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Lack of Usable Ground is School Board's Big Headache

Heppner's school board is struggling with one of the knottiest problems it has had to face in many a year—one of school expansion.

To call it one problem is really a gross understatement, for it is a whole series of problems which are so closely related that it is impossible to solve one without finding correlated answers to all the rest. They must find answers that not only will satisfy the individual board members, but also the voters of the district who must pass final judgment by providing the funds for the building program, and the state board of education which sets up certain standards that must be met if our schools are to continue to get state funds.

Nearly everyone concerned agrees on one thing—that something must be done, and soon. Just what that something is, and where it shall be put, is the big problem. Plans have been made, and tentatively agreed upon, only to find that something has been left out, or that it didn't meet the approval of some group concerned. Money is a problem too, for the members of the board aren't interested in taxing themselves any heavier than necessary, any more than are the rest of us in having them do it.

Actually the biggest problem, and the one around which all the others revolve, is where to find room enough to build what must be built. A school nowadays is more than just a building, and there are certain requirements regarding the amount of space that must be met before the state will give a final OK on any plan. For a grade school, they set a standard of around 10

acres as necessary to provide building and playground space. That 10 acres must of necessity be at least reasonably flat and not cut in two by streets or roads. The problem is, where is there that much ground that is not either in a dangerous flood zone, or on the side of a rocky hill that is so steep that it would make a jack rabbit puff to get up it, or in some other location that is generally disliked, or one that costs so much that it would run the expense of the project clear out of sight.

Another thing the board is trying to do, is to establish a long range program that when completed will provide this area's children with a modern education plant and school system that will be adequate for the foreseeable future, not something that will be outmoded or outgrown before it is paid for.

It is much more of a problem than many not closely connected with the schools, might believe. The need for speed is urgent too, for some arrangements must be made to care for an increased number of students next fall, yet to jump into a building program that would not answer all the problems, would be both unwise and costly.

If it should appear to the casual observer that the board, and the building advisory committee too, have changed their minds quite a few times, don't criticize too severely. Every time the plans have been changed, another mistake has been eliminated from the final plan. True, the changes can't go on forever because something must be done very soon to provide classroom space, but a solution is near and we think it will be the right one.

FORMER HEPPNERITE WRITES AGAIN OF HIS VIEWS FROM BRITISH ISLES

(Editors Note—Walter W. Luckman, a former Heppner resident now living in England has written another of his interesting letters to a friend here. In the past we have called him the Gazette Times's "Foreign Correspondent" because of the general interest his letters have. This one was received recently by Leslie Matlock.)

"So much has transpired since I left Heppner 16 months ago that it really seems to be incredible. You would be surprised at our radio and television, and newspapers kept us well informed on the presidential election. U. S. news come in here first hand on all radio news. We saw and heard both candidates. In all fairness, Mr. Stevenson has a nice person-

ality and is a very forceful speaker. I venture to say, however, General Eisenhower was better known and perhaps a little more popular. Nevertheless 26 million people voted for governor Stevenson. Broadly speaking, though, I think a change of administration is a good thing all around.

"... The change here was for the best. Perhaps I ought to say first I am still proud of my U. S. citizenship and intend to retain it. Therefore, as an observer, I can see a big difference, in spite of what the opposition members say. Free enterprise under a Conservative government is the best. They take good care of the old people here, through national insurance. It is like our social security in the U. S. except that

they don't have to take a pauper's oath to obtain it. They pay for it, you see, and thereby it isn't charity. Socialism isn't really practical, it causes people to lean on somebody else. If the power is invested in the state, and the state becomes owner of the worker's home, his employer and means of production, private liberty will be problematical.

The dictatorship of the state could, I believe, be more tyrannical and a greater menace to individual freedom than any number of harsh employers, for one thing it destroys initiative. It really should be a man's own privilege when and how he works. Communism is the biggest fake that ever was, there is no freedom to it at all. Stalin and his bunch are despots who stay in power through eliminating all their opposition by death or Siberia, which is death anyway. Moscow doesn't want peace in Korea at all, they are just trying to harass the western powers to hold rearmament up while they get ready for a world revolution by sabotage or any underhanded means they can.

(After discussing the Russian methods, the writer continues) ... The greatness of Britain lies in the quality of her people. The record gives ample demonstration of their resolution, courage and resource. I am speaking of their grim, drear and monotonous battle year by year for economic independence and stability. In this battle too, the exertions of the British people are turning the tide. Last night the Queen entertained all of the ministers and their wives who are here for the Economic Conference of the Commonwealth of Nations. This affair was at Buckingham palace with all royal splendor and they are all looking to the future with confidence and resolution.

(Concluding he said) ... I still have ambitions about seeing the Pacific Coast. Elsie would like to see it and a sojourn at the

WE'RE ALL WITH YOU, SKIPPER!



Reduced Production Of Hogs May Be Felt By Many Groups

Oregon farmers and consumers will feel many effects of the nation's farm plan to produce 15 percent fewer hogs this year, believes M. D. Thomas, agricultural economist of the Oregon State college extension service.

Fewer hogs do not necessarily mean high pork prices, he says, because of the larger supplies of beef and the weak market for lard. However, it may mean higher prices for turkeys and lower prices for feed grains.

Thomas explains that with less pigs this spring there will be fewer hams next fall. Restaurants and housewives then may buy more turkeys instead. Because of these factors, chances for higher turkey prices are improved.

Oregon producers and users of feed grains also can be affected by a drop in pig numbers. Thomas continues, Hogs are heavy grain eaters. Last year, they consumed nearly half the feed grain eaten by livestock in the nation.

Timberline Lodge, The Columbia River Highway is a great engineering feat and well worth a visit."

STEER OF THE YEAR



CHICAGO — A roan Shorthorn won the world's championship in the International Live Stock Exposition here. This popular grand champion was Ohio's Leader 2nd, shown by Ohio State University, Columbus. He was smooth, mellow and every inch a champion, according to Judge A. D. Weber, of Manhattan, Kans. He slaughtered at a dressing percentage of more than 68 per cent, showing a higher ratio of slaughter weight to live weight than any other International grand champion on record. He sold for \$4.55 per pound to bring his total earnings with prices to \$6,350.

Farm and wholesale prices of feed grain are now lower than they were a year ago and may decline even more. If there is another large crop of corn this year, and fewer hogs to feed, the grain prices may be considerably lower next fall. This would favor Oregon poultry an livestock producers but disappoint farmers who may have barley and oats to sell, concluded Thomas.

Time Editor to Speak At Publishers Meet

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene—Henry Luce, former editor and chief of Time, Life, and Fortune magazines, will be featured speaker for the annual Oregon Press conference of state newspapermen on the University of Oregon campus February 20-21.

Luce will deliver the annual Eric Allen Memorial lecture, in honor of the first dean of journalism at the University. His talk will come at noon on the first day of the conference, which is co-sponsored by the School of Journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

He will speak to the newspapermen, and also the University faculty and students and Eugene residents in an open luncheon meeting. Earlier in the week, he is expected to meet separately with journalism students for a "shop talk" session.

Luce, a Yale graduate, founded Time newsmagazine in 1923. It was followed by Fortune in 1930, and Life in 1936. His other ven-

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YOU'LL be stork-mad about "Something For The Birds", Star Theater, Fri.-Sat. Jan. 23-24.

Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter and Miss Beth Ball were in Portland from Saturday until Wednesday.

Mrs. Pearl Devine has purchased the Saager residence on S. Chase street and will move in soon to make her home. Mrs. Devine recently sold her apartment holdings on Cannon street to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bryant.

Phil Griffin, lone wheat rancher, was a business visitor in Heppner Friday.

Mrs. Frank Baker left Friday to spend a few days in Portland. Mrs. Baker rode to Hinkle with Mac McClaren of Pendleton who was a business visitor in Heppner Friday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McDaniel and Guy Chapin of Hardman spent Friday in Heppner transacting business.

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SOMETHING FOR THE BIRDS

Edmund Gwenn, Victor Mature, Patricia Neal. As we end an old and begin a new era in our American government, this is really something that is more fun than a cageful of condors. (Watch the Heppner Gazette Times for our contest on this film.)

Sunday-Monday, January 25-26

THE BIG SKY

Kirk Douglas, Dewey Martin, Elizabeth Threatt, Arthur Hunnicutt. Based upon the novel by A. B. Guthrie Jr. The towering story of the men who battered down the barriers to the untamed Northwest and linked it with a great new nation!

Sunday shows at 2 p. m.—4:30 and 7

Tuesday-Wednesday, January 27-28

ONE MINUTE TO ZERO

Robert Mitchum, Ann Blyth. Strong fare, a Korean story with the impact of an aerial torpedo.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, January 29-30-31

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