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TO THE EDITOR . .

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A word of explanation concerning my stand on teacher salaries is perhaps in order.

Last year I served as chairman of the budget committee for the rural school board. I am certain the members of that board did not find me difficult or hard to work with, which is of course beside the point. The point is that this board at that time granted a "token" \$200 raise to a man. I later asked the man how much of the raise he was able to keep. His answer was about \$65. Therefore, we gave the man a \$65 a year raise and gave the government a \$135 raise. It's easy to see that the \$200 so called "token raise" did not do the job for which it was intended.

I compliment the new superintendent upon his effort to answer questions directed to him and questions which the board members themselves perhaps should have answered. I commend the county board upon receiving the public criticism in a graceful manner. I was pleased at such an attendance by the public because at the very least, they are better informed.

I would like to remind the people that this past meeting (Tuesday night) was a preliminary hearing and that the official hearing will be held at a later date, and now, that our interest has been aroused, let's all make sure to attend. At least we will be better informed and it is important to the board that we attend.

W W Weatherford

To The Editor:

Your old time pictures of Heppner are wonderful and you should receive the thanks of every old-timer now living, including mine. But I hate to say this, but your date and location of the old flouring mill are both wrong. Here is the story of the old mill by one who played around it so many times in the long ago.

Horace J Beagle arrived in Heppner around the year of 1874 and tried farming and stock raising until he moved into Heppner in the spring of 1876 and built the very first flouring mill in Heppner. The site of this old primitive mill was on the very site of the mill pictured in your paper of March 26th. This mill and the one in the paper was built on the very site where Frank Monahan lives. I built this home for Joe and Nina Snider and I destroyed the last vestige of the old mill when we made the fill for their new home, which they never occupied but a short time, if any.

Mr Beagle sold out a half interest in about a month to O H Hallock. In the fall of 1878 these two gentlemen sold the mill to two new-comers, I G Hewison and Dennis De Porte who operated the mill until he was drowned in a flash flood in Clark's canyon in the spring of 1884. In 1885 it became the property of J W Morrow, Nelse Jones and W B Cunningham & Co, and others. About 1886 it was sold to J B Sperry who, in 1887, tore down the old Beagle mill and built the one you show in your picture. Mr Sperry built a fine home on Main street on the very corner where Rufus Piper used to live and where he now has his motel apartments. Late in 1891, Mr Sperry formed a stock

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From The County Agent's Office

By NELS ANDERSON

Last Wednesday while visiting at the Pendleton branch experiment station I had the opportunity to see the new M & W vertical mulcher which has been provided the station for experimental research. This is the first of these mulchers manufactured and the first in the Pacific Northwest. The mulcher, developed at Purdue University is a conservation type implement which is aimed at providing a wide range of benefits from water erosion control to soil aeration to permanent fracturing of hard pan to moisture penetration, to plow soil break up to sub-soil fertilization, and so on. A heavy duty sub-soiling shank is modified with the addition of tapered wings which hold the channel open while mulch material is blown down into the trench. An 80 inch beater chops straw, corn stalks, or what-have-you, blowing them into the sub-soiling shank. The experiment station will use this machine in the Columbia Basin on an experimental basis this year. Because of a heavy schedule for the mulcher I was not able to line up a demonstration for Morrow county this spring, however, one or more might be arranged for fall. A number of Morrow county farmers have seen this implement advertised and Burton Peck, Lexington has received a considerable amount of literature on its use. The farmers will now have the opportunity to see the machine in action.

Each year we have numerous inquiries about tiny gooseberry maggots found in this fruit at picking time. The gooseberry maggot is one stage of the life cycle of this pest. Now is the time to begin thinking about control and watching your gooseberries as they come into bloom. Spraying or dusting should be carried out at 14 day intervals until harvest. If rain follows the dust or spray application it should be repeated. For home planting use 2 tablespoons 50% wettable methoxychlor powder or a 5% dust. Cover the plants well. Control measures are directed against the adult flies. The objective is to kill them before they lay eggs.

Many of our 4-H club members can look forward to new and interesting project material at the beginning of the new 4-H club year which starts next October 1. Members enrolled in photography will find all new mater-

company of local men, including Oscar Minor, Stanley's father. I think Frank Gilliam was a stock holder, but I am not sure of that. They kept the mill running for many years, and I think you are right about the closing date of the tearing down of the old mill, but it was NOT on the Rosewall or Turner property on Court street. The mill had an old box warehouse building just where Frank Turner's house now stands. I ought to know, because I played around under it many times in the long ago when I was a boy. I hope you keep on publishing the old pictures, and I am enclosing an old picture of Lexington to use if you wish, but I would like to have it returned when you are through with it.

Sincerely,
O M Yeager
Castle Rock, Wash



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Doc Didn't Pull His Punch

The other day Doc Williams got to talking about one of his patients.

"This fellow had a bad tooth," he explained, "but I told him I could save it with a few prompt treatments. Then, after that one visit it was six months before he came back.

"This time," Doc said, "his cheek was all swollen up. 'It's that same tooth,' he said. 'Think we can save it?' Sure, I said, after I take it out you can put it in your pocket and take it home with you."

From where I sit, trouble gets worse with neglect. That's why we should never ignore "intolerance" in any form. Sometimes it crops up in little things like begrudging a man his right to a glass of beer, or telling him what kind of television programs he should watch. Let's all respect our neighbor's preferences and opinions. That way we won't "pull" at each other's freedom.

Joe Marsh

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
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F B Wheymer arrived at Heppner on Monday from Dayton, Wn, where for some time he has been located as district ranger on the Touchet division of the Wenaha national forest. He comes to Heppner to take the place of George Clark.

Concrete on the new reservoir for Heppner's city water works was all poured yesterday in completion of the roof.

Adam Knoblock, Dr A D McMurdo and L Van Marter composed the local team in the Oregonian state telegraphic trapshooting tournament Sunday.

Riley Munkers was in the city from Lexington for a short time on Wednesday.

J D Cash, manager of the local J C Penney company store will leave Saturday for Portland to attend the annual spring convention of the organization.

Coming April 21 and 22 to the Star Theater, Clara Bow in The Fleet's In.

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

I was down in Corvallis the past week attending a food preservation workshop under the direction of Mrs Ruth Klippstein, nutrition specialist for the Oregon State College extension service. There were about 25 women agents and commercial demonstrators attending this refresher course which was held in the food technology building on the Oregon State campus.

Our days were really packed full as we listened to outstanding instructors from the OSC staff in food technology, chemistry, and bacteriology give us the aspects of food spoilage; preservation of dairy, fish, and meat products; and the correct handling of fresh garden produce.

Outstanding among these professors was Dr Ho-Ya Yang, an Oriental, who is an associate professor of food and dairy technology at the college. Dr Yang presented in a unique manner, the chemical actions that take place in the making of pickles, saurkraut, vinegar, and fruit jellies. I found him quite fascinating!

The freezing of fruits and vegetables and prepared foods was discussed by Mrs Klippstein and Mrs Lols Sather, assistant pro-

fessor of foods and dairy technology at Oregon State, and Mrs Marlon Vaisey and Dr E M Litterer presented the principles involved in making jams and jellies.

Home canning was also reviewed as to equipment needed and techniques of canning.

There was a lot to assimilate in three days and sometimes our "posterior" rebelled. But morning and afternoon coffee breaks helped considerably.

The vibrant "green" of the Willamette valley surely was startling! I thought it was green in Morrow county, but I'm afraid we're a little on the "winter-side" of spring compared to the valley.

Seventy years of progress in home economics in Oregon was recognized during home economics week, March 29—April 4. Over 300 home economists were invited to Portland last weekend for the 1959 Oregon home economics convention.

In a commendation from Governor Mark Hatfield, home economics was cited for its contribution to our national level of living. Hatfield's statement is printed in part:

"Today, we look to home economics for knowledge of nutrition, of home management, of wise buymanship, of satisfying relationships among family members, of discrimination in selection of goods and services, and for much of our understanding of the relationship of the family to the community."

"In our schools, we look to home economists to teach our children the latest scientific principles underlying homemaking activities and to help them develop the ability to recognize and use such principles in the future."

"We look to home economists in adult education programs and in extension service for continuing to interpret the needs of consumers to their firms, and, in turn, to provide goods and services to meet these needs."

"We expect home economists in food service and dietetics to provide nutritious meals away from home, and home economists in research to discover new information for the entire profession."

That's quite a salute to the home economics profession!

If your son or daughter wants an interesting job encourage them to investigate the opportunities in home economics. There are attractive jobs open right now in home economics graduates in fields of hotel, restaurant, school and hospital food management, teaching research, business, and communications.

Homemaking courses are available at Oregon State College, Marylhurst, Linfield, University of Oregon and Willamette Uni-



GOVERNOR'S VIEWPOINT

"Fifty per cent is a reasonable objective for the state's share of the cost of public school education," Governor Mark Hatfield told the annual convention of the Student Oregon Educational Association at the Oregon College of Education, Saturday.

He emphasized that state contributions towards school costs should not go lower than the present level of 33 per cent.

Other educational needs he identified as expansion of community colleges and technical schools, greater use of school buildings, merit pay, a long range study of financing education at all levels and broader educational opportunities for all citizens.

"Our schools are closed more days than they are open," he pointed out in proposing greater use of school buildings.

CHECK ON WELFARE CHECKS
Governor Hatfield has instructed the State Public Welfare Commission to "bend every effort to insure we have no one on the rolls who is capable of

working."

"I have not come to the place in my thinking that welfare is a right anyone has at any time they care to exercise it."

"Welfare is strictly for the unfortunate. I don't believe taxpayers want to support people who are capable of supporting themselves."

ONE CENT GAS TAX BOOST
"The cent-a-gallon increase is the most reasonable and fairest way of achieving increased revenue to provide money to match federal highway grants," Hatfield reasons. He said he is op-

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