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TO THE EDITOR...

To The Editor:

I am glad you published the old flood pictures. These old pictures were taken just a day or so after the flood by Mike B Galloway and Bert Sigsbee. Mr Galloway had been operating the photo studio for a number of years in the upper rooms over the old Gazette building way up on South Main street close to Billy Stewart's livery stable and across the street from the famous old "Mountain House." Mr Galloway told me of the taking of these old flood pictures, when we visited him at his home at Sweet Home, Ore. a few months before his death. He gave me all of his original flood pictures then, which, after his death, I presented to Morrow County through Judge Garnet Barratt, with the understanding he would turn them over to the county or Heppner whenever they organized a historical society or built a museum there. They should now be in the hands of the society.

Mr Galloway had made a deal with young Bert Sigsbee to purchase the gallery, but the flood came and the deal was not completed until afterward. He said that he and Bert worked together to take these flood pictures. Mike worked outside and Bert working in the studio doing the developing and taking some of the pictures. Mr Galloway left Heppner forever a few months later. Now, I would like to identify the pictures on page 9 of the June 11 issue of the Gazette. The top picture, left, was taken in the fall of 1900. The old white, two-story frame court-house, shown in this picture had just lately been sold to Judge Thomas Ayers, Sr. It was soon torn down to make room for the stone structure now standing, and the salvaged lumber was used to build Heppner's first hospital. It was a two-story frame building built on the east bank of Willow creek right by the old wooden bridge that went up to the court house. Contractor Joseph Hockett and I built this new hospital for Judge Ayers. It was to be operated by Mrs Will Kirk as a nursing home. She was an aunt of Mrs Jeff Jones. The flood came along and washed away the new building before it was even finished.

The second picture, left from the top was taken two days after the flood by Galloway and Sigsbee. The caption under the third picture is entirely wrong. You stated the tall two-story white house, still standing on the corner of Jones and Water

streets was the O M Yeager house. This is wrong. The house shown is the old Judge Ellis home, later sold to Bert and Julie Phelps and still stands on the corner of Gale and Water streets, across from Joe Ny's home. After the flood, Car and Cox, Contractors, remodeled the big house for the Phelps' and built on the round tower and the round porch. I was a carpenter on that job. The old Yeager house, Jones and Water streets was built by my father, J L Yeager in 1888-9. This old home never did have double windows or a slanting shingled front porch roof. All the windows were single and tall until I remodeled the house ten or twelve years ago. The tall house at the right in this picture was built by Robert Wills. I think Earnest Moyer owns it now. Would be impossible to have the two houses in this picture if one was the Yeager house, taken a little south and east of our house. The one story hip-roofed house shown in between the Ellis house and the Wills house was the Ed Slocum house, now owned, I think by Mrs Lucy Peterson and I helped move it right back to where it was first built next to Joseph Ny's home. Before the flood, my father had his undertaking parlors where Joe's house is. Olive and I built this house several years after the flood for our home.

The lower left picture of the Methodist church showing the upper section of a house with an electric light pole sticking through, is what was left of Oscar Minor's home. It was torn down and never rebuilt. It stood, before the flood on the east bank of Willow creek close to the Lover's Lane bridge. Later on Oscar built his new house on Court street. Stanley was not born yet. The old Wrecked Thomas Ayers cupola is the most widely known picture of all. Every flood writer, including me, has used it in magazine stories.

The second picture, down, right side is no mystery to me. The house still stands right where it was built, but has been remodeled several times since the flood. It is the old Matlock house, childhood home of Leslie, Minnie and Bertha Matlock. Part of the old Park Garrigues (Slocum) planing mill shows in this picture. Uncle Mike Galloway was standing in the debris southeast from this house when he took this picture. The Methodist church steeple does not show in this picture because it is on the wrong side of the street in the picture, but the old Park Garrigues home, corner Gale and Church streets, with its two dormer windows on the roof does show, also the roof of the old planing mill just down the street. This house was owned by the Jim Farleys when we left Heppner and is the third house up from Church street on Gale. Third right hand picture, down is OK. The tall, two dormer house in lower right picture is the same dormered house shown in the picture just above, on the S W corner of Gale and Church streets, showing above, on the S W corner of Gale and Church streets, showing the front of the old Garrigues home. Jack Van Winkle did own this house once. This picture also shows the old planing mill, which stood right where the Catholic church now stands.

I have the most complete, original flood stories ever told by the survivors, which I hope to have published some day if I ever get enough money to do the job. Many or most of these stories have never been told before. They are all dead now and all old friends of mine.

Catsie Rock, Wash
O M Yeager

County Agent's News

By N C ANDERSON

Forage fertility plots established early this spring were harvested this week to determine yields from various treatments. They were established on the Art Watkins, W W Weatherford, Orlin Wright and John Graves ranches. The plots consist of ten 8 foot by 25 foot treatment areas comparing sulfur, combinations of phosphorus and sulfur; phosphorus, sulfur and boron; nitrogen, phosphorus, sulfur and boron; with a check plot. Each application is duplicated. Harvesting was done in cooperation with Howard Cushman, extension soil specialist from Oregon State College. A 40 inch swath was cut through the center of each treatment with a special sickle type power mower. The alfalfa from each strip was then weighed to be calculated for actual yield. While actual yields will be determined later when yield weights have been converted to an air dry basis rough calculation in the field has shown that there are differences of at least one ton yield between check and fertilized plots. Phosphorus and sulfur have appeared to give the greatest kick. Actual yield differences will be published as soon as they are available.

While no doubt almost every one has read of the announcement of the 1960 wheat program there may be a few things concerning its effect upon ranchers, which might be well worth repeating. First, it is well known that next year's national wheat acreage allotment will remain at 55 million acres, the same as this year. It will be the sixth year in a row that allotments have been set at the legal minimum fixed by law. At the same time the USDA scheduled referendum on marketing quotas for July 23, 1959. This is the seventh successive year for which wheat marketing quotas have been proclaimed. Growers who will have more than 15 acres of wheat for harvest as grain in 1960 will be eligible to vote in this referendum. Farmers who have signed wheat provisions permitting them to grow wheat on the farm for feed will not be eligible to vote. Wheat farmers will be informed of the allotments for their farms in advance of the referendum. The USDA will announce the support price on 1960 crop wheat before the referendum date. On the basis of present supplies and legislation, the legal minimum support rate for the 1960 crop would be at 75% of parity. That rate will become effective only if 2/3 of the producers voting in the referendum on July 23 approve marketing quotas. If it turns out that quotas are disapproved, acreage allotments will remain in effect but, there will be no restrictions on wheat marketings and the support rate as of July 1, 1960 would drop to 50% of parity, as required by law as in other years. The reason for marketing quotas on next year's wheat crop is that the secretary is required by law to proclaim them when the available supply is more than 20% above normal. Total supplies for the 1959-60 marketing year are now estimated at nearly 100% above normal. This estimate is based on the prospective size of the 1959 wheat crop and carryover on July 1 plus imports.



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

A Tip From Our "Cap"

Couple of months ago, Cap Anderson traded in that fifteen-year-old rattletap of his and purchased a new snazzy '59 model car. A real beauty, two-tone, and complete with power-everything.

But yesterday, of all things, Cap rattled into town behind the wheel of his old car. Naturally, all of us wanted to find out "How come?"

"Bought it back," said Cap. "I'm now a two-car family. I like my new car because it looks real modern—but I like

this car because it's real me!" From where I sit, all of us have certain affections that grow more a part of us with each passing year. For instance, when I think of Saturday night, I always think of my easy chair and a cold glass of beer. Your idea may be something else. But let's not ask each other to "change"—let's just respect the other fellow's preference. Agreed?

Joe Marsh

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THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
June 20, 1929

Dates for the 1929 Heppner Rodeo have been set for September 26-27-28, announces C W McNameer, president of the Heppner Rodeo association.

The Hudson automobile of Fred Hoskins was completely ruined by fire Sunday evening on Heppner hill.

A large number of Heppner people attended the water regatta above the McKay creek dam, on Sunday. Among those going over were the D A Wilson family, Spencer Crawford family, Mr and Mrs A J Chaffee, Alva Jones family, Earl W Gordon, Andrew Baldwin, Eva Hlatt, Mr and Mrs B G Sigsbee, Mrs L Van Marter and LaVerne Jr, Beryl Coxen family, Mr and Mrs B P Stone, Mr and Mrs Chas Vaughn, Mr and Mrs Osmin Hager, Mr and Mrs Dick Wells, Walter Moore, W O Bayless, Mr and Mrs P M Gemmill.

Mont Bundy was in town Saturday and he was wearing a broad smile because of the big rain that fell over his part of the county Saturday.

A date that Morrow county livestockmen interested in beef cattle feeding should mark on their calendars is that of June 30. This is the date of the field day and tour of the Milton-Freewater beef feeding yards at which time results from locally grown feeds will be reviewed by representatives of Oregon State College who have cooperated in the beef cattle experiment. Beef cattle on test at the yards for the part year are owned by the local ranchers who provided feed and facilities. This year research highlights which will be reviewed include use of antibiotics and hormone gain boosters; comparisons of pea vine hay, pea vine silage, and alfalfa hay for both wintering and fattening steers; most profitable levels of grain feeding; meat quality studies; and use of new systematic materials for controlling cattle grubs and effects of the treatment on animals feed lot performance. The program will start at 1:30 at the feeding yards south of the Umatilla Canning Company silage pits. At 2:30 p m further discussion of the college livestock program will be held at the Milton-Freewater city park. Speakers will include F E Price, OSC dean of agriculture; J C Miller, dairy and animal husbandry department head; Walter Kenney, meats researcher and A R Goulding, research entomologist. New chemicals to help weaner calves adjust to feed lot conditions were included in feeds of various combinations. Materials tested include antibiotics, tranquilizers, dynafac, a chemobiotic similar in action to antibiotics. Purpose of the entire feeding program was to compare total grain intake through the different methods with rate and cost of beef gains and net returns.

Cooperators in the Heppner Soil Conservation District which includes every rancher in Morrow county with the exception of the Boardman-Irrigon area will agree that the loss of Tom Wilson as conservationist for the district will be keenly felt. While many of us take a lot of things for granted many times we do not appreciate these things when they are available. I think that we will find this to be the case as Tom is not readily available to consult as conservation problems arise. While Tom as a public servant, was paid for the job he was doing and was interested in it those who worked closely with him knew he had his heart and soul in his work. Starting with the district as it was newly organized and working in it during its entire life he became an authority on the problems in the



UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Following a recently completed study of the adequacy of unemployment benefits the Oregon State Unemployment Compensation Commission has compiled and published an analysis which shows that unemployment insurance recipients in Oregon—far from keeping their normal living pattern—often must go into debt, neglect medical and dental care, exhaust savings, and curtail their buying.

Data for the 100-page study was gathered through personal interviews with a representative sample of the 7,666 workers filing claims at the Portland, Hillsboro and Oregon City offices of the Oregon State Employment Service during the week of March 24, 1958.

Interviews brought out detailed information on income and expenditures of a sample 354 persons, including single people and members of four person families, both during and before unemployment. Time covered April 1, to March 31, 1958.

Recalling President Eisenhower's repeated requests that unemployment compensation benefits be equal to at least half of regular earnings, findings

district. Under his leadership the district's accomplishments brought recognition as one of the tops in the Pacific Northwest. We are sure that Tom will enjoy his new assignment and that the cooperators of the Bonner County Idaho Soil Conservation District will soon realize that our loss was their gain.

Horn flies are active now and their numbers will continue to increase through out the summer months. Livestock can be protected very effectively against horn flies by the use of sprays or self treating or rubbing devices. For dairy animals that can be individually treated at milking time with Methoxychlor using one tablespoon of 50% wettable powder on each animal rubbing it lightly into the hair on the back. Methoxychlor will need to be applied no oftener than once every 3 weeks. For beef animals there are several effective sprays. Methoxychlor at the rate of 8 lbs of 50% wettable in a hundred gallons of water if applied as a spray is one of the more effective methods of controlling horn flies. This same insecticide can be used in a 5% oil solution using 1 gallon per 20 feet of cable back rubber. Toxaphene used at the rate of 10 lbs of 40% wettable powder per hundred gallons of water to one half gallon of emulsifiable concentrate containing 8 lbs of toxaphene per gallon is effective. One gallon of 50% emulsifiable concentrate or 16 lbs of 25% wettable powder of Malathion in 100 gallons of water is very effective. Toxaphene and DDT can also be used in a 5% oil solution in back rubbers. A new insecticide, Korlan, has recently been approved for horn fly control. Those who have not been getting effective control from the above mentioned materials might try Korlan this summer. It should be applied as directed on the container.

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show that at least 65 per cent of Oregon's workers do not achieve this standard.

Family groups which have but one wage earner are particularly hard hit.

THREE GOVERNORS

Oregon had three different governors within four days last week. Two were Democrats and one — an elected governor — is a Republican.

Speaker of the House Robert B Duncan had a sandwiched-in term of two days that was preceded by Senate President Walter J Pearson and ended when Gov Mark Hatfield returned from a short trip to Washington, D C and New York.

Duncan took the gubernatorial chair when Pearson decided on a Seattle trip.

SCAN \$100 BILLS

Look out for bogus \$100 bills. There are several strangers pushing them in the Willamette Valley and Northern Washington, according to reports of the U S Secret Service. The counterfeit federal reserve notes are numbered K-21-L-21, and carry a serial number 110, year 1950, on the back.

DOUGLAS MCKAY ILL

Former Secretary of the Interior, Douglas McKay, Salem, is in Walter Reed Hospital for a check-up. He is expected to leave Washington, D C hospital soon. President Eisenhower recently called on the former member of his cabinet at the hospital.

Mr McKay is anxious to be feeling fit before June 25 for the dedication of the St Lawrence Seaway when officials of the United States and Canada will join with Queen Elizabeth of England and Prince Philip for the dedication ceremonies.

Chairman of the United States on the International Joint Commission, Mr McKay will meet that day with Canadian members.

Mr and Mrs McKay plan to be back at their Salem home in July.

NO NEW CONGRESSMEN

The speculation of Oregon having another representative in congress after next year's census was set ahead at least ten years when the new states of Alaska and Hawaii were admitted into the Union. Each will get a congressman.

Since eastern states are not increasing in population with the same tempo as western states it was reasonable to presume that Oregon would gain another congressional district. California will gain from 6 to 8 representatives in congress.

STATE WORKERS WANTED

The Oregon State Civil Service Commission sent an appeal for addressing machine operators at a salary ranging from \$222 to \$280; unit supervisors at \$265 to \$326 and cardtype operators at from \$265 to \$326.

Application forms may be obtained from the office of the commission in Salem. Examinations are for building a backlog to fill places of retired workers and other vacancies.

Any honorably discharged war veteran of the United States who has successfully completed the examination, will be granted 5 points preference.

The backlog build-up is activated by the large number of employer persons in the state that has been increasing rapidly during the past months.

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