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A START

Nearly two weeks ago the Heppner city fathers spent a long evening discussing what action, if any, should be taken regarding the city's lack of sewers.

As far as we can tell, there has probably been no single civic matter, during recent years at least, that has caused as much comment, discussion and talk as has this one. That is as it should be, for it is no small matter to make a decision that can in the end obligate the citizens for an amount somewhere in the neighborhood of \$300,000.

Actually, the council by its vote to start the preliminary engineering work, didn't call upon the people to dig up that amount — that can only come on the people's approval as a special bond election. What they did was to authorize payment of a very few hundred dollars to get the necessary preliminary work done so that an estimate of the total cost of the sewer system and sewage disposal plant can be obtained. Until that is done, no one can tell what the cost will be.

Actually the council has just laid the groundwork, the final decision will be up to the voters.

The members debated at length whether it would be wise to put the city into debt as far as will be necessary to do the job, yet actually the council had no other choice the way the state sanitary board has been breathing down their neck. They have an obligation to the people to stretch city funds as far as possible, yet on the other hand, they also have just as great an ob-

ligation to protect the health and welfare of the people.

We have been interested in watching and listening to the desires of the persons who have either made their wishes known, or who have just been present at council meetings during the past several months, and there have been many. We can not remember of a single person who voiced an objection to a sewer system in Heppner. Every one either came to urge some action or to see what action the group might take. Maybe some didn't approve, but they didn't make it known publicly. If that is any indication of the general feeling of the citizens, an approval of the measure at the polls sometime in the near future seems a likelihood.

The Gazette Times feels the council took the proper step in giving the project its start. We can't see how further delay can gain the city any advantage, for no one can predict lower prices in the foreseeable future, in fact the trend is just the opposite. Neither do we believe the project will be as hard to pay for as has been thought by some, but an actual figure on the tax levy necessary to retire the required bonds must await an engineers estimate of the cost.

To sum up, we repeat that we feel sewers are an immediate necessity to eliminate an unpleasant and unhealthy condition throughout town and to assure a continued advancement of Heppner. We commend the council for getting the ball rolling.

The final decision, however, remains with the voters.

READY FOR FALL HOUSE CLEANING



From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Morrow County ranchers continue to improve their herds through the purchase of top quality herd sires. Two new lines of Hereford breeding were brought into the county last week from consignments to the Hereford Association Sale held at the Pacific International Livestock Exposition last week.

Herbert Ekstrom, Ione, bought Aristocrat M 8th consigned by Mattson Hereford Ranch, Naches,

Washington, while Everett Harshman, Hardman purchased PHR Dandy Boy 6th from the Painter Hereford Ranch, Denver and Roggin, Colorado.

Both bulls are of excellent quality and will no doubt add much to improving the quality of their offspring.

Of significance now, as Morrow County ranchers are in the process of eradicating Bangs disease in their herds, is a recent court claim for undulant fever.

For the first time, the courts have found a man claiming damages because he contracted undulant fever from a herd of Bangs-infected cattle. George Cloakey bought a herd of cattle in Washington represented

to him as Bang-free. The disease spread through the herd and Mr Cloakey became ill of the fever. The lower court awarded him \$1417.55 in price loss and \$3,158 for milk production loss, as well as \$5,000 damages for his contracting the ailment. Now the state supreme court has affirmed this decision.

Moral of this news item — test your cattle for Bangs' now and avoid any lawsuits or contracting undulant fever by members of your family.

At this time of year when farmers are getting chicken houses ready for husing their farm flock of hens for the winter, questions come up concerning insecticides to use in ridding houses of the many insects that are troublesome to the flock.

There are a number of pro-

ducts on the market that will produce satisfactory results for the control of lice, mites, flies and feather mites on chickens or in poultry houses

Lindane can be used in the form of a dust or spray to control all of these parasites. Spray is generally the most popular method of application. Body lice can be controlled by spraying or painting the roosts with 1 1/2 percent solution of lindane. Mites and flies can be eliminated by spraying the solution on the roosts, dropping boards or pits, lower walls and a light application on the litter. Body lice and feather mites can also be controlled by painting the fluff of birds above and below the vent with a two percent lindane mixture.

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The new point system, designed to cut down on highway accidents, now being tried out in the state of Washington is carefully watched by motor vehicle officials in this and other states.

A card is kept on every driver and any motor vehicle act violation is listed. The system in operation screens out reckless drivers and habitual violators. Besides the listing of violators brought to court and proven special officers check on the driving and parking of all motorists.

When a driver has a certain number of bad points for speeding, falling to signal, illegal parking or for other offenses the system supplements that portion of the law which makes it mandatory for the court to suspend the violator's license.

The theory of the system is that many small violations tag those who disrespect the law.

Tidelands Bill Delayed

Legislation to insure state ownership of tidelands has met heavy

opposition from pressure groups in Washington, D. C. that apparently have succeeded in blocking action until recess or adjournment of congress.

Senator Wayne Morse wired the governor's office this week that he thought the issue would be decided before adjournment but that the tidelands legislation was not on the senate's present schedule.

"I am recommending to the majority leader that he place the tidelands bill on the 'must' agenda before adjournment but I doubt that he will do it" Morse added.

Public Assistance Pay Ebbs

During the past five months of high employment there has been a gradual decrease in public assistance payments. For the month of August they were \$342,413 less than March of this year.

The sharpest decline was in aid to dependent children that dropped very low during the mid-summer months, according to a report by Miss Loa Howard, state welfare administrator.

The number of applications for old age assistance pending in August dropped to 380 compared to 939 for the same period last year. Grants made in August to the 23,128 aged pensioners averaged \$54.50, plus medical aid that brought the total average to \$57.02. Payments made to 3,799 fam-

ilies with dependent children under 18 years of age totaled \$307,568 in August. The average per child was \$32.58.

Oregon Flax Famous

"Eastern merchants are interested in products manufactured from Oregon flax—they are aware of its superior quality," Joan Patterson, Oregon State College teacher reported to the state flax and linen board this week. She has just returned from New York where she displayed flax and linen designs.

"The only difficulty at the present time," said Henry Crawford, board chairman, "is the lack of manufacturers to produce more products."

Drunken Drivers Pay

Fines collected from drunken drivers who were apprehended by the state police and taken to court last month totaled \$14,716. This is four times the amount of the fines collected for any other motor vehicle law violation. It is also nearly double the monthly average for the year.

Fifty three arrests were made for truck overloading and fines totaling \$3,686 were assessed. Reckless drivers paid \$3,484 in

Timber Sales Slated

Timber on public domain and O & C lands in western Oregon totaling 48,210,000 board feet will be offered for sale during October by the bureau of land management. The dates of the oral sales will be as follows: Salem, Oct. 15; Eugene, Oct. 18; Roseburg, Oct. 17; Coos Bay, Oct. 16; Medford, Oct. 15 and 26.

Legislative Potlatch

Now, just to even things up, let the legislators name the five best and five worst newsmen who covered the late legislative session.

Each of the legislative reporters surely has cognized the above reactionary stunt and for personal reasons kept mum — cognizing he might be a "worst."

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