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A Chance to Help Ourselves

Judge Robert Lytle of Vale hit on a major problem Monday when he told the chamber of commerce that a local committee is needed to develop and correlate the water use and conservation projects of Morrow county. He said in effect . . . "If you don't know yourself what you want done how can you expect anyone else to know or to help you."

Judge Lytle's statements were made at a joint meeting of the chamber of commerce and the Upper Columbia River Basin Commission and they are reported in a news story elsewhere in today's paper. He made plain a fact that we all know—yet possibly don't realize the importance of—that "water is our most important asset, especially east of the Cascades." It takes only very little thought to definitely establish the truth of that statement.

The farmers of our county worry constantly about water—either the lack of it or its overabundance at times—yet things haven't gotten really bad enough in recent years to force the taking of some action. Judge Lytle's proposal that some planning be done now attempts to answer, at least in part, a problem BEFORE it becomes serious.

The lack of water is the big trouble anywhere in Eastern Oregon and how serious it may become in the near future is proven by the increasing amount of irrigation and the general lowering of the water table in the county which is causing heavy producing wells of former years to drop to dangerous levels in some places. As irrigation increases, as it is bound to, water will become shorter for there is only so much usable

water here specially when much of it escapes to the Columbia during the heavy runoff period. There are many old water rights on Willow creek and its tributaries whose owners are not getting what they are entitled to. By the same token there are quite several ranchers along the streams who are using water to which they are not entitled. The holders of valid water rights haven't complained too loudly in the past because they haven't been hurt too badly—they got enough to get by—but let one or two really dry seasons befall us and these men would put up a cry. And, who could blame them?

The commandment, "Love Thy Neighbor" might well lose some of its power when a rancher with good water rights had to see his crops and cattle dieing for lack of moisture while his neighbor up-stream with little or no rights, was using his water.

There is much that Morrow county could do to protect and conserve its water and few will question the need. The proposal that a committee be formed now which would become a part of an organization which has done much along this line, deserves the support of everyone in this county—businessmen as well as farmers, for they all have an equal stake in the ultimate production of our land. Just what needs to be done will be the job of that committee to determine. After that is known, the "how" can be considered. Without doubt a lot of words will be spoken and a lot of water will flow under the bridges over our streams and into the Columbia before anything concrete can be developed, but talk is cheap. Lets start talking, and planning now before the real pinch comes. It's lots easier to reason before we get hurt than afterwards.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times November 12, 1925

Heppner high school football team was complimented with a luncheon by Heppner businessmen at the Elkhorn restaurant last evening in honor of the team's successful season nearly completed.

Mrs. Vivian Kane is back at her old position in the sheriff's office for a time, coming up from her home in Portland this morning to assist during the tax rush.

Ben Morgan and wife and Al Troedson and wife were Morgan people in the city Saturday afternoon, attending the meeting of Rebekahs, as representatives of the Morgan lodge.

Cecil Lutkins, farmer of Eight Mile, was doing business in this city Saturday.

A carload of new model Fords, consisting of sedan, coupe, roadster, and touring cars arrived this week at Latourel Auto Co.

Morrow county entries in the Northwest Hay and Grain show held in Portland last week won six premiums in competition with grain from Montana, Washington, Idaho and Oregon. The awards for this county were as follows: Ida Peterson, lone, tenth on White Club; J. M. Batty, Hardman, fourth on Hard Red Spring; Gene Gray, Lexington, fourth on Hard Red Winter; Ray Wright, Hardman, fifth on Hard Red Winter; R. A. Thompson, Heppner first on Fortyfold and Floyd Adams, Hardman, second on Fortyfold.

and Wildlife Service for a period of July 1 to September 30, 1955 shows that in Morrow County predators are still causing stock and game losses. During this period there were five sheep killed by bear, three by coyote. Thirty chickens were killed by badger, eighteen by raccoon, one turkey by raccoon. These losses were reported by Carl McDaniel, local Fish and Wildlife Service trapper.

Offers to supply 122 million pounds of all purpose wheat flour and 8.2 million pounds of corn meal for needy persons, including those in disaster areas, have been requested by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The commodities will be purchased and distributed under Public Law 311, passed by the 84th Congress and approved last summer. The wheat flour to be packed in 10 pound paper bags and the corn meal to be packed in 5 pound paper bags will be for distribution to 27 needy states. The products will be made available to needy persons in these states which have special specifically requested programs. Under the law, state and public welfare agencies determine the eligibility of persons to receive flour and meal. The law is in effect for a two year period, ending June 15, 1957.

A summary of the Noxious Weed Control program carried out in Morrow county for 1955 shows that 1350 gallons of 2,4D were applied on Railroad, State Highway, County Roads, and Farmer Custom application during the year. One hundred eleven gallons of this was used on the railroad, 281 gallons on state highway, 144 gallons on farmer custom spraying, 472 gallons on county roadsides for annual weed control with 342 gallons on the county roads for perennial noxious weed control. The program continued for six months. Eight thousand, one-hundred sixty-four miles were driven with the county weed sprayer using 1524 gallons of gas and 8 gallons of oil. In addition 11 colonies of Chrysolina beetles for the control of Goatweed were gathered on Cabbage Hill in Umatilla county and distributed in heavy infestation of goatweed in the Butter Creek area. This brings to a total 23 colonies of beetles that have been released in that area. A checkup of the beetles reveal that they are doing a good job in control and are multiplying rapidly. While a \$7500 budget is set up by the County Court for weed control in Morrow county only a portion of this is actually used as much of it is returned

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

While it is a bit late for use this year, it should be pointed out to farmers that the new smut control treatment HCB, is definitely recommended for use at the rate of one ounce of the 40% material per bushel. Some inquiries were received at the office relative to this recommendation, after material was purchased with a half-ounce per bushel recommended dosage on the package. Research data clearly shows that one-half ounce is not sufficient to get good control of soil-borne smut, although apparently good control of seed-borne smut

can be obtained by one-half ounce. There is no apparent danger from putting too much of this material on, for even at rates up to eight ounces per bushel there has been absolutely no reduction in germination in stand. Some of our wheat growing livestock men are also interested in HCB when they have found that it is very nontoxic to animals. While it is not recommended that it be used as feed, it has been found that if it is accidentally used there has been no apparent ill effects.

Each rat costs you two dollars

a year to feed and is likely to contaminate at least another twenty dollars worth of grain. Now is the time to start a rodent program around your farm buildings. In late fall rodents move into buildings for shelter, food and water. Warfarin is the bait recommended for complete rat control around your farm. It is available at drug stores and hardware stores in this area.

Government pork purchases will be made in the form of processed meat, not in the live hog or fresh pork market it was announced this week. The program is designed to buy high quality shoulder ham and loin cuts from top grade light hogs. The specifications call for pork to come from hogs weighing under 210 pounds. The main items purchased will be luncheon meat, canned pork and gravy, cured smoked hams and lard. School lunch programs will get a lot of these products. The program calls for the buying of 175,000,000 pounds of pork and 25,000,000 pounds of lard. This is a little less than one week's slaughter at this time of year. Latest figures available show a weekly total of 190,000,000 pounds of pork and 45,000,000 pounds of lard. The purchase program will cost around \$85,000,000.

The first recorded agricultural production in Oregon was at Oak Point, Clatsop County in 1810 when a crop of potatoes and some other vegetables were grown.

Last month seventeen herds of cattle containing 358 head were tested for Bangs Disease. There were four reactors, with 1.11 percent reactors. Fourteen heifer calves were vaccinated. Forty-three cattle were tested for T. B. with no infection found.

In a recent report of the Fish



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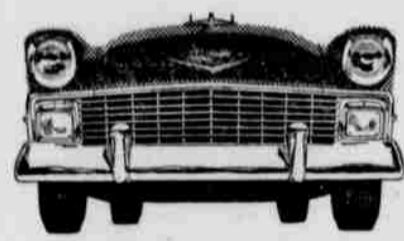
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