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## Let's All Be Counted

By the time most persons will have gotten around to reading this editorial they will have had every opportunity to get a full and complete story on the coming school bond issue which will be decided next Tuesday, July 6 at a special election. This paper has carried stories and editorials in past weeks, and today, stories and advertisements tell the voters what the program is, what it will give, and what it will cost. Special letters have also been sent out to all registered voters in the district telling of the plans.

We believe the bonding program has been completely and fairly presented to the people who must now act upon it.

Next Tuesday the polls at the Heppner school will be open from 2 until 8 p. m. and it is the duty of every voter to express his preference on the issuance of \$325,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new school building. This paper has strongly urged passage of the measure as the only means of meeting the serious need for more classroom space, but regardless of the individual's belief, we also urge each one to make an effort to get to the polls.

Your opinion is invaluable. . . if you vote. It is useless if you don't!

## Bicycle Safety Drive

Elsewhere in today's paper is a story from George Reid, Heppner chief of police, which outlines several safety precautions which local bicycle-riding youngsters should read and observe.

Reid's story was prepared with just one thought in mind—that of the safety of Heppner's youngsters.

and he hopes to educate them as to the need for proper riding of bikes. He points out that a bicycle has much the same rights and privileges as do automobiles, but along with them they also must observe the same rules of the road.

The chief's biggest worry, he tells us, is the many bikes in Heppner that do not have proper lights or rear reflectors which are a necessity for night riding, and he has offered to help all of Heppner's kids remedy this difficulty. He will help every youngster install the proper reflectors etc., on his bike if he will bring it and the necessary reflectors or lights to the city hall.

Reid, who is well known to most youngsters, says that if they will just ask him for his assistance whenever they should happen to see him, he will arrange a time for each of them to get their equipment together and help them get it installed.

Our chief has made a very generous offer, one that may give him quite a workout if even a portion of Heppner's hundreds of bikes are brought in for the safety treatment. We hope that every youngster will take advantage of his aid.

All he's trying to do is give local bike riders a chance for a longer life, so we hope every youngster will jump at the chance.

## Come Back . . .

We've used this following little saying on more than one previous occasion, but it's so short and sweet and to the point that we are going to repeat it again this year. It is self-explanatory and we hope that all of Morrow county's Fourth of July vacationers will return to tell us that they read it.

Come Back ALIVE  
On July FIVE!

## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

In looking over the annual report of the recent Pacific Northwest Crop Improvement Association, we noted a lot of interesting talks and statements made at their annual meeting held last month in Walla Walla. One short paragraph taken from one of the main speeches of the day, I thought worthy of repeating.

"The problem of today is one of distribution and not one of surplus. Surpluses as they are known today are not real but rather a piling up due to the failure of people. The economists and politicians have not been able to manipulate the wheels of economy to distribute commodities where they are in demand".

Many guesses have been made regarding the amount of frost and rain damage to Oregon's fruit crop. This past week, the crop reporting service came out with some estimates assuming that normal weather will hold now through harvest. In bushels of production of 1954 compared to 1953, there will be 43% less peaches, 54% less pears, 57% Bartlett pears, 52% less winter pears, 43% less tons of sweet cherries and 12% less tons of strawberries.

While the U. S. Production is not estimated to be down anything like Oregon, I am sure that these decreased production of fruits, will affect the average Oregon family for their winters

supply. With the retirement of Harry Lindgren, Extension Animal Husbandman, Oregon State college, on July 1st, many Oregon and Morrow County livestock men will stop to think of the contributions that Harry has made to Oregon's livestock industry during the 34 years that he has been active in livestock work, with the Oregon Extension Service. We are sure that many Morrow County livestock operators miss his good suggestions and the experiences that he has passed along to contribute towards the improvement of our livestock industry.

Nine hundred eighty three miles of county roads have just been completed spraying for Russian Thistle and other troublesome annual weeds that interfere with road maintenance. The program is a cooperative one carried out by the weed control sprayer and the county roads department. The cost per mile on both sides of the road cost \$3.94. This is the opinion of the county court is money well spent since many more times this amount could be spent in troublesome maintenance or in crews to clean up these weeds ahead of the road maintainers. Perennial noxious weed control got under way a couple of weeks ago with the

majority of these weeds now sprayed on state highway and railroad right-of-ways. Control is being carried on on all county road right-of-ways at this time. The county weed sprayer will be in a position to do some custom work for farmers who would like to control patches of perennial noxious weeds. Several farmers have made arrangements for such custom work to date. Those who wish to have work done should contact the county agent's office for the weed sprayer when it is in your community.

While we are discussing weed control, officials concerned with weed control in Sherman county visited here last week to inspect the work that is being done. They were very much impressed with the control of Russian knapweed and the program carried on for control of troublesome weed interfering with road maintenance. They have had such a program under way for several years in Sherman County and are looking for methods to improve and increase the percentage kill there. Visiting the county were the County Extension agent, county road master, and maintenance engineer of the State Highway Commission, for that area.

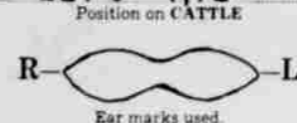
While visiting at the Frank Anderson ranch last week, some fine ranch operation practices were observed. A striking example was that of stubble mulch or commonly known as trashy fallow at this ranch. Fields of trashy fallow are few and far between in our heavier soils such as the South Heppner and Eightmile areas,

## Brand Re-Recording Streamlined To Speed Up 5-Year Renewals

### Application for Recording of Brands



Left Rib  
Position on CATTLE



Name of brand: \_\_\_\_\_  
Livestock bearing this brand will be ranged in All counties

Additional flesh marks which I use are described as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

Filed and recorded in \_\_\_\_\_  
Book \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
No. \_\_\_\_\_

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Expires \_\_\_\_\_

John R. Doe  
Print Name of Brand Owner

Name and Position of Corporation Representative

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Route 1, Box 39  
Burns, Oregon

July is independence month — and this year it's brand re-recording time in Oregon for thousands of livestock owners. To retain their present brands, owners must renew their applications every five years.

How to get this job done fast and without headaches at both ends of the line has been a perennial problem at the State Department of Agriculture. This time the department has hit upon a streamlined idea that it thinks will do the job. You see it above. It's a ready-made application blank. All the stockman needs to do is to sign his

name, draw in the earmarks used and return the form along with the recording fee. The form above will go to all stockmen of record already filled out as you see it. This particular application covers cattle; similar ones cover horses, sheep, swine and poultry. It's taken a crew at department headquarters in Salem months to get the brand applications ready for mailing. The first 2000 applications will go in the mail July 1, and 2000 more daily until mid-July. After that—well, the department's animal division hopes this will bring in the brands!

Frank is surely setting an example of the kind of trashy fallow that can be made under these conditions. His operations were carried out this year with a Graham homey plow which has been used very successfully in other parts of the county especially in the lower rainfall, lighter soil areas. However, this implement is doing a good job at the Anderson ranch. Frank is convinced that when fall comes, he will have no trouble seeding with his 15 inch drills.

Also observed was a fine seeding of grazing type alfalfas with crested wheat and intermediate wheatgrass. This field was seeded on steep land, taken out of wheat production. Frank has again this year an excellent calf crop and promises to have many good bulls, offered for sale to help improve Morrow County's livestock industry. His new commander bull purchased last winter is being used on some selected cows this year. The bull is being used only lightly as he is a 15 months old bull.

Kenneth Smouse, Ione rancher, recently marketed a small group of yearling steers and heifers that he had been feeding grain to during the winter months. The steers brought \$22.50 and \$23.50 and averaged right at 900 pounds. A lighter heifer brought \$19.50. Each year Kenneth has fed his new calves in his small herd and marketed them as fat animals. Several months ago he sold some long yearlings that had been grain fed for several months that weighed over 1200 pounds. He has been having his cracked wheat cleaned from certified grain and other lower quality grains, made into a balanced ration cube which he feeds.

Announcement has been made of the annual field day at the Sherman Branch Experiment Sta-

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times July 3, 1924.

Miss Fay Spaulding and Miss Mary Spaulding of Heppner are now in Los Angeles attending the summer session of the University of California.

The blacksmith shop on the farm of R. W. Brown, 9 miles west of Ione, took fire at about 11 o'clock on Tuesday evening and the building with its contents, together with a combine tractor standing near by were totally destroyed.

Walter LaDusire has taken over the Universal garage, formerly run by Dick Johns, and expects to take charge of the same this week.

Monday was an excessively hot day in Heppner, the thermometer standing several hours at 100 in the shade.

Noel Dobyns, son of Mrs. H. M. Olden, who has spent the past six months at Olympia, Wash., where his brother Harold Dobyns resides, has returned home to take charge of the tractor for Mr. Olden during harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pieper returned on Sunday from a visit of a week in Portland.

The Misses Odile and May Groshens returned this week from Portland and will spend their summer vacation in the city at home of their mother, Mrs. John McCullough.

Ernest Heliker and family returned this week from an extended auto tour through the eastern and southern states, covering in all some 11,000 miles.

Mrs. Jack Hynd and daughters Misses Anne and Violet of Butterly Flats, visited with Mrs. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch on Friday.

Miss Greta Misner and Mr. Holmes Gabbert were married last Saturday at the residence of the bride's parents. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. Paul De F. Mortimore.

The Misses Cleo and Ilo Merrill, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Merrill of Hardman, who have been students of the University of Oregon the past year have returned to their home for the summer vacation.

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