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The Wrong Approach

What is probably one of the worst recent examples of a department of government trying to get bigger than the people whom it is supposed to serve and who are its boss, supposedly, came to light Tuesday when the post office department made an offer to Congress that if the 5 cent first class postage bill is approved, the department will build several hundred new post offices around the country. As a threat, it said if only a 4 cent rate were approved, only half that many new buildings could be constructed. (Our figures on the number of buildings are inaccurate, but the principle is the same regardless of the figures.)

The number of post offices or their age has never had any connection with the amount of the postal department's operating deficit, except how those offices were operated, nor would it make any difference regardless of whether any rate raise was approved. Congress must approve any construction money for new post offices, and what it might approve has practically no connection with whether the post office department is going in the hole a billion dollars a year or is showing a profit on its operations. Neither does such money come out of the post office's budget. The attempt to win approval of new post office construction money by the department was strictly a left-handed political trick—

one that could well be called "dirty pool". The postal department is not making ends meet, there is little doubt, but the building of several hundred new post offices isn't going to solve much of that problem. True, such construction could temporarily aid the unemployment problem slightly, but, that wasn't the basic reason the post office department made the demand—regardless of what it may claim if the big first class postal increase were approved it would pretty well get the department out of the woods, but it wouldn't do one single thing toward making it modernize its operation to the point where it could come even close to breaking even. Actually, if it has more money to spend on the operation of the service, a way will be found to do it without increasing efficiency and reducing cost—that is the history. (and, we don't mean that wage increases weren't a necessity in the department.)

In reality, the postal department was attempting to pull the wool over the eyes of citizens and unsuspecting congressmen in its Tuesday statement about new buildings. If that is the way the department is being operated, congress would be completely justified in refusing any rate increase until some definite proof is shown that sincere effort is being made to bring the post office operation as a whole up to modern standards of efficiency, or at least bring the service back up to what it was... even 10 years ago.

From The

County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Last week a committee appointed by the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association visited all communities in the county to observe conservation operations in selecting an outstanding farm to give recognition as Conservation Man of the Year. The trip was an interesting one at this time of the year. The agent having made this same trip yearly for the past ten years felt that conservation is definitely growing in Morrow county. With the big wheat crop in 1957 stubble poses quite a problem in the summer fallow operations this year. With the exception of a very few who have burned, present day implements are being put to work to conserve all the trash in an attempt to maintain organic matter and keep the soil in good working condition. Even though the spring has been wet and summer fallow operations have been slowed down, some excellent summer fallow is being made. For those in the north end of the county who prefer to keep their stubble trash on top of the ground as means of preventing wind erosion it appears that the stubble available this year will do much in helping to keep this soil in place. Other areas of the county are showing increased interest in using trash and new practices such as strip cropping are covering more acres gradually each year. The severe water erosion in the steeper areas have brought some farmers to the local office of the Soil Conservation District to work out conservation plans to slow down this waste of soil. The committee making the tour found that in the areas where severe water erosion occur several conservation practices are being combined to combat the problem. The committee given the job of selecting the Conservation Man of the Year and making this trip were Max Barclay, Heppner; Burton and Kenneth Peck, Lexington; Raymond Lundell, Ione; accom-

panying them were Tom Wilson and John Dennison, Soil Conservation Service and the county agent.

At a meeting this week of the Morrow county Town and Country Planning Conference council plans were made for publishing the six committee reports in booklet form for distribution to those who might be interested. Earlier the Morrow county court had indicated their interest in this project and appropriated money for the publication. The publication will contain general information of the county including the area land in farms, crop land, number of farms, average annual rainfall, length of growing season, topography major soil types and other pertinent information which should make it much in demand. Publication chairman is Bill Barratt, Heppner.

This office recently received a letter from the Supervisor of the School of Agriculture at the Oregon Technical Institute at Klamath Falls. Inquiry was made for a position for a student who will graduate from the farm technology class in June of this year. He is particularly interested in a job on a wheat ranch and has had some experience. The school of agriculture would like to place him on a farm where he would have an opportunity to learn the business because he is ultimately interested in a farm of his own. He is married. Anyone interested in this might contact this office for further information.

As a part of the observance of Oregon Conservation Week May 11 to 18. A county wide soil judging contest will be held at the Newt O'Hara farm near Lexington. Soil judging has become an important activity throughout the entire country. In order that our people can learn to understand more about soil, its qualities and characteristics, a soil judging day was arranged for May 15. The event will begin at 11 AM with an educational practice judging ending with a contest afternoon. There promises to be some prizes for the top judges in classes of youth, men and

women. Put this date down and we will provide further details later.

Continuing with the past two weeks information on seed certification this week's discussion will be on varietal eligibility.

Select a crop variety that is eligible if you want to qualify for seed certification in Oregon. In other words, there is an approved list of crop varieties in the Oregon certification program.

A variety does not make this eligibility list through a hocus-pocus procedure, but each variety, up for consideration, is reviewed by the Oregon State College certification board. Facts such as data showing adaptation, yield disease and insect resistance and seed needs, are just some of the things that are examined by the certification board. Proved superior performance of a new variety in one or more categories over varieties now available is considered a requirement to eligibility for certification.

Even though this procedure has been a part of the Oregon certification program for many years, there are people who still believe that payment of certification fees entitles them to certification of almost any crop or variety. This eligibility list is subject to revision each year by the board. As new superior crop varieties are developed they may be added to the list. Older varieties that are replaced by better ones are removed from the eligibility variety list.

At least one year advance notice is given before a variety is dropped from certification. Final approval to delist or add a variety is given by the certification board.

The board reserves the right of accepting for certification, varieties recommended for production in Oregon by the Oregon experiment station. All crops recommended for production in the state will not automatically be eligible for certification. Only varieties that contain superior quality that may be lost with out a planned method of production, are eligible. Many crops are produced for seed in Oregon that do not need a program such as this. With these, good seed can be maintained by reasonable purity standards. Crop varieties developed in other states, to be eligible for certification in Oregon, must be approved here, too. More information on this

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the
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Miss Lulu Hager, Miss Donna Brown, Mrs S J Lininger and Mrs F R Brown were among Heppner people registered at the Hotel Pendleton who were attending the mid-year meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society at the M E church.

Rod LaRocque and Delores Del Rio in Resurrection, at Star Theater, Sunday and Monday.

The largest as well as one of the nicest parties of the social season was that held Tuesday evening at the Episcopal parish house when Mesdames C W McNamer, F J Lucas and D M Ward entertained at bridge. Twenty one table were in play and guests were present from Arlington, Ione, Lexington and Heppner.

Margaret Notson, Jack Casteel, Vivian Cason and Letha Hiatt are chosen to represent Heppner high school at the typewriting contest to be held in Pendleton at 10 o'clock April 14.

Lexington News

By DELPHA JONES

The Lexington Cub Scouts held their pack meeting last Monday night with the Scout Master Cecil Jones presiding. At this time the awards were given by the advancement chairman Bob Lovegren. The following boys were given Bobcat pins: Nelbro and Ricky Cox accompanied by his father Lyle Cox; Matt Hughes accompanied by his parents Mr and Mrs Homer Hughes; Bobby Van Winkle accompanied by his mother, Mrs Gladys Van Winkle; Johnnie Hatfield, accompanied by his parents, Mr and Mrs Don Hatfield; Mike Palmer who received his wolf badge, accompanied by his parents, Mr and Mrs Ken Palmer; and Frankie Robinson received his lion badge and he was accompanied by his mother, Mrs Frank Robinson. Cecil Jones presented Chris Lovegren his Bobcat pin and he was accompanied by his parents, Mr and Mrs Bob Lovegren. Mrs Edna Turner showed both movies and slides of her trip to Alaska and the boys each showed something they had collected or made pertaining to Alaska. Mrs Henderson's den 2 made a large map of Alaska and each boy gave a report on an industry. Mrs Jones's pack 1 each made individual maps of Alaska for notebooks and gave reports on the country. A short business meeting

subject may be obtained at this office.

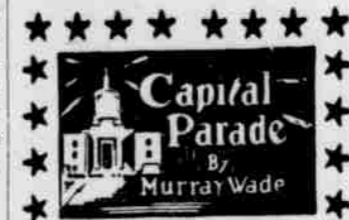
ing was held later.

Mrs Dean Hunt and daughter Jeanine and Mrs E E McFadden were The Dalles visitors where they went to take Jeanine to a doctor there.

Phyllis Thornburg, daughter of Mr and Mrs Pine Thornburg, is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital where she underwent surgery for appendicitis on Tuesday.

Dona Ritchie of Salem was renewing acquaintances in Lexington over Easter.

On Monday the Cub Scouts met for their regular meeting. Den 1 went for a flower picking outing and den 2 worked on a short skit for next pack meeting.



OLD CAMPAIGN SAGAS SAG

A new and better campaign format is in the development stage this year that promises to aid voters in evaluating candidates, bring out better candidates and of course result in more economical government.

Every fifty years, so the pattern seems to go, something that is being considered as top in political campaigning dissolves into nostalgia and is tossed out of the political prop rooms.

For fifty years the torchlight parade was the radiant pivot by which a candidate was measured. The longer the parade the better the candidate was considered to be. It was last used extensively when Howard Taft was elected on a states rights platform in 1908.

The stench and flare of the torchlight was shifted to a fast spreading limbo of "Every man his own orator, with or without tails," and polemicism.

The current election year is the golden, or is it brass, centennial of the advent of the pollster and the grandiloquent self-starting orator. Since the patterned fifty years is up the poll takers are drying up hoping the orators will do the same.

For the past two weeks the campaign has been honest and sober, confined to govern mental policies and procedures State Treasurer Sig Unander and Secretary of State Mark Hatfield have calmly discussed matters of state and presented their views to many audiences, frequently from the same platform. They have differed in their views but have not annoyed their listeners with slanted personalities and affronts. Their statements have been forthright and enlightening. The audience respon-

se has been of a new and sincere type. . . not the applause race of the old pattern, trying to see who can make the most noise for assumption of popularity.

Governor Holmes and his primary opponent Lew Wallace who differ widely have also given their audiences solid things to think about. Both have been receiving grateful applause.

ELFSTROM FOR SPEAKER
Robert L. Elfstrom, Sr. Salem businessman and state representative from Marion County who underwent major surgery at Salem General Hospital Wednesday made a rapid and complete recovery returning to his Salem home Sunday.

Representative Elfstrom who has served three terms in the Legislature has always been a top vote-getter and was urged to run for congress in the 1st District. He is the highly favored Republican candidate for Speaker of the House if the Republicans reverse the present Democratic majority.

FATHER'S RIGHTS UPHELD

It took a Marion County jury less than 10 minutes to free an exasperated father charged with assault and battery on a persistent suitor for his young daughter. The suitor had repeatedly defied the father's orders to stay away from the girl, according to testimony.

WARNING HONEYMOON ENDS

Continuing their drive against speeding, state police made 1,440 arrests last month for violations

of the basic rule. The officers didn't hand out a single warning for speeding.

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SOLUTION FILE



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Sun., Mon., April 13, 14

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Rock Hudson, Robert Stack, Dorothy Malone. Sunday at 4, 6 and 8.

Tues., Wed., April 15, 16

The Private Life of Major Benson

Tim Hovey, Charlton Heston, Julie Adams. Family nights and Heppner residents whose home face on Baltimore St and North of Baltimore, not including Water, K and Alken Sts. may register at box office for a Free show Tues. or Wed.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Grown-up "Kid Stuff"

The kids around here are sure pulling a lot of weight with local businessmen these days.

For instance, Monk McCarthy has collected and patched old inner tubes all winter. He'll pass them out for the swimming hole season—with this stenciled on: "Courtesy of McCarthy Auto Service."

And Mr. Troy, over at the bank, has put in three new shiny high chairs—for visiting mothers to park their kids in. There's a sign over the chairs: "Save

now for a happy future."

From where I sit, I like the way people take to new ideas to promote their business. It shows that they are open-minded. We all could stand a little more of it in our personal lives too. For example, you may prefer tea or buttermilk to my choice of a glass of beer. But if we're "open-minded" we accept the other fellow's choice.

Joe Marsh