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WATER BONDS ARE VITAL

Heppner residents are being asked to vote next Tuesday on approval of a \$160,000 bond issue to provide money for the completion of the city's main water feeder line from the Willow creek wells to town. The project is important to everyone here, for nothing means as much as does a good water supply.

The city council hopes, and has many reasons to believe, that it will be able to purchase and lay the needed six or more miles of pipeline at considerably less than the \$160,000 that is being requested for the bond issue, but it asked an engineering firm to survey the project and give an estimate. The \$160,000 was the figure given which took into consideration all possible contingencies. When professional advice is requested it should be followed.

The council, however, feels that by altering slightly the pipe specifications, possibly using the city water department crew for the laying of the line rather than contracting the work, and a little luck on its pipe bids, that it may be able to lower the overall cost by as much as \$30,000 or \$40,000. If such proves to be true, the actual cost of the project will be in the vicinity of \$120,000 instead of \$160,000, and only that amount of bonds will be sold—regardless of the amount the people might approve.

The pipeline is badly in need of replacing for most of the present line is over 30 years old and was constructed of old-style concrete pipe which allows seepage and leakage. The present old line (that which hasn't been renewed in recent years) is in such poor condition that nearly 25% of the water that is put into it from the city's wells leaks out before it gets to town, and frankly, the city doesn't have that much water

to waste. It costs money to pump it from the wells, and it doesn't do anybody any good if it runs back into Willow creek before it gets to Heppner.

The new line will give the city a completely modern, sanitary water feeder system with ample capacity to serve this area for many years to come, barring some entirely unforeseeable population boom. If the replacement had been done 10 years ago, it would have cost probably 25% less than today. But by the same token, if we wait another five or 10 years it could well cost an additional 25% or more than it will now—and in the meantime, we could badly need the water we are not able to get.

The bond issue will be paid off by means of a combination of taxes and increased water rates, and will be retired in about 15 years.

This newspaper strongly recommends that the bond issue be given approval by the voters. It is a major project which must be faced by the city. It would be a major tragedy if we were to run out of water one of these summers. The value of an adequate water supply can hardly be measured in dollars and cents.

OTHERS THINK . . .

Labor columnist Victor Riesel writes: "I have no secrets. But I have the word of Russian specialists who are constantly talking to those from behind the Bolshoi border that Comrade Prime Minister Khrushchev has run the Soviets into desperate trouble. There are eyewitness accounts of terrific industrial disruption, new forced labor battalions and the simple breakdown of vast quantities of intricate electronic equipment without which no modern state can compete with us."

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
February 7, 1929

(Editor's note—The 30 years ago column has been missing for a month because the 1929 files was missing—it has shown up so we can continue the column.)

The total snow fall at Heppner since the storm began is reported as 42 inches by Frank Gilliam, local weather man.

The junior class of Heppner high school will present "The Charm School", a three-act comedy at the high school auditorium, Tuesday, February 12.

Hugh and Harvey Smith, farmers of the Lone section, were attending to business affairs in Heppner yesterday.

George McDuffee arrived home from Portland on Tuesday, driving in from The Dalles, where he had left his car. He found the highway in pretty good shape between that city and Heppner. He states that the Columbia River highway is open on into Portland, but it is pretty icy and traveling none too safe.

Heppner town team edged out their opponents from Lone in the last quarter of a fast game Tuesday night. Playing for Heppner were Doherty and Thorn, forwards; Beighle, center; Poulson and Ferguson, guards.

Boardman Girl Wins School Award

By MARY LEE MARLOW

Barbara Anderegg, high school senior, has been chosen the 1929 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow from Boardman school.

She received the highest score in a 50-minute written examination on homemaking knowledge and attitudes taken by senior girls. She received a homemaker pin manufactured by Josten's, which represents the slogan, "Home is Where the Heart Is." Her paper will be entered in competition with those of other school winners in the state to name the state Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow. The test is designed and judged by Science Research Associates.

Each state Homemaker of Tomorrow will receive a \$1,500 scholarship from General Mills, an educational trip April 4-10 with her school advisor to Washington, D C colonial Williamsburg, Va. New York City and Minneapolis and she will be a candidate for the title of All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The school of each state winner will receive a set of the Encyclopedia Britannica. General Mills award a \$500 scholarship to each state runner-up.

Winners are being chosen for 12,260 schools in the nation which enrolled 349,150 senior girls, the largest number of participants in the five-year history of the scholarship program.

The 1929 All-American Homemaker of Tomorrow will be announced in Minneapolis, April 10 at the American Table Dinner in the Leamington Hotel's "Hall of States."

The scholarship of the All-American Homemaker will be increased to \$5,000. The national runner-up will receive a \$4,000 grant, third place winner a \$3,000 award, and fourth place winner a \$2,000 scholarship.

Monument News

Mr and Mrs Boyd Hinton spent the weekend in The Dalles at the home of Mrs Dorothy Shanks. Their daughter Sharon of Portland met them there for a visit. Mrs Hinton and Mrs Shanks are sisters.

The M M M club will hold a cooked food sale February 14 at the Boyer Store.

Stella McCarty and Nestle Davis drove to Pendleton Monday on business.

REPRESENTATIVE WEATHERFORD REPORTS . . .

To the Editor and Friends back Home:

One of the most notable things, in my opinion, in legislation and the work pertaining to it by a legislator, is the fact that somewhere between the framing of the constitution and this Fiftieth Legislative Session, bias and self-interests have led to a condition of legislating to correct effects rather than going back to the cause. This, you can see represented in every one of the 1500 bills introduced, but there seems little hope that any change can be made without an entire revision of the past, but, however, our work now seems to consist mostly in the amending, and the construction, of very few laws.

Daily observers of the legislative scene cannot help but be impressed with the wide variety of subjects which are brought to the attention of the legislature for consideration and rejection or approval, and the fact that these measures will in some way touch the lives of every citizen of Oregon.

For instance, a typical day in the legislature brought measures on the following subjects. Proposing an annual meeting of the legislature, not to exceed sixty days in duration; several measures dealing with courts and court procedure; relating to savings and loan associations; setting procedure for the election and inauguration of the Governor; liability insurance for public officers and employees; a measure pertaining to the affairs of domestic insurance companies; providing for the procedure of exchanging state-owned land by

the Board of Forestry; relating to affairs of the state fair; some amendments to the provisions of the law relating to commodity commission; some new provisions of the act relating to the Rogue River Coordination Board. The same day there were matters relating to fish, education, teachers, motor vehicles, collective bargaining, migrant workers, corporate excise taxes, labeling of fryers, public welfare, the crime of arson, public roads, and public records. We were pleased to note the revision asked for relating to the commodity commission as this particular legislation will take two weeks out the Ways and Means Committee biennially, and in no way affects the structure of the Commission itself.

On Wednesday of this week the appropriation bill was reported favorably by the joint Ways and Means committee in the amount of \$1,790,000. On Thursday both the House and Senate passed the measure without dissenting votes. This is particularly significant as it displays a lack of partisan political feeling as regards the Centennial and expresses graphically the approval of the representatives of all the people of Oregon that the Centennial shall be a success. Governor Hatfield will probably have signed the appropriation bill by the time you are reading this report.

The bulk of the funds appropriated will go for the main exposition at the Pacific-International grounds in Portland. However, it should be pointed out that \$35,000 of the budget is to be allocated to the various counties to aid them in promoting local events to celebrate the 100th

birthday party. The legislature also placed the budget under strict control of the Department of Finance and Administration to assure proper disbursement of allocated funds.

Signs of the Oregon Centennial are everywhere in Salem. A display in the Capitol rotunda reminds us of this anniversary event as we enter the Capitol building each day. Beards are sprouting on the chins of various members of the Legislative assembly until I have begun to look for Joe Meeks, or Jim Sublet, to rise in debate over fish and game bills and others in the main assembly.

This illustrates by way of a typical day the great variety of interests expressed in various measures and subjects for consideration of the legislature. While one must be alert to the needs and economy of his own area, he quickly comes to the realization that he must be attentive to the broad interests of the State of Oregon and the welfare of every section. While wheat is all important to the people of the Columbia River counties; the fish in that river

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Livestock Market

Cattle—Hogs—Sheep

SALE EVERY TUESDAY
12 Noon

On U. S. Hiway No. 30

NORTHWESTERN LIVESTOCK
COMMISSION CO.

JO 7-6655 Hermiston, Oregon

Frank Wink & Sons, Owners
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From The County Agent's Office

By NELS ANDERSON

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Quite some interest is being shown by Morrow county swine breeders in the Washington Swine Breeders Association sponsored bred gilt sale which will be held at the Whitman county fair grounds west of Colfax on Friday, February 6. The breeding stock will be shown Friday morning beginning at 9 a m with an exhibition and cut out value of barrow carcasses from this barrow show to be held on the 5th. The breeding stock sale will begin at 1:30 P M. Thirty two bred gilts including Berkshires, Chester Whites, Duroc, Hampshires, Palouse, Poland Chinas and Yorkshires will be sold.

E M Baker and Son, Ione and Hermiston have recently purchased two excellent type Shorthorn bulls which should add to the improvement of our beef

herds. The bulls were selected from the Jacob Walter herd near Odessa, Washington. Both bulls are from the old Walter's herd sire imported from Scotland.

A few days ago this office received a copy of the new Oregon Weed Control Handbook. This handbook is comparable to the insect control handbook that many of our people have been using during the past two or three years here. It is a ring bound mimeograph prepared by the weed control workers at Oregon State College. The handbook contains information on physical properties of chemicals, selective weed, control in field crops and horticultural crops. Weed control in turfs, aquatic weed control chemicals chemical brush control, common weeds, use of soil sterilants, ground spray and dusting equipment, some useful tables and a glossary. The handbooks were prepared principally as a quick reference for county agents, but there are extra copies for sale at the Coop Book Store at Corvallis. These sell for \$2.50. This book has some special value for commercial applicators, retailers of herbicides, field men and so forth.

The 16th annual tri-county Hereford Association will be held at the Union county fairgrounds at 1 P M, Tuesday, February 10. Fifty horned and polled Herefords will be offered for sale.

On Tuesday of this week the county agent accompanied by Herbert Ekstrom, Ione Hereford breeder attended a meeting of livestock operators at Redmond for the purpose of discussing beef cattle performance testing. Sixteen central and eastern Oregon counties were represented with over 35 purebred and commercial cattlemen present. The value of beef cattle performance testing and experiences of several state testing groups as well as the

National Performance Registry Association was discussed. As a result of the day's meeting a committee composed of Scot Warren, Klamath county Angus breeder; Larry Williams, Grant county purebred Hereford breeder; Priddy Holmes, purebred and commercial Hereford breeder operating in three central Oregon counties; Claude Williams, Lake county purebred Hereford breeder and Phil Kuhl, Grant county Shorthorn breeder were appointed to investigate the opportunities and possibilities for an Oregon Association and to report back at a general meeting to be held in early June.

Livestock operators interested in beef performance testing are urged to contact this office or Herb Ekstrom, Ione for further particulars.

An interesting project is underway as a part of the Centennial program for Oregon as the extension service probes farm lands with soil augers of those farms that have been farmed for 100 years or longer. County extension agents in the 15 counties where century farms were recognized last year are gathering soil samples which will be tested in the state soil testing laboratory at Corvallis. It is hoped that through this soil testing program of these older farms that (1) useful and constructive historical facts pertaining to agriculture and land use and (2) basic facts about Oregon soils that may need further study will be revealed. The soil testing started early in January and will be continued through mid-February. Results of the survey will be available early in May and will be announced during Oregon's annual Conservation Week.

The Northwest Plant Food Association aided by the National Plant Food Institute will pay for the chemical work at the soil testing laboratory. Counties with 1928 century farms are Benton, Clackamas, Clatsop, Coos, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Linn, Marion, Multnomah, Polk, Wasco, Yamhill and Washington.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh



Smiley Tries a "Treasure Hunt"

They're already pouring foundations for Smiley Roberts' new store, now that the old house on the place has been torn down in record time.

"Those wreckers sure did a fast job," Smiley explained with a chuckle. "Of course, I helped speed things up myself."

"Someone found a letter behind a rafter. Gave me an idea. I put \$30 in an envelope, hid it, then 'discovered' it right under their noses. After that, the boys worked so fast I gave them that thirty dollars as a bonus!"

From where I sit, some things—like being a good neighbor—shouldn't require "special inducements." That's something we should all want to be—just automatically. When you visit my home, for example, I try to be a good neighbor by serving you your favorite beverage—be it coffee, tea or a glass of beer. Extend the same courtesy to me, and I'd call that a "bonus" of good neighborliness.

Joe Marsh

STAR THEATER

Thurs., Fri., Sat., Feb. 5, 6, 7

Buchanan Rides Alone

Randolph Scott, Craig Stevens, Jennifer Holden. PLUS

Campbell's Kingdom

Adventure in Canada's magnificent Rockies

Sun., Mon., Tues., Feb. 8, 9, 10

In Love And War

Robert Wagner, Dana Wynter, Jeffrey Hunter, Hope Lange, Sheree North. Sunday at 4, 6:05 and 8:10

PRESSURE

There's a lot of it in the insurance business, especially from the "out-of-town", "cut-rate" and "big-dividend" salesmen. Many times the benefits are almost invisible.

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