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## Christmas Seal Facts

The Christmas Seals whose annual sale is sponsored by our Morrow County Tuberculosis and Health Association, are gay and colorful touches for yuletide packages and letters. But more important, they also brighten lives and, in the words of the founder of the Christmas Seal Sale in the United States, Emily Bissell, aid "thousands who

had no hope and have it now." Science has made great strides against TB, but it still remains one of our greatest problems in which early detection and treatment are of primary importance. If we do our part, some day TB will be no more prevalent a disease in this country than typhoid fever. But the battle to control, prevent, and ultimately conquer TB is "not a doctor's affair; it belongs to the entire public." Everyone can help by buying and using Christmas Seals.



## NEW COMMISSIONER

A surprise appointment was made Saturday when Governor Douglas McKay named Charles H. Heltzel public utilities commissioner to succeed George H. Flagg who resigned.

On Monday the 37-year-old Salem attorney moved into the commissioner's office in the new \$2,000,000 public service building—that he had never dreamed of occupying. The appointment was a neatly accomplished surprise by the governor.

Flagg, who is approaching state retirement age, will take a position as council and publicity director for the Oregon Highway Council at a salary reported to be \$15,000 a year. The salary of the public utilities commissioner is \$8,800 a year. Flagg's appointive term had seven more months to run.

Under the head of unfinished business Flagg left two important cases, one the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company's application for a \$5,000,000-a-year rate increase and the other the trucking industries' application for a six percent freight rate increase.

It is understood that Flagg's first job with the OHC will be to try and repeal the 1951 truck law boosting truck taxes about \$2,000,000 a year. The measure will be on the November ballot in 1952.

**VETERANS IN COLLEGES**  
The state veterans department reported this week that there were 5,200 World War II veterans enrolled in Oregon colleges, and 6,000 more studying in vocational

business, trade and correspondence schools.

About 2,800 others are taking on-the-job and on-the-farm training.

There are 13,831 veterans in the state who received educational aid from the federal government.

**FORGED CHECK VICTIMS LOSE**  
The state supreme court this week held that the person who cashes a forged bank draft has no interest in anything purchased with money received by the perpetrator.

In 1947 a man, with a \$2,262 forged draft on a New York bank, bought a car from a Portland Motor company, and got the car and \$262 in change.

The next day he sold the car for \$2,200. After the draft was found to be worthless the firm that cashed it sued the company that bought the car to recover and won the suit in the circuit court.

In an appeal to the state supreme court the judgment of the circuit court was reversed this week by Justice Harold J. Warner.

## UNEMPLOYMENT LOW

Although about 10,000 workers were laid off during the past month in Oregon, the unemployment lists are almost 2,000 lower than at this date in 1950. This state is doing better than holding its own in employment Oregon seems to be discriminated against in defense work and many laborers have left the state to get this work in other localities.

In Portland there are 8,330 persons unemployed compared with 10,400 mid-December last year.

All 36 of Oregon counties—with one exception—reported higher payrolls during the first half of 1951 as compared with the first half of last year.

## NEW CANDIDATES

"Governor Warren has an excellent record and his character is beyond reproach", said Paul F. Myfinger, Pendleton, when filing with the state elections department this week for delegate from the state-at-large to the republican national convention.

Also filing for the same post this week was Ken G. Thompson, Salem attorney. He was defeated for the senate in Marion county at the last state election when his slogan was, "Keep Oregon Green—but not too green."

Word comes from LaGrande that Mrs. Kathryn Pierce will be a candidate for the senate or the house of the 1953 legislature—she reserves a woman's prerogative to change her mind. Mrs. Pierce is a daughter-in-law of former Gov. Walter Pierce and a sister-in-law of Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the U. S. supreme court.

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## Hep-Hi HI LITES

By Eleanor Rice and Don Blake

This Friday the Heppner "Mustangs" play the Echo "Cougars" on our own floor in the first home game of the season—Rieta Graves, Nancy Eberhardt and Don Blake will be leading the cheering section and the Juniors, with their president, Roger Palmer, supervising, will have a concession stand.

Season tickets or "Booster" tickets for all of the home basketball games are being sold by the members of the Pep Club. For their sales talk they will tell you that on the \$5.00 single ticket you are saving \$1.50 and on the \$9.00 couple ticket you will save \$4.00.

The Pep Club is planning the second big pep assembly of the year. The point system is the same as before, 25 points for each event: new yell, cheering, bulletin board and short entertainment.

The "Fillies", the girls volleyball team, will play their first game with the Lexington girls this Saturday before the grade school game here. The girls who will play on the "A" string are: Virginia Allstott, Gayle Albert, Mary Ruth Green, Clarice Hastings, Eleanor Rice, Rieta Graves, Nancy Eberhardt, Lynn Wright; subs Rita Cox, Sally Palmer and Loree Stager.

Jone invited Heppner to a dance Saturday after the game. The gesture was appreciated by the Heppner High Student Body and nearly all of the Heppner students at the game attended.

## THE PRESENT WITH A FUTURE



## OSC MAN TELLS GRAIN GROWERS "RAINMAKING" NOT CAUSE OF BIG CROP

PENDLETON—There is no evidence to herald artificial rainmaking as the reason for the bumper wheat crop harvested this year in the Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam county area, Oregon Wheat Growers league members were told Saturday by R. T. Beaumont, Oregon State college experiment station water forecaster.

Before concluding their twenty-fourth annual meeting, the league installed Floyd Root, Wasco, as president. He succeeds Don McKinnis, Summerville. Elevated to the league's first vice-presidency was Lester King, Pendleton, and incoming second vice-president is Morris Wilson, Mayville.

Wilson served the past year as chairman of the federal agriculture programs committee.

It was during a pre-convention meeting of this committee that Tom Swearingen, publicist for Dr. Irving P. Krick's Water Resources Development corporation, staked out a claim on a portion

of the bumper wheat yield in the tri-county area. He said it had resulted from cloud seeding effort carried out under provisions of a contract signed by farmers and Krick's organization.

Although sentiment of farmers present at the wheat league

meeting is to the effect that artificial rainmaking is still an "experiment," tri-county farmers have again entered into a contract with Dr. Krick. They'll pay \$50,000 for his efforts in their behalf for the 1952 crop year.

Last year, the contract called for a minimum payment and the contract had sliding scale provisions dependent upon the amount of rainfall produced.

Beaumont's conclusions were drawn as a result of checking rainfall within the target area and comparing it with precipitation at check points outside. Expressing an opinion that one year's check was not enough, Beaumont pointed out that higher than normal rainfall occurred throughout the target as well as "control" area. He was appointed to make his evaluation at the

request of the Oregon Wheat commission who provided \$5,000 for the study.

Richard Baum, Pendleton, was renamed secretary-treasurer and the league's new assistant secretary is Thomas Thompson, Morrow, Sherman county extension agent. He succeeds Roland Schaad, former Union county extension agent, who now farms near LaGrande.

## HARMONY CLUB TO SING AT VESPER SERVICES

Heppner's singing group, the Harmony club, will sing at Vesper services to be held at the Methodist church, Sunday, Dec. 23 at 3:00 p. m.

A special program of Christmas music is planned.

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