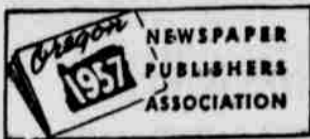


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## Economic Highlights

Not so long ago there seemed to be a fairly general feeling that this country's economic boom was of limitless proportions—that it would go on and on, getting bigger and better with never an abatement. Then some doubts began to set in. There were signs of a slow-down in various fields of activity. And the doubts increased when the big upsurge in business activity that, according to tradition, should follow Labor Day, did not occur.

In the light of this, what do business and financial leaders now think? That big question is given an answer in the October 4th issue of U. S. News & World Report, based on the views of hundreds of these leaders throughout the country. The general feeling is explained in these words: "They are almost unanimous in the opinion that the boom that started in 1954 is at an end. None of them expects a sharp upsurge in activity either this year or next. The most optimistic expect little improvement over current levels. Many look for a mild down-turn. But none sees a genuine recession ahead." The general expectation is for drops in investment in plant and equipment, inventory buying and federal spending. There will be small improvement in home construction. And while consumer spending will rise, it will not do so sufficiently to spark a new boom.

U. S. News quotes from a number of sources. An economist for a chain of department stores thinks there will either be a "sidewise movement" of the economy into next spring, or a small over-all decline—one or two percent. A steel executive is optimistic about the long-range outlook for his industry, but pessimistic about the next two years. Bankers expect the "softening" in business to continue and generally feel that the boom has grown tired. In the words of a Boston banker: "This double postwar boom, with all its accumulated demands, had to wear itself out sometime, and I think it's done that now." An Ohio banker thinks: "We're overproduced, overborrowed and overbought."

## TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Editor;  
In your paper of Oct. 3 there appears an article "School Head Asks Surplus Money for Property Tax Offset." The recommendation is made that property owners write their legislators recommending that the Basic School Fund be increased to \$120 per census child and that all above \$85 be used as a property tax offset. Morrow County taxpayers had better scrutinize this one carefully. Let's look at a few facts and figures.

The 1957 legislature increased the basic school support from \$80 to \$95. They also wrote into law a new formula for distribution of these funds. It provides 80% flat grant and 20% direct property tax offset.

Many Oregon school district taxpayers will have their taxes lowered by several mills while we in Morrow County face a 2.5 mill increase. It would appear that direct property tax offset is only a nice sounding catch phrase to cover something else. Any Basic School Funds received in this county are used as a property tax offset and you may be assured the Rural School Board will continue to do so.

Why not be specific and recommend an increase but use the present formula? Morrow County would at least get something under the 80% flat grants. Or another suggestion is that the State pick up the County School fund which would benefit us. But remember, Mr. Taxpayer, the "Share the Wealth" boys didn't get as much as they wanted in the regular session and they will be back in the special session for a larger bite whether fair or not. Morrow County received a raw

As is to be expected, the forecasts for specific industries vary materially. Everyone watches the huge automobile industry, which probably has a greater influence on the whole economy than any other. Sales for 1958 are put at 6,200,000 passenger cars—about the same as the '57 figure. Machine tool orders are declining, and the capital goods people are cautious. This has been a comparatively poor year for the appliance producers and little improvement is expected in the next. Farm equipment manufacturers, on the other hand, anticipate some lift in sales. Gasoline sales have not come up to expectations this year, and the fuel oil picture is a question mark. There has been general curtailment in the metals industry, accompanied by price weaknesses.

To sum up, in U. S. News' words: "An attitude of caution, not pessimism, seems to be taking over." And a great deal of watchful waiting is now going on.

## Odd Ends—

### SMART COOK-Y . . .

Did you notice in Wednesday night's East Oregonian about 59 of the 60 members of the Pendleton National Guard unit becoming sick after eating a turkey dinner? The only man not to get ill was a cook.

That boy was using his head!

### NEEDED . . . SHARP DRIVERS

It is forecast that by 1956, and perhaps sooner, there will be 81,000,000 motor vehicles registered in this country as against 66,275,000 now. This gives special relevance to a statement by Lewis H. Mumford, an authority on city planning: "Americans who once sang 'We love our rocks and rills, we love our temple hills' now could accurately sing, 'We love our expressways and parking lots, big cloverleaves and traffic knots.'"

## "OVER THE TEE CUP"

By Jackie Labhart

Even tho' the "frost is on the pumpkin and the fadders in the shock", the weekly ladies day attendance was somewhat near a flock. Not anyone or anything (not even the Russian Sputnik) could have asked for a more perfect day to welcome our ten lady golfer guests from Kinzua.

Tom and Neva Wells of the Wishing Well drive-in, very kindly opened their establishment early to serve luncheon to our guests and 21 of our own club members at 11:00. By a little after 12, all 31 women were teed off (not at one another, as I am using this phrase as a golf term) and on their way to a very enjoyable afternoon of nine holes of golf.

The women from Kinzua were Nan Brown, Dorothy Close, Velma Phillips, Pat Hiatt, Dolly Murphy, Jo Guinn, Edna Wright, Zella Prindle, Nadine Worlein, and Frankie Barnes.

Low score for the day was shot by Dorothy Close of Kinzua (and did she put the rest of us to shame with her score of 45 for the first time around our course). Dorothy also received the prize for the best score on the number one hole, which was our "hidden hole" for the day. So as not to slight our Hepner delegation Bonnie Mattoon had low score for Hepner's group and was second in the whole group. A prize was also given for the highest score of the day, but to avoid undue embarrassment on the part of the recipient, she shall remain unknown as she anonymously resides in her

deal. Even the city of Portland, whom they were after, received increased Basic School Fund support.

Again, don't be taken in by double talk. Be specific. Be sure we don't sell ourselves down the river.

Yours Sincerely,  
Fredrick T. Martin  
A Taxpayer

house on the hill across from the mill . . . but all kidding aside she did very well; as this was her first ladies day and only the third time she had ever played. (Notice I still haven't mentioned any names. So I guess that puts me in the clear for any libel suit pending). I think the women of Kinzua were quite impressed with our course altho' they were somewhat worried about all the water hazards we have . . . but in spite of everything they did very well.

Helen O'Donnell was given time off by her "link lover" employer to make her first appearance at a ladies day. (Looking very much like a professional link lady in her very jaunty attire).

The most amazing thing happened that day . . . at one point

## THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the Files of  
The Gazette Times  
October 20, 1927

The Misses Mary and Marjorie Clark, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark of this city, are both members of the University of Oregon girls glee club.

Mrs. Ellen Busick and son Reid spent a few days at John Day the past week, during which time Reid negotiated a deal for the Ira G. Boyce store, an old established business at that place.

Earl Ayers, former pupil in Hepner high, was a visitor at school last Monday.

Earl Morgan was in the city with members of his family on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Olden were Hepner visitors on Tuesday from their farm at Fairview.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo and Postmaster Snead have been absent from the city this week in quest of deer in the mountains.

during the later part of the afternoon, a pair of bright red "long Johns" were seen blushing out of Betty Brown's golf bag (it's funny, cause I could have sworn she was wearing them when she started out). And just about this same time, Lowell Gribble (he was there working on the course) remarked he had dropped his pipe in the creek as he was crossing the bridge . . . wonder if it could have been in a moment of awesome amazement or embarrassment.

Velma Glass, our county health nurse, heard there was an epidemic of golfitis in Hepner, so she and Hester Creswick were down at six a.m. to check all nine holes for "germs" in the cups . . . anyway they checked all nine holes before time to go to work and in my opinion they must have a touch of the "bug" too to get up that early on such a nippy morning.

Dee Gribble and Hazel Mahoney were also down at the links early to get a practice nine shot before ladies day started, but maybe they should have waited as they both made better scores the first nine than they did in actual competition.

I don't know what happened to all of our grandmothers . . . Roberta Dougherty was the only one of this select group to make an appearance. But at one point we thought we had lost her . . . had finished and returned to the Wishing Well for coffee that someone asked what had happened to Roberta. One of her foursome reported that she was coming but was having a little trouble pulling her golf cart up the hill. Well at last she she dropped in and I do mean "dropped in" with the remark

that she may be a little older than the rest of us but that a good grandmother never gives up. (Some of we younger gals might take heed of this).

Enough about ladies day, but speaking of Roberta, her husband Cliff has donated three more holes to our course which will be placed together under a shady tree.

Many new improvements have been made at the course . . . a new bridge across the creek from number one hole to number two which was constructed by Lowell Gribble and Clint McQuarrie, they also moved the tee for the longest hole clear up on the hillside and Francis Doherty worked Saturday raking and cleaning the fairway on this hole.

The Phil Mahoneys and John Williams donated three rubber mats to be placed at the tee-off areas and after they loosen up (the mats, that is) a bit they will certainly aid one's driving.

In reference to that long hole again, I overheard that Sue Valentine made it in one under par a few days ago . . . now that is really something as most of us usually average about three or four above par on this hole.

Last Friday afternoon after the pro lessons the course was literally swarming with people. I noticed Del Jordan, Keith Imus, Bob Jones, Phil Mahoney, Clint McQuarrie and Lowell Gribble were among the male members there who were completely surrounded by swarms of watchful women.

Before I forget it we would certainly welcome any lone and Lexington women during our ladies days, and any other time too, of course. I would like to suggest that a group of you out-of-towners get together and come up and play with us . . . you can always give any of us a call to find out when we will be playing. (My I am confident people read this column aren't I).

One more item of interest before I close . . . Jan Downen, girl bird dog, decided to look for a ball she had lost after ladies day and ended up finding seven balls including her own; but alas and alack all of them were initialed and at last contact she had not yet devised a way to camouflage the huge bright red initials on the little white Hepner satellites.

Well I guess I have about drained my cup for this session, so until next week I will keep the kettle handy until we can meet again "Over the Tee Cup".

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## From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Recently announced by the State Department of Agriculture were dates for hearings on the proposed beef commission for Oregon. The date affecting livestock men of Morrow county would be October 31 which is the date for the hearing in Pendleton. It will be conducted beginning at 1:30 p.m. at the court house.

The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association have favored a beef commission for several years since its inception by the Oregon Cattleman's Association and other organizations having to do with beef marketing. A series of hearings are being held throughout the state to get the reception of cattlemen on such a beef commission. If the hearing is favorable for a commission a referendum will be held later with all cattle men having the opportunity to vote for or against

The shorn wool incentive price of 62 cents a pound of wool and a mohair price of 70 cents a pound was announced by the USDA for 1958 marketing year beginning April 1, 1958. The 1958 price is the same as for the last three years. Payments to producers under the 1958 program on shorn wool production and marketing of live lambs will follow the same methods that have been employed for the current 1957 program.

We still need a few one pound samples of treated wheat for use in determining the effectiveness of seed treatments in the control of smut. Recently we asked for such samples in this news column. We would like to have several treated samples of Elmar seed wheat. Samples will be inoculated with smut and grown at Pullman to determine the effects of different methods of seed treatment and materials on smut infestation. We would urge any farmers who are interested in this project to bring us in a sample of their treated wheat with Elmar samples especially wanted.

Members of a bull exchange committee appointed by the Morrow County Livestock Growers association are in the process of contacting livestock men to determine the interest for holding a day to trade, sell, or buy bulls. Tentative plans are for holding it in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Morrow County Livestock Growers association

which will be held on January 10 and 11. Main emphasis will be on bulls which are no longer usable in a ranchers herd but are proven and have several years left as a sire, but young bulls will be included too. Those who are interested in such a bull day from the standpoint of buying, selling or trading should contact chairman Frank Anderson or one of his committee which consists of W. E. Hughes, Don Robinson, Don Greenup and Walter Wright. The bull day will be held only if there is enough interest shown by livestock men.

Alex Lindsay, North Lexington rancher recently added three top bulls to his string of top quality ones used on his commercial cow herd. Alex purchased the champion Hereford bull consigned by Double M Hereford ranch at the recent show and sale at Lakeview. He also bought top playing bulls consigned by Frank Anderson and Harley Hotchkiss. Alex has the champions and top playing bulls of many shows and sales and his herd of range bulls. Frank Anderson of Hepner, was a consignee at the Lakeview sale with four bulls.

From time to time this office receives inquiries for information on the value of pelleted hay. Continued on page 7

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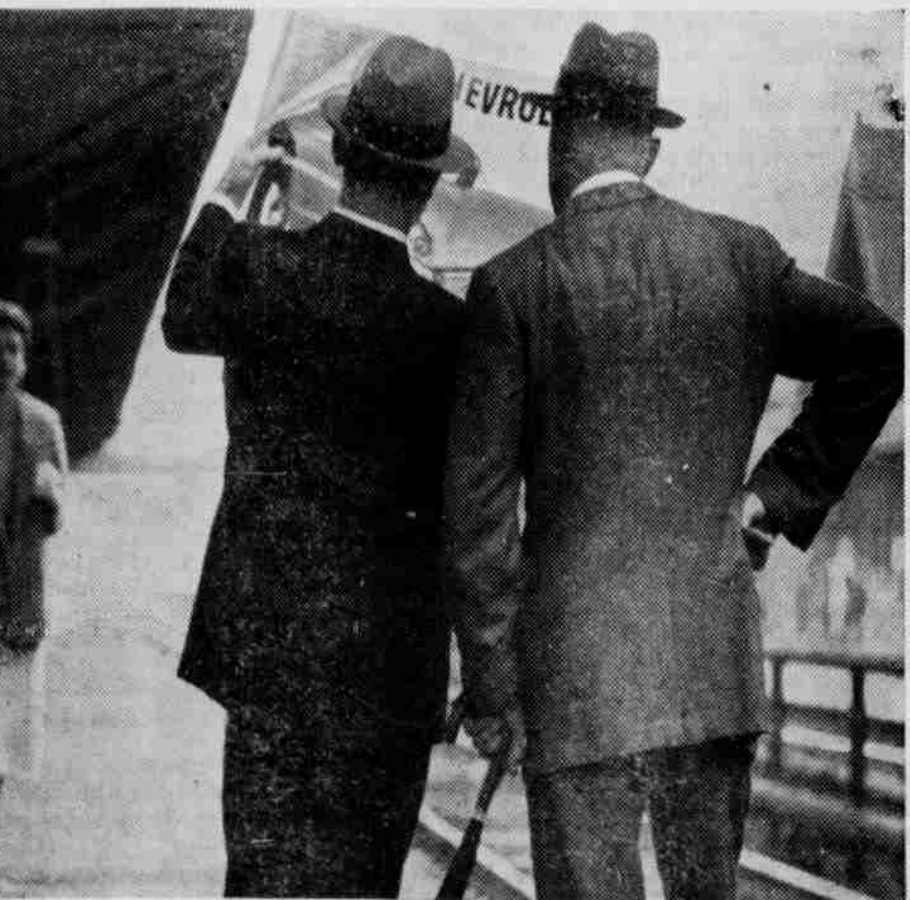
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