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IMPRESSIONS—

As newcomers to Heppner, and especially before any business dealings were started, we took no little pains to examine Heppner and the county not only for business prospects but also with an eye toward a home and a place to bring up a family. At the risk of boring some of our readers who already know the things we will say, we're going to set down what our impressions were . . . the advantages and even a shortcoming or two that we see in Heppner.

One of the first things to attract our attention was the hospital. Having just gone through a campaign in our former home to raise funds to build a new hospital we were more than usually aware of Heppner's. How much such an institution can mean to a community, this city is just beginning to learn. While Lebanon was not without, its facilities were limited . . . Heppner can well be proud of its Pioneer Memorial.

We noticed too, that Heppner has paved streets. There are many towns in Oregon of much greater population with a much smaller percentage of paved blocks. Too, Heppner has a swimming pool—a remarkably strong selling point for any town. To refer to our former home again, that community of over 6000 people just two weeks ago completed their pool after years of discussion and waiting. Bend, a town of 11,000 has had a municipal pool for less than two years.

Heppner has a good water supply, the lack of which is causing many a town and city in the state untold headaches, and steps are being taken at the present to enlarge its resources and keep it adequate. There are many other less obvious advantages to living in Heppner but the ones listed are here for anyone to see who wishes to look.

No list of "haves" would be complete without an accompanying list of "have-nots". Our observations here are not meant as criticism but just

a summing up of what we think we will have to help Heppner get in the future.

Most obvious, of course, is a sewer system and disposal plant. The measures being taken now by the city are steps toward fulfillment of that need but our guess is that necessity is going to demand faster and more positive action in attaining completion of the project. It will be expensive, but it is, in our minds, a must.

Heppner needs a park. We are told there has been considerable debate over just how the park problem shall be handled and we appreciate that there are two sides to every argument, but we wonder why at least a part of the grounds can't be cleared and seeded to lawn. A little teamwork by all interested parties and groups could give us an attractive green area that can be used by children and grownups while the discussion goes on. If the buildings are later to go, grass can take their place, or if it is decided they are to stay, a little landscaping can make them an integral part of the park. In the meantime, Heppner citizens could make worthwhile use of the grounds.

Heppner needs more adequate fire protection. Its present equipment is good but incomplete, to properly protect the area and buildings that it must. In a high spot on our "must" list is a pumper truck that will give firemen the means to combat any fire that may reasonably be expected to confront them. Heppner's past experience with fires bears out its need. It's like insurance—you hope you never use it but you can't afford to be without it.

In just skimming the surface, as we have done here, we found the "haves" far outweighed the "have-nots." We are fully appreciative of the first list and well aware of the problems to be confronted in the second and if we are to become a part of Heppner, as we expect to, we know we must work for, and help pay for, the things that are needed. We're willing!

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Editor, Gazette Times:
The efforts of your paper and its readers to put me right in regard to the Heppner town—or city—clock, as it was on June 14, 1903, are much appreciated. You have convinced me there was such a clock at the time, though I remain of the belief that its working parts were not installed until after the Flood. This belief stems from information given me in Heppner, though by whom I now forget.

Letters from readers of my article in The Oregonian have run around a score. All come from people who were in Heppner during the Flood. Several are almost abusive, and term my article "fiction". By this, of course, the writer means that my carefully researched and written account does not jibe with his or her memories. It is instructive, and proof of the yondrous magic time works on man's memories, that no two of the letters agree on anything in regard to the disaster. For instance: One says the town clock was "stopped by lightning at 5:16 p.m." Others have it stopped, at times varying from 4 to 5:30 "by ground shock of the flood." Three or four others remarked the clock never stopped at all. One of these "remembers it tolled the weary hours of the night."

I think what I'd better do is to put the Heppner story into my book much as it appeared in The Oregonian, and append a footnote to indicate no two survivors of the Flood can agree on the town (or city) clock, or anything else in regard to that day.

I still hope that the oldtime citizen of your city who told me about the clock not being installed, will come forward to maintain the truth of his state-

ment, or admit he was wrong. Meanwhile, I thank the Gazette Times and its readers for their interest,
Stewart H. Holbrook

Blanching Important Step in Freezing Corn

Blanching is important when freezing corn, says Miss Agnes Kolshorn, extension nutrition specialist at Oregon State College.
This pre-cooking protects the fresh flavor. It also stops any action by substances in the corn which are called enzymes. If unchecked, the enzymes would continue to ripen the corn, and finally spoil it.

Blanch the corn on the cob for 8 to 10 minutes in boiling water. Then chill the ears thoroughly in cold or ice water. Be sure the cold has penetrated, she warns. Packaging warm corn results in poor flavor. After blanching and cooling, either freeze the corn on the cob or cut it off to save freezer space.

For more details on how to freeze garden produce for year

Army-Air Force Unit Due In Heppner

An army and Air Force mobil unit is to be in Heppner August 18 through 20 to show young men of the area some of the career opportunities offered by these services.

The unit consists of a 23 foot trailer which is set up to show slides and movies depicting a complete picture of the army and air force career program. Officers in charge will arrange personal interviews to determine eligibility and to explain the new selective service law and veterans administration regulations.

The unit will be located in downtown Heppner.

CARD OF THANKS

To my friends who have been so kind to me during my recent illness. Sending and bringing flowers, plants, gifts and cards of cheer, coming to see me at the

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NEW LIQUOR CHAIRMAN

Another good man has stepped into the crossfire that has been coming from extremists of both wet and dry groups ever since the Knox law has been in force.

Robert L. Elfstrom, Salem merchant and former mayor, has been appointed chairman of the liquor control commission by Governor Douglas McKay who recently announced the resignation of William H. Hammond as administrator.

The new chairman succeeds Carl Hogg, also a Salem merchant, who last February asked the governor to accept his resignation when the legislature was considering making the chairman's position a full time job with compensation. Chairman

Hogg explained to the governor that he could not accept such a position as his private business required a part of his time. He said he was pleased with the governor's appointment of Elfstrom, "a forthright man of unremittent integrity."

Governor McKay referred to Elfstrom as a man having integrity, business acumen and administrative skill, which he has demonstrated in his own successful business, as mayor of Salem and as president of the League of Oregon Cities.

DON'T MISS THIS SHOW

The greatest Oregon State Fair in history starts Saturday, September 1 and continues for eight days.

There is more intensive interest evident than has heralded the approach of any previous fair.

There will be larger and more complete exhibits of all kinds, with an emphasis on agriculture, livestock, educational and recreational features, proportioned to match the vocational groups of the state, says Manager Leo Spitzbart, who has fashioned increasingly successful state fairs

here since 1935.

The famous Helene Hughes "Tulip Time Revue" will be presented nightly on the stage opposite the huge grandstand and the Horse Show and Rodeo will occupy the stadium each night. Free acts will be presented daily in the fun zone.

Sunday afternoon a sacred concert will feature the Forest Grove Gleemen and the Paul Armstrong "Prevue of Tomorrow's Stars," of Salem.

Eighty acres of parking space will be available. Ninety per cent of the space for exhibitor's displays was sold by August 10th, Edward Armstrong, diplomatist of concessions revealed.

U. S. Senator Wayne Morse called Manager Leo Spitzbart from Washington this week to say he was coming to the horse show, as usual, with several entries.

Changes made in racing dates at western tracks will bring many more fast horses to the seven days of racing at Lone Oak track.

AMMONIA KILLS BROOD FISH
This year's salmon brood in the

North Santiam probably was destroyed this week when 9000 pounds of ammonia in dilution reached the river from an overflowing sediment basin at Detroit dam.

The Santiam rivers have some of the best spawning beds in the state for salmon and trout. Arne Suomela, Oregon's master fish warden termed the loss "a major catastrophe."

The killing of the brood salmon will mean the cancellation of egg stripping operations at Marion Forks Fish Hatchery next month when officials of the fish commission expected to take 4,000,000 eggs. The loss to commercial and sports fishermen is estimated at about \$250,000.

CHURCHES

CHRISTIAN CHURCH—

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Regular services are being conducted, both morning and evening. In spite of the hot weather both services have been well attended. There will be special music at all services.

Tuesday evening, at the teacher's meeting, plans are to be made for Rally Day which will be October 7.

Promotion Day will be September 30.

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Evening bible study, 8:00 p.m.
Theme: "The dispensation of Grace".

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