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Logic On Side of Proposed Boardman River Crossing

It came as no surprise when the Morrow-Umatilla county feud broke into the open last week over the location of the southern end of the federally proposed Ellensburg-Oregon interstate highway. Umatilla county wants it to come into the state over the Umatilla bridge; but Morrow county, along with the federal planners and the Washington state highway commission, want it to cross the river on a new bridge just east of Boardman. For two years now, ever since the Umatilla bridge company bought up the Paterson ferry and discontinued its operation, Morrow county officials, Boardman city officers and residents, and many others in the county have been growling, "we wuz robbed."

For years it has been the hope of many in the know here in Morrow county that eventually a bridge would be built in the vicinity of the Old Paterson ferry crossing, and the state highway commission even, unofficially, expressed the belief that that was the most logical plan for a bridge along this stretch of the Columbia. When the ferry was bought up by Umatilla county, Morrow county was still trying to find a means whereby it could make the purchase without completely strapping its road building program for a year or two, realizing how much it meant to the county to have a crossing of the river in the north end. The bridge company got there first, however, with the cash in hand, simply because they had sold enough bonds to allow the ferry purchase.

The logic of the new planned highway location proposal to come into Oregon near Boardman is great. . . in fact much stronger than is Umatilla county's. From Toppennish south the proposed route is through sparsely settled area where right of way is cheap and terrain problems are at a minimum. Crossing the river near Boardman brings the road to a connection with US 30 at a point largely free from the heavily populated area, carrying out the by-pass idea included in all current road planning. The Umatilla plan would carry the route through some of the top value land of the Yakima valley, in an area of fairly heavy population (by comparison with the other route) and into a bottleneck at Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, etc. It is contrary to good by-pass planning.

It is no doubt true that the Umatilla bridge probably needs the traffic it gets from the discontinuance of the Paterson Ferry, for if we re-

member our figures correctly, even after the bridge was opened to traffic, between 50,000 and 75,000 cars and trucks a year continued to use the ferry before it was stopped. That pretty well shows the logic in the recommendation that the new highway cross the Columbia near Boardman. That fact should be remembered by the Oregon highway commission when it makes its decision.

Why Insurance Costs Must Go Up . . .

Insurance costs are going up -- a fact which provides one more example of how inflation and other dollar-depreciating forces come straight home to us all.

The "why" of the matter can be simply explained.

Since 1950, for instance, the cost of building materials and labor have advanced more than 37 per cent, according to the government-issued Construction Review. This means that every time a fire occurs the cost of making the necessary repairs is far greater than it used to be. Thus, fire insurance rates that once were adequate are no longer so, and rate increases are unavoidable.

That situation is comparable in the case of windstorm insurance. North Atlantic hurricanes alone in 1954-55 produced windstorm losses of over \$250 million and 1957 windstorms in the South and West were in greater number than ever before. So higher windstorm insurance rates are needed to offset higher wind loss payments.

Then we come to the automobile. Modern cars with their wrap-around windshields, complex other such features, become ever more expensive to repair. Juries tend to bring in bigger and bigger verdicts in casualty cases, even for comparatively minor injuries. Hospital and medical care costs are up. This year, the highway death toll may approach or reach 40,000 and there will be more than 1 million injuries. It all adds up to the plain fact that the insurance companies must meet steadily increasing costs -- and the only solution is the higher rates.

Finally, here's the point to keep in mind. Over the long-pull, we, the policy-holders, make the insurance rates. If losses soar, rates must follow. If losses go down, so do rates. We can help reduce insurance costs in the future by diligently practicing fire prevention in our homes and places of business -- and by avoiding excessive speed and all the other accident-producing driving habits. (Industrial News Review)

TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Editor:

Farm and townspeople of Morrow county are engaged again this year in a periodic 10 year planning conference. They are taking a look at the problems and opportunities in preparation for action to make our county a better place in which to live. This is the fourth such conference held in the past 30 years. Those who have worked and watched this process know definitely the value all have received from this method of drafting the future for our county.

Like most things that get done only a few take the responsibility seriously. Their efforts are shared in the end results by those who are content with letting the other person do it. Approximately 200 persons out of a possible 2000 are actively participating in this planning procedure from which everyone will profit. The many committees and sub-committees have spent hours discussing, surveying and studying ways and means whereby all of us will profit in such things as better family living, improved educational facilities, more effective county government and similar subjects.

Those who have spent many hours investigating and discussing problems and opportunities that will effect us have noticed the lack of participation from our townspeople.

Considering the fact that the income of Morrow county people is almost entirely derived from

agriculture and timber, both of which have been getting much attention in planning committee meetings, those participating have felt that townspeople have not contributed their fair share of the thinking going into the respective committee reports. As the committees reach the end of many planning meetings they are aware that this long-time planning can effect the pocket books of everyone.

The planning procedure meetings are now completed, committee chairmen of six major standing committees namely; home and community living youth activities, public education, conservation and land use, farm crops and livestock are in the process of assembling results of discussions and the approximately 150 recommendations drafted by these six committees and 24 sub-committees. These will be presented at the Morrow county Town and Country Planning Conference to be held at the Lexington Grange hall on February 18, 1958.

It is the sincere hope of the six committee chairmen and the many people, few of which have been from our towns, worked hard in an attempt to contribute something which could make our county a better place in which to live and rear our families. That everyone would consider this the

most important date of 1958 and be present to take part in the final recommendations made that day. Remember, everyone will benefit, although those who have worked hard at the results will have the feeling of a job well done.

Very truly yours,
Morrow County Town and Country Planning Council
N. C. Anderson, County Agent

LEXINGTON

Mrs. Bertha Hunt is home from a stay at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson and son Greg were Portland visitors the first of this week.

Mrs. Eldon Padberg has returned to her home in Lex after a visit with an aunt in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Burnside and Mrs. Martha Stockton of Spray were Lexington visitors on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatfield and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Peck were weekend visitors at Spout Springs where they enjoyed some skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Warner of College Place, Howard Warner of Walla Walla and Mrs. Hester Gilbert of Coulee City were visitors last week at the Earl Warner home.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

COUNTY AGENT

On Thursday, February 6 comparisons will be made with treated and untreated cattle to determine the control of grubs. One half of the cows in the Bernard Doherty herd were treated in November with ET 57, the new systemic control for grubs. The treatment was made in form of a large pill given by mouth. One half of the herd were left untreated for comparison. Robert Every, extension entomologist Oregon State college will assist with the check beginning at 1 P. M. at the Doherty ranch in Blackhorse. This new method of control has been approved and appears that it will be an accepted practice. The material will be available for treatment this fall. It kills the grubs in the system of the cows before they come to the backs ruining the meat and hide causing millions of dollars of damage to the livestock industry each year. We would like to invite everyone who is interested to come to the Doherty ranch and check the degree of control from this new chemical.

Rats multiply so fast that one pair could conceivably result in a rat population of 400 million in only three short years. The best type of bait to use against rats

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times
February 2, 1928

W. E. Mikesell, A. J. Chaffee, J. L. Yeager and Albert Adkins, were Heppner Odd Fellows going to Lexington on Thursday evening for the regular meeting of the Lexington lodge.

The entertainment of the Heppner Lodge of Elks and their families given by Messrs Jack William and David Hynd, is scheduled for Saturday evening at Elks' temple.

Loren Leathers of Lexington is a guest at the home of his aunt, Mrs. L. Knighten, in Hardman.

Lawrence Reaney, Lexington, was a business visitor in the city for a short time on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulligan were weekend visitors in Heppner from their home in Pendleton.

A number of guests were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Flory on Friday evening, when pinochle was played.

is one which causes no pain, no sudden thirst, no suspicion. It should also be safe to use around children or pets when simple precautions are used. Most Morrow county farmers have found that preparations of warfarin have met these qualifications and are giving a very high control. This should be kept out in areas which rats visit at all times.

Just announced are the dates for holding the Beef Commission referendum which will be February 10 through 24, both days inclusive. Any present cattle producer, beef or dairy breeds in Oregon who have registered with the state department of Agriculture which closed January 21 may vote. Any such registered person who does not receive a ballot form by mail from the state department by February 10 may obtain one by application to this department at Salem or from our office. Completed ballots must be postmarked to the state department of agriculture, Salem not later than midnight Monday, February 24 or be deposited in the official ballot box in this office. Ninety one Morrow county Livestock growers registered 15,003 cattle in the recent registration period. These 91 livestock men are eligible to vote and should receive ballots by February 10.

Copies of a series of range bulletins authored by E. R. Jackman, range crop specialist, Oregon State college were received last week at this office. This first range bulletin deals with the range primarily from a standpoint of forage. Titled "Grass is the Wealth," it contains facts about range grass including evening out the range pasture season and improving badly damaged range. The remaining bulletins of the series will deal with removal of objectionable plants; range reseeding practices and use of supplemental feeds in order to improve range. This last bulletin will dwell on such things as fertilization of meadows, use of cereals for pasture, and the use of protein supplements. Copies of this first bulletin are available at the post office for those who might be interested.

We would like to call the attention of everyone the date for our Morrow County Town and Country Planning conference. It has been recently set for Tuesday, February 18 to be held at the Lexington Grange Hall beginning at 10 a. m. At this time committee reports, including findings of six major committees

and over twenty sub-committees who have spent the last several weeks studying problems and opportunities of Morrow County will be given. We would suggest that you put a big red circle around this date on your calendar and hold it open as a worthwhile day to discuss the future of Morrow County.

Oregon State College has recently announced dates for sheep shearing schools which will be held this spring at Corvallis and at the Union Experiment Station. Two 2-day sessions have been set up for March 10 and 11 at Corvallis; one session is scheduled for March 24 and 25 at the Union Experiment Station. E. A. Warner, livestock specialist for Sunbeam corporation will help conduct these shearing schools as in the past. These shearing schools are open to anyone interested in sheep shearing and are free. The only requirement is the person be big enough to handle sheep. Enrollment at each two day session is limited to sixteen students. Applications are available at this office which are due at Oregon State College by February 20. The schools will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. Over the past several years these schools have developed a number of good shearers from students who have attended from Morrow county.

Morrow county Hereford breeders have made the largest consignment this year of bulls to the annual Red Bluff sale that have gone to this sale in the seventeen years of its existence. The dates are February 6, 7 and 8th. This annual event has become the largest, highest quality range bull sale in America. Consign-

ments from Morrow County are from Herbert Ekstrom and Sons, Ione, three head Husker Mischief bulls and Kirk and Robinson, Heppner, consigning four horned bulls and four polled bulls. To be sold on February 7 and 8th are 265 horned Hereford, 16 polled Herefords, 51 Shorthorns and 29 Angus.

While we are talking about bulls, we would like to congratulate Harvey Smith and Frank Anderson, Hereford breeders who have recently brought in herd sires from the recently held National Western Stock show held at Denver. While we have not seen the bulls, we are sure they are of the same high quality that these breeders consistently keep in their herd.

Most frequently asked question when livestock men gather is "what effect the large number Continued on page 3"

LATE SHOWS at the Star Theater, Friday and Saturday, in addition to the regular showing. JAIL HOUSE ROCK, one feature only, 50c and 20c. Starts at 10:30 p. m.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

It's in the Bag

Out-of-towners must have wondered what was going on last Tuesday. Every parking meter was covered by a paper bag lettered "Free Parking."

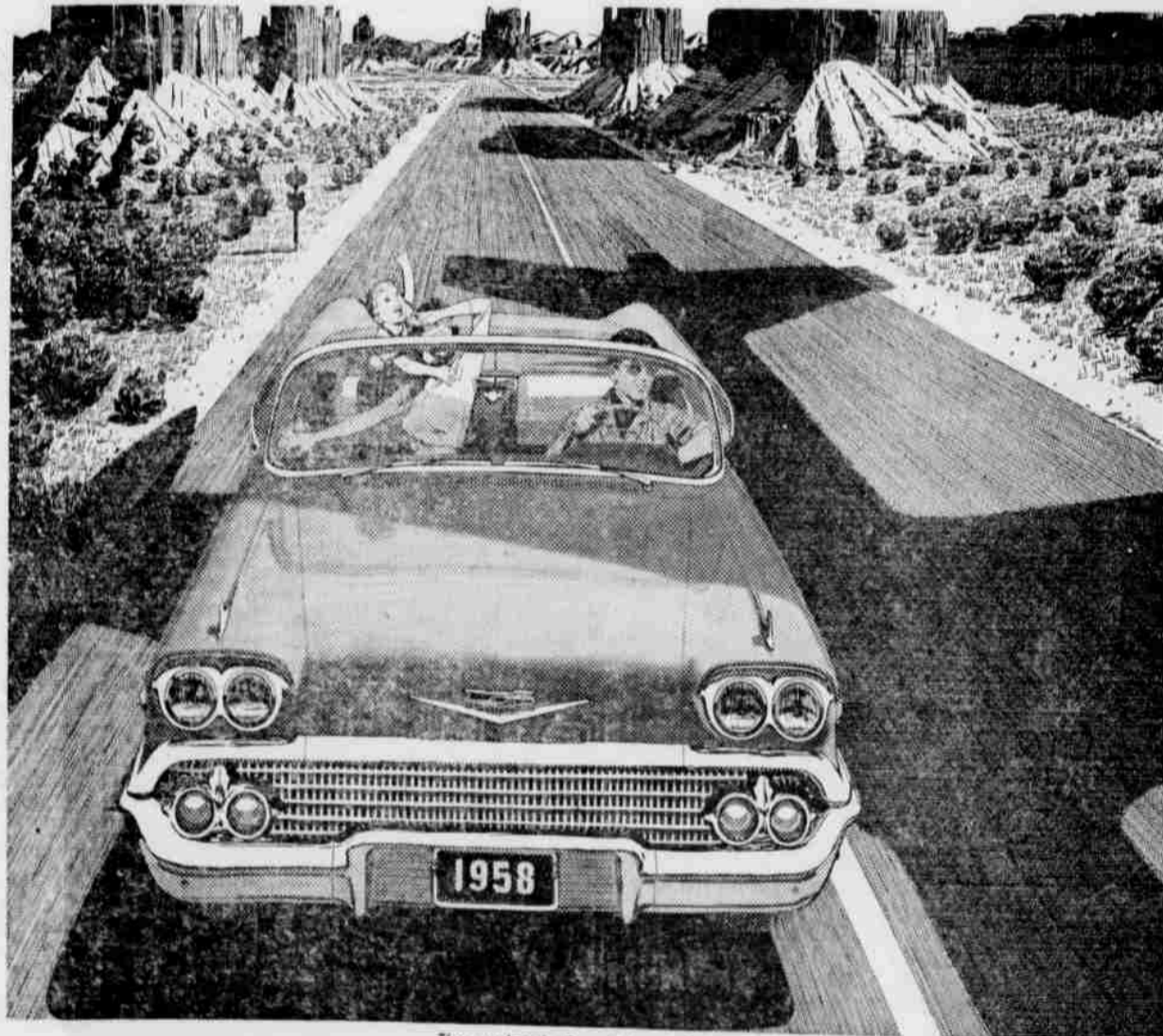
Tuesday was officially designated "Free Parking Day" by the Town Council as a reward for going a year without a traffic accident.

"Traffic safety, like virtue, is its own reward," said Judge Cunningham as he proposed the motion. "But let's show our

drivers we're proud of 'em!" From where I sit, a little praise never hurts—in fact, that's why I talk in this column about the nice, fair-minded people I meet. Folks who live—and let live... who don't care whether you like beer or buttermilk at dinner time, I say real neighbors never try to "park" their ideas on others!

Joe Marsh

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Tues., Wed., Feb 4, 5

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