Economist Expresses Optimistic Outlook For Coming Year

I do not now believe in the theory of most economists-that busi ness will fall off 10% in 1954, with a greater decline in net earning My feeling is that everyone will unite forces to hold up business, at least during the first half, to its approximate 1953 average. This can

be done by expanding research, in. creasing advertising appropria-tions, extending further credits, and obtaining labor's co-opera-

But, I say something much more important than the above; namely, if business should slump 10%, the decline would probably not stop at 10%. Too many business concerns and individuals are working on a very narrow and slim margin. The decline in employment, with resulting business losses which a 10% decline in gross would cause, could result in millions of families being unable to pay their bills and installment obligations. This could set off a chain reaction, which could send business down 10% to 30% more, with a corres-



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ponding deeline in the stock market, commodity prices, and real estate. In this latter case, the Eisen. wide, hower Administration would suffer as did the Hoover Administra-

In view of the possible serious alternative, I have contacted the been the routine x-raying of fewest number of caus during to strengthen the line at such brought out when it was asked leading newspaper publishers as to the attitude of their respective local hospital admissions. This leading newspaper publishers as to the attitude of their respective local hospital admissions. This local hospital admissions are not provided in the provided for any most first the provided fo communities. Of these, over 970 have replied as follows: The people program throughout the nation less was more than double that the mounting shows in every case. of 30 communities are discouraged and want to liquidate; 297 com- has been partially financed by munities are optimistic and want to buy and invest more; 643 are TB funds. now content and in a strong position, but are waiting until they | The local TB and Health assosee how 1954 develops. Due to the results of this survey. I believe ciation met earlier this year with the chances are ten to one that at least the first half of 1954 WILL the local hospital and medical

Below are 25 different forecasts which, in any case, should prove correct for the first six months of 1954. My forecast for the second program in which all patients at property. This compares with time. six months will appear in this paper next June.

vestments.

1. There will be no World War in the first half of 1954.

The Dow-Jones Industrial U. S. and a colder Florida.

The planning took considerable time, but this program for chest Stock Average will be less on

Taxes will be lowered by to take profits on Canadian in. after Jan. 1. it was announced. expiring laws.

4. The price of most com-

moon" is fast ending and he will Both now have reached their Recent statistics have shown that have a hard time controling Congress during the next six months. 19. Automobiles will be hard-

6. Retail sales can be kept up er to sell and easier to buy durby manufacturers and merchants ing the first half of 1954. Both spending more money on adver. the automobile stocks and the mass survey method. The inauguran an automatic alarm system at the Lexington Teacher tising, selling, and developing cars will be in less demand. There has don't be program here is time local telephones were

continue its growth and the best pecially cars of the "indepen-prospects for sales in 1954 will be dent" manufacturers. prospects for sales in 1954 will be dent" manufacturers.

first six months of 1954 should months. This will cheer up Caliaverage about as at present, fornia, Arizona, and Texas. except on the renewal of low-rate 21. The Korean situation will seals is urged by the members of remain about as is-as the China-

Farm lands, except near man says, "much talkie, no cities, will sell for less during shootie." the first half of 1954, when far- 22. There will be one or two mers' profits will begin to de-resignations from the Eisenhower Irrigon Saturday

11. There will be more fear of sured by lobbies. World War III as years go on. 23. The first half of 1954 Monday. People will gradually move out of should be your best time to get Judge Garnet Barratt will possibly within two or three Stort Saturday

certain large cities. Nearby farm out of debt or at least reduce speak on "Tax and Reappraisal weeks. land will be split up. A rise in your debt. Remember that most program of Morrow County," and The new building will give the the price of such fringe farm land bankers are in the business of his talk will be followed by a dis- store more than twice as much

and other nations direct; but will cannot blame them because the part of the day's program. help them through the United umbrellas really belong to the Nations.

home-pay will be less-than last during 1954. June. This, however, may be a 24. The companies which will Morrow county has just lived the area is just under 13 inches. good thing for the morale of the prosper most are those which through one of the wettest years

tion will suffer much opposition turers are learning that they can- Leonard Gilliam. Heppner weato attempts to reduce tariffs if not beat labor through mere ther recorder, showed today. The profits decline or unemployment strikes. They are winning only total for 1953 was 17.09 inches.

vamp the Taft-Hartley Bill dur-directed advertising.

but experts expect a warmer win.

Beppner Gazette Times

Copies 10 cents

Heppner, Oregon, Thursday, December 31, 1953

X-Ray Program to Be Started Here By TB Association

The 47th annual Christmas Seal sale program is now completed except for the complete return of monies for stamps which have been mailed out, it was reported this week by officers of the local TB and Health Association, Officers and members are now turning their attention to the tuberculosis program as it is spear headed by this group.

Based on a four-point program TB associations carry on health education, case finding, medical Heppner Fire LOSS ing with more than 3000 other local associations in the nation to accomplish the work nation. Up During 1953

One of the most recent facets of the case-finding program has

staff and encouraged Pioneer Meadmitted to the hospital would have a routine chest x-ray taken. time, but this program for chest 17. Canada will continue to x-ray of all patients over 14 years June 30 1954, than on January 1, boom during the first half of of age is now ready, on a local 1954, but this may be a good time basis and will begin here shortly

The plan will be mostly finan-18. The above may also apply ced by the local TB and Health modities will be lower on June to Southern California and its association with only a small The Eisenhower "Honey airplane and movie industries charge of \$1.50 to the patient. ten times more TB can be discovered in the very early stages ment was moved, when the de- service when completed. and treated successfully through partment had a rash of false will be more bargains in used based on the premise that any changed over to dial. An exact The U. S. population will cars, discounts on new cars, es-

, through the purchase of sheets of

Pomona To Meet At

Who Has 40 Cents? -It'll Put Chest Drive Over the Top

Figures compiled Wednesday evening by Community Chest treasurer Robert Ferrell showed the Heppner drive had collected a total of \$952. 60 .- just 40 cents short of its quota of \$953. Ferrell said he felt sure the 40 cents could be found somewhere to put the drive over the top.

Of the county quota of \$1,906, a total of 1,238,50 has been reported so far, but it was pointed out that there are several communities yet to report.

loss was more than double that the mounting shoes in every case, service. of 1952, a compilation of figures It had been tentatively planned The problem was continued for the problem was continued for

the year which inflicted a loss of of setting all new poles was not a resolution will be sent to heads Funeral Home is in charge of at-

total damage inflicted by flames supplied from that source.

kept, but it is thought that there The sole support of the work period before some changes were

Dress Shop to Get

Mrs. Norah Rasmus, owner of week Norah's shop in Heppner, said 10. The Central and South placed by "politicians." All is west will not suffer drought as not going too well. The Presi-Pomona Grange will meet at ing on the remodeling of the Christmas holidays. not going too well. The President is not used to being president is not used to being president is not used to being president at 10:30 a. m. and there will be a by Settles' Electric in the Case apartment building and that she March of Dimes To will move to the new location

loaning umbrellas when the sun cussion period on the subject. It floor space to display its com-12. The U. S. Government will is shining, and calling them in was also announced that each plete line of women's, children's give less money to the European when it rains," Moreover, you county Grange will furnish one and infants' wear. The opening

vations. depositors, who also will want 1953 RAINFALL TOTALS 17.09 poyed next June-the total take- you can clean up bank loans once INCHES; YEAR ONE OF WETTEST

have inaugurated effective labor- in its history, complete rainfall 14. The present Administra- saving programs. Most manufact figures for the year compiled by

as they purchase new labor-say. The slightly more than 17 15. The Administration and ing machinery, spend more inches of precipitation far exthe Labor Leaders will try to re- money on research and on well- ceeds 1952s 11.58 inches and 1951s 10.57 inches and is only 2.14 1954; but bad strikes are 25. There may be some further inches less than the all-time inflation in 1954; but percentage, rainfall record established in 16. I am no weather prophet, wise to the total national output 1942 when 19.23 inches were recordel. The 38 year average for

The rainfall by months shows

February, 2.02 March, 1.37 April 1.11 June. 1.61 August, 1.83 September .03 October, 1.23 November, 1.98

December, 1.84

Total 17.09

January, 174

Strengthening of Main Power Line To Eliminate Breaks

week at the Columbia Basin Election and further action. tric Coop in Heppner, it was de- The proposed cut in service, cided to strengthen the entire which was announced last week is also a patient at the hospital. power feeder line from Ione to by the postal department was

19 calls and \$3,700 loss in 1952. Edgar Collison, Coop manager suffered in one blaze late in the cific Power can install a large known in the matter. year which badly damaged the transformer at its new Fossil sub Les Wyman residence and of the station so that this district can be during the year, all but \$300 was line will have to be killed to covered by insurance, the figures allow workmen to make the ir stallation.

Heppner firemen made many Collison said the complete in more runs to the fire hall in ans-stallation will cost about \$30,000 wer to the siren, though no equip- and will insure uninterrupted

Resigns Position

turn to her home in Prineville, tion can get underway. At present no permanent re- The original plans were ap-

All supplies and information money. will be in the hands of the variwill be announced later.

TAX FORMS PUT IN MAIL TUESDAY

week that personal property tax year or longer. declaration forms have been mailed to all county taxpayers

also been mailed and the office were in Portland to spend Christ- on Tuesday asks that anyone who qualifies mas with his mother, the court house.

Restricted Mail Service Discussed By Chamber Monday

Chamber of Commerce Monday discussed at length the recently announced plan to curtail mail service into and out of Heppner. Following a meeting of 15 Bon- Lexington and Ione and plans neville and Pacific Power and were made to turn the matter Light Company engineers last over to committee for investiga-

service is used frequently and is The 69,000 volt line which quite necessary especially for when Wells was called into the feeds all the Coop and many of ordering and receiving special service during World War II. He PP&Ls customers in Morrow and medical supplies for drug stores came to Heppner in about 1910 Gilliam counties, had broken doctors and the hospital. It three times recently and the engineers were called in an attempt is no other means of public M. L. Case. He and Mrs. Dix left transportation into the area, such Heppner for a few years but re-The strengthening will come as bus or train on which to ship turned later and operated the from the installation of devices needed supplies on Sunday and Dix and Hiati grocery with John Heppner firemen answered the Armor Rod which are designed medical need for the service was member of the Heppner Masonic fewest number of calls during to strengthen the line at such brought out when it was asked lodge and Eastern Star.

by fire chief C. A. Ruggles, indi to rebuild the entire line with further investigation with the officiating. Commital services beavier cable, but it was found probability that if arguments will be Saturday morning at 11 The department responded to that this could not be done on favor the continuance of Sunday o'clock at Lincoln Memorial only 16 genuine alarms during the present poles and the expense mail service, that copies of such Mausoleum in Portland. Phelps congressmen.

Members present at the Monand 22 calls and loss of 12.590 in said that it is planned to start day meeting said that other or his early life in the Portland area. installation of the Armor Rod ganizations in the county would The majority of 1953s loss was about Jan. 25, or as soon as Pa- be asked to make their feelings ried Elizabeth Young in 1900.

Architects to Check Hospital Plans For Federal Aid

architect from the federal public For New Year Baby received notice this week that an health service will be in Heppner Lexington school superinten Jan. 11 to examine the plans for Heppner's Pioneer Memorial dent, James Vanover, announced the proposed new wing for Pio hospital after the start of 1954 were around 15 over a six weeks Wednesday that Mrs. Leila neer Memorial hospital and it is will be the recipient of a host of Owens, a teacher at the Lexing- hoped changes can be made at gifts Heppner stores and busi-20. Florida may have killing is the annual sale of Christmas and its continued support.

20. Florida may have killing is the annual sale of Christmas made in the system. Most of them too school, has resigned her post that time which will allow quick tion effective Jan. 1 and will re- approval of the plans so construc. ment in this issue of the Gazette

> but her classes will be taught by state board, who must give prior of gifts ranging from cash prizes a substitute teacher starting next approval before they are submitted to San Francisco, but later ted to San Francisco, but later count to cases of baby food, bot-School will reopen there on they were disapproved because of the warmers etc. this week that work is progress. Monday. Jan. 4 following the the inclusion of the nursing home on the lower floor. County pa-tients and convalescents are four.
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> A complete list of the found on page and rules will be found on page four. housed in this area.

Complete approval must be received for the plans before the Annual Church Meet The annual Morrow county the construction in the form of To Be Wednesday March of Dimes will get under Hill-Burton funds, Barratt pointed All Saints Episcopal church way Saturday. Jan. 2. county out that the delay and change in will hold its yearly congregationdrive chairman, Mrs. Joseph plans will in no way impair the hospital's priority for the aid vestrymen Wednesday evening.

ous committee heads by that date that when the architect arrives starting at 7:00 p, m. and all and a full list of county officers the difficulties can be ironed out members and friends are urged to quickly and early approval be attend. granted.

The new wing will add several IONE LEGION TO HOLD badly needed bedrooms to the NEW YEAR'S DANCE hospital which has been over-The assessors office said this crowded during most of the past

and that the law requires they Christmas with their son and the music. be completed and returned by daughter in law. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Turner in Portland. Soldier's exemption forms have Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Barratt Lonerock were Heppner visitors

for the exemption and has not re. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Loyd spent as their guests during Christmas. ceived the form, call for it at the Christmas holidays in John Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Irma

Former Assessor, William O. Dix, Dies Here Tuesday

70th Year, Number 42

William O. Dix. 78, died early Tuesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He had been ill for several years and for the past two months had been confined to the hospital. His wife, Elizabeth,

Hermiston to remedy the series objected to by several persons Mr. Dix had served as Motrow of line breaks suffered during the who pointed out that Sunday county assessor since taking over

Funeral services will be held

Mr. Dix was born April 14, 1875 and in southern Oregon. He mar-

Surviving besides his widow. Elizabeth is a daughter Virginia and a granddaughter, Jo Jean of Seattle; four sisters, Lucy J. Lane. Ethel N. Miller, both of Portland; Rhoda Von Appen. Mt. Vernon, Wash.; and Gladys F. Hall, Cottage Grove; three brothers, Ernest O. Dix, Alson A. Dix and Samuel H. Dix all of Portland.

County Judge Garnet Barratt Stores Offer Prizes

The first-baby to be born at nesses announce in an advertise-Times.

The new arrival and its parents placement has been obtained, proved several weeks ago by the will receive a large assortment

A complete list of the prizes

There will be a potluck dinner

The Ione American Legion post is planning a public dance at its hall Thursday, Dec. 31. Gene Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Turner spent Rietmann's orchestra will provide

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Hayes of

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wilson had *McElroy of Helix.

A REVIEW OF THE NEWS OF 1953-

Good News and Bad Found in Check of the Events of the Year

1953 the Gazette Times has pick- funds, ed some of the interesting and Contract let for construction of Installation of dial telephones anniversary of the Heppner flood ner streets receive resurfacing. No attempt has been made to the Junction and Arlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall. Dr. L. D. Tibbles appointed to in February. fill vacancy on city council. reach new financing agreement March 8.

new elevators in county. Hardman residents set March tournament at Salem.

\$301 raised in one day. Work gets under way in ear- to New York. nest on Heppner's sewer system The Heppner school board pick. Cason site for new school voted Lore Felger, who is better first grade classes housed in wins district championship with Storm gives parts of city heavy and disposal plant.

ner and Morrow county during after dispute over allotment of signed from board over select year.

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"businessmen's Cabinet," re-

important events as reported in new overpass at Heppner Junc- started in Heppner. these columns since January 1, tion and a new highway between Elise Bauernfeind, Morgan, is of the Gazette Times.

portance, merely in their chrono Heppner Lumber Company, died tendent of Heppner schools, logical order starting with the at his home in Chicago on Feb. Morrow county first in state

ceives gift of a \$27,000 home from to fall early in the year, when attracts hundreds.

Morrow county Grain Growers life of Dale Hug of Boardman on south of town. to pay for construction of two Heppner high school basketball marketing quotas talked as pos-

squad wins fifth place in state sibility for 1954 crop. of Dimes record with collection of Sally Palmer wins I. O. O. F. superintendent of Ione shools.

ed the Cason property as pro- down 207 to 101.

tion.

chosen rodeo queen.

to top cancer drive quota.

Pioneer Memorial hospital re- Local rainfall records started Homemaker's Festival at Ione man. 2.02 inches was measured here Price Greenup and Jack Hart- for California to attend Boy North Morrow fair at Boardman sessor. man, both of Heppner, were killed Scout jamboree.

The Columbia river claims the when their car struck a bridge Wheat acreage allotments and police.

Chester L. Ward named new completed Lena-Nye Junction railroad bridges and fields in of the year. United Nations Pilgrimage trip 121 pints of blood are collected Wheat allotment cuts county areas. during bloodmobile visit.

place them in the order of im- J. L. Kraft, president of the H. C. Reed named new superin- vision stations reported from lost his stock of paint and equip-

Eight-mile area. charged after shooting of local of marketing quotas.

Five Morrow county boys leave Hardman destroyed by fire. Roscoe Kelly, Pendleton, ap-tract big crowds.

State highway commission years released at Panmunjom. visits for dedication of recently

highway. acreage by 30 percent.

known as Miss Austria spent churches.

As an end-of-the year recapitu- Boy Scout council withdraws posed site for new grade school. Newt O'Harra. Lexington, several days in Heppner visiting County 4 H canning judging J. O. Turner resigns as mayor lation of the happeninge in Hepp- from county Community Chest and chairman L. E. Dick Jr. re- named County Grassman of the with her pen pal, Miss Virginia team consisting of Sally Palmer, of Heppner, Conty.

is observed with a special edition | Early morning fire damages | Heppner businessman, David taxpayer's meeting. six buildings with greatest loss A. Wilson, dies following heart District's biggest forest fire, Reception from midwest tele- suffered by Mehl LaVelle who attack.

ment. Entire Heppner police force dis- Wheat farmers vote approval operation.

prisoner of war for nearly three more than 65 flat tires.

Patsy Wright and Jean Marie Governor Paul L. Patterson Commemmoration of the 50th More than 20 blocks of Hepp- Graham, win championship at speaker at special dinner here. state fair.

> City sewer system and disposal red on November 10. plant is completed and placed in lone knocked out of football

Automobile accident takes life New VFW post is organized at Clark Stevens farm home near of Archie McCowan of Heppner. Lexington.

W. O. Dix resigns as county asbreaks darkens county. and county fair at Heppner at- Stephen Thompson named the Farm Bureau opens investiga-

Flash floods caused damage to named county Conservation Man dent of Heppner-Morrow county

planned by board. School opening sees Heppner | Ione high school football team ceive citizenship papers.

victory over Stanfield.

county Cattleman of the year. tion of wheat allotment system. pointed new Heppner chief of Cpl. John L. Smith, Korean Nails in road cause hunters Dr. D. L. Tibbles appointed new

First of a series of power line

Governor Patterson opens county

less than 10 acres in area, occur-

title by Union in playoffs.

mayor of Heppner. Kenneth Peck, Lexington, Jeff Carter named new presi-Chamber of Commerce

Blackhorse, Lexington and Ione Second school site election Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Shirley, Ione and Patrck Lee, Heppner re-