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A Year of Accomplishment

Outgoing chamber of commerce president Jeff Carter probably made the understatement of the year the other day when, during a year-end review of the activities of the organization for 1954, he said he was "pretty well pleased with the accomplishments for the year."

It is very seldom that any head of such an organization will pat himself on the back for what he and his committee members have accomplished, but Jeff could have gone a lot stronger than he did without anyone ever accusing him of bragging. Actually the Hepner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce has just completed one of the most outstanding years in its history.

As the year rolls by and the work of such an organization is completed and, quite often, soon forgotten, it is frequently hard to look back and outline the accomplishments, but such is not the case with the chamber this year—there have been some outstanding jobs undertaken and completed.

Without doubt the biggest task tackled this year was raising funds for the purchase and installation of lights for the Hepner rodeo field. It had been talked for at least seven years, but the job was done this year. \$10,000 was raised for the work, and through the efforts of many chamber members, the installation was made for less than \$8,000, which is, in itself, a record for such a job. Add to that, the fact that there is about \$2,000 available to start redeeming the interest-free bonds and the accomplishment is even greater, for the pay-back was started even before the lights are ready to operate.

The lights, however, are just one of the jobs the chamber has finished this year, among the others, though far from the entire list, are the series of Hepner value days selling events, which

aided in making the city a better place to shop; it raised money to send the high school band to the state basketball tournament last spring; it aided, if only minor, in getting interest started in the Cutsforth forest park; Christmas decorations were placed on Hepner streets "on time"; it provided prizes for the rodeo parade and handled its management; sponsored sale of fair buttons with the best results yet obtained; sponsored the Conservation award dinner, aided with the county picnic during the fair and rodeo, and many, many more.

Our list of accomplishments here is short compared to the full list which past-president Jeff Carter and his able committee members took on and completed during the year, and they deserve a lot of credit for a lot of jobs well done. They have helped Hepner and the whole of Morrow county too, for many of the organization's projects were for the benefit of the entire area, as they should be.

The new president, Jack Bedford, and his soon-to-be-announced committee chairman, have a real goal to shoot for in the coming year in keeping up the pace set during 1954, but Bedford is not a stranger to civic work and public relations and the list of accomplishments at the end of his term will probably rival that of the past year. The job of a chamber of commerce is never done, and regardless of what is finished, it is always only a start on what must be done. With everybody's help the coming year can well be the biggest ever... and everybody can gain from its accomplishments.

Jeff Carter this week stepped down from office, and he did it, we know, with a feeling of satisfaction, but it is easily understood why he was heard to say, "This year I'm going to work a little bit for J. C. Penney."

relieve the surplus-grain condition.

Everything is shaping up well for the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association. It will be held on Thursday and Friday, January 13 and 14. The first day's program to be held at the fair pavilion will feature a panel discussion of Morrow county's meat and livestock marketing problems while the demonstration on meat cutting, grading, identification, wrapping for freezer and cookery is expected to bring out many farm and townspeople during the afternoon of the 13th. The film, "The American Cowboy" which is said to be most excellent will be shown at 1:00 p. m. that day. The business meeting on the 14th will feature several speakers along with committee reports and election of officers for the new year. It will be held at the Elks Lodge room beginning at 10:00 a. m. The social hour beginning at 5:30 with the Hepner Branch of the First National Bank of Portland, as hosts and the annual banquet at 6:30 at the fair pavilion, followed by the annual Cowboy Shuffle, should attract many.

January is a busy month for farmers with many commodity organization meetings including the annual meeting of many of these as well as other educational get-togethers. An important schedule of meetings were recently approved by Frank Anderson, chairman of the Morrow County Wheatgrowers Association, who is cooperating with the Extension service in holding wheat policy meeting in our wheat communities during the week of January 17. Meetings are tentatively scheduled to get underway on January 18, following a training meeting for those working with

WASHINGTON AND "SMALL BUSINESS" By C. WILSON HARDER

Geographically, it's a long way from Dixie to the Far West. Yet, spiritually, there is so close a tie one can almost hear the rebel yell in the West.

This fact probably answers inquiries as to why so many political non-conformists come out of West and South. It is not by accident, Sen. William Knowland (Calif.), party leader is departing from party lines, nor an accident Sen. Wayne Morse (Ore.) is independent; neither is fact for first time a senator, Siroon Thurmond (S. C.) was elected by write-in votes.



There is a deep seated growing revolt in under developed states of West and South against continued encroachments of Federal government into state affairs especially Federal taxing revenue sources rightfully belonging to local governments.

In a few days, many state legislatures convene. Pressing problem in state capitals will be raising revenues.

Due to population expansions in these states, money is needed principally for schools and highways. Yet problem is finding some revenue source federal government hasn't already grabbed to finance monstrous foreign give-away programs.

For example, only 32 states levy sales tax, but 7 out of 11 Western states have one, and Oregon is due for one early in the year. All 11 Southern states have a sales tax. Only 32 states have state income taxes, but 10 out of 11 Western states have one, all 11 Southern states have

one. While State gasoline taxes average 4.83c per gallon, in West average is 5.5c per gallon, in South 6.5c per gallon, on top of national gasoline tax.

And even though states need more revenue, it is difficult to further tax real estate.

That is because Federally owned lands cannot be locally taxed, and in West Federal government holds on with stubborn determination to 54.5% of all land, 88.5% of all rural lands.

Thus, over half the land which under private ownership would help support local costs is held by Federal government. Neither can most states further tax industry without ruining them.

Many basic Western industries such as wool, metals and lumber already fight for existence against cheap foreign competition permitted by reciprocal trade treaties, other tariff cutting dodges. For example, Philippine mahogany plywood, presumably a semi-luxury item, is being shipped in by Japan and sold in Western markets for less than same product made from native Western soft-woods.

Possibly, as situation worsens, Western and Southern states can get Federal aid and thus recapture pittance of money that should have gone to states in first place.

But sovereign states are reluctant to go hat in hand to Washington. It smacks too much of pawn shop financing. In 1952 West went solidly for a change from twenty year trend and solid South broke over the same reason. Yet no appreciable change has been noted. And that's why Congress finds Westerners standing up with Southerners for a long, loud rendition of the rebel yell.

these meetings to be held at Arlington on January 17. Oregon State College extension service, the Oregon Wheat Growers League and the county associations are planning the county meetings on this date. The Morrow County schedule calls for a meeting at Pine City on the afternoon of the 18th. One at Lone, the evening of the 18th, at Hepner on the afternoon of the 19th, and at Lexington, the evening of the 19th. The meetings are scheduled to begin at 1:30 in the afternoon and 7:30 in the evenings. At these meetings the wheat problem will be discussed with a thorough explanation of the present farm program and alternative programs, how they would affect farmer, industry, etc. Those present will get a chance to discuss each of these programs and indicate the kind they would like to have.

Another important meeting, scheduled for the afternoon of January 21, is the Morrow County Land Use Committee which will meet to discuss the aspects of the Small Watersheds Act, the Soil and Water Conservation Loan provision, and the Interim Committee report of the Governor's

Water Research Committee. This group was active last year in adopting and presenting recommendations on Morrow County's water resources to this Interim Committee. Further particulars will appear in this column.

JACK FLUG TO SPEAK SUNDAY EVENING

Jack Flug, county superintendent of schools, will speak at the Christian church next Sunday evening. An interesting talk on education and religion is in prospect.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Thompson and daughters Judy and Janet of Pendleton, were visiting in Hepner Tuesday and Wednesday.



PRE LEGISLATURE AFFAIRS

When the House of Representatives comes to order January 10 there will be Democrats all over the place—there are enough of them this session for just that. A new seating arrangement will break up groups heretofore bunched together.

Dr. F. H. Dammasch (Rep. Mult) who has taken over the seating arrangement says sectional delegations will not be seated in their usual blocks in the house this year. Senior members, however, will get first choice of seats.

The Multnomah county delegation will be seated eight on each side of the room. Other delegations will be similarly separated.

An alternative of a sales tax is one of the principal objectives of

a committee set up by the state central committee of the Democratic Party. Howard Morgan, state chairman, has named a legislative steering committee with Sen. Robert Holmes of Gearhart as chairman.

"The party wants an organization within the legislature which can screen, criticize and perfect the few proposals which the party may wish to present to the legislature," Morgan said.

Other members are, Sen. Monroe Sweetland, Milwaukie; Rep. Alfred Corbett, Portland; Rep. R. R. Klemsen, St. Helens; Rep. Robert J. Steward, Keating; Oscar Continued on page 7

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Thursday-Friday-Saturday, January 6-7-8
OVERLAND PACIFIC
Western, in color, starring Jack Mahoney of TV and Rodeo Show fame, with Peggie Castle, Adele Jergens and William Bishop.

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