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The President

Ever since last Saturday's shocking announcement that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack his health and condition has been among the top subjects of discussion among a big share of all Americans. And though he may be berated by political opponents on issues, the President of the United States, be he a Democrat or a Republican is looked up to, respected and loved by all people, regardless of party.

That American citizens are first of all Americans, was again proven this week when political friend and foe alike called for prayers by the people asking for Ike's quick and complete recovery.

How important the President is to this country we believe is well illustrated by this following excerpt from an editorial release of last week by the Industrial News Review. It came out just one week prior to Eisenhower's sudden illness.

"As a general principle, practically everyone agrees that there is no such thing as an indispensable man. As a practical matter, however, any GOP political strategist, in a frank mood, would tell you that there is one man who comes mighty close to being indispensable and his name is Dwight D. Eisenhower.

"All kinds of polls and surveys and studies have been made in preparation for the crucial 1956 general election. Most, if not all, have come to the same conclusions. One conclusion is that President Eisenhower, the individual, is far more popular than the Republican party, the institution. Another is that, as of now at any rate, he could

defeat any potential Democrat candidate in pretty much of a walk. A third is that no other Republican in the public eye has anything resembling the President's popular standing. It is not an exaggeration to say that many of the most experienced political observers are convinced that without Eisenhower there will be a Democratic sweep next year—while, with Eisenhower, the Republicans will certainly keep the Presidency and very possibly regain control of Congress.

"The opinion is general that, even though it may go against his personal desires, the President will run. The Democratic leadership believe that. Its present strategy, therefore, is inevitably devoted to seeking issues that are not only anti-Republican, but which will undermine the President's personal popularity and weaken public confidence in his policies and his abilities."

The above is in a political vein, as has been the comment appearing recently about the President and it is only logical and normal in this country with election only a year away. Discussions of that type seem very inappropriate at such a time, yet the extent to which political decisions in this country are felt around the world is great. Too, the affairs, and problems and business of the world go right on regardless of whether this country has a hand in the outcome.

Whether President Eisenhower now can and will again be a candidate for the present office we certainly can't say, yet there can be no question but that his present illness will be a major factor in his final decision—a decision that he alone can make.

Whatever the answer, we join the millions who are hoping for his speedy recovery.

From Files of the Gazette Times
October 1, 1925
Jack French is champion buckaroo and best all-round cowboy at the Heppner rodeo.

Fire destroyed the big residence of Pyle and Grimes at Parkers Mill early Wednesday forenoon, word reached Heppner about ten o'clock to that effect.

The Misses Alma and Leora Devin departed Sunday for Monmouth where they will enter the State Normal for the fall and winter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McNamer entertained quite a number of visitors during the Rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Whittington of Bend, arrived in Heppner on Friday taking in two days of the Rodeo.

Mrs. Phill Cohn and daughter Eleanor were in Heppner for the last day of the Rodeo.

T. H. Lowe, and Roy Scott spent a short time in the city on Monday.

This crop cannot be expected to do much better in average years. Several are talking of seeding their land down to grass and alfalfa as a soil conserving measure, feeling that the cost of farming the land each year will soon eat up any profits that might be gained by a good crop of barley every few years. They feel that grass and alfalfa, while conserving the soil, will provide hay or pasture that will equal income from substitute crops. Other farmers are talking of seeding grain for hay to produce some of the hay shortage that we are having here in the county, while others are looking for newer substitutes for wheat.

Farmers who grew safflower this year are pretty well satisfied with this crop even though the production in pounds per acre was low. With a contract price of \$72 per ton F. O. B. Vancouver, the crop averaged close to the income per acre from barley. With barley piling up and a great demand for safflower, it appears that this crop might have more possibilities for Morrow county than at first was thought. A group of farmers growing safflower last year, with the county agent, met with Dr. Carl Claassen, of the Pacific Oil Seeds Co. who contracted for safflower this year. At this meeting at Pendleton last week the group convinced Dr. Claassen that this was a poor year for testing the yield of safflower



FARMS BIGGER, FEWER
If this keeps up until 1956 Oregon will be just one big farm. Preliminary reports from the

1954 federal census of agriculture indicate that farms in Oregon are bigger and fewer than they were in 1950. Notations on Lincoln County show the number of farms dropped from 856 to 677, while the average acreage increased from 137.4 to 155.5. Benton County reported 1,153 farms last year compared with 1,293 in 1950. The average acreage rose from 178.2 to 185.9.

Farmers who are interested should contact this office early, so that it might be determined how much interest there is in the crop. This year's production in eastern Washington and Oregon is being assembled at Vancouver for a direct shipment to Japan. The crop here in Morrow county produced from 250 to approximately 450 pounds per acre, with one of the better fields having harvested at this time. No yield has been determined for this field yet. Those farmers who met with Dr. Claassen the past week were: Kenneth Smouse, Kenneth Peck, and Ted Palmateer.

The volume of livestock marketing is shown by U. S. D. A. Slaughter Reports. Total livestock slaughter during the first seven months of 1955 was 6% above last year's record. Pork output was up 13%, beef up 2%, and mutton and lamb up 5%. Veal production was down 3%. Here in Oregon, pork output was up 19% and cattle slaughter was up nearly 4%. Calf slaughter was down 9% and sheep and lamb was down more than 16%.

between the state and local governments. "Too much stress in the past has been placed on the state and not enough on local taxes," he said.

The committee stressed that the director contact large state activities, such as the liquor commission, state welfare commission and educational agencies to determine, if possible, their anticipated revenues and future expenditures.

PRAISE FOR THE PUBLIC
Probably not often enough does a state department head give a laudatory interview about the public he works for unless he is up for reelection or reappointment.

State Forester George Spaur who has resigned and goes to far away Pakistan next week to do a forestry job there thinks that a growing public responsibility to forests was largely responsible for the unusually low number of man-caused fires recently.

Spaur pointed out that during the severe dry spell of mid-September none of the many serious forest fires in the state were caused by man. All the bad ones were brought on by lightning strikes. He was speaking of the 13,000,000 acres of forest protected by the state forestry department.

TAX STUDY CHIEF
The 1955 Legislature's interim tax study committee Saturday selected T. A. Lindstrom to act as full-time director at an annual salary of \$10,000.

For the past seven years Lindstrom has been in charge of the tax research division of the State Tax Commission.

Sen. Phil Lowry, Medford, advised a projection of future tax requirements and the separation of tax revenues and expenditures

And there were a lot of campers, sportsmen and picnickers in the woods too", he said.

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Executive committeemen of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, Wheat Commission members and county chairmen of the various Wheat Growers Assn. met last week at Pendleton in an interesting worthwhile get together. Chairman, Kenneth Smouse did a fine job in conducting the meeting for the day and in covering the detailed agenda.

During the day, county chairmen met with the state standing committee chairmen in the various committees. Topics were discussed that were most pertinent and which might be carried back to counties for their fall

meeting. Reports were made by the wheat disposal and Transportation, production and land use, youth activities, domestic wheat utilization, federal agriculture programs, and taxation and legislation committees. Plans were made for holding the various fall meetings of the county wheat growers associations.

Morrow county was especially interested in the plans for the annual meetings which will be held at Pendleton on December 8, 9, and 10. Morrow county are hosts this year for the annual meeting and will be active in

carrying out various phases of the social and business part of the annual convention. Those attending the meeting from Morrow county were Kenneth Smouse, president; Al Bunch, chairman, Conservation Man of the Year committee; Donald Peterson, vice chairman, production and land use committee; Glen Campbell, vice chairman, taxation and legislation committee; Oregon Wheat Growers League; Frank Anderson, chairman; Kenneth Peck, vice chairman; Milton Morgan, chairman, production and land use committee; Mrs. Glen Campbell, chairman, domestic wheat utilization committee; Vernon Munkers, chairman, federal agricultural programs committee; Mrs. Vernon Munkers, visitor, and N. C. Anderson, secretary, Morrow County Wheat Growers Assn.

A few weeks ago we commented on the sanitary requirements of the food and drug administration on wheat going as human food. Food and drug administration will tighten sanitary requirements even more next July. Wheat will be condemned if it has one or more rodent pellets per pint or 1% or more of insect damaged kernels. This is just the current allowance. This means that wheat which is under storage now, if delivered after July 1 next year, will need to be clean enough to meet these requirements. If it is not, the grain will have to move at feed prices and farmers will take a considerable discount. It might be well to check a little closer on rodent and bird proofing of the bins on your farm.

There is a lot of discussion these days by farmers as to what they will grow on their diverted acres in 1956. Many farmers are a bit unhappy with this year's barley yield and many feel that



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