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HEPPNER'S MILK PROBLEM

The Gazette Times offers its full support to the action taken last Monday by the Heppner Chamber of Commerce in appointing a committee to investigate the milk situation in the city.

Full details of the story and the situation can be found in a news story in today's paper and need not be repeated here, however we feel the whole problem needs an airing. What it actually boils down to is that Heppner deserves and wants better service than it is now getting from only dairy now serving it in any quantity.

Numerous protests have been heard since the Dairy Cooperative Association stopped home delivery of its Mayflower milk a little over a week ago requiring housewives to buy their milk at the store. Maybe it wasn't feasible or profitable to continue such service, but, we feel that if we are required to be our own milkman that we are entitled to the right and privilege to buy daily fresh milk from our grocer . . . not milk that has been delivered to him yesterday, or in some cases two days before. Milk is now being delivered to the grocers in Heppner only three days a week.

We know that the Dairy Coop, the same as any other business, must operate at a profit if it is to continue to operate, but when a business is protected by law against price cutting as is the dairy business in Oregon because of the state's Milk Control Law, that business takes on many of the aspects of a public utility, and as such has a very definite obligation to the public.

We feel that the Dairy Coop has an obligation to

Heppner to provide its citizens with fresh milk every day, particularly in view of the fact that they must be their own delivery boy when they buy it at their grocery.

THERE WAS A CLOCK!

Following last week's editorial request for proof regarding the presence of the clock in the courthouse at the time of the Heppner flood, the Gazette Times nearly had a flood of answers. Many of the answers came from the memories of "Old Timers" and while we certainly do not question the accuracy of their memories, still such answers hardly offered the kind of proof needed to convince Stewart Holbrook that he was wrong.

We in no way mean to discredit the people who called, for their answers to the question just proved to us, and should to Mr. Holbrook, that they knew what they were talking about, for along with the calls also came the kind of definite proof we were looking for . . . a picture taken immediately following the flood showing the devastation caused by the water . . . and, towering above it all stood the new court house with the face of the clock plainly visible.

The picture was turned up by J. O. Turner who rumaged through old albums and came up with the wanted answer to the question. We understand, too, that there are several other pictures around Heppner showing the same scene.

We're convinced . . . and we will have the picture available for Mr. Holbrook's inspection if he wishes to see for himself.

New Driver's Manual Is Now Available

Oregon's 1951-52 driver's manual, including changes in the motor vehicle law adopted by the 1951 state legislature, is now off the press and ready for distribution, the secretary of state's driver license division has reported.

The manual, an illustrated booklet explaining rules of the road is "must" reading for all persons applying for their first Oregon driver's license, officials said. In addition, Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry urged experienced drivers to obtain copies as well, pointing out that most traffic accidents stem from failure to observe a traffic law.

Driver violations are noted in 94 percent of all Oregon mishaps reported last year, the secretary said.

"The record indicates too many drivers have become rusty in their knowledge of Oregon traffic laws or have failed to keep abreast of changes," he added.

Copies are available at all branch offices of the secretary of state, the Morrow county sheriff's office or in Salem.



New Official Arrives

William E. Stevenson who this week became Oregon's first procurement and services executive arriving in Salem Saturday from Lansing Michigan where he was assistant director of that state's department of finance for the past five years.

The Office of Procurement and Services is a branch of the new State Department of Finance. It will have full authority over all purchases made for the state will centralize utility units and office machines used and check overlapping costs.

Director of Finance Harry Dorman said he has assured Stevenson complete authority when asking him to leave Michigan for Oregon.

Whorton Resigns

Wallace S. Whorton Salem resigned as a member of the Civil Service Commission Thursday, and Governor McKay immediately appointed Philip A. Joss, Portland attorney, to fill the vacancy.

Members of the governor's staff said his resignation had no connection with reports that he is being considered for the position of administrator of the state liquor control commission.

Mystery Story

A Salem detective, with an expense account paid by the city of Eugene, says he wasted four days trying to locate something awful unlawful in that city. He found no wide-open gambling, no moonshine, no bawdy houses—just one illicit sale of liquor. A taxi driver sold him a bottle of whiskey. Fine \$50.00.

The Eugene city manager says Governor McKay suggested that cities use their liquor revenues to see that liquor controls are clicking.

Many Real Estate Applicants

At examinations conducted by the state real estate board at the capitol Monday 40 applicants took tests required of brokers and

salesmen.

At another examination held in Portland on Tuesday 140 brokers and salesmen were in attendance. Examinations were held in Medford and Eugene the previous week.

Stamps on Auto Policies

All car liability insurance policies must carry a stamp specifying whether each policy meets the requirements of Oregon's new financial responsibility act which went into effect August 2.

The new law also provides that every driver involved in an accident which results in death, injury or property damage of \$100 or over must file a report with the secretary of state within 24 hours, but is excepted from other provisions of the new act if he proves that at the time of the mishap he was carrying liability insurance with a company recognized in Oregon, covering damage claims up to \$5,000 for one person, \$10,000 for more than one and for property damage.

A driver faces suspension of both driver's license and owner's registrations if he has no liability coverage and cannot deposit cash or collateral within 60 days to cover damages. The provision is intended to protect the public from reckless and irresponsible drivers who are financially unable to pay for the damages they may cause.

To Vote On Fag Tax

When sure-footed Representative Gust Anderson, Portland, makes a statement, you discount anything contradictory that you may hear. There have been so many claims and counter-claims about the number of signatures secured on the cigarette and truck law referendums that everybody is jumpy.

Monday Anderson said that more than the required 16,429 signatures have been secured. This will hold up the 3-cent per package cigarette tax until the people of Oregon can vote on it at the next general election.

Capitol Shorts

Governor McKay has named Stanley Earl, Portland, to be chairman of the new Oregon Relief for Korea and India organization . . . Oregon veterans of World War II borrowed \$29,918,539 from the state to purchase homes and farms in the six fiscal years that closed June 30.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

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M. W. Hammer of Heppner Bakery is confined to his home this week by sickness. He is suffering from a severe attack of erysipelas.

D. O. Justus and W. W. Howard made a shipment of lambs to the Omaha market from the local yards on Saturday there being six double cars. Mr. Justus also made a shipment to the same

market in June from which he had very satisfactory returns.

Mrs. Ed Neill and children were in Heppner on Monday from their Butter creek home. Mr. Neill is on a trip east at present with a shipment of sheep.

O. T. Ferguson states that the harvesting of his crop out on the Sand Hollow ranch is progressing well with a combine. He is bringing the grain to town in bulk in a big truck making three trips a day and keeping up pretty well with the thresher.

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