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Farm Bureau Week

Most of us in America have, largely because of their frequency, come to regard most "weeks" as just another promotion, that is if we even take time to regard them at all. A good share of them, to our notion could well be forgotten, and, because of their multitude, some that hold a real meaning for each of us who live in agricultural Eastern Oregon, are buried just because they are one of the many.

There is one "week" that we hope won't be buried along with many of the others in the minds of Morrow county residents—that is "Farm Bureau Week". True, it is a promotion, yet it is one that deserves more than a second look from every person who lives in a farm community. During this week, in particular, the Farm Bureau wants to tell its story to the people who do not know about the Bureau—and, it's surprising the number of persons who know nothing of its objectives or purposes.

The purpose of the week (in Morrow county it is being observed Jan. 24 to 30) is to tell others, first of all, "What is the Farm Bureau?" The answer is, "The Farm Bureau is you and your neighbors. It's a volunteer organization of, by and for farm families to study problems and issues, develop and execute programs, promote the well-being of farm people, and contribute to the general welfare. The Farm Bureau is bi-partisan and non-sectarian. It is representative of all agriculture. It is financed by member dues. It is the leading spokesman and voice of organized American agriculture."

The Farm Bureau is primarily interested, just as all of us should be, in keeping the farmer a productive and solvent part of American economy. His need is recognized by all, but his needs have frequently been forgotten. His opinions and wishes, too, are many times disregarded, mainly because they often are considered to come from "individualistic" farmers. The purpose behind the Farm Bureau is to make its wishes and desires the wishes and desires of all the farmers. In other words, in union there is power—power to be heard. Labor unions have achieved such a position, and through the Farm Bureau, farmers hope to attain a comparable voice in the state, national and world affairs which so vitally effect them.

The Farm Bureau is not fighting other farm organizations, it is adding them. In most cases what Farm Bureau members want in the way of national farm aids, legislation, etc., Grange members want too. They believe that strength in numbers means a louder voice in forming the policies that will effect each one individually.

We believe the Farm Bureau is an organization worthy of everyone's "second look," whether he be a farmer or a businessman, for what effects your neighbor effects you whether you grow wheat or sell groceries or hardware.

Next week is Farm Bureau Week in Morrow county and it is quite probable that some Bureau member will ask you to become a member. When he does, listen to him and find out what the Bureau does and what it means. His problems are your problems too, and your support can help us all to ultimately find the answers to those problems.



"PASTE THIS IN YOUR HAT"

If you are a voter in Oregon you will need this list of election dates for the know-how in choosing and electing the men who will make the laws, execute them and judge the transgressors.

—Last day for candidates to file for nomination or for filing statements in voters' pamphlet March 12.

—Last day for withdrawal of candidacy March 15.

—First day for registration of "new" voters who attain age of 21 and first day for applying for absentee ballots March 22.

—Last day for general registration April 20.

—Last day absentee voter ballots may be received May 14.

—Primary Election May 21.

—Deadline for filing statements of contributions and expenditures by non-candidates June 1.

—Deadline for candidates to file lists of contributors and expenditures June 5.

—Last day for filing initiative petitions July 1.

—Last day for filing arguments for measures Aug. 4.

—Last day for filing arguments opposing measures Aug. 19.

—Last day for filing nominations by assembly Aug. 23.

—Last day for candidates to withdraw Aug. 25.

—First day for registration of "New" voters who attain age of 21 and first day for applying for absentee ballots Sept. 3.

—Last day for general registration Oct. 2.

—Last day absentee voter ballots may be received Oct. 27.

—General Election Nov. 2.

—Deadline for non-candidates to file statements of contributions and expenditures Nov. 12.

—Deadline for candidates to file statements of contributions and expenditures Nov. 17.

PAYROLLS HIGH IN 1953

A new all-time high in payrolls of Oregon was made in 1953 despite seasonable layoffs in the final weeks.

The average of the number employed for 12 months held close to the 332,500 figure for both 1951 and 1952.

The payrolls of the 17,000 firms covered by Oregon's unemployment law totaled more than \$1,300,000,000, an annual total of \$20,000,000 more than the former high of \$1,270,837,444 for 1952.

YOUNG MEN IN POLITICS

The stigma that in America sticks to the word "politician" can and should be removed by honest young men taking up political careers, was the signal concept of an address by Senator Richard Neuberger at the Salem Junior First Citizen banquet, Tuesday.

The nationally famous writer said, "Most voters regard political ambition as a sinister phase . . . and consequently 69 per cent of all parents in this country don't want their children to enter politics, when just across the border in Canada a political vocation is esteemed as a highly admirable service."

"A major factor which bars many persons from political office is the high cost of campaigns. A recent survey indicated that in nine out of 10 elections, those candidates who had the largest campaign funds won the offices," the senator said.

"Honest young men must go into politics if the liberty of this country is to survive," he concluded.

RECENT LEGAL OPINIONS

Current rulings on Oregon law by Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton include:

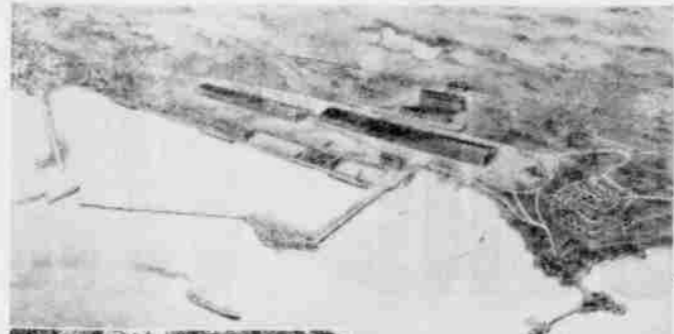
The attorney general has power to make investigations and make evidence available to district attorneys and governor but can prosecute only in cooperation with district attorney or at direction of governor.

Banks, trust companies, industrial loan companies and credit unions must comply with new Oregon Business Corporation Act as far as the same relates to the maintenance of a registered office and agent.

Motor vehicle wrecker's license may be canceled summarily by the secretary of state upon failure to comply with conditions precedent to issuance. Recommendation by county court on application for a wrecker's license is to be endorsed by majority of county court or board of commissioners.

New Life For Mesabi

TACONITE is new giant of Minnesota's Mesabi range. Without it, the iron ore region's end was in sight. Now, new harbors, plants are rising on Lake Superior shore. It's steel's ace-in-the-hole. Industry will convert iron bearing rock into iron content pellets.



SUPERMAN DEVICE, below, burns oxygen and kerosene and pours out flaming gases, crumbles rock at deposit site.



NEW CITIES being hacked out of wilderness reflect size of taconite program. Trucks like this International work 24 hours a day; carpenters hammer at new houses. There's new life on Mesabi!



Power Companies Consolidation Plan Told Wednesday

Paul B. McKee, president of Pacific Power & Light, and Z. E. Merrill, chairman of the board of Mountain States Power, recently announced that the boards of directors of the two companies have approved for submission to stockholders a plan for the merger of Mountain States with and into Pacific Power & Light.

"Consolidation of the two operations would greatly strengthen the ability of the companies to meet present and future public service requirements of their customers and to support the development of the region," it was stated.

The proposal is to effect the merger by an exchange of stocks. Basis of the exchange would be 9 shares of Pacific Power & Light common stock for each 10 shares of Mountain States common and one share of Pacific \$100 par value preferred stock for each two shares of Mountain States \$50 par value preferred.

Stockholders of the two companies will vote on the plan at special meetings called for March 12.

The merger can become effective only after approval by the state and federal regulatory bodies having jurisdiction.

No major changes in personnel of the companies are contemplated, it was stated, and pension and other employment benefits presently available to employees of each company will be maintained.

Mountain States Power has 7,200 stockholders and Pacific Power & Light has nearly 20,000

stockholders. Served by Pacific Power & Light are 151,000 electric customers in Oregon and Washington. Mountain States serves 71,000 electric customers in Oregon and 39,000 in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

Pacific has annual operating revenues of \$21,985,000 and Mountain States has \$15,571,000.

Total capitalization of Pacific Power & Light is \$108,000,000 and of Mountain States is 44,400,000.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Pfeiffer left Friday for their home in Seattle after an extended visit with their daughter, Mrs. Orville Smith, and son John Pfeiffer.

OFF WE GO!

We hope to take a short trip, if all goes as planned. From eighteenth to twenty-eighth. Work and play combined!

Mrs. Jordan will be in the office, from Nine to Six each day. To give you the usual service while we two are away!

She's been helping us out for the past year, and can handle your problems when we're not on hand!

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Open Even When He's Closed

Must have been daydreaming on my way to a meeting down in Centerville the other night. My car ran dry before I thought to look at the gas gauge, but I managed to coast into a gas station—and found it closed!

Well, I thought my plans were ruined for sure until I noticed a gasoline can with a sign: "This is emergency gas. Just help yourself and leave the can with \$1.00. Thanks."

Got started, made the meeting on time, and had enough gas to

get back home again—thanks to a trusting friend.

From where I sit, folks who trust their neighbors make the world a better place to live in. For instance, letting a friend express his personal preferences, is one way of trusting your neighbor. Sometimes I prefer a temperate glass of beer in the evening but I'll always ask what you'd like before I pour yours.

Joe Marsh

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