

EDITORIAL



County Could Use Funds

Efforts of the county court to secure some of the funds in possession of the State Highway Commission which have not been allocated is commendable and merits the support of all citizens interested in road and highway improvement throughout the county. The set-up here is such that available funds and those to be raised over several years will not be sufficient to meet the demand for modern improved roads—the type to hold up under the weight and speed of automotive transportation.

It is sometimes a difficult problem for counties such as Morrow to finance road construction and maintenance along lines of permanency and while from time to time considerable sums have been voted for that purpose, evidence is lacking that the goal ever has been attained. For that matter, there will never be an end to construction and maintenance, but it is desirable that better construction and more general maintenance be the rule and there is some justification in the request for state highway assistance.

At the present time there is need for improvement of existing roads. It may not be possible to acquire sufficient assistance to permit hard surfacing or oiled macadam to a considerable extent, but it may be possible to grade and gravel some of the roads that are now narrow and rough and improve travel and hauling conditions in sections not now enjoying such facilities. Morrow county is short on population, making it difficult to acquire funds on a traffic count basis. On the other hand, it is a heavy producer of agricultural products and the bulk of these products are hauled to shipping points over roads that are not to be classed as "improved" in the modern sense of the word. If the court is able to secure some of the state highway funds to augment county finances a good service will be done in behalf of the taxpayers.

Not Too Unusual

There is nothing unusual in the influx of men seeking harvest work or other employment at this time of year. In times past a large percentage of the transients could obtain jobs during the harvest season but conditions have changed and although more grain is being raised than in the earlier years, fewer men are needed due to improved methods of cutting and threshing.

Whether or not this surplus of labor will be in evidence later in the year remains to be seen. It will not be surprising if it increases, because the population growth is in excess of the state's

industrial expansion and it is not likely there will be enough new projects started to absorb all of the surplus labor. The employment situation in Oregon has improved in recent weeks due to fruit and grain harvests but this will hold out no longer than a few weeks at the most and there may be a noticeable migration of laborers to other sections of the country.

It is not surprising and there is nothing unusual about a labor surplus at this time. Oregon is credited with being the fastest growing state in the union and even if a recession were not to set in it would require several years to get the labor situation adjusted. In the meantime it might be just as well for labor to take a practical view of the situation and avoid a depression by withdrawing contemplated increases in wages. More pay for those already working will not create jobs for the unemployed, and unemployment on a general scale is a depression in fact.

Wheat Yield Above Normal

Since the era of big crops opened up seven or eight years ago it is difficult to remember what an average yield of wheat is in the county, consequently errors in figures may be expected when comparing the 1949 crop with other seasons. Whatever the ten or twenty year average may have been prior to 1942, it has not held in recent years and the past eight-year yield has been above the 12-16 bushels per acre usually considered the over-all county production.

Some of the first cuttings in the current harvest led grain men to figure on a below average yield, but as the harvest progresses it is quite certain that the average will be above 17 bushels per acre. Some of the 30 bushel or better fields are beginning to turn in their accounts and the picture has brightened the past few days. In some quarters it is believed that the county average will hover around the 20 bushel mark.

Realizing that the current crop has been raised on hold-over moisture from 1948 to a large extent, the question of next year's crop has been somewhat disturbing. Peace of mind was restored when a well known wheat rancher stated that there is still enough moisture in the ground to produce a 15-bushel per acre crop next year. Surely there will be some rain before heading out time next year—enough, perhaps to raise that 15 bushel average to up around 20 bushels. If not, we are heading into an awful long dry spell.

The only way to keep out of the next war, sez Dad Gummit (in the Duffel Bag), is to get a job in Washington and buy a pair of spurs so your feet won't fall off the desk.

30 YEARS AGO

Heppner Gazette Times, JULY 17, 1919
Born in this city Sunday, July 13, to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCaleb, a son weighing 11 pounds.
F. A. Anderson, local abstractor, is confined to his home this week on account of illness. He has the smallpox, according to his doctor.
The little 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Huddleston of Lone Rock is receiving treatments for intestinal troubles at the Heppner sanatorium.

Ben Anderson, Eight Mile farmer, was in Heppner Tuesday after a cook and a sack sewer. Mr. Anderson is looking forward to a good yield of wheat and is starting his combine this week.
Mrs. Edward Adkins received slight injuries when she was thrown from a car last Friday. The accident occurred on the depot road when the car struck a rut.
Leaving last week in their car, Misses Letta and Evelyn Humphreys and Roland Humphreys star-

ted on an extended vacation trip to Portland and coast points. They expect to be away several weeks.
John Edward Peterson, former rancher in the lower Eight Mile country, died suddenly at his home in Portland on July 3. He is survived by his son Oscar of Lone. Aaron Peterson of Heppner was his brother.
Ben and Sam Brown, who have been farming in the North Lexington country, have traded their property there for wheat land in Alberta, Canada, and will leave Morrow county immediately after harvest.
Wheat yields for 1919 must be



TIME PAYMENTS INCREASING
Retail credits are increasing in Oregon this year, but not at the same rate as in the rest of the nation, which is a good sign for this state's economy.

"Businessmen are turning to time payments, extending credit, to meet declines in trade volumes", David Holtzman told a convention of credit officials meeting Salem Tuesday. "People still have cash but they have lost confidence because of falling prices. Merchants are turning to charge business to revive sales", Holtzman told the credit adjudicators.

SITE FIGHT TIGHT — "QUITE IT"
The continuous-bout scrap over the location of "Oregon's branch capital" in Portland is about to be decided. Twenty-four proposed sites for the \$2,500,000 state office building have been proposed with sharp rivalry between the east and west side locations. Options on six of the sites will be taken by the state this week. Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry, member of the state board of control stated Monday. Options will cover three properties in west Portland and three in east Portland. If options are promptly obtained a decision could be reached by July 19, the date of the regular weekly meeting of the state board of control.

STATE FAIR PRIZES UP
More than 5000 prospective exhibitors this week were mailed a copy of the 1949 premium list of the Oregon State Fair which opens September 5. The prizes offered total more than \$75,000, an increase over 1948.

State Fair Manager "Opens Labor Day" Leo Spitzbart says the many early entries indicate a record number of exhibits in beef, dairy, poultry, rabbit and other livestock divisions. Entries in the open livestock classes close on August 5.

SUMMER SCHOOLS POPULAR
Over 6000 students are enrolled in the current summer school sessions of state colleges and universities. This is an increase of approximately 8 per cent as compared with the 1948 enrollment. The rate of increase is greatest in the Oregon College of Education and Portland Extension center classes.

JUDGES' FUND LARGE
The judges' retirement fund created by the 1943 legislature now has to its credit \$76,621, as against \$62,970 a year ago. State Treasurer Walter Pearson, announced this week.
The fund consists of \$10,000 appropriated from the general fund of the state, 19,203 transferred to the fund from the state's general account, \$35,000 withheld from salaries of circuit judges and justices of the state supreme court, and \$3,524 in earnings and investments. Only \$1,651 has been paid in retirement benefits.

NEW LEGAL OPINIONS
Real property of municipal corporations held by taxable persons under liens executed prior to July 5, 1947, is subject to ad valorem taxation for the fiscal year 1949-50, Attorney General George Neuner ruled this week.
Neuner also ruled for the state tax commission that to have state income tax returns microfilmed by a California firm would be a violation of the state law. That income tax returns can't be seen by persons outside the tax commission.

STATE APPOINTMENTS
Governor Douglas McKay this week announced the following appointments:

George Fullenwider, Wilbur Relling, Omar Spencer, Victor Birdsey and Frank Hettwer as members of the Oregon Dairy Products commission; B. G. Dick, C. B. Carpenter, S. C. Schwars and J. W. Cunningham as members of the state board of Engineering examiners; David Turtle-dove and J. L. Fearey to the state collection agencies advisory board and J. R. Roberts as a member of the state board of aeronautics.

POLITICAL CAPSULES
"We shall see two republican candidates in 1950 running in opposite directions", says Charles A. Sprague in his everyday Statesman. The former governor does not intimate, however, that either will be running away from office. . . . A preview excursion of the Southern Pacific's million dollar new Daylight train was enjoyed by more than 200 Oregon newspapermen last Friday. Coming out of the spacious super-modern diner after a banquet-lunch one of the guests displayed a saucer sized badge as he said, "This is better than the last free ride I had to Portland." The badge read, "Dewey Victory Special." . . . Rep. Homer Angell

revised. The revision is in favor of more full sacks and is a severe blow to the pessimists. Fields that were slated for 12 and 15 bushels a few weeks ago are making from 18 to 25 bushels and some are yielding up to 30.
The well known firm of Vaughn and Sons, Heppner merchants, this week purchased the Heppner garage from Albert Bowker, and have taken possession at once. Mr. Bowker will confine his entire attention to farming for the present.

PENNSYLVANIANS TO PICNIC 24TH OF JULY

The Pennsylvania picnic will be held at the Wightman mountain picnic grounds on July 24. All Pennsylvanians and their families are urged to attend.
Potluck dinner will be served at the noon hour.

Mrs. Edna Lovell, sister of Lonnie Ritchie, and her friend Lynn Wilcox, of Portland, visited at the Ritchie home on Friday and Saturday. They arrived after visiting relatives in Seattle and in Hermiston. Both expressed regret at having to end an enjoyable vacation to return to their jobs in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson and Mrs. Lawrence Becket made a business trip to Pendleton Thursday.

HEALTH FOR ALL

(This space has been paid for by your Morrow County Health & Tuberculosis Association in order that factual material regarding health may be brought to you each week.)

FALSE NOTIONS ABOUT TB
Some people stubbornly cling to false notions, even after they have been proved wrong. False notions about inconsequential matters seldom get into serious trouble. But subscribing to false notions or superstitions about things like health and disease can and frequently does cause a great deal of harm.

For example, the facts about tuberculosis, a disease which kills nearly 50,000 Americans annually, are too often misunderstood. In this "enlightened" twentieth century, it is amazing how many people hold fast to misconceptions concerning tuberculosis which were disproved decades ago.

One false notion that still seems to persist about tuberculosis is that the disease is inherited. No one inherits tuberculosis. The disease is caused by a germ, the tubercle bacillus, which is transmitted from a person with active disease to another. Tuberculosis sometimes seems to strike several members of one family. But this is usually because one member of the family contracts tuberculosis and, in the close associations of family life, the tubercle germs are spread to other members of the household.

Some people still insist that tuberculosis must be accompanied by a hacking cough, emaciation and the spitting of blood. Actually, tuberculosis can be present in an early stage without any of these symptoms. That is why doctors advise regular physical examinations, including chest X-rays. Then if a person does get tuberculosis, he has a better chance of finding it in an early stage, and can take measures against it at a time when it is easiest to cure.

There are still some who believe a certain type of climate is necessary to cure tuberculosis. As a matter of fact, tuberculosis can be cured in any climate. The basic factors involved in arresting tuberculosis are complete and proper rest under medical supervision, which is usually best obtained in a sanatorium. There are sanatoriums in every state and it is usually better for a tuberculosis patient to seek treatment in a sanatorium near his home than needlessly to travel great distances for it.

There are some who think that anyone over forty is safe from the disease. Although tuberculosis leads the causes of deaths from diseases among young people between 15 and 34, it strikes all age groups, as it does people of varying economic status, and differing environment and all types of physical descriptions. Those who make it their business to learn the truth about tuberculosis have taken a wise step toward protecting themselves against the disease. Correct information on the disease can be obtained from the local health department or from the tuberculosis association in the community.

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