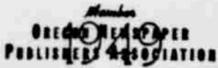


EDITORIAL



It Was SOME Fire!

Heppler is not accustomed to doing things by halves, especially when it comes to floods and fires as events proved on February 1 and July 18 of this year 1949. Not that these events are predestined or foreordained, but when it comes to carrying out disastrous happenings it is doubtful if they could be planned and executed in more complete manner. And may it be added that in the case of Monday's fire there was an element of luck lurking somewhere about the premises, otherwise there might have been a much larger chapter in the town's history to be recorded. Certainly the stage was all set for a more complete job so far as the town was concerned, yet, in the face of a tremendous blaze fanned by a high wind, damage outside of the warehouse district was slight.

It is not our purpose to discuss herewith so much what happened as how to prevent a similar occurrence in the future. It must be assumed at this writing that the concerns involved in the fire will rebuild. Once the ground is cleared of the charred debris it will be possible to paint a more definite and practical picture of the plans to replace the old ones, which at the most were a succession of additions to the original smaller buildings, some of which had their beginnings about the time the railroad reached Heppler. There are examples here and there of similar groups of buildings that have stood until they crumbled with age, and it would not have been surprising if the Heppler plants had done likewise had the fire not intervened to wipe them out. Enough new material had been woven into the old to sustain the whole over a long period of years.

It is almost a waste of words to say that the grouping of the buildings invited disaster, inasmuch as in case one plant got on fire the other was greatly endangered. Plans for rebuilding, which at least one of the concerns is already considering, doubtless will embrace modern features which will make for more efficient operation as well as more fireproof construction. The Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. has in mind a new location a little farther removed from town, which favor the best facilities for the handling of bulk grain and the lines of feeds which have grown to be an important item at the Heppler plant. Officials of the Interior Warehouse company had not visited the fire site when this was being written, but if they have plans for rebuilding, they too will seek more efficient operation and more fireproof construction.

Fires are bad, but individuals and communities usually learn a lesson from them. It will be recalled that the fires of 1918 removed many buildings, including residences and business structures. Most of these were wooden structures, particularly the business places, and out of their ashes grew several modern buildings, greatly enhancing the appearance of the town. The Heppler Lumber company of today is a vastly improved plant over the one destroyed by fire in the early part of 1943. The one destroyed by fire in the early part of 1943. Industries there should be no haphazard preparations for handling it—and there will be business, more and more of it if the concerns involved are properly prepared to handle and develop it. The fire is only a temporary setback and out of it will come something better.

The City of Heppler also has a part to play in encouraging the growth and development of these industries by providing ample water pressure and fire fighting equipment. No amount of equipment could have saved the elevators Monday evening after the fire got well underway. But there was not enough pressure at first to start in to fight the fire and steps should be taken to insure an abundance of water in that section. The railroad facilities are of vital interest to the community and every reasonable safeguard should be provided to encourage not only the rebuilding of the elevators but other industries as well.

The Gazette Times, speaking for the City of Heppler officially and the community as a whole, wishes to commend the neighborly spirit displayed by the several fire departments which responded wholeheartedly in the town's hour of need. It is fervently hoped that such response will not be needed again, at least for a long, long time, but it is reassuring to know that help is at hand if needed.

Not Duly Appreciated

In years gone by—let us call them the horse and buggy days—town and rural folk were accus-

tomed to loading up the wagons and hacks, piling the family on top of the load and heading for the mountains on a camping trip. Vacations were spent in this manner to a large degree because the whole family could enjoy an outing at little more expense than staying at home. There was free pasture for the livestock that was taken along, which included the horses necessary to draw the vehicles, a saddle horse or two, and generally the family milk cow or cows; there was good fishing in the mountain streams, game birds and, before game laws were invented to put a check on the killing of deer out of season, a man could keep the table supplied with venison—occasionally, that is—to say nothing of huckleberries, wild raspberries and the like. Might we lapse into a form of speech termed the vernacular and remark that "them was the good old days" without being considered as having arrived at that point in life when we are living in the past?

We are not thinking of "the good old days" in relation to another oft-repeated remark—"them days is gone forever." Living conditions have changed, the mode of transportation has changed, there have been numerous necessary regulations imposed, and doubtless the present generation has been softened somewhat by modern living conditions, but the mountains are still there with their cool, sparkling streams, shaded campsites, wild game, and occasionally some huckleberries, and above all, their bracing, pine-scented atmosphere that is a welcome relief from the parched summer air of hills and valleys. Our own Blue mountains, regardless of timber operations, have lost none of that wealth of enjoyment for which they were noted in days gone by. It is the people who have changed. Those ageless wooded hills are rich in potential wealth if we are but alert to our opportunities and meet the challenge they present.

Local residents are beginning to appreciate the mountains once more. A few own cabins not too far removed from town. Others, groups of them, are spending week-ends, either in cabins or camping out, while still others find it a rare pleasure to drive out for picnics or to spend a day. To that extent they are appreciated but no thought has been given to the possibility of getting people in great numbers to appreciate them. Perhaps suggestion of such a possibility is not wanted, yet we can not expect to go from year to year without an idea cropping out occasionally, and since there is not a single public resort in the county the mountains offer the best outlet for recreation and likewise the most feasible locality for a summer resort—or an all-year resort for that matter.

Having more than just a passing acquaintance with some of the better known resorts of the state, we feel in position to make the statement that the Blues right here in Morrow county suffer little by comparison with the other mountains of the state. It remains for someone with the capital to come along and develop, or start the development of the region as a summer playground. Its all year possibilities will follow in proper order.

Don't Be Taken In

This newspaper is in receipt of a communication from Father Nicholas H. Wegner, director of Boys Town, Nebraska, telling of a magazine racket that is being carried on in various communities throughout the United States in which the good name of the famous juvenile community is being misused.

Says Father Wegner: I would appreciate it very much if within your newspaper columns you would warn your readers to beware of any magazine solicitors identifying themselves as having any connection whatsoever with Boys Town. We have no authorized representatives selling book or magazine subscriptions. None of our boys are permitted to do so and we have no arrangements with any solicitors whereby a portion of their commissions are turned over to Boys Town.

"Any magazine solicitor who represents himself as a Boys Town citizen, a former Boys Town citizen, or claims to represent Boys Town in any way whatsoever, is using the good name of Boys Town to promote his own personal ends."

Bear this warning in mind and lend no support to anyone claiming to represent Boys Town, and for that matter, any other concern not known to you as a legitimate business or organization. There are many "agents" and "representatives" traveling around the country who can not produce proper credentials when planned down. In other words, they are plain frauds. This applies to advertising rackets as well as subscription deals. When in doubt, don't bite!

DES MOINES DISINFLATION!



REFORESTATION STUPENDOUS

In 1930 while flying over what is now known as "Tillamook burn" we realized that next to spread of green timber we were the sky or the sea, the next great looking at constituted the largest expanse of one color we had ever seen.

Within three years the greatest timber fires of the century destroyed approximately 431 thousand acres of this timber, then considered the largest stand in the United States. The value of the destroyed timber, it is estimated, would now be over \$100,000,000 and the payrolls lost to the state by this destruction, would total \$200,000,000.

On Monday of this week timbermen, foresters, state officials and interested citizens assembled at Owl Camp Grove on the Willamette river highway for inaugural ceremonies of what is considered the world's largest reforestation project, at the "Tillamook burn."

The plan includes modern methods on 725,000 acres. The project was made possible by \$10,000,000 in bonds voted by the people of the state at the November election.

Hope you have not had reason to notice it but there are 350 more laws on the statute books of Oregon than there were last Friday. They became effective Saturday, July 16, ninety days after the adjournment of the legislature which created them, 124 others.

Padberg is getting his ranch pretty well stocked up with hogs, having purchased 600 head the last few weeks, and there are now 1000 head of these porcine money makers grazing on the Padberg fields.

Ralph Bengte returned Sunday from Salem where he has been spending several weeks. Mrs. Bengte is still in the capital city.

ers which carried the emergency clause became law when passed and signed by the governor. Five more will not become effective until January 1, 1950.

One of this group of laws may land right in your lap any not day now. It's about ice cream and is supposed to guarantee the consumer a better product. If you are a good bacteria counter and don't mind carrying a pair of scales around in your shopping bag you may get a break by the new law that requires that a gallon of ice cream must weigh at least 4 1/2 pounds, a quart 18 ounces and a pint not less than 9 ounces. That should end the freezing of inflated ice cream to make the package attractive by bulk. Ice cream made in Oregon now must contain not more than 75,000 bacteria per millimeter. This standard applies to all other frozen dairy products. Some frozen dairy products formerly sold as ice cream must now be labeled as ice milk products.

The recently appointed agricultural board, created by the 1949 legislature, met in Salem Monday evening Fred Cockeril, Milwaukie, temporary chairman of the board and Thomas L. Ohlsen, Portland, acting administrator of the Oregon Milk Marketing Act.

Harry Dorman, Oregon's new budget director, put his finger on some extravagant spending that he will endeavor to curtail. Heads of various state departments and their agents have spent \$292,582 for out-of-state travel expenses between July 1, 1947 and April 30, 1949 or more than \$600.00 for each state working day.

Instructions have been issued by Dorman that hereafter all travel requests other than those of an emergency nature, must be submitted to his office not less than 15 days prior to the trip. This will give the budget department time in which to investigate the necessity of the proposed travel.

The board of higher education headed the list of state agencies in travel during the past two years with expenditures of \$100,557, more than one third of the total of the expenditures of all state agencies.

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).

INFANTILE PARALYSIS

Parents have reason to dread infantile paralysis, or poliomyelitis. Besides the possibility of death, they fear that the child who gets "polio" might be permanently crippled. Some also feel helpless against the disease because there is still no preventive or cure for it and the exact method of its transmission is still not known.

But we do know that prompt treatment under medical advice may prevent even temporary crippling, or decrease the seriousness of permanent crippling, which is sometimes a complication of polio. If the disease causes temporary paralysis, it is still often possible to avoid permanent crippling through one of the newer methods of treatment.

The disease's popular name, "infantile paralysis", can be misleading. Although many cases—approximately 60%—reported are in children under ten years, polio can attack people at any age. Besides, paralysis occurs in only a fraction of the total number of cases, and about 80% of polio cases reported recover without any permanent crippling effects.

Polio is caused by a virus—a disease-producing organism so tiny that it cannot be seen thru an ordinary microscope. Paralysis can occur when the virus injures or destroys certain nerve cells which control muscular action.

The disease may occur at any time of the year, but it strikes most frequently in summer. Polio "outbreaks", or epidemics, usually reach their peak in late August or early September. Early symptoms of polio include headache, slight fever, upset stomach, or those symptoms commonly associated with a cold. At the slightest suspicion of polio, the doctor should be called at once. While waiting for the doctor, the sick person should be put in a room by himself and be kept as quiet and as comfortable as possible.

While we still have a lot to learn about polio, there are certain precautions that can and should be taken against the disease, particularly when there is an outbreak in the community. Children should be kept out of crowds at this time, and away from anyone who appears to have even the slightest illness—it is believed that the polio virus is spread from person to person. It is wise to avoid physical strain, fatigue or chill, since these seem to make people vulnerable to the disease. Doctors also advise postponing tonsil and adenoid operations during a polio epidemic as an extra precaution.

Parents are wise to seek full information on polio. This can be obtained from their family doctor, their local chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, or the national office of the Foundation at 120 Broadway, New York 5, N.Y.

"BOYS' CREEK" The first synthetic fishing paradise for youth in Oregon became a reality last Saturday. Mill creek, a stream that rambles for 20 miles from the high hills of the Santiam county down to Salem, was set aside by the 1949 legislature exclusively for anglers under 18 years of age. The law creating the recreational area became operative July 16. The state game commission saw to it that the youngsters were not disappointed. The day before the opening 1104 one-year-old trout averaging 8 inches in length were liberated in the stream. The commissioners state that 9000 more trout will be liberated in Mill creek before the fishing season closes.

The problem of maintaining good relationship with property owners along the stream and strict observation of the game code was advanced as a citizenship schooling for minors, proponents of the bill told legislators when the bill was being considered.

An interested visitor here Monday was Leander L. Pavid of Sacramento, Calif., who was a Heppler resident in his boyhood days. He is visiting at the home of his cousin, Mrs. Omar Rietmann at Ione, and came up to see how the old home town is progressing. A graduate of Heppler high school in the class of 1911, Mr. Pavid is instructor of French in the Sacramento Junior college. He taught French in the University of California for four years prior to joining the faculty at Sacramento.



By CHARLES L. ECKENROAD

WASHINGTON, D. C.—They tell the story of the football coach who, while instructing his quarterback in a strategy meeting one day, ordered:

"When in doubt, punt!" President Truman, from his messages to Congress last January and again a few days ago on the economic condition of the nation, must have gotten somewhat the same orders from his \$45,000 worth of economic advisers:

"When in doubt, spend!" At any rate, one who reads the two messages gathers that Mr. Truman feels that deficit spending will cure all evils.

For example, in his message of January 7, 1949, just six months ago, the President said: "Expectations of continued inflation have added to the incentives for business investment, while the price rise has acted as a brake on the demand of consumers with relatively fixed incomes."

Government expenditures due to rise. "The proportion of consumer expenditures in the total national product has never been lower in any peacetime year for which statistics are available. This is not an immediate problem so long as the sum of Government expenditures and net foreign investment is still rising."

That was his answer to threatened inflation six months ago. Here is his answer to threatened deflation now:

"These and other Government policies are providing strong support to business activity and are enlarging the opportunities of private business. The fact that public expenditures of Federal, State and Local Governments are running at a rate of close to \$60 billion a year is itself an element of great sta-

bility in the present situation." In his budget message last January, the President said "a prosperous country cannot afford an unbalanced budget." Then, he proceeded to introduce a budget which he admitted was at least \$600,000,000 out of balance and it turned out to be at least \$1,800,000,000 out of balance.

TRUMAN FORSAKES BALANCED BUDGET

In his message a few days ago the President said: "Balancing the budget and reducing the national debt are objectives to be achieved at the earliest feasible time."

"But these objectives cannot be achieved without regard to the general state of the nation's economy." Then he adds: "We cannot expect to achieve a budget surplus in a declining national economy."

This raises the question of when we can expect to achieve a budget surplus if it cannot be done in prosperous years and cannot hope to be done in a declining economy? George Washington said in his farewell address: "As a very important source of strength and security, cherish public credit. One method of preserving it is to use it as sparingly as possible..."

Visitors here for a short time Tuesday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Adkins of Cottage Grove. They drove to Heppler from Tappan, Wash., where they visited a brother of Mrs. Adkins. This office acknowledges a call from Mrs. Adkins, who is a member of the staff of the Cottage Grove Sentinel. They are former residents of Heppler.



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30 YEARS AGO

Heppler Gazette Times.
July 24, 1919
The seventh annual Morrow County Fair is on the wing and from present indications gives evidence of being far ahead of previous years.
The complete plans for Heppler's new three-story hotel building were accepted by the Heppler Hotel association at a meeting in the office of Woodson & Sweet Friday evening. . . . About \$34,000 of the stock has been subscribed. Total cost of building and furnishings is estimated at \$100,000.
A large number of deer are feeding in the foothills on upper

of 30 feet, suffering a broken ankle.
Campers in the mountains are being urged by Forest Supervisor Cryder to exert more than ordinary caution this year on account of the extreme dryness which exists there.
Will Hynd, one of Morrow county's large sheepmen, was a Saturday business visitor in Heppler from the Rose Lawn ranch in Sand Hollow.
The new building on Willow street which Frank Roberts has under construction for the Elkhorn restaurant is now complete. Manager Ed Chinn of the Elkhorn is now busy moving in his equipment, all of which is new and thoroughly modern.
Howard Lane and Wm. H. Padberg made a hog buying trip into Grant county the past week. Mr.

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