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### Odd Ends

Hepner and all of Morrow county join with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wright in congratulating and being mighty proud of their daughter Patsy. Her appearance on the nation-wide television program, Voice of Firestone, Monday night marked the first time anyone from this area, has been so honored, and it is a compliment to the 4-H leaders of Morrow county that one of their girls was chosen to represent all the 4-H club girls of the nation.

Patsy's poise and confidence before the cameras is ample proof of the value of the training that 4-H boys and girls get.

The fair board ought to be happy too, for it isn't every county fair that gets a nation-wide plug for its show such as Queen Patsy gave ours Monday.

The long-dormant plan for a dam on Willow creek came to the front again this week when J. O. Turner, a member of the county water resources committee, told the chamber of commerce

that prospects are brighter than at any time in recent years. He pointed out the state water resources board is offering its aid, but the most important need is for a general agreement among those persons who will benefit from such a dam, just what type of program they would favor and if they really want it.

There is probably no single project which could mean so much to the economy of the county, yet there has been a decided lack of interest among a big share of the residents. The plan presented in past years, as we understand it, was quite nebulous and left a lot of questions unanswered, and at the present time the same is still true, but the county water resources committee is tackling the job with vigor and with the help of residents a workable plan certainly can be developed that will benefit everyone in this area.

The committee will hold another meeting in the near future and it is hoped that a good attendance will show that there is interest in getting an irrigation and flood control dam built.

Water is this area's most important problem. A start on solving that problem shouldn't be delayed any longer.

From Files of the Gazette Times

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"Hole in one!" Whether or not there is a heaven in the hereafter, it is true none could bring greater state of elation to a golfer than this accomplishment. So, of course, Ed Bennett has been walking on air after his feat last evening.

Frank S. Parker is leaving this weekend for a visit with his mother at the old home in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohn and Mrs. Frances Rood departed on Sunday morning in the Cohn car for an extended auto trip that will take them away from Hepner for a period of a few weeks.

Mrs. G. C. Aiken is in receipt of word this week from her son, Cyrus W. Aiken, who is at present located at Amarillo, Texas, and engaged in the selling of real estate with J. W. Crudginton, owner and developer of suburban property.

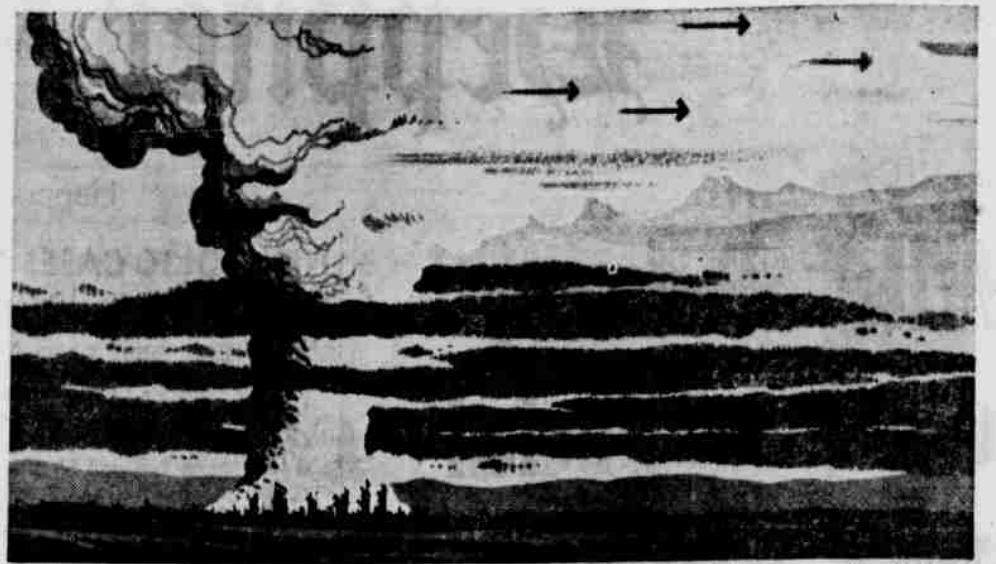
David Wilson and family returned Tuesday from Ritter.

Mrs. Lenore Taylor and son Jack of Berkeley, California, were visitors in Hepner during the past week, guests at the home of Mrs. Lena Coleman.

tion that the increase would be retained, although fluctuating with rice production.

Another favorable factor was the tremendous increase in the population—it is estimated that every ten years there will be a 180 million more mouths to feed in Asia and it appears doubtful that food production can be increased to meet these demands. The team worked in Japan, Hong Kong, Philippines, Singapore, Indonesia, Ceylon, India and Pakistan and found definite encouragement in some countries where wheat was being adapted to the food habits in rice eating areas. The Oregon wheat groups played an important roll in the introduction last year of a new wheat food called Bulgur wheat, a popular wheat dish in the middle east for centuries. It is made by boiling, drying and cracking the wheat, resulting in a product that is high in food value, yet is easy to prepare into a tasty dish of high nutritional value—cooking time only fifteen minutes. The biggest program to increase consumption of wheat by Asiatic peoples is that under way in Japan, already the Northwest's biggest foreign wheat customer, which is also believed to have the greatest immediate development potential.

The wheat team has been in Japan for months working out eleven promotional projects, contracts for four of which have just been signed. Wheat promotion efforts of the Oregon Wheat Growers League at the 15-day International Trade Fair in Osaka, Japan, during April turned out to be almost too successful. The exhibit was literally mobbed by crowds of Japanese. On the final day, in fact, more than 100 police had to be called out to keep the thousands of people from completely over-running the wheat exhibit. As part of the five-unit exhibit, baking demon-



FALLOUT CLOUD could look much like this artist's conception following an attack on a target city, such as the 76 target areas which will be assumed hit during Operation Alert, 1956 (July 20-26). Radioactive dust in the bomb's mushroom could be blown 200 miles or more downwind from the blast area, covering the countryside with radioactive material which for days could bring injury or possibly death to anyone not under cover. In rural areas, a basement, root cellar or "cyclone shelter" would be the best shield from radiation. Such a shelter should have food and water for at least seven days, and a battery-operated standard radio to receive emergency instructions from civil defense broadcasts. (FCDA Photo)



Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton has asked the Oregon Supreme Court to halt construction of Pelton dam on the Deschutes river by Portland General

strations of cake mixes made a big impression on the Japanese public, millers and bakers, as did the scones, sweet breads and other baked goods. A Japanese home economist and four assistants spent full time preparing and explaining dishes made from Ala, the new Bulgar wheat food. Some 100,000 sweet rolls, countless thousands of samples of Ala and recipe folders printed in Japanese were distributed during the fair. Twice as many people visited the exhibit as had been expected. As we said, the work of the Oregon wheat people, coupled with efforts of government agencies is a bright example of what should and can be done toward promotion of world trade."

Electric Co., as it is in violation of state laws.

The company is going ahead with construction on a license from the federal power commission that was upheld by the U. S. Supreme court and overturned longstanding interpretations of state water rights and laws.

In his petition Thornton asked the state supreme court to take jurisdiction in the controversy. He said "the unlawful acts of the defendant corporation are adverse to public interest in that they affect and endanger use, control and distribution of waters of the state of Oregon for irrigation, municipal or other uses, and further development of the public waters as may be in the best interests of the state of Oregon."

Previously Thornton asked the Jefferson county district attorney to bring criminal action against the company if he found any violation of the state law in construction actually underway. The Jefferson county grand jury failed to find a violation of the law.

**LEGIONARIES TAPPED**

Everybody had a roaring good time at the annual convention of the American Legion, Department of Oregon, at Albany last week. Everybody, that is except

five men who lost a total of \$500 reported taken from their billfolds by a prowler as they slept. Also unhappy were the members of the 1957 convention committee. They reported that the chambers of commerce in all the towns in Oregon were asleep and neglected to put in a bid for next year's convention.

A resolution was adopted urging Oregon's senators and members of congress to support the Legion's veteran security bill.

Don Eva, Portland, was elected commander of the Legion and Mrs. Clarence B. Grund, president of the Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary will instruct members how to vote 30 days prior to the state convention.

**GAS CHANGEOVER**

Monday 120 gas servicemen started working in the Willamette valley converting gas burners from use of artificial to natural gas. On August 6, 400 servicemen will be at work in the valley adjusting all gas appliances to natural gas. "This service is on the Portland Gas and Coke Company", says Willamette Valley manager Joseph A. H. Dodd.

**BALDOCK FREEWAY**

Honoring retiring state engineer Bladock the state highway commission by unanimous vote

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## From The County Agent's Office

By John Massie

O. W. Cutsforth, Lexington rancher, last week took a step toward improving the gaining ability in his registered Hereford herd. His purchase of two of the top gaining bulls offered in the fourth annual Oregon State college livestock sale will pass on to their offspring higher gaining ability. The two bulls made rates of gain of 3.57 and 2.9 pounds per day. At the same time, pounds of feed fed per hundred pounds of gain were lowest of the entire lot of registered bulls offered in this annual sale of increase of the college herd.

### Wheat Here Tops

Returning from a vacation trip of 4600 miles, visiting seven states and two provinces in Canada, crops in Morrow county look better than in any of the area covered. There was no exception to this, including the Palouse wheat country between Walla Walla and Spokane. Grain crops in the Mid-West generally are very poor due to a dry, early spring. Late crops such as flax and corn show excellent prospects, however, in most states, rain was needed badly. In North Dakota alone, millions of dollars are being paid out under the soil bank program for wheat that is being plowed under because of low yields that would not equal the soil bank payment.

In Iowa, where crop failures are unknown, much of the grain crop is too poor to harvest, and there too the soil bank program is quite popular. Soil bank payments were varying from \$44 an acre in Iowa to \$14.50 in North Dakota in counties where I visited with ASC officials. In the wheat country of Alberta, much of the wheat crop will not be worth harvesting. In the flax country farmers are looking forward to twenty bushel yields which rarely occur. One of the best fields of corn seen on the entire trip was on a farm owned by Harold Beach, Lexington farmer, on the St. Croix river in Wisconsin. With the exception of small localized areas, there will be no yields of wheat better than what our Morrow county farmers are harvesting this year.

### Safflower Good

Visiting the fields of Safflower seeded this year in Morrow county early this week, John Massie and I found fields looking excellent. It appears as though the farmers growing Safflower this year will

have excellent yields, with an income surpassing that from barley or other alternate crops grown on allotment acres. Plants are well branched with large bolls, with a good seed set. It appears that the crop will mature earlier than was the case last year, which was shortly after September 1. For those farmers who have not seen Safflower growing in a field, this year's crop is a sight to see. Growers are Harold Evans, Leonard Rill, Donald Peterson, Kenneth Smouse, Henry George, Ted Palmateer and Pete Cannon.

### Cattle Listing Dropped

The marketing committee of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association met Tuesday evening and decided to drop plans for the cattle listing service offered to Morrow county livestock growers. The committee was of the opinion that livestock men here did not care to have assistance in obtaining additional markets and top prices for cattle which has been the case in other Oregon counties where this practice has been in effect over a number of years. The small participation of livestock men listing cattle for sale was the reason for this decision. Those livestock men who have sent in their listings with a check for the fee to help defray expenses of advertising will get a refund soon. The committee decided however, to refer buyers who have shown an interest in the listing and have asked for the list, to these cattlemen.

### Wheat Plan Praised

A recent issue of the Harbor News, issued by the commission of public docks, gives recognition to Oregon wheat growers in their program for development of export markets. A few quotes of the article are given here: "A

shining example of what can be accomplished by planned intelligent export promotion of basic American products may be seen in the long range program of Oregon wheat growers. Wheat is Oregon's largest farm crop, a soft, white wheat, ideal for milling into cake, pastry and biscuit flours and for blending with high protein hard wheats for flours. Yet only about 25% of Oregon's wheat crop is used in the state for food, feed and seed, which means that 75% of it must be marketed elsewhere. The picture is the same for Washington and Northern Idaho, which with Oregon, make up the Pacific Northwest wheat growing region.

As long ago as 1926, Oregon wheat growers felt the need for a united approach to their problems. They organized the Oregon Wheat Growers League. Then in 1946, growers decided that when post-war world demand for wheat declined, surplus and acreage controls would be inevitable. A better approach they decided, would be to put experts on the job full time, find new markets and expanding existing markets for wheat". The article goes on to outline the establishment of the Oregon Wheat Commission and the one-half cent bushel tax which provides money for research and program development to assist in the surplus problem. "It was decided that a representative, each from the Oregon Wheat League, from the Foreign Agricultural Service, and from the Millers National Federation, form a team to visit Asia to determine specific projects for each county to aid in expanding markets for United States grain products. The previous missions have found a significant increase in consumption of wheat products in Asia since the war and indica-

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