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### A Visitation of Importance

Tomorrow, Morrow county will be honored by a visit from members of the Oregon State Highway Commission, state highway engineers and numerous others interested in the roads of the state, who are on the tour of the highways in this section of Oregon. They are making the trip to get a first-hand look at what they have accomplished in recent years, and what they have yet to do in the future to bring the state's highways up to top condition.

While here they will dedicate, during brief ceremonies, the recently completed Lena-Nye Junction highway, and the party will be guests of the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce at a picnic luncheon at the courthouse park, along with the visitors from neighboring towns.

The commission's tour is one of the many taken frequently by the members to get a better understanding of road needs of the citizens of the state which they serve, and they know that at each stop they make they will be told of the things they must do at some time in the future. Heppner and this section of Morrow county will be no exception for there is prepared for presentation to the group, a request that is of major importance to residents of this section, and of the Monument-Spray area of Grant county. The request is for completion of what Heppner can well call one of its major life-lines of business, the Heppner-Spray highway over the mountains.

Work has been done on this road in recent years when the section from Hardman to Chapin creek was hard-surfaced, but the remainder of the road over the mountains which carries much of Heppner's business from "Inland" needs attention. The commission will get the details while here and we want only to add our voice to those who are asking for the group's consideration of improvements to this highway. It is a much needed improvement that will link Heppner more closely with the people it must serve.

The commission deserves not only our requests, however, but also our thanks for the roads it has given us. The dedication at which its members will take part marks the completion of one more major link in a state highway system that ranks among the best in the nation. Such a system is not built overnight, nor without long planning, and Oregon's highway department is to be congratulated for being the prime-mover in giving us the fine roads we do have.

### Odds and Ends

This department has been sort of neglected of late, what with members of the GT crew on vacation etc, this writer has had to fill in in other spots in the shop and didn't quite find time to compose any editorials. Everybody's back again, for a little while anyway, so we'll see if we can catch up a little.

Our neighboring daily newspaper has a certain weekend columnist who recently went to quite some length to extoll the great growing ability of the soil in Umatilla county, basing his contention that it could outgrow its neighboring county's dirt on the fact that some citizen over there came up with a mushroom weighing something like 16 pounds.

We agree that that's a pretty sizeable mushroom all right, but if the aforementioned columnist will just snoop around in the Morrow county woods a little he'll find we do things in a big way over here too. We grew a mushroom in our county that outmushroomed his Umatilla county mushroom by one and one-quarter pounds.

We lay claim to fame on a whopper that Ken Keeling of Heppner found last week up in the hills. It was a puffball that weighed 17 1/4 pounds, and that's a lot of mushroom. Saw a picture of the thing taken while it was being weighed and it was three times as big as the scales it was sitting on.

This paper expressed the idea and the hope, prior to last fall's general election, that if liquor by the drink were voted in, it would act as an incentive for the opening of better eating places in many Oregon communities. We believe our contention has been proven, at least in Heppner, when Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell this week opened one of the nicest cafe-lounges to be found anywhere in the state. Their Wagon Wheel, operated in conjunction with their restaurant, offers patrons excellent meals, served in beautiful surroundings and in a quiet atmosphere. It was made possible due to the by-the-drink change in the Oregon liquor law.

The O'Donnells are to be congratulated on bringing to this section of Morrow county a really fine eating place.

clinic, while there will be an \$8,000 income limit at the Pendleton clinic. These clinics, approved by the 1953 legislature, will be open next week to provide treatment for persons whose condition is not serious enough to require commitment to the hospitals.

Alcoholics won't be accepted unless they are former patients at one of the two state hospitals.

At present patients under 18 years of age will not be accepted.

**PUNCHBOARD BLANKED**  
Playing a new type of punchboard, called "question and answer", Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton won on the first punch. Players have 10 seconds to answer the question they draw, if correct they win a 5-cent candy bar. For answering three out of five correctly the player would receive a box of candy.

The Linn County District At-

torney sent the sample punchboard to Thornton asking him to decide if it is illegal. Thornton said it was, without question.

**THORNTON UPHELD**  
The ballot title of the so-called civil rights referendum petitions as written by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton was upheld this week by the state supreme court.

A suit was filed by the Civic Freedom Committee maintaining that the ballot should contain the specific places contained in the legislative bill.

Under the court's title the word "any" between "in and places" was deleted and the word "place" made plural. The ballot title as approved by the court reads:

"Declaring all persons are entitled to equal facilities and privileges in places of public accommodation, resort, or amusement without discrimination because of color or national origin. Gives to persons discriminated against a legal right to sue to recover damages up to \$500 from persons that discriminates."

**ALL BUT HOT ASHES**  
Governor Paul L. Patterson this week announced the theme of the 1953 Oregon State Fair will be "Welcome Hawaii".

Helen Hughes, noted producer, will interpret the Hawaiian theme in her stage show before the grandstand seven evenings and will translate the enchant-

ment of the islands in other departments of the fair which opens Sept. 5, continuing eight days.

A 20-foot-high smoking model of volcanic Mt. Aloha will be featured in an enlarged outdoor garden and flower show.

Reservations for space at the big show are 25 per cent greater than they were at this time last year.

**PEN SUGAR MISSING**  
Convicts will have their 'pruno', a potent alcoholic beverage they make from sugar stolen from the Oregon State Penitentiary but-tery.

Warden Clarence Gladden took his present job three months ago with the intention of making the OSP an ideal institution and above all things to stop the making of "pruno" the cause of most disturbances among the prisoners.

The day after he received a laudatory news story it was discovered 700 pounds of sugar was missing. A double check failed to find any trace of it.

Gladden says it may be a book-keeping error.

He estimates it may take as long as two years to make the Oregon prison into the kind of an institution he wants.

**MORE TIMBER IN '54**  
The public domain lands of Western Oregon are so seriously affected by timber killed by fires, by windstorms and Douglas fir beetle epidemic of recent years that preference must be given salvage sales to prevent further loss.

Suggestions for tracts of timber to be offered for sale during 1954 by the federal land bureau management have been invited, with the reminder that priority will be even higher for salvage sales.

Some green timber must be sold next year to assure support for the economy of many communities largely dependent upon the manufacture of Oregon and California timber.

**RAIN MAKES FIRE! WHAT?**  
Unreasonable as it seems, the long wet season this year may be the indirect cause of forest fires later in the year.

The heavy and prolonged rainfall caused a lush growth of grass, brush and fern. When these dry they are potential torches.

**FIRST FOREST FIRE**  
Last week's hot weather brought the first serious forest fire of the year to Oregon.

A small cold deck of logs and a donkey engine were burned in an 80-acre fire near Drain in Douglas county, the state forestry de-

partment reports.

**EXTRA STUR FOR BAD CONS**  
The 1100 Oregon State Penitentiary convicts who went on set-down strike last Friday are subject to an extension of their sentences.

They destroyed \$150,000 worth of state property in burning and

demolishing buildings.

Tear gas and a volley of rifle fire by penitentiary guards and state police, who made a bold advance on the revolting horde, cleared the main buildings and drove them into the walled prison yard.

**BOOK GIVEN LIBRARY**  
A new book, "The Enemy Within", by de Jaeger and Kunk has been presented to the Heppner library by the American Legion auxiliary in memory of Pfc. Gerald Settles, the only Heppner serviceman killed in the Korean war.



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### Rosewall Motor Company



### OUT-PATIENT—CLINICS

Fees to be charged at the new state out-patient mental treatment clinics at Salem and Pendleton were fixed this week on an ability-to-pay basis.

Fees range from 50 cents per hour for treatment for persons earning less than \$2,000 a year, to \$10 an hour for those in the \$7,000-\$8,000 income bracket.

Persons whose income is more than \$6,000 a year will not be given treatment at the Salem

### WE DELIGHT TO HONOR STEWART JOHNSON

1110 N. Winter Street, Salem, Oregon

Mr. Johnson has just been honored by the receipt of the National Quality Award for the ninth successive time. This is an award given by the National Association of Life Underwriters.

In addition, he has just qualified as one of the leaders of the Company's production club for the year just completed, in addition to leading all other agents in the Oregon Branch.

**Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada**  
1001 Public Service Building  
Portland 4, Oregon

## STAR THEATER, Heppner

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, July 16-17-18  
**BLUE CANADIAN ROCKIES**

Gene Autry, Gail Davis, Carolina Cotton, Pat Buttram. An exciting story of the north country.

### THE FIRST TIME

Robert Cummings, Robert Hale. Pleasant is the word for this bright family comedy.

Sunday-Monday, July 19-20  
**COME BACK, LITTLE SHEBA**

Shirley Booth, Burt Lancaster, Terry Moore, Richard Jaeckel. A compelling and human story splendidly acted... exceptional entertainment for adult audiences. Miss Booth's portrayal of "Lola" won her many honors including the Academy Award for the best actress of the year.

Sunday shows at 2 p. m. — 4:20 — 6:40 and 9

Tuesday-Wednesday, July 21-22  
**THE JAZZ SINGER**

Danny Thomas, Peggy Lee, Mildred Dunnoek. This heartwarming Technicolor drama will light up your heart. (Note: 25 years ago the original version of "The Jazz Singer" ushered in the era of sound pictures.) The 1953 version fits current times and earns unqualified classification as the finest in modern filmfare.

Thursday-Friday-Saturday, July 23-24-25  
**HIAWATHA**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's classic is transferred to the screen with honesty and merit. In color.

### MEET ME AT THE FAIR

Dan Dailey, Diana Lynn, Hugh O'Brian, Carole Mathews, "Seat Man" Crothers and Chet Allen and his unforgettable voice! Oh, the songs they sang and the fun they had! In Technicolor.



## Morrow County Fair and Rodeo

# KICKOFF DANCE

HEPPNER FAIR PAVILION

## Saturday, July 25

THE POPULAR MUSIC OF  
**KEN KNOTT AND HIS ORCHESTRA**  
FROM PORTLAND

### Admission, \$1.50 per Person