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A Sewer Plan is Started

The engineers have given their report on what they expect a sewer system and disposal plant to cost the city of Heppner. Now, after some of the details are ironed out by the city council, the people will be called upon to express their opinion of the plan at the polls when they will vote on a bond issue needed to finance the construction.

Every resident of Heppner should make it a point to acquaint himself with the proposal and this paper will make every effort to present the plan, and its costs and benefits, as fast as it unfolds. You are going to be called upon to say "yes" or "no"—which in effect means you do or you do not want sewers. We feel that most residents know that they are necessary for the continued health and growth of Heppner—we think they will vote "yes" when the time comes.

The people who are going to pay the bill certainly should know all the facts about the plan, how it will add to them, and many other questions, and we are glad to hear members of the council state that they plan to call one or more town meetings to explain the program and to answer questions that are certain to be raised regarding it. It is everyone's duty, and to everyone's interest to be present when those meetings are called—it is your surest way of finding out what you are going to get and how you will have to pay for it.

The council needs your help and your support in this undertaking for it is a big project that vitally affects all of us. Local initiative has played a big part in getting the sewage system project under way, but the state sanitary authority has also practically delivered an ultimatum to the city to do something about it to eliminate stream pollution in Willow creek.

Council members still have many problems to work out, principally in the financing of the project, for the engineers plans and estimates are just the beginning. As they are solved we will make every effort to present them in understandable language, but when the dates are set for the general discussion meetings, mark them on your calendar—you should be there.

Mailboxes All Look Alike

We made the suggestion this week to the chamber of commerce that it could aid the general public greatly by urging the erection of additional road signs throughout the county. There is a follow-up to that, however, that we would like to suggest here—something that won't cost anyone much if any money and would take but very little time.

We would like to urge residents in the rural areas to paint their names on their mailboxes.

Many oldtimers who have spent a good share of their lives here and who know exactly where each and every family in the county lives will probably think it a waste of time and effort, but not all of us are old-timers—in fact there are quite a

number of "furriners" in the county who have no end of trouble finding where some certain person lives. We have taken several trips on roads throughout the area to acquaint ourselves with the country, but we can't find out who lives on its many roads because not more than one mailbox out of ten has a readable name on it.

We don't think our farmers have anything to hide, nor are we asking for any fancy lettering jobs. Just the name dobbed on in some left-over barn paint would serve the purpose admirably and would certainly help us newcomers find our way around.

4-H Recognition

March 1-9 is National 4-H club week. It is being observed by more than 26,000 Oregon boys and girls who are learning to be better citizens through 4-H clubwork. They join two million other 4-H'ers in this country, Alaska, Puerto Rico and Hawaii in the slogan for the week "Serving as Loyal Citizens Through 4-H."

All are learning better ways of doing things; the meaning of responsibility—Cooperation—Thrift—Piety—and hard work. They're learning to understand people of other nations through their International Farm Youth Exchange.

4-H club work is succeeding with the help and guidance of local club leaders. Oregon's three thousand—Morrow County's forty five men and women volunteer countless hours of their time to 4-H. They are among Oregon's and Morrow County's most valuable public servants. They help America when they help the youth of America serve as loyal citizens.

How are they helping in Morrow County? They are—in addition to molding boys and girls lives as better citizens—teaching them to make better use of time. They are guiding 322 boys and girls through project work to be better cooks, seamstresses, livestock managers, to conserve soil and water, to knit, to care for children, to have a hobby, to properly use electricity and, in any more useful ways of living. They are leading dairy, beef, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, soil conservation, tractor maintenance, electricity, clothing, knitting, cookery, homemaking, camp cookery, child care, food preservation and hobby clubs.

And so we observe National 4-H club week, to give people in general, parents and friends of the young people an opportunity to take a look at 4-H club work as it is being carried on in communities; to provide 4-H club members a special occasion for checking on their efforts to date in carrying out the programs they have already started. Its a "4-H Inventory" week—a "4-H Get Set" week. It helps to insure a high percentage of project completions so essential in character building, to encourage 4-H members to interest other young people who may be eligible for membership to become members and to assist them in getting started in their 4-H work, and to enlist more public-spirited citizens as voluntary local leaders or sponsors of 4-H Clubs.



SAME LEGISLATORS—MOSTLY

The 1953 legislature apparently will have a greater number of former members than any previous Oregon session.

More than 75 per cent of the members whose terms expire have filed as candidates for reelection or have said they will run.

Sen. William E. Walsh, Coos and Curry and Sen. Russell L. Gardner, Lincoln have announced they will not be candidates this year.

The few members of the House of Representatives who have made announcements—and emphatically—that they will not

run, include some of the top statesmen of the '51 session. They are Rep. Elliott B. Cummins, Yamhill; Rep. Raymond C. Coulter, Josephine; Rep. Gerald Wade, Lincoln; Rep. Dean B. Erwin, Walla and Rep. Melvin Goode, Linn.

There will be 17 state positions to fill at the November election. Normally there are only 15. Two more vacancies occurred when Sen. Manley J. Wilson and Sen. Carl Engdahl died last year. Each had been elected in 1950 for a four-year term.

PAY PHONES PULLED
The largest corporation in America has just been given a lesson in public relations here in Oregon by a bunch of school kids.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company learned that it can't push around Joe College and Betty Coed. Especially by pestering with their freedom of enterprise when majoring in cooing and dating over the phone. Only a mild riot occurred when

the company raised its fee by changing from resident to business rates for Fraternity, Sorority and cooperative houses at Oregon State College, Willamette University and the University of Oregon.

Recently dime-in-the-slot phones were installed to replace the regular monthly rate phones and nickel phones. With phone calls at a dime minimum students got smart-hot and protested to the Public Utilities Commission.

The phone company has now agreed to take the coin boxes out of fraternity, sorority and cooperative quarters if no objection is made to leaving them in dormitories and that a formal complaint to the Public Utilities Commission will be dropped.

YAQUINA LIGHTHOUSE PASSES
The Oregon State Highway commission recently gave the Lincoln County Historical Society and extension of one year within which it is to move or otherwise dispose of the old Yaquina Bay Lighthouse now standing in Yaquina Bay State Park.

WAGE LAW VIOLATIONS
During the first two months of this year 27 children under 18 years of age were found working in Oregon without permits from the state department of labor.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Morrow County ranchers were well represented at the recent Columbia Empire Polled Hereford Association sale. It was held at Ellensburg, Washington on March 3. Both buyers and consigners demonstrated again that Morrow County's cattle industry is improving every day.

Consigning from here was Kirk and Robinson, who had Reserve Champion bull with Mischief Domino 29th. Amos Brulotte, Ellensburg, took Grand Champion with his bull, Brumode 14th. Being nosed out for Grand Champion didn't affect the demand for the quality Herefords bred by Kirk and Robinson, their reserve bull bringing \$2000 to beat the grand champion selling price by \$250. A second bull consigned by Kirk and Robinson, also a blue ribbon winner, brought \$1425. Miss Mischief Domino 32nd, Kirk and Robinson's blue ribbon winner heifer was bought by Floyd Worden, Heppner for \$1750.

Roy Robinson, Mt. Vernon, a former Morrow County rancher and father of Don Robinson of Kirk and Robinson, sold the highest priced bull of the sale Victory Domino 76th, for \$2250. Borgevin and Guyer of Walla Walla were the buyer.

Orville Cutsforth, Lexington was one of the heaviest buyers at the sale, purchasing three bulls. Regality type consigned by F. W. Richardson, Orofino, Idaho and Sterling Helmsman 3rd, consigned by Dr. Wesley Minzel, Colville, Washington, bought by Orville, were rich in Wyoming Hereford Ranch breeding, while Plato Domino 21st, consigned by James and Quentin Jaekel, Centerville, Washington, is Domino and Pioneer breeding. These bulls will be used on the Cutsforth commercial herd.

Attending the sale from Morrow County were Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Worden, Mr. and Mrs. Don Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Merle Kirk, Dallas Craber, Ben Cox and N. C. Anderson, Heppner, O. W. Cutsforth and Bernard Doherty, Lexington.

Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey revealed this week. Downtown, Portland theatres accounted for 19 of the violations.

A charge of paying less than the minimum hourly wage was filed against two of the employers and another ordered to establish a regular pay day as required by law. Thirteen firms were found to be working women and minors overtime in violation of the law.

ANOTHER SALES TAX

A second proposal for a combined sales tax—old age pension was launched this week when a petition was filed with the state elections bureau. Sponsors for the second proposal would initiate a measure to levy a one-half of one per cent to pay old age pensions of \$100 a month.

The filing was made by the chairman of the legislative committee of the Townsend State Council of Oregon.

Petitions filed last week for another initiative measure would create a two per cent sales tax to pay \$75 a month to old age pension recipients.

CONVICT REVENGE TARGET

A hardened convict, John E. Ralph, was pardoned from the state penitentiary this week to protect his life.

Ralph, one of the generalists in a series of recent escape attempts, headed a hunger strike last year and celebrated halloween by locking guards in cells.

Other convict leaders accused him of tipping off a planned escape. Ralph feared they would take his life in revenge. Prison officials shared his apprehension and he was sent to Folsom Prison California, where he is wanted for a parole violation.



ROBERT Y. THORNTON Files for Attorney General's post.

university and attended Oregon and George Washington university schools of law, earning his own way entirely.

After graduation, he was selected to serve as law clerk to Judge Justin Miller of the U. S. Court of Appeals, and later did legal work for Congress, which included co-authoring "Constitution of the U. S., Annotated," a widely circulated legal reference book. He was assistant solicitor of the U. S. Department of Interior in Washington when he resigned in 1938 to return to Oregon and enter the private practice of law.

Thornton was called to active duty from the reserves six months before Pearl Harbor, and saw service with the 30th Field Artillery in the Alaskan theatre for nearly two years, and later as a Japanese language officer, before being released in 1946 as a lieutenant colonel.

He was twice appointed city attorney of Tillamook, and held the same post for the cities of Gardibaldi and Nehalem.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

They Do "Give A Hoot" For Easy

Easy Roberts finally got rid of the noisy pigeons that used to whoop it up under his eaves.

He must have tried a dozen ways to scare them off. But no matter what he did, they would be right back cooing by his window the next morning.

Then Easy thought of an old stuffed owl he had in his attic. He propped it on the roof so's all the pigeons could see it. They left... and three hoot owls have taken their place. Easy swears the hooting is even worse than the cooing of the pigeons.

From where I sit, quite often a "bright idea" will turn out to be "not so bright" after all. That's why we should never be too cocksure of our ideas and opinions—but always try to keep an open mind. I believe a refreshing glass of beer is the best thirst-quencher—you may believe differently. But who's to say one's right and the other is wrong? Let's just practice tolerance. It'll save a lot of hootin' and hollerin'.

Joe Marsh

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