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Our Doctor of the Year

All of Heppner and much of Morrow county can well be proud this week of the honor which last Saturday was bestowed upon one of Heppner's best known citizens, Dr. Archie McMurdo. He was chosen Oregon's first Doctor of the Year.

The Doctor's selection by a committee of the house of delegates of the Oregon State Medical Society is due recognition for the nearly half century of service he has given to the people of his community not only as a general practitioner but for the greatest years of service of any public health officer in Oregon. He started his practice here in the horse and buggy days, not only of travel but almost of medicine too, by present day standards. His desire to continue to learn and

advance in his field has never slackened, even to the present time... an era in one's age when most people are more desirous of reminiscing about the past than of learning for the future.

Dr. McMurdo fully deserves the congratulations he is now receiving and we here want to add ours for a job that is still being well done.

Quite an Order . . .

U. S. News & World Report computes that the 4 million babies born this year in this country will need, during their lifetimes, 1,059,000,000 pairs of shoes, 91 billion gallons of gasoline, 25 billion pounds of beef, 6,300,000 electric refrigerators, 200 million tons of steel, etc., etc.

SLANTS FROM THE SESSION

By Nicky Tom

Writing this column has given me a much more sympathetic feeling toward news reporters. Some weeks I have to scrounge for enough legislative news of special interest to the people in our part of the state. Other times there is almost too much to write about.

Last week Representative Bob Steward, chairman of the House Ways and Means committee (and director-to-be of the Department of Agriculture) proposed a plan for obtaining funds for a new 4-H and FFA dormitory at the state fairgrounds. He suggested that the \$300,000 might be borrowed from the Public Employees Retirement Fund and repaid from racing commission funds which are allocated to county fair associations. It would be repaid at the rate of \$100,000 a year.

Representatives of 26 county fair associations meeting in Corvallis last Monday went on record as being opposed to this plan. They feel that if such a loan is made it should be repaid from the general fund or some other source.

The House Friday killed HB 421, which was introduced at the request of the Oregon Livestock Association and the Oregon Wool Growers Association. It would, among other things, have removed the payment of bounties

TO THE EDITOR . . .

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To
Dr. A. D. McMurdo
Oregon's Doctor of the Year
One often waits to say the words, Or toss the nice bouquet. He feels deserving folks have earned

Until they pass away. But one is always happier. To know such things are said. To the ones for whom intended. Not to listening friends instead. And so we're all rejoicing. With our friends both far and near

As you're honored with the title,—"Oregon Doctor of the Year". What a wealth of treasured memories. Must be yours this happy day. As you pause for one brief moment

To review life's rugged way! And what greater satisfaction fills the heart of any man than to feel he's served so nobly in a Greater Master's plan! On the road that lies before you,—Through that portion yet untrod, May you still continue boldly. Walking hand in hand with God. By Fern Roth
Hot Lake, Oregon

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on cougars and certain other predatory animals, at a saving to the state of some \$20,000 per biennium.

The state now spends \$160,000 per biennium for its share of the expense of the federal trapping program. Members of Ways and Means, who are now knocking themselves out trying to find ways of saving money, were distressed over failure of the bill.

Those who voted against it seemed to feel that federal trappers are not doing a thorough job of controlling cougars, but the bill had received the support of the Izaak Walton League, Oregon Cattlemen's Association and the Game Commission, as well as the two groups who sponsored it.

Thursday the House defeated by a vote of 34 to 24 a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to allow school teachers to serve as members of the legislature and still hold their positions as teachers. Opposition was based mainly on two arguments—first that such an amendment would disturb Oregon's traditional "separation of powers", because teaching is an activity of the executive department.

Secondly, and probably bearing more weight, was the feeling that conflicts of interest would be involved when teacher-legislators were called upon to vote on education measures.

Failure of this resolution does not mean that teachers are "second class citizens", forbidden to serve in the legislature, as proponents of the measure stated. They can be elected and serve, provided they resign their school positions for the duration of the session. After legislature adjourns, they resign as members of this body and resume teaching. They are, of course, pretty well excluded from serving on interim committees by this routine, but so are school board members and secretaries of corporations, who come under a similar provision of the law.

Passed by the House this week was HJR 4, calling for annual sessions of the legislature. If it goes through the Senate it will join the growing list of issues to be decided by the voters at the next general election.

The resolution contains only a simple restriction of 65 days for the session. Other states have found methods of getting around time limitations, the usual one being the simple act of stopping the clock on the final day.

Many legislators feel that to call an annual session without setting alternate sessions aside for only taxation and ways and means bills would be a serious mistake. This bill contains no such provision.

Can Oregon afford the luxury of annual sessions at this time? The 1955 session cost \$746,218.56 for 115 days. So far this session \$200,000 has been appropriated for legislative expenses and it is possible that an additional sum will be necessary before we are through.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

From Files of the Gazette Times
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Appointment of Miss DeLoris Pearson of the Heppner high school faculty as Morrow county chairman of the Greater Oregon Club for 1927 summer sessions of the University of Oregon, was announced on the campus today.

Miss Mattie Udell is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. McCarty, having arrived from her home at San Francisco the end of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jones enjoyed a trip to Spokane the last of the week. They returned home on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lindstrom of Morgan were visitors here on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wright were Hardman visitors on Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Buseick and son Reid are visiting relatives in Portland this week.

Mrs. Floyd Adms was a visitor in Hardman Monday.

in financing city services, particularly those having to do with public safety.

The best way to accomplish this, the committee contends, is by pending legislation to increase the cities' share of liquor revenues which will be before the Legislature for action in a few days. They say the situation has become worse since liquor by the drink was legalized in the state. The result is that cities have to rely on the property tax to pay for regulating liquor and prosecuting liquor conditioned violations.

LAKE ROAD OPEN MAY 17

Senator Harry Bovin (D) asked the Oregon Highway Commission Monday when they would announce the opening of the road to Diamond Lake. He said he and other members of The Diamond Lake Summer Home Assn. would like to know.

The legislative messenger delivering the request to the Highway Department, opposite the Capitol, returned with the answer that it is now open.

The commission said its snowplows started clearing the road two weeks ago.

BOUNTY LAW RETAINED

An attempt to kill Oregon's bounty law on cougar and wild cats has been indefinitely postponed. The bounty fund will remain at \$30,000 a year, of which the state will pay \$10,000 a year and the state game commission \$20,000 a year.

4-H CLUB NEWS

THE MERRY TAILORS
We, the Merry Tailors held our April 26 meeting at the home of Arleta McCabe. For refreshments we had Dixie cups and donuts served by Arleta McCabe and Delores Emert. The club is deciding who would most likely be the father of the year. We all started on our stuffed toys. Mrs. McCabe served dinner at 6 p. m. to the club as surprise. Our 4-H notebooks arrived and will cost 50 cents each.

ATTITUDE STUDENT'S DRAG

One of the two principal reasons for a serious shortage of technically-trained manpower confronting the United States is attitude and not aptitude, Dean George Gleeson of Oregon State College said in an address in Salem this week attended by a large group of legislators.

He charged that many students entering college display little or no sense of responsibility, have never worked and take little interest in working.

In this connection Dean Gleeson reported that the engineering department at OAC had lost 40 per cent of its freshmen class. This situation, he asserted, is the result of the "shock" of being confronted with the load a pupil is expected to carry in the field of engineering.

WANT MORE LIQUOR FUNDS
The present allocation of liquor revenues has never been enough to meet city costs of liquor law enforcement, the legislative committee of the League of Oregon cities resolved at a meeting in Salem this week.

The league appealed unanimously to the Legislature to help the cities meet what the committee termed a growing crisis

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Two new dry land hay and pasture seedings were made during the past week. With the excellent soil moisture conditions these seedings should provide good stand establishments at the Don-ald Robinson and John Graves ranches where they were seeded. At the Sand Hollow ranch of Don Robinson's 30 acres of Nomad alfalfa and grass were seeded. Grasses used were Crested wheat, Sherman big blue, tall oat grass and Whitmar beardless wheat. Twenty acres of this seeding was on steep hillside taken out of wheat production. At the John Graves ranch approximately 20 acres of wet wasteland, draws and steep wheat land was seeded to Nomad alfalfa with Alta Fes-que and intermediate wheat grass. Seedings made by both of these ranchers were a continuation of plans started several years ago to seed down all land best suited for grasses and alfalfa. Excellent results have been obtained by both of these ranchers with earlier seeded pasture and hay seedings.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture and several state colleges have been testing insecticides given orally to cattle for control of grubs and believe they have one to be quite successful. Giving about 1.5 ounces to a thousand pound animal the insecticide kills grubs before they broke through the cow's hide, and yet had no ill effect on the animal. One dosage was given two to five months before the insects normally break through. This not only kills nearly 100% of the biting flies for several days.

On Saturday of last week Marcel Jones began seeding of several thousand square feet of lawn area around his new home south of Heppner. He is using Merion blue grass as the lawn grass. This new strain of bluegrass is becoming popular each year as home owners find out the excellent qualities of a lawn of its type. Merion Bluegrass is a step closer to the dream lawn of the home owner who has not been able to produce a good lawn from common bluegrass seed. It builds a close-knit cushion of turf under close mowing in contrast with an open loose turf developed by common bluegrass. It is highly resistant to leaf spot and crab grass. It produces a dense cushion of turf of beautiful color which is highly resistant to drought and which requires less frequent mowing than common bluegrass. There are a number of good seedings scattered throughout Mor-

row County which look excellent under all conditions. While the seed is high in price for Merion bluegrass in comparison to common bluegrass seed it is really less expensive for it takes fewer pounds of seed to establish this aggressive grass. While the American Society of Agronomy recommended only one pound of seed to a thousand square feet many of our home owners are doubling or tripling this amount. This is in comparison to the recommended seed rate of 4 to 6 pounds per thousand square feet of other types of grasses.

An interesting experiment has been completed at the Pennsylvania agricultural experiment station on methods of feeding dairy calves. Comparisons of dairy calves fed from an open pail on the floor with nipple pails or a nipple bottle resulted in calves being fed from the open pail gain faster. The methods studied were an open pail placed on the floor and an open pail elevated 10 inches off the floor, nipple pail and nipple bottle. Care and feeding of all calves were the same except for feeding milk. Pens were provided for the animals with fresh water, salt, hay and concentrates. Calves fed milk from the open pail on the floor gained in body weight at a significantly faster rate than those fed from elevated pails or nipple pails. They also ate more calf starter at an earlier age. Results showed that nipple fed calves require an average of 3 minutes and 49 seconds for a full allowance of milk compared to 52 seconds by pail fed calves.

Scrapie—a disease which affects sheep and goats, and which we heard about a lot a few years back has cropped up again only recently. Recently 1400 purebred sheep were destroyed on the Cas-sar ranch in California where Scrapie was diagnosed. Federal and state officials are now engaged in tracing all animals sold from this ranch, and they and their progeny will be destroyed. As a result, several ranches in Oregon will have one or more sheep possibly exposed to the disease which must be destroyed. Other outbreaks in California traced back to the Broadmead farms at Amity. As a result and official order destroyed this entire flock of more than 700 head. The flock had been under observation for 2 1/2 years. The disease apparently entered the Broadmead flock through sheep imported from England. No treatment is known for Scrapie. The most effective means for combating is destruction of infected and exposed animals as soon as possible. The extremely long incubation period extends from 18 months to as high as 3 years or more. While this makes eradication difficult, it tends to prevent explosive outbreaks. The mortality rate of infected sheep is high. In Scrapie, the most characteristic symptom is intense itching, which causes the animal to scrape off patches of wool from the side, back and rump. Infected animals develop an in-coordination and convulsions may later develop. Thrift is frequently noticed and appetite is usually good and temperature remains normal.

With a recent announcement of the wheat support rate of \$1.78 a bushel on the 1958 crop the effect has been depressing on current cash wheat prices. However before eligible growers in the 36 commercial wheat growing states are assured that the support rate will be not less than \$1.78 a bushel, they will have to approve marketing quotas on the 1958 crop of wheat. The Secretary of Agriculture set June 20, 1957 as the date for a referendum to give producers a chance to decide
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