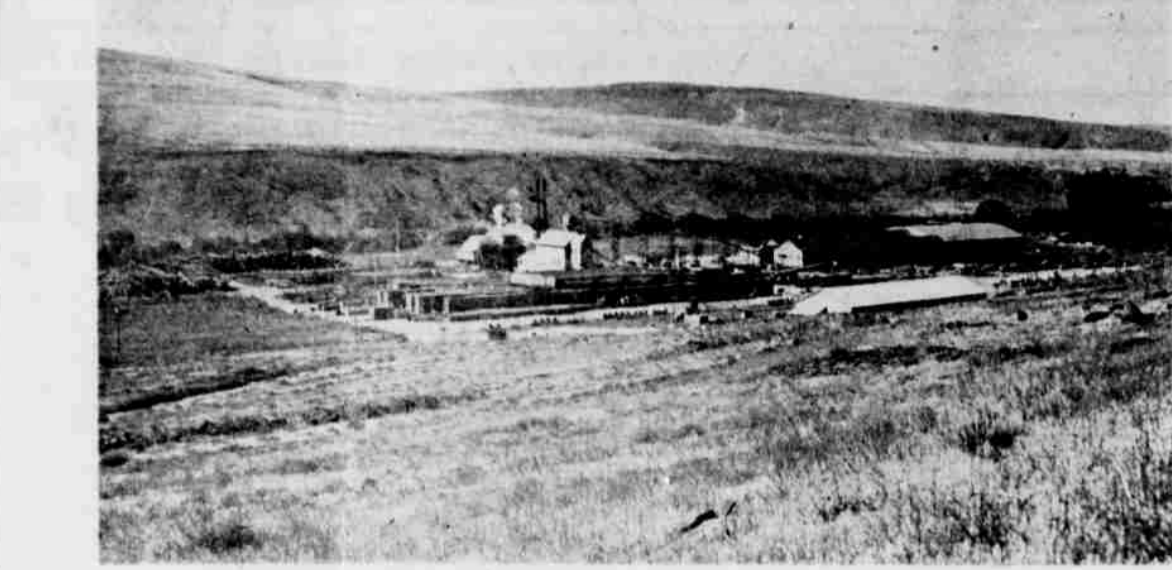
## HEAVY SESSION AHEAD

The 45 session of the Oregon legislature convenes in Salem next Monday.

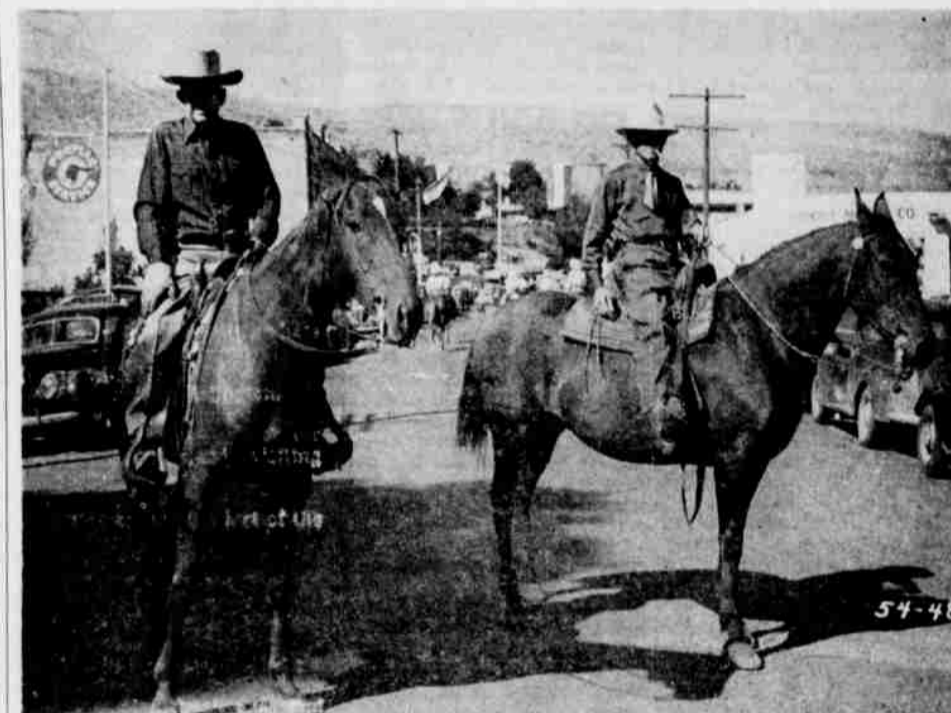
The state's head law makers never before headed into so many headaches per square head.

It's a headache session—migraine session. One of the first musts of the session will be to sanction use of accumulated and accumulating funds of excise taxes of corporations. The corporation excise tax law having been created by the legislature can be amended by the legislature and corporate tax revenues made available to balance the budget. Similar funds from income tax revenues from individuals may also be made available. The only hitch that might occur would be the invoking of the referendum by some group. If this were done, a special election could be called, probably for June or November, to verify or reject the action of the legislature.

According to the state budget department, Oregon faces a deficit of \$37,594,056. It is estimated that by making the revenues from the excise tax collected after July 1, 1949, available the budget can be kept balanced. The funds are estimated at approximately \$38,000,000. Currently the state's annual income tax revenues approximate \$51,000,000, of which \$17,000,000 is derived from corporations and \$34,000,000 from income taxes paid by individuals. To meet the \$50-a-month-minimum old age assistance plan the budget recommends that \$12,892,513.14 be taken from the general fund, evidently to augment shrinking profits of the state's liquor dispensing business.



This is not a new picture of the Heppner Lumber company plant but the log pile is somewhat illustrative of the supply on hand at the mill this winter. Logs are still coming in and will, no doubt, as long as the ground remains frozen. When the thaw comes the truckers are willing to lay off awhile and it is then that the huge stock pile keeps the sawmill in operation.



remember when this picture was taken. Rodeo parade in Heppner, fall of 1948. It was pretty much of a cinch that both of them would be elected, but it was not cricket to say "Howdy, Governor" so far as the then Senator Deug-

## Twin Voices of AACS Guide Airlift Pilots Safely Home

At least one Morrow county man is a part of the big airlift show over Berlin, and that is S/Sgt. Jack Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Shaffer of Cecil.

Under the leadership of Lt. Col. John W. Ashley, the 1945th AACS squadron's commanding officer, the Rhein Main Range and the Offenbach Beacon, AACS's twin voices have developed from an idea, a forest, and a field into highly efficient airways stations. The non-commissioned charge, S/Sgt. Jack Shaffer, may be found at work around the clock at the intersection of the

and the laws which ban secondary boycotts, hot cargo activities and jurisdictional disputes. A legislative heavyweight (av. cirrupis) would memorialize the congress to take subsidies from farmers and give them to the ultimate consumer, the fellow at the dining table. The heavy eaters would be the great patriots.

WITTHOLDINGS FROWNED UPON In a pre-legislative quiz of thirty members of the legislature, 19 of the lawmakers favored abolition of the withholding tax law. "This law is a nuisance to the employers, the workers and the state and should be repealed," a state official stated when questioned. Approximately \$9,000,000 is collected by employers and only about 9 per cent of the money is paid back to the labor-

## HEAVY HANGS HIGH LAWS

The highway interim committee has recommended a 1-cent-a-gallon increase on the gasoline tax and a \$10 motor vehicle registration fee to meet increased costs of highway construction and a 15-year expansion program. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, who doesn't care how hot a hot position he gets, has declared his opposition to any increase in registration fees above the present \$5 annual fee. Newbry will ask the legislature for authority to issue permanent motor vehicle license plates, beginning in 1950. The licenses will be staggered so 50,000 of the 600,000 plates will be issued each month, greatly reducing the expense to the state and avoiding peak load waiting by the public. Register surprise at this one, please. Used car dealers are for a state-wide auto testing law. Looks like the 1947 truck law which levies a tax according to weight and mileage is due for a revamping. It doesn't deliver the revenue it was intended to. Not by \$1,500,000.

State employees will oppose a bill to extend their compulsory retirement from 65 to 70 years of age. The Oregon state board of agriculture has recommended that the administration of the Oregon milk control law be taken from the state department of agriculture. Oregon's community property law will be the target of a strong lobby. The federal law now makes the Oregon law a dead duck. A repeal will be sought by labor forces of the 1947 enacted laws which provide for secret elections to determine if employees want to have a bargaining agent

roads to Victory Park and Neu Isenburg. Two diesel generators, each developing 15,000 watts of electric power, supply two standard CAA radio ranges in continuous operation. Two additional transmitters send a 75 megacycle signal which actuates the light in the pilots' instrument panel.

Approaching the site we see five 42-foot steel towers pointing their spires high in the leaden skies. A forbidding barbed wire fence bars our way, but using a local telephone at the gate, and proper identification, we quickly gain admittance. A neat white building stands in the forest. Stepping inside, we find a partition separating the building. In one part, a diesel is thundering;

Project Descent, The Twin Voices of Rhein/Main, however known, the men of the AACS at these lonesome radio stations have worked shifts of 18 hours without relief for little beyond the satisfaction of a job well done—and perhaps a life saved.

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