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Water—Key to Oregon's Progress

According to the latest projections by the Bureau of the Census, the population of the United States may reach 208,000,000 people by 1970. This would be an increase of almost 40,000,000 people during the next thirteen years or an increase at the rate of nearly 3,000,000 people per year.

The prospects of providing for the needs of this expanding population will pose some challenging questions to our nation. It is reasonable to assume that Oregon will attract a proportionate share of this increase.

Many areas of the nation will be limited in future population increase because of the lack of adequate water supplies. Fortunately, Oregon generally speaking has enough water to meet all future anticipated needs.

Conservation of this valuable resource is necessary, however on most streams because the greatest demand for water occurs when natural stream flows are at their lowest point. Better seasonal distribution must be achieved through ground and surface water storage, through watershed management, land use practices, and impoundment. In addition to furnishing water for anticipated demand, this storage will help alleviate average annual flood damages in the state approximating \$19,000,000.

Oregon's four basic industries are timber, agriculture, recreation, and sports and commercial fishing. The future of Oregon's growth will depend to a large extent upon how well we can increase our four basic industries.

All of these primary industries are dependent upon water for production and processing or carrying away the wastes of processing. To further expand these key industries, our water resources must be conserved and managed to a greater degree.

Conservation has been defined by the Governor's Committee on Natural Resources as the "wise use" of these resources. While many conservation measures are the result of implementation by state or federal agencies, it must be kept in mind that conservation of any natural resource begins with the individual. Individual ideas are translated into group action directed towards the end result of the maximum beneficial use of the water resources for the economic and social benefit of all.

Water conservation is just one phase of conservation as it will be noted here in Morrow county next week, May 11 to 18. It is important, but so are the others—saving the soil, timber, wildlife. Morrow county is among the state's leading counties in promoting the wise use of all resources, apparently because its people are more aware of the need than are those in some other parts of the state. Here we are vitally interested in our own future.

Road Levy Is Vital

Primary voters will find a special 10 mill county road tax on their ballot May 16. It is a measure that should be given a big affirmative vote.

The levy is a continuative for another five years of the special tax that has been building up the road system for the past 10 years, and without it our entire road program would come practically to a halt. The county is now getting a network of good roads and nearly every organization has recently recommended that the program and the necessary tax levy be continued.

A good explanation of the need for the special levy appears elsewhere in a letter to the editor from county judge Oscar Peterson, so we won't belabor the question further here except to recommend its passage.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

To The Editor:
There is to be voted upon at this coming election a recommendation that the special road tax levy of 10 mills be continued for another 5 year period. As is generally known this levy has been on the statute for the past 10 years. I believe this should be continued, not because I am more or less closely associated with the road program of our county at this time, but because I can definitely see the need for the expansion of the secondary road program as well as our maintenance program.

In our general road fund, we will receive something like \$56,000.00 for this coming fiscal year. This is built up from the motor license fund, timber sales, gasoline refunds, Justice Court fines, etc., but, in all, could be very little in excess of the \$56,000.00. The 10 mill special levy, based on the assessed valuation of \$14,000,000, would be around \$127,000.00 net for the year.

Now our maintenance alone, will use up most of the \$56,000.00. In addition to this we will need match money to go with Federal and State appropriations. This in itself will amount to between \$20,000 and \$30,000 per year. This year, late this summer, we can look forward to some \$62,000.00 in Federal money. Also, as a result of the recently passed emergency road bill, passed by congress and signed by our president, we will get \$23,000.00. This must be matched by county funds.

Of the 10 mill special levy, 5 mills or 50% of that which is assessed within incorporated towns or cities, will go to the city governments. That includes Heppner, Lexington, Lone Boardman and Irrigon.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Two meetings this week featured speakers of importance state and nation wide. Monday evening a handful of livestock operators with members of the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce enjoyed a buffet supper and heard Bob Steward, director, Oregon State Department of Agriculture discuss various aspects of the livestock industry. On Tuesday evening over 60 wheat farmers participated in the annual spring meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association. Speaker of the evening was Floyd Root, president of the National Association of Wheat Growers. Mr Root discussed activities of the National Association. Commenting on state wide activities was Bob Taylor, administrator, Oregon Wheat Commission. A feature of this meeting was the presentation of Mr and Mrs Jack Sumner, selected recently as the

county winner, Conservation Man of the Year contest. Jack Whitman, president of Empire Machinery Company presented the Sumners with a plaque in recognition of the conservation work which they have established on their farm.

A couple of weeks ago we asked for cooperators for morning glory control research. We have had some response to this request but need more cooperators. Needed are patches of morning glory, both in summer fallow and in growing grain to be treated after harvest. To facilitate the experimental work, patches should be easily accessible from the road. If you have a patch of morning glory you would like to lend for control purposes let us know soon.

A number of Morrow county livestock men are planning to attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattlemen's Association which will be held in Ontario on May 11, 12, 13 and 14. It is still not too late for others to plan to attend. The program has been arranged so as to start committee meetings Sunday night, May 11. Four different committees will meet Sunday night; there will be a general assembly Monday morning; four more committee meetings Monday afternoon and the other four committees will meet

Several of the committees of the 1958 County Planning Conference, recommended the passage of the 10 mill special road tax levy. This includes the public education committee, the livestock committee, and the home and community committee. I am a large taxpayer myself and definitely recommend that this special road tax levy be passed.

Oscar E Peterson,
County Judge

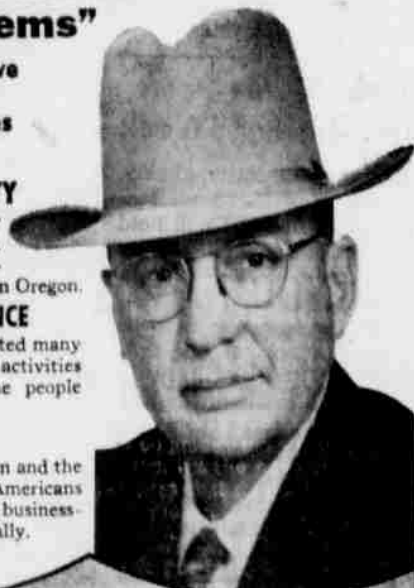
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Monday evening at 7 pm. At the general assembly on Tuesday all committee reports will be heard with sufficient time given to debate resolutions which come out of the various committees. The annual social hour, banquet and dance will be held Tuesday evening with the traditional cowboy breakfast on Wednesday morning. Governor Holmes and Larry Hilaire of the National Restaurant Association will be breakfast speakers. The annual convention will be held at the Moore Hotel in Ontario.

From time to time we have inquiries at this office for the daily requirements of water for the various classes of livestock. This information is helpful to those who are installing tanks and reservoirs, developing springs, ponds or wells as well as for other uses. Livestock need plenty of fresh water to maintain their bodies and produce milk or meat. A milk cow needs 8 to 10 pounds of water for each pound of milk produced besides that needed for proper digestion and body function. Here are the requirements for different animals; 35 gallons per day for each milk cow; 12 gallons per day for each beef cow; 12 gallons per day for each dry cow; 12 gallons per day for each horse; 4 gallons per day for each hog; 2 gallons per day for each sheep; 4 gallons per day for each 100 chickens. Livestock men may want to make note of these requirements so that they can

have them to refer to.
A newly released bulletin entitled "1958 Recommendations for Weed Control in Oregon" is available at this office. The bulletin contains precaution notes on the use of herbicides, lists chemicals and their trade names with outline of recommendations for all types of weeds including those prevalent in field crops, small fruits and vegetables and aquatic weed control. Copies are available from this office.

We continue to have inquiries at this office on the control of mice and squirrels which seem to be especially plentiful this spring. A number of farmers have used poisoned grains with

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Assessor of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the Primary Election.
Present Incumbent
HARRY DINGES
6-10c

FOR COUNTY JUDGE
I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of County Judge of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the Primary Election.
Present Incumbent
Oscar Peterson

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times
May 10, 1928

Radio interference in Heppner may be controlled and a time limit set on parking on Main street. The opinion of the council at its May meeting Monday night was that these things should be done.

The following seventh grade girls are in the maypole dance: Hazel Beymer, Winifred Case, Doris Cox, Anna Crump, Edna Jones, Carolyn Moyer, Vivian Stout, Beatrice Thomson, Viola Brown, Naomi Furlong, Lora Gillman and Marie Scrivner. Irene Hiatt reigns as queen and her attendants are Nancy Cox and Phyllis Jones. The pages are Billy Barratt and Lester Taylor.

Mr and Mrs W W Becholdt of Hardman and son Archie were visitors in Heppner on Sunday, guests at the home of Mrs N S Whetstone.

Mr and Mrs George Hayden were in Heppner Saturday from their home at Hardman.

The Wright Bros, Orin and Deb have taken their sheep to the mountains to the George Wright place.

Mrs W O Livingstone of Hood River was a guest over Sunday night at the home of Mr and Mrs E R Huston.

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OSC Booklet Outlines Market Outlook

Oregon net farm income has gained a little in each of the past three years and has a good chance of further improvement in 1958, says M D Thomas, Oregon State college agricultural economist.

Oregon's farm economy is reviewed in the current issue of "Oregon Farm and Market Outlook" prepared by OSC economists and marketing specialists. Copies of the 8-page outlook booklet may be obtained on request from local county extension agents or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Discussed in the booklet are the general farm picture, livestock, seed and grain crops, forestry, poultry and eggs, horticultural crops, dairy and consumer trends.

SPENT WEEKEND AT CORVALLIS

Among those from here attending Mother's Weekend at Corvallis were Mrs James Thomson, Mrs Ervin Anderson, Mrs Cal Sumner, Mrs Walter Wright, Mrs C W Cox, Mrs L E Ruhl, Mrs James Hayes, Mrs Bertha Hunt of Lexington and Mrs Archie Munkers.

Phone your news items to 6-9228.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Shades of Tom Sawyer

Everybody knew Community Hall couldn't go another season without a paint job. So Judge Cunningham asked for volunteers—and about a dozen people raised their hands.

Trouble was most of the volunteers never got around to working. Weeks went by. Last Thursday the Judge got an idea.

He painted the name of each delinquent volunteer—in big letters—across the part of the building the man had agreed to paint. That did it—we'll have a fresh-

Painted Hall by the weekend! From where I sit, sometimes we have to be reminded of our obligations. Like every so often, I try and point out how important "neighborly respect" is in a community. You may prefer soda pop. I like an occasional cold glass of beer. We ought to respect each other's choice. Excuse me now, I've got to go help paint Community Hall.

Joe Marsh

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Tues., Wed., May 13, 14

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