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## We'll Take Morrow County

This column has made a concerted effort to contain itself on numerous occasions when Oregon's senator Richard Neuberger has come out with one of his "reconstruction" bills at the legislature, or in one of his numerous published articles, knowing, as he himself realizes and has so stated, that whenever he initiates them, they're dead ducks. But when he recently came up with a bill to consolidate Oregon's 36 counties into 8, and then followed it with a hedging measure to eliminate county sheriffs from the state scene, we couldn't hold it any longer.

In theory, the idea seems to have merits, but in practice we can foresee the voters slapping him down harder than Washington senators have slapped the state's junior senator in that August body. As it appears now, his consolidation bill is hopelessly buried in a committee so the voters probably won't have to worry about it, for the present at least.

Any measure to conserve costs in government, city, county, state or federal, is certain to get some support, and, if they are valid savings, both in practice as in theory, we're very willing to take a second look at them, but this consolidation bill doesn't prove out, to our way of thinking.

Our first point of argument against such an idea is that it is a continuation of the trend to get government farther away from the people who are paying the bill. The smaller the unit of government, the more efficiently it operates, in nearly every case, due mainly to the fact that the men and women who are acting as our servants are our own neighbors—we know them personally and live with them day in and day out. Because of that, they know that they have each one of us checking on their activities, to some degree. The farther government, in any form, is from our home, the less we take an interest in it and the less we know about the activities of those we elect to run it for us. Neuberger's bill proposes to move one unit of government still further from home.

There are now 36 county court houses scattered around the state, the bill proposes doing away with 24 of them. We question whether the bill would accomplish the purpose, for in most cases, it would still be necessary to have deputies from most county offices, located in practically the same areas now served by the individual counties as presently established. It would only be logical that the present buildings would be used to house their offices, so there wouldn't be much saving there.

There is no doubt that some jobs could be eliminated, with a subsequent reduction in labor costs, but this saving would be offset by the added travel expense residents would have to bear in getting to and from the widely spaced county seats.

There is a definite trend toward consolidation, especially in school districts, primarily to obtain better facilities and services for less cost. Some of Oregon's counties are probably too small to operate with the utmost efficiency, and Morrow county is among the smaller, yet we fail to see any advantage to us if we were to become one big happy family along with the residents of Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Wasco, Crook, and Deschutes counties in a new American county. We think our own county government is quite efficient, and its right here where we can see to it that it remains that way.

Neuberger's bill may have some good points, but it definitely goes too far to stand much chance of enactment.

## OTHER EDITORS THINK

### River Development Delayed

Development of the hydro projects upon the Columbia and Snake rivers are again being delayed thru the juggling of the appropriations in Congress for those projects which have already been forced behind the time table that had been set up for their development. The appropriations for the Ice Harbor dam has been held up again and some of the money for The Dalles dam development has also been refused which will possibly result in the delay of the completion of that project for several years.

The people of the northwest should take a very adamant stand against the dilatory tactics on the part of our law makers and that includes some of our own Oregon lawmakers. We have seen what happened to the McNary dam thru the manipulations of the antagonists of the river development.

Had it not been for the heckling tactics of the opponents of the development McNary dam would now have fourteen producing generators sending out into the northwest pool thousands of kilowatts which are now being denied them. At the same time many industries seeking a place to enter the northwest have been denied power for there is a shortage. The users of power from many of the power companies are being penalized by being charged an additional sum of money because of the need for steam generation of electricity to supply the needs of people of the northwest. There would have been no need for that extra charge had those same companies not fought every appropriation of the congress for river development. If the fight continues against all of these projects the northwest will continue to have power shortages. This section of the United States will not stand still. There is too great a demand for homes in this favored section. There is more need for industry here now with freight rates on the rise and the almost impossible trade with the east and middle west due to the high freight rates. The northwest must grow, and will grow, and it is not right that a few monopolistic interests can jeopardize the growth of an empire for fear that some competition may be directed their way.

The river development along the Columbia river has been a paying investment for the government from the installation of the first project. It has not only repaid the obligations levied against them on time and even ahead of schedule but they have been responsible for the financial aid to reclamation projects which could not otherwise become the homes of hundreds of successful farmers as well. It has also brought millions in new payrolls to the northwest and encouraged thousands to make their home out here.

The people of the northwest and the nation cannot afford to have the river development delayed any further than it has already been delayed. The present administration has shown some indication to go along with the idea that the projects should be delayed and built as the big electrical companies need more power. In recent weeks there has been some indication that they may have had some change of heart on the matter. It may be just possible that the true value of the projects are coming home to the new heads of our government.

The people of the northwest must keep abreast of the developments on the river and see that there are no undo delays tolerated in the building of the huge hydro empire.

The person who coined the phrase, "Talk is cheap" was not using the long distance telephone. —Eastern Oregon Review, La Grande.

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

While it is a bit late in the season, with some spears of green grass coming, to talk of Vitamin A deficiencies, some mention can be made of those ranchers concerned. Many Morrow county ranchers have called at the office during the winter months to discuss possibilities of such deficiency. This question was brought about by the open winter and many cattle staying out on dry grass much of the time.

It must be remembered that a six-month supply of Vitamine A can be stored in the livers of cat-

tle and sheep. The only need, therefore, for a Vitamine A supplement would be where livestock receive no green feed for a period of six months or more. Such condition might exist where summer range dried up early and then livestock were wintered on chaff and straw or even meadow hay, more than a year old.

Vitamine A supplements are now on the market in stabilized form that can be mixed with a ration or salt mix.

Incidentally, is is a good idea

to have all bulls in a good thrifty condition at the beginning of a breeding season, or in other words, they should have had a period of a gain in weight rather than a loss in weight just before breeding season starts. This is sometimes the case where bulls are turned out to pasture at this time of year without hay or grain to supplement the range.

The bulls feet should be toughened for range conditions. This can be done by putting them out on dry ground, preferably on range land, for at least three weeks before the breeding season starts. Feet should be trimmed a month before turning out, if necessary. Good operators keep enough bulls on hand so that if a bull is not doing well during the breeding season he can be pulled for a rest and replaced.

Evidence is piling up that proving beef bulls really pays. A recent study of 181 steers sired by bulls at the Bureau of Animal Industry's Miles City (Mont.) field station showed decided hereditary differences in ability to gain weight for age, and conformation. For example, feeding tests of 8 steers each from 13 bulls showed a difference between the best and the poorest individuals of 119 pounds in weight at weaning and 211 pounds at the end of the feeding period. In net returns above feed and marketing costs, there was \$56 per head difference. So the best bull returned \$48 more on his 8 calves than the poorest bull.

Bulls proved for breeders at the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station have shown a difference of 30 to 40 percent in rate of gain. Similar differences are showing up at many other State stations.

Many Montana ranchers are proving bulls on their own ranches, and commercial cattlemen are looking for such bulls. Feeder



FIVE-YEAR-OLD Michael Warden, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Warden of Lebanon, has been named the Easter Seal boy for 1953 in connection with the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults annual Easter Seal sale March 5 to April 5. He is shown here with George Edland, speech therapist, at the Easter Seal agency's hospital school in Eugene, taking a speech exercise. Michael is a victim of cerebral palsy.

## OSC, Other Western Schools Study Farm Short Course Plans

OREGON STATE COLLEGE—Plans for conducting agricultural short courses at Oregon State College and other land-grant colleges in the west will be discussed at a western region short course study conference at OSC April 21 to 24.

School of agriculture officials from 11 western states and Hawaii will take part. Major emphasis will be on determining the most effective organizational patterns and best types of courses for the various states.

The short courses, which are popular in many mid-western and eastern states, offer young farmers specially-designed training in a particular field such as dairy, livestock or horticulture. Courses range in length from a few weeks to a full school's term. They are arranged to avoid conflict with normal farming operations by those attending.

OSC school of agriculture officials have been discussing plans for establishment of a short course for some time. F. E. Price, dean and director of agriculture, has recommended a special budget for the 1953-55 biennium to finance such a program. The budget has been approved by the board of higher education and is now before the legislature. If approved there, the short course would be started in January 1954.

The four-day short course conference will include reports on strong and weak points of short courses underway elsewhere, integration of courses into the college instruction and extension service programs, facilities and staff required, and possibilities for point state participation where farming conditions are similar.

Wilbur T. Cooney, assistant dean of agriculture at OSC and secretary of the program planning committee, is directing arrangements for the meetings.

buyers have paid premiums of \$2.75 to \$3 per hundred for steers from herds in which bulls have been selected for rapid and efficient gains.

## Empire Machinery Men At Conference

Robert Grabill, Heppner, E. R. "Dutch" Strahm, Arlington, and C. L. "Sweede" Cummings, Pendleton, all of the Empire Machinery Co., will be in Bakersfield, California, April 19th to April 23rd to attend a sales conference for the western division dealers of Caterpillar Tractor Company.

The four day conference will be divided between meetings and field demonstrations, during which the local men will operate

Dean S. P. Swenson of Washington State college is program committee chairman. Funds for the conference have been provided by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation as part of its agricultural development program.

several hundred thousand dollars' worth of Caterpillar track-type and wheel-type tractors, motor graders, and other products in the company's line which have been assembled for the occasion.

Representatives of Caterpillar dealers from the entire West Coast will be in attendance, and several top Caterpillar officials from Peoria will be in Bakersfield for the conference.

## New Dates Set For Portland PI Show

PORTLAND—New dates have been set for the 1953 Pacific International Livestock Exposition at North Portland, Oregon. Persistent demand from livestock exhibitors and national livestock breed associations has resulted in the Pacific International deciding to hold this year's event on the dates of October 20 through 24 for the open show. The Junior Show for 4-H and F. F. A. exhibitors will occupy the last three days of that period, October 22, 23, and 24.

This shift in dates will close the previously long gap between the Pacific International and the Cow Palace show at San Francisco. It appears certain this new arrangement will attract a considerable number of additional exhibitors previously missing the P-I in order to avoid the customary wait between shows. With the Ogden livestock show immediately following the Cow Palace event this western show circuit is certain to attract more inter-mountain and midwestern exhibitors as well as those from the Pacific Slope, in the opinion of the Directors of the Pacific International and breed association representatives.

The proposal now is to hold the show in facilities to be made available adjacent to the Portland Union Stock Yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland and Neal spent the week in Coos Bay visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Neal.

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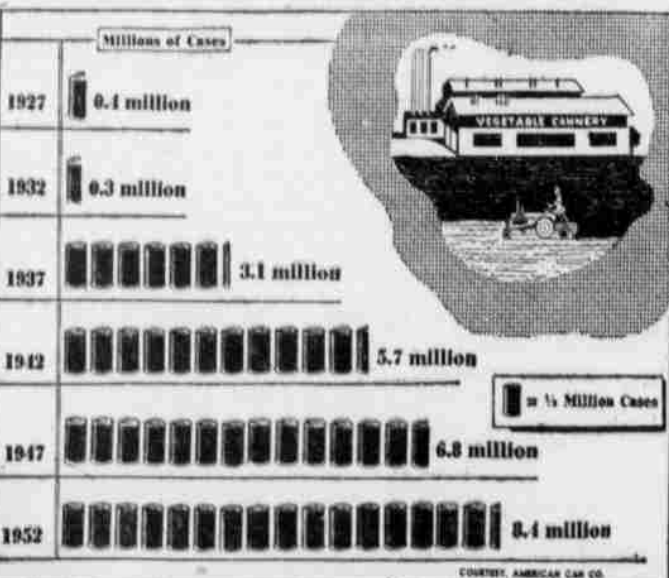
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## STATE'S VEGETABLE PACKS GROW



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