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## Depleting Our Most Valuable Resource

The pace of life today is far faster than it used to be. And a great many people are paying the price in the form of nervous tensions in varying degree.

One way to relieve these tensions, according to Dr. W. W. Bauer, who has long headed the American Medical Association's bureau of health education, can be found in more relaxation—along with "real" vacations.

He pointed out that, even as we concern ourselves with the possible depletion of the nation's natural resources, we tend to overlook the depletion of the most valuable resource of all—people. And that is where his remarks on the vacation problem have their significance. Many of us, especially executives, skip vacations, in the mistaken belief that we can't afford to leave the job for even a short period of time. On top of that, many more actually make tiring work out of vacations. We drive, dance, and play games too strenuously. We eat and drink and smoke too much. As Dr. Bauer puts it, vacations should be a time when we "vacate our lives of their complexities"—and that means allowing ample time for just sitting and taking things completely easy.

In sum, we need to learn the virtues of moderation—and to develop the ability to get away from the cares and stresses of the workaday world.

## A Tax Without Friends

The transportation excise taxes were imposed strictly as a wartime measure. Their purpose was to discourage unnecessary travel and shipping at a time when all agencies were strained to the limit, as well as to produce some revenue for the government. But, so far as these taxes are concerned, the last world war is still going on!

The history is interesting. In 1941 a 5 per cent tax was levied on passenger fares. It was doubled in 1942, and a 3 per cent tax was levied on freight charges for coal, which was taxed at 4 cents per ton, and pipeline movements, which were taxed at 4 1/2 per cent. In 1944 the tax on passenger fares was boosted to 15 per cent to further discourage wartime travel.

In 1945 the war with Germany and Japan ended. But it was not until 1954 that any tax relief at all was provided—and then it was very minor. The tax on passenger fares was reduced to 10 per cent, while the levies on freight, coal, and pipeline movements remained at the wartime levels. They are all still in effect.

As the Transportation Association of America points out, the transportation excise tax is a tax on a necessity, not a luxury; it is a tax on the flow of commerce, not a tax on goods, and it undermines the for-hire transportation industry—the life-line of our economy. The Association also says: "Here is a tax that no one—no government agency, no private individual, no area—has testified is good, fair, or beneficial".

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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Every one is invited to attend the ninth annual meeting of the Morrow county Livestock Growers Association which will be held in Heppner on Friday and Saturday January 11 and 12. All livestock growers have been mailed a detailed program. Briefly summarizing the program there will be reports on livestock legislation, discussion on taxes, activities of the Oregon Cattle-men's Association, committee reports dealing with game laws, theft, brand laws, insects and rodents, meat promotion, livestock marketing and others. The panel scheduled for both afternoons promise to be interesting. The first on financing land and livestock will feature the top credit organizations of this area. Saturday afternoon's livestock panel is one that every livestock grower should be interested in especially in view of the sluggish markets that have occurred over the past two years and which are predicted to continue. On the lighter side the social hour sponsored by the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank and the banquet are always drawing cards. If you haven't seen a program you had better check for one at this office.

Farm electrification in Oregon is approaching 100% estimates made by the Rural Electrification Administration indicate that on last June 30 the percentage of Oregon farms and ranches with electric power stood at 97.3%. This compares with a national figure of 94.2%. The Oregon figures compare with 27.5% in 1935. At that time only 10.9% of farms nationally were electrified. Slightly more than 54% of the nation's farms had electricity ten years ago. Only 12 states exceed Oregon in percentage of farm electrification. New Jersey tops the list with 99.2%. Others are Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington.

Last week the Union Pacific educational car program brought

out over 50 persons at the three programs scheduled during the day. Excellent films, slides and discussions on wheat smut, soil fertility and chemicals for weed control made up the program. The film "Smut Control" outlines how Oregon farmers might keep down smut infestations which when only one percent cause a \$6.50 loss per acre. Rex Warren, farm crop specialist discussed some of the newer weed control chemicals that have been brought on the market or are promising but not yet available commercially. While only a few years ago it was thought a miracle to take broad leaf plants out of cereals now chemicals will selectively control various types of grass out of other grasses, control broad leaves out of broad leaves and perform invarious other spectacular ways. There are a great number of chemicals in

the experimental stage that promise to do even more miracles. Howard Cushman, soil conservation specialist from the college gave an excellent visual demonstration on "What in the Fertilizer Bag" discussing all fertilizer components. He also summarized results of the 1965 wheat fertilizer plots in Morrow county. We have reports of these trial plots in the office for those who might wish them. These subjects interspersed with some of Union Pacific's excellent entertaining films provided a rounded out program for those who attended.

Recently this office mailed out a letter to all of our farmers enclosing an economic information check list. This check list was to be returned to the office in order that they might be put on the mailing list for this material which is to be released timely throughout the year. To date we have had one of the best returns asking for this information than ever before. One of the items on the check list is the publication "Oregon's Agricultural Progress". The January

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times  
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Mrs. Martin Reid arrived home on Sunday morning from a trip to Long Beach, Calif.

Word received at Heppner is to the effect that the Bank of Lone suspended business on Saturday last.

At the meeting of the Heppner Luncheon club on Monday of this week officers were chosen as follows: Dean T. Goodman, president; Earl Hallock, vice president; Earl Gordon, secretary-treasurer; B. P. Stone, sergeant at arms.

Grover Swaggart of Portland was a visitor in Heppner the first of the week.

Last Tuesday the junior class of Heppner high school elected class officers. They are president, Harold Erwin; vice president, Letha Hiatt; secretary, Eva Hiatt; treasurer, Stephen Thompson; sergeant at arms, Onez Parker.

1957 issue is about ready to be mailed. Those of you who have not yet sent in your request will want to do so at once. Some of the articles to appear in this next publication are: when it pays to fertilize wheat, plastic mulches for vegetables, summer egg production for turkeys, better weed control with new chemicals and timely research briefs.

There are two dates of importance to farmers and business people which should be marked down on the calendar now lest you forget. These dates are January 29 and 30. At 7:30 p. m. on January 29 the annual meeting of the Heppner Soil Conservation district will be held at the Lexington Grange hall. Featured on the program for the evening is a conservation panel consisting of Joe Stewart, Heppner school superintendent, L. E. Tibbets, agricultural field representative, of First National Bank, Jack Angel, chairman, of Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, Alvin Wagenblast and Kenneth Peck, farmers who have recently brought recognition to Morrow county as top grass and conservation men of the year. John Denison of the Soil Conservation Service will be moderator. Their discussion should bring a lot of participation from the floor and we suggest everyone be there to hear what they have to say. Also a top feature for this program will be Dr. Burton Wood, head of the agricultural economic department at Oregon State college. Dr. Wood has made a name for himself throughout the Pacific Northwest as a speaker. On January 30 the annual meeting of the Boardman Soil Conservation district will be held at the Boardman Grange hall. Continued on Page 5

## Card Party Planned By Triple Link Club

A special meeting of the Triple Link club was called Friday, January 4.

Arrangements were made for the annual Valentine card party to be held on Thursday, February 14. Mrs. Floyd Worden and Mrs. Nell Slovig were appointed on the tally committee and Mrs. Delbert Wright, Mrs. Robert Robinson and Mrs. Clarence Bauman in charge of the posters. The regular meeting will be on January 21 at the home of Mrs. Delbert Wright, with Mrs. Clarence Bauman as co-hostess.

## Lone School Notes

The second and third grade room has been divided. Mrs. Roxie Moeck has the second grade and Mrs. Don Brostrom has the third grade in room 3 in the basement. This room has had new tile on the floor and also has been refurnished.

The Lettermens club is sponsoring a donkey basketball game in the gym Jan. 15 at 8 p. m. Lone will play Stanfield there Jan. 11 and Heppner here Jan. 12. At this game the band plays What is Behind the Green Door.



## BUTTER CREEK JUNCTION LIVESTOCK CLUB

The club met at the home of Billy and Bernard Doherty Saturday afternoon, Jan. 5. Our leaders are Carl Rhea and D. O. Nelson who helped us plan our program of work.

Two new members of our club are Gail McCall and David Proudfoot. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Bill Doherty.

## STITCH AND CHAT CLUB

The Stitch and Chat 4-H sewing group met Jan. 8. We had no business meeting but the girls worked on their blouses. Jeanne Schmidt brought refreshments. Libby Van Scholack, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Butterfield visited last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Troedson.

## CAMP FIRE GIRLS

### GAY BLUEBIRDS

The Gay Bluebirds met at the home of Tricia Farley Tuesday and new officers elected were Brenda Young, president; Tricia Farley, vice president; Erna Lyn Winchester, secretary; Shirley Erwin, treasurer; Teresa Monahan, reporter.

Refreshments were served by Tricia and Judy Ferrell. The leader of the group is Mrs. Robert Ferrell and Mrs. Marcel Jones is her assistant.

We worked in our scrapbooks and had fun. Our guests were Joyce Ramsey and Carolyn Bookman.

Teresa Monahan, reporter

### HAPPY BLUE BIRDS

The Happy Blue birds elected the following officers at their weekly meeting: president, Lynn Burkenbine; vice president, Jean Stockard; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Blake; reporter, Vicky Barratt; song leader, Joan Stockard; refreshment chairman, Karen McCurdy.

We worked on our puppets. Vicky Barratt, reporter

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