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A Senator of Our Own

Probably one of the most important items to come before the people of Oregon at next fall's general election, especially to the people east of the Cascades will be the proposed measure calling for the "Federal Plan" of reapportionment for Oregon. That initiative measure will be on the ballot if enough signatures are obtained on petitions now in circulation—and it appears that the required number certainly will be gotten.

Much noise against the measure has come from the Portland area which, under the Federal Plan would have one senator, like every other county, rather than the eight it will probably have by 1960 under the present reapportionment setup. Some complaint on such a proposal can be expected, but it has been of interest to us to note in recent weeks that support has been showing up, too. And, in counties which might stand to lose a senator under the proposal.

Recently the Stayton Mail, a weekly paper at Stayton in Marion county which could have two senators by 1960 under the present plan, has again editorialized on the side of the Federal plan. Their editorial, which shows a clearer concept of the representation problem in sparsely settled Eastern Oregon than many others we have seen, is reprinted in part. It said:

"Our national senate is membered by two senators for each state—no more, none less. New York and Nevada, each have equal representation. Therefore, why the fuss over Oregon counties having one senator each?"

"We know for sure that quality of government would not suffer one iota under one senator per county apportionment. Many of the state's outstanding leaders have come from the sparsely settled areas.

"The fact that they come from sparsely populated areas often has made them more representative of all the people because they have been free of the terrific pressures that are usually most pronounced in the cities. Our nation's founders recognized this factor when they provided for area representation in one house of the congress."

We in Morrow county are already feeling the effects of re-apportionment as it is now done. In 1952 Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties had one joint senator. By 1955 Morrow county was in

one large district composed of Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler, Sherman, Hood River, Wasco counties, and we have one senator. By 1960 our district will probably include Morrow, Grant, Wheeler, Gilliam, Sherman and Wasco counties. In other words, as population increases in the state, we who live in the more sparsely settled sections will continually find our districts getting larger and our representation farther from us. The Federal Plan will change the pattern.

The plan needs all the support it can get if it is to gain acceptance over the objections of the heavily populated sections of the state. If you have an opportunity to talk it up to residents in other parts of Oregon, do it. If the proposal is to win, it will be by very few votes and it could well be that the handful of people you might convert to the plan's justness and logic, could be the difference between a winning or a losing fight.

Odd Ends

Here around Heppner we have been doing plenty of growing about the tough winter, and it's been sort of a stinker all right, but if we will just look around us we'll find our often-used "banana belt" claim still carries a lot of weight.

As proof, take this note we received from our Monument correspondent this week. She said, "Well, I see you folks out there have plenty of water and so forth, but ours is SNOW AND WIND. Drifts so fast at times the snowplows can't keep the roads open. The stage was till midnight the 24th getting in when it should have been here by 3:30 or 4 in the afternoon. Worst its been in 19 years. I know, because I was living here that winter—no mail at all for weeks."

We'll have to admit we've had the edge on the weather, but even if it was late, Monument has something that we can't get here in Heppner. They have a stage.

Looks to us like Oregon's two senators could find something better to complain about than the fact that a couple of corporations got together and decided to build a new paper mill in the state. If it should come to a choice between a mill and the two senators we'd gladly trade two for one.

From Files of the Gazette Times
March 4, 1926

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson were in Heppner on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall entertained with a turkey dinner on Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Uhland and children of Laredo, Kansas.

George Swaggart, former resident of Heppner, was over from his Pendleton home and spent Monday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Balsiger of Ione and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Keller of Lexington attended the anniversary program and banquet of Doric Lodge No. 20, K of P, on Sunday evening.

This paper is informed that arrangements are being made to start work at once on the Hardman-Spray road by the federal road bureau.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter LaDusire spent several days in Portland the past week, where Mr. LaDusire attended a meeting of the Chrysler organization.

Forty of the wool producers and others interested in the sheep industry in this vicinity were brought together in this city on Wednesday afternoon to consider matters of interest pertaining to their business and to meet with President K. G. Warner and Secretary Hugh Sprout of the Oregon Woolgrowers association.

south only 45.7% of the cows bred weaned calves which means that each year more than two cows are retained in order to produce one calf. But it would be impossible to summarize everything in the bulletin. While I only have one copy in my office, they can be ordered for 30c per copy. Anyone who might be interested should leave their name with me and an order for the bulletin will be made up.

While a more complete report of the conservation tour, held on Monday of this week will be found in this paper, it is fitting

to comment briefly here on the event. The tour could be judged a success in the interest, especially compared with recent years. Attendance at the luncheon, at which the Heppner-Morrow Chamber of Commerce were hosts exceeded expectations, while those taking part in the tour approximated fifty. Some very good comparisons were made upon the tour which favored stubble mulch farming, contour operations, early seeding made possible by deep furrow drilling and strip cropping. A number of farmers on the tour, who visited at the office at the end of the tour, were well pleased with the soil protection afforded by strip cropping at the Paul Brown and Alvin Bunch ranches. If any one thing was evident on the tour, it was that one or two conservation practices are not enough in a year such as we have had this winter and that a complete conservation plan must be used on the farm.

4-H Club members Kit and David George have set a record for lamb production this year. From three ewes, they have seven lambs, which would give them a 233.3% lamb crop, one that is hard to beat.

Hardly a week passes but what the quality of Morrow county livestock is recognized. Last week we reported on a Columbia Ewe, this week it is Hereford cattle. Don Robinson of Kirk and Robinson was busy last week with two registered Hereford show and sales, one at Yakima and one at Pendleton. They were the Columbia Empire Polled Hereford sale and the Blue Tag show and sale. At the Yakima show, five head of Herefords consigned by Kirk and Robinson placed in the top three placings within their class. Grand Champion female of the show was consigned by them. At the Blue Tag show, reserve Champion bull was Kirk and Robinson consignment. Don is busy grooming for the Oregon Polled Hereford show and sale to be held in Redmond, March 2nd and 3rd. Kirk and Robinson will consign five head as will Floyd Worden, Heppner. Our livestock men were taking advantage of these good cattle consigned, too.

While I had the opportunity to spend but a few minutes at the Blue Tag sale in Pendleton last Thursday, while there, I saw a top quality bull purchased by Alec Lindsay, Lexington, and inspected a couple of bulls with Bill Smethurst, Heppner, which he was interested in bidding on.

IONE NEWS

Mrs. Dale Ray received word of the death of her sister, Mrs. Alta Head in Missouri last week. Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor,

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. James Lindsay and Mr. and Mrs. William Smethurst, members of Locust chapter Order of Eastern Star, attended a reception in Pendleton Saturday evening honoring Lloyd K. McRea of Helix, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter. The reception was held in Vert Memorial club room with Umatilla county chapters acting as hosts. Mr. and Mrs. McRea will spend most of this year's term of office visiting Eastern Star chapters all over the world.

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County Agent's News

By N. C. Anderson

A number of Morrow county livestock men have commented, the last month, on the American National Cattleman's Association study on problems and practices of the American cattleman. This study, which has been briefly reported in a number of

the livestock journals and farm magazines, presented some startling facts of the livestock industry. A survey was made by the research committee of that association and was aimed at securing from cattlemen, the necessary information through which to pinpoint the problems of the nation's beef cattle industry and to map the industry's future in

research and education. The American National, in cooperation with the Washington State college, used questionnaires to gather information from 1,588 operators covering 502,616 head of cattle. Over 75% of the cattleman receiving questionnaires responded. Of the operators surveyed, 8.9% were purebred breeders, while 91.0% were commercial operators. The survey was judged by those who have considerable experiences with questionnaires, as one of the most successful ever made.

A complete report of the findings is now available in a bulletin of eighty-nine pages. It is very interesting reading and perhaps contains a more complete resume of livestock management problems and practices than anything published. The report covers diseases and parasites, feeding, grading, management, marketing information and research. One of the segments of this report which we have heard much discussion on, is that of the average calving record of cattlemen. The report pointed out that of the cows and heifers bred for 1954 calving, only 79.5% dropped live calves. It was also found that of all cows and heifers bred, only 62.7% weaned off calves which means there was an appalling calf loss of 21% between birth and weaning. The west had a little better average than the nation, in that 67.2% calves were weaned. In the



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Do-It-Whose-Self?

Monk McCarthy's almost as good at publicity stunts as he is at servicing and repairing cars—which is pretty darned good.

His latest gimmick is a hand-bill titled: "Do-It-YOURSELF! Why Not Grease Your Own Car?" Then he follows with two paragraphs about all the greases you'll need—the full set of wrenches, spray gun, grease gun, four jacks—the ability to work flat on your back with a face full of goo. And at the very end there's this line: "Or, if that's too much trouble, we'll do the job for 75¢."

From where I sit, I'll have to admit Monk's schemes attract attention. They often seem far-fetched to me, but he and I always had different opinions on how to run a business—just as we have different opinions about what's the best beverage. He likes hot tea—I prefer a glass of beer—which doesn't keep us from having a "smooth-running" friendship.

Joe Marsh

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STAR THEATER, Heppner

Admission Prices: Adults 70c. Students 50c. Children 20c including Federal Tax. All children occupying seats must buy tickets. Sunday shows continuous from 4 p. m. Other evenings start at 7:30. Boxoffice open until 9 p. m. Telephone 6-9278.

We're so proud of our actionful double-bill program on March 1-2-3 we want to Roar like a Lion!

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Sunday-Monday, March 4-5

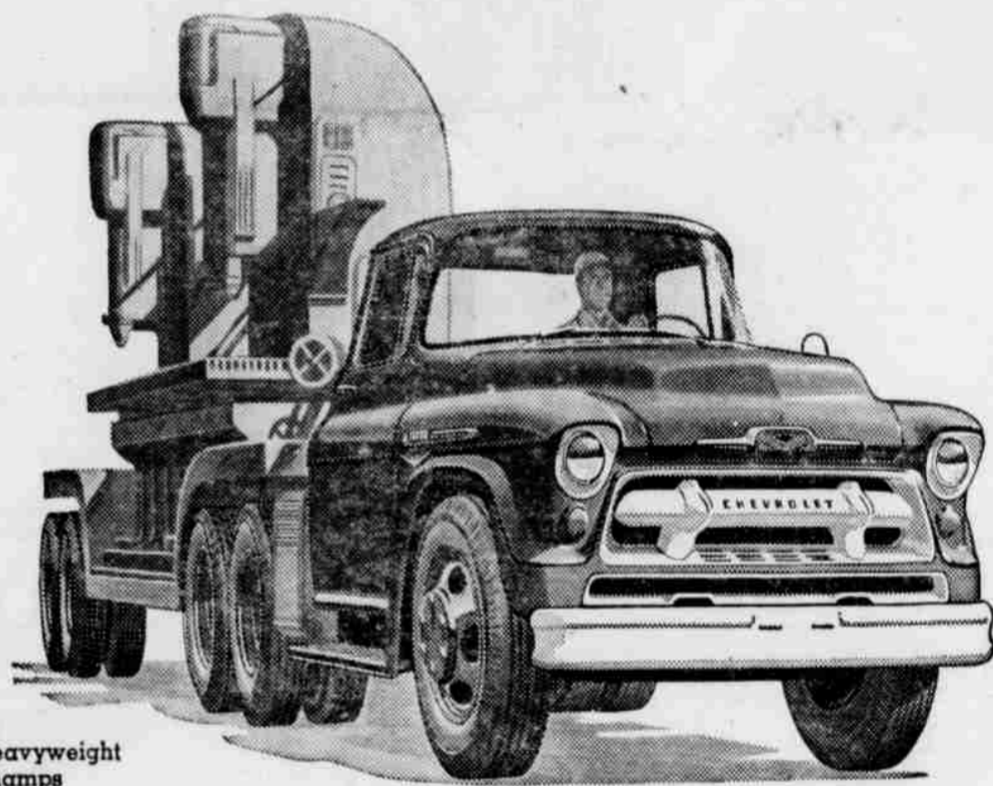
THREE STRIPES IN THE SUN

Aldo Ray, Phil Carey, Dick York and pretty Mitsuko Kimura. O'Reilly was a different guy after he met the girl in the pink kimono. An extremely appealing comedy-drama has been made from this true story based on one of New Yorker magazine's "fact" pieces—filmed mostly in Japan. Excellent short subjects too! Sunday shows at 4, 6:15 and 8:30

Tuesday-Wednesday, March 6-7

THE DESPERATE HOURS

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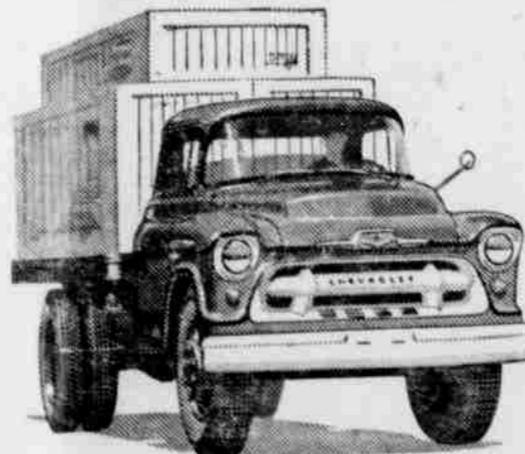
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