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Postal Restrictions Pinch In Other Communities too—

We didn't get much sympathy or attention from other papers around the state, when a while back, we editorially beefed about having our mail service cut to six days a week and, in case of holidays, even to five days. Last week though, the postal restriction order caught up with a couple of other communities and now they know what we were complaining about, as the two following editorials show.

In fairness it must be said that the editor of the Stayton paper has previously complained about the reduced postal service, but the following editorial makes it plain what he thinks about postal holidays. The six-day service had only just been put in effect at Lebanon when the reprinted editorial was published by the Lebanon Express. Along with it was a story telling of the general dissatisfaction of merchants with the new plan.

Well some more, boys... maybe if we make enough noise Uncle Sam will listen to us!

UNDESERVED SPANKING

Lebanon, a city that's more than tripled its growth in the past few years, a city that's kept pace in every way as the tapping of huge natural resources developed her economy to undreamed of levels, has been relegated to the hick town category.

And of all people responsible, it's none other than Uncle Sam, who in order to save a few dollars, is imposing a stop to week end mail service.

What's that mean? It means a letter mailed after 5:30 p. m. Saturday won't leave here until Monday morning. Mail formerly distributed to post office boxes Sunday will lay over in Albany, instead, for distribution Monday.

And what's that mean to you and me? To the average resident, not so much, maybe, unless he's one of the hundreds of post office box holders. But

if you have a tax bill due, remember that envelope will be postmarked Monday, not Saturday, at risk of penalty. Or you can run over to the metropolis such as Albany, and mail it there.

To the merchant or businessman, it's more drastic. Merchandise orders, for instance, mailed after that 5:30 deadline, will reach Portland Tuesday, instead of Monday. Merchandise ordered will accordingly reach here one day later. And it isn't easy for the merchant, hard-pressed on Saturday, to post the order in time. Of course, he too can run over to Albany.

It's unfair to the box holder, also, many of whom are renting boxes chiefly because they get (or got) faster service. A case very close to home is The Express, which often relies on Sunday mail for copy appearing in the paper produced Monday.

We don't know how much Uncle Sam hopes to save by this move. We bet he'd save more, though, if he discontinued the partial home carrier delivery. On a national level, he'd make a handsome saving if he'd discontinue the simplified form of address, which permits uninvited pieces of trivia to invade your home, burdens your mail carrier and ups local post office costs substantially.

Please, Uncle, we figure we're an up and coming community—that we're big enough to justify the daily mail service we've never been without since growing out of diapers. How about a break? —The Lebanon Express

HOLIDAYS—

About the most useless, inconvenient, downright expensive to most businesses is the February 22 holiday for postoffices; one Stayton firm, unaware of the closure, was put to an added expense of \$30; doubt if George Washington would approve of a holiday in his honor that would disrupt business so much; we're for fewer of the minor holidays; if the trend continues we might well expect closures on the postmaster's birthdays. —Stayton Mail

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last week, members of the class into effect. It adds up to progeny testing, the first in the county to my knowledge, under range herd conditions. Mr. Hughes has been selling his calves to a feed lot in Umatilla county. He will be able to visit this feed lot and to determine which of the calves of his breeding have not made gains comparative to others, thereby, getting their tattoo number and culling the mother of this calf from his herd. Mr. Hughes told the group that while it took a little extra time to tattoo and keep these records that he felt they were well worth while in their quality improvement program, to date.

Morrow county's first pruning demonstration, or at least the first to my knowledge, was well attended with over 40 persons taking part in the two demonstrations. The first was held at the Harold Dobyns acreage on Friday morning, the second at the Marion Palmer ranch on that afternoon. C. O. Rawlings, Extension Horticulturist, Oregon State college, who led the demonstration, did an excellent job in explaining the functions of limbs and leaves on a tree and carried out his pruning demonstration to compare to these principles. The young orchard at the Dobyns ranch was pruned for developing a sturdy tree with scaffold branches well placed, while the older orchard at the Marion Palmer

ranch was pruned to let sunshine in to the fruit, as well as removing all branches that were not capable of producing fruit.

During the afternoon demonstration, pruning of roses, evergreens and other ornamentals were discussed.

While driving through the county the past few days, there are many examples of the need for sod waterways in many of our wheat fields. While this winter hasn't been as bad as some, there has still been a considerable

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"The Heppnerian" made its first appearance before the Heppner public under date of February 29. The paper is the organ of the Heppnerian Literary Society recently organized in the high school.

Orve Rasmus has been confined to his bed at his home in the Gilman apartments for the past week, suffering a severe sickness.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball of Seattle are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, parents of Mrs. Ball, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomson and sons and Mrs. Wm. Beymer of Heppner, who had been visiting in the Rose City, spent a few hours with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hynd at Butterby Flatts when they returned to Heppner on Sunday.

Case Furniture Co. takes orders for flowers any time of the year and forward all such orders direct to city florists to be filled at market prices and of course have to take such flowers as are to be had at the prevailing prices.

Mayor Bert Mason of Ione was doing business here on Monday. He was accompanied to the city by P. P. Hassler, editor of the Independent.

amount of washing and steep areas have had much water to take care of. Now is the time to establish permanent sod waterways. Assistance for this practice can be gotten in the 1954 ACP Program, which is practice No. C-1, establishing permanent sod waterways to dispose of excess water without causing erosion. The assistance includes 50% of the cost of grading, shaping and filling, seed bed preparation, nitrogen fertilizer, seed, and cost of seeding. This is probably the most complete assistance provided for any practice in the 1954 program.

Grass mixtures recommended for seeding down sod waterways in Morrow county are Fairway crested wheatgrass, six pounds per acre with sheep or hard fescue, five pounds per acre. Another mixture is ten pounds of Pubescent wheatgrass with five pounds of sheep or hard fescue per acre. Some excellent sod waterways can be observed throughout the county, and are



STATE COSTS TO INCREASE

The population of Oregon will increase to the 3,000,000 mark by 1975 and the distribution of the newcomers will be along lines similar to the present. State Treasurer Sig Unander said dur-

ing much good toward the purpose for which they were seeded. One of the most recent sod waterways that is looking excellent this spring, is one on the Norman and Freddie Nelson ranch on the Baseline. These waterways can be used in putting up some hay

Many times we hear the objection to sodded waterways from farmers that they do not have hydraulic lifts on their machinery for crossing them without tearing them out. There is always one thing to point out that must be remembered. It is far better to cut up a field with these seeded waterways than it is to have water eventually cut up the field anyway. If the water cuts it up, it is cut in strips lengthwise of the slope and once a farmer gets a field in that shape, he is licked forever as far as redemption is concerned. The sodded strips slow down the water, tend to fill in with soil and make the draws easy to cut across with machinery so that cross slope cultivation is practicable. If waterways cut down to rock for lack of seeding, these rocky draws are usually impossible to cross with machinery, making it almost necessary to farm up and down the slope thus causing more and more erosion until the field may be ruined.

With this fine cost sharing payment, this is a pretty good year to start to seed some waterways. If on wheatland, they can be counted in the diverted acres.

Word from Rex Warren, Extension Farm Crop Specialist, Oregon State College, points out that early spring sprays get the most weeds. Farmers, therefore, should be ready when spring weather breaks with their selective weed control in grains. Tests show that it takes only one half as much 2,4-D, applied early before weeds develop a stalk, to get the same kill as with late spraying. Trial further shows that enough 2,4-D residue will remain to kill late weed seedlings as they emerge.

ing a public address in Salem this week. Which means that the Willamette valley will draw the bulk of the influx. Speaking of state costs he pointed out that the main state hospital has a budget of around \$7,300,000 for the biennium while the operation cost of Fairview Home is in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. Operation of the penitentiary is around \$3,800,000 each two-year period.

It is a bit difficult to estimate the needs of some state institutions, said Unander, in view of the estimated increase in population of the different institutions. This is not particularly true concerning the penitentiary where the ratio of law violators remain fairly stationary. Just now the state has 15,000 persons on its payrolls and holds ownership of some 3,000 passenger automobiles, said Unander.

TAX RECEIPTS DOWN

Income tax receipts for the seven months ending Feb. 1 were \$28,892,435. Compared with \$31,583,380 in a similar period a year ago, this is a drop of 8 per cent. The state tax commission reported this week. The drop is largely in the corporation income tax receipts which dropped from \$11,586,881 to \$9,059,977 while personal income tax receipts dropped only \$164,000 from the similar period a year ago. During the period 2,562 corporation tax returns were filed, a gain of 425. The number of personal income tax returns filed, was 35,985 or 3,200 less than the all-time peak in 1950.

PELTON DAM FIGHT DRAGS

Recreational and sport fishing club members are encouraged in their conservation efforts by the verdict handed down last week by the U. S. Ninth Court of Appeals in San Francisco, invalidating a Federal Power Commission order which would have permitted the construction of Pelton dam on the Deschutes river by the Portland General Electric Company. The high court ruled that Oregon has complete sovereignty over the waters of the Deschutes river and has the right to regulate its own waters in its own chosen way.

Outdoor organizations are banding together to battle an expected move at the 1955 legislature that would sanction Pelton dam.

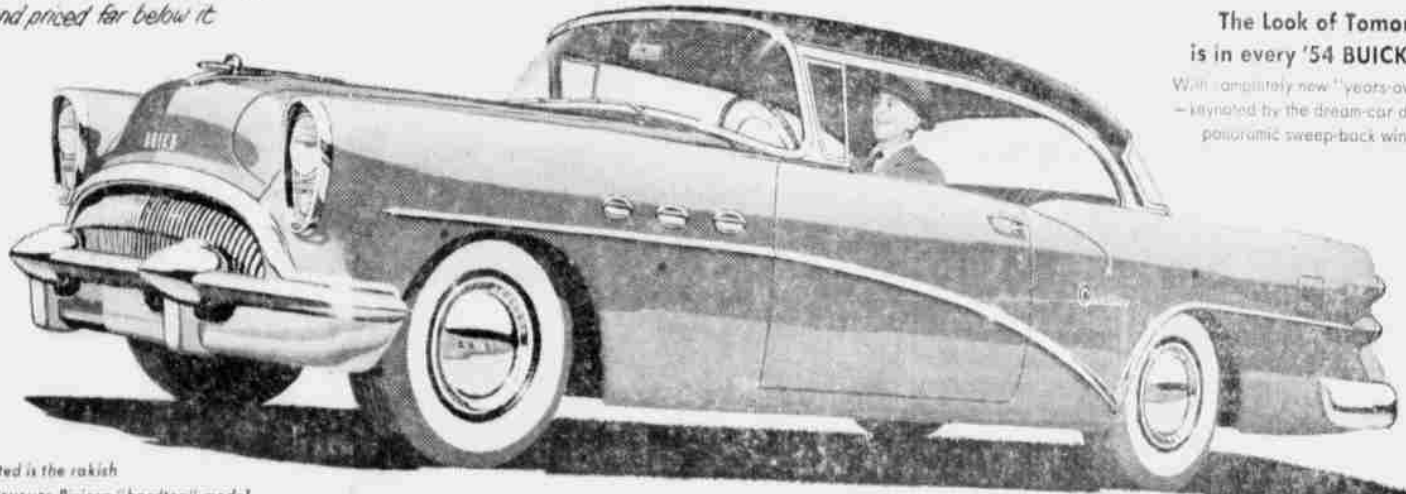
NEWBRY FILES FOR GOVERNOR

Oregon's Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry backed up his previous announcement that he would run for the state's highest (Continued on Page Seven)

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