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The Bombing Range

A Guest Editorial by
County Judge Oscar E Peterson

A write-up concerning the hearing about the Boardman bombing range, which was held in Boardman last Thursday evening, had this to say: "Interested residents of Morrow county heard representatives of the Navy, Army Engineers, Inland Empire Waterways, Ass'n, and Umatilla Ordnance Depot, express interest in the bombing range at a hearing held here Thursday night." That expresses what happened at the meeting quite thoroughly. The military was well represented and presented their side most emphatically.

This, possibly, was not altogether the intent of the meeting. We were looking for enlightenment, both pro and con. The Air Force declared the bombing range excess as of August 12, 1958. The Navy has acquired the use of it, but we had asked for a temporary stay of the formal transfer and understood that we had this. Both Forrest E Cooper, who is counsel for the Association of County officials here in Oregon, and chairman Philbin, of the committee on Armed Services, Real Estate and Construction, Washington, D C, indicated as much.

But that is neither here nor there. We, ourselves, need to present our side. This land is in close proximity to the entire Columbia river development area. This not only changes considerably its economic value, but makes live ammunition bombing hazardous.

The picture indeed has changed since the land was acquired as a bombing range. At that time, much of it was classified as grazing land and the remainder as waste land. Because of the war emergency, the need the Federal government had for the land was considered of paramount importance by all who were asked to provide it. Much of the land could be farmed. And especially so, under water. None of it can any longer be classified as waste land. To us, in Morrow county, it seems that the land is far more valuable to the economy of the county than it is to the Federal government as a bombing range. Here already exists highways, railroads and the most beautiful water line on the Columbia River for the construction of harbor facilities. Expansion is a problem for many industries and industry will most certainly be looking this way. Water will be available at a reasonable cost and thereby jump the production several times on much of this area over and above what the acres will produce as dry grass pasture. It is to the interest of our citizens to have these acres integrated into our economy as an irrigated area instead of just dry land pasture or a "no man's land" for high altitude bombing. We need industry, and we need to make use of the water already nearby in order to produce enough to pay the ever-increasing property taxes that are being assessed against private property. Truly we need to increase our tax base.

Now, what can we do about it? We do need an enlightened public opinion. We have the opinion of the military. We need to organize more effectively. We need to present a plan based on facts, and through existing organizations make ourselves heard. Our representatives in Washington, D C are well aware of the situation and have indicated a willingness to cooperate. Certainly, they will be contacted and I, for one, am firmly convinced that there are other areas equally suitable and acceptable to the military for their purpose and not located in such a strategically valuable location. I hope that many here in our county see it as I do.

Several people have inquired about seed wheat and seed barley. Kenneth Smouse, Ione reports that he still has some certified Burt seed. He also has about 13,000 bushels of good clean number 1 bright Flynn seed.

We Want Your Letters. . . But—

This newspaper always welcomes letters to the editor, particularly when they are written on subjects of local interest and we are seldom on a newspaper this size, forced to reject any that we receive. There are only a couple of exceptions to this, one is when a letter is definitely libelous, which is hardly ever the case, and the other is when they come to us unsigned.

It is the policy of this paper, as it is of nearly 99 percent of all newspapers, not to take a second look at an unsigned letter to the editor. Many times those letters may express some very worthwhile thoughts, but unless we know the name of the writer we cannot take a chance on putting it in print.

When the editor of any newspaper expresses his opinion, editorially or otherwise, he, in effect, signs his name to his writings. We don't believe it is too much to ask that our readers who wish to express their ideas do the same.

We want your letters. . . but, if you expect to see it in print, please put your name on it. If you are ashamed to be the author, it shouldn't have been written in the first place!

From The County Agent's Office

By JOE D DAY

Several demonstrational plots using a new weed killer called Benzabor have been established over the county this past month. Benzabor is a short time soil sterilant made from a combination of borates and trichlorobenzene acid. It is a dry material and comes in a pelleted form similar to that of various dry fertilizers.

The demonstrations were established at the Bernard Doherty ranch, Heppner using three different rates of application on morning glory on range land. One demonstration was established at the Bechdolt Brothers ranch near Hardman. Here the same three rates were applied on morning glory in summer fallow.

Benzabor is designed to kill deep-rooted perennial weeds, annual weeds, and woody vines and brush such as morning glory, Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, whitetop, and many others.

While this product is similar to sodium chlorate in many respects, it is nonfire hazardous, non corrosive and non-poisonous when used according to directions.

Rex Warren, farm crops specialist, Oregon State College cooperating with this office helped to establish some demonstrational work with morning glory at the Earl Evans ranch using different rates of TBA, PBA, and Fenac. Observations of results

of these demonstrations will be carried on for several years to note such things as amount of regrowth if any, and length of soil sterility.

Some result from these demonstrations may be observed in the coming spring and summer.

Bill Hall, superintendent of the Sherman branch experiment station, Moro, and Frank Anderson, Heppner rancher, are again cooperating with this office in the establishment of a grain variety nursery for 1960.

Ten varieties of wheat and eight varieties of barley were seeded in the nursery the first of this week. Both new varieties and old established varieties were seeded so that comparisons of the old and new varieties under the same conditions could be made.

Results of the 1959 nursery was made available this week. Heading the list of established varieties was Orfed with a yield of 28.8 bushels with Omar close behind yielding 28.1. Columbia 21.6 and Golden, 17.5. Two crosses, Hymar and Orfed and Wasatch, made 36.3 and 32.8 bushel yields, respectively. These are being grown as promising material for new varieties. Eight varieties of barley were also grown in 1958-59. Leading the group was an experimental strain, Moro 532,300 yielding 51.8 bushels. Others in their order

were Hudson, 48.4; Flynn 37.44.0; Olympia, 34.7; Spray, 29.3; Winter Club, 28.8; Alpine, 27.9; Meiml, 25.9 bushels.

Mr Hall mentioned to me that everyone interested in certified wheat seed for next year should place their order with him shortly. He will be able to certify Omar, Burt, and Columbia.

The experiment station does not keep a supply of these certified seed on hand but they will certify seed if they have order for it.

A tentative date of October 28 has been set for a soils judging workshop in the Heppner area. The workshop is being sponsored by the Heppner Soil Conservation District and this office. Anyone who is interested in soil structure, texture, and quality is invited to attend. Soil conservation district supervisors will want to attend this workshop as it will be good preparation for the state soil judging contest at Salem on November 4.

Howard Cushman, extension soil specialist, Oregon State College, will be on hand to help out with the program.

Anyone having any special soil or fertilizer problems should feel free to call at our office so that Mr Cushman may be used to the best advantage while he is here.

"Management Recommendations for the Swine Breeding Herd" and "Management Recommendations for the Sow and Litter" are two new extension circulars that will be available in this office by the end of the week. These two circulars are

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the
Gazette-Times
October 10, 1929

Ceremonies of the installation of the 1929-30 officers of Heppner Post No 87, American Legion, were held at Legion hall on Monday evening. The following were inducted into office: Chas W Smith, commander; Jas M Burgess, vice commander; Jas D Cash, adjutant-finance officer and Clarence Bauman, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs Lucy Harbison, who represented the school board of Morgan and Mrs Margaret Blake, who represented the school board of Ione, were in attendance at the meeting of clerks and school board members in Heppner Saturday.

Claude Cox, manager of Morrow County Creamery company, and Elbert Cox, deputy sheriff, joined other hunters in the Mountains on Tuesday.

The largest enrollment in Heppner high school is shown in the present figures of 127, reports Jas M Burgess, superintendent, who says the peak of the year is probably not reached yet.

the latest swine management information available from Oregon State College.

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Recognition for the first 4-H agricultural club to be organized for the new club year which began October 1 goes to the Buttercreek Junction 4-H Livestock club. Congratulations to this energetic group of boys and girls and their leaders who have always been "on top" in 4-H club work. This club organized September 26, will be led this year by Weldon Witherrite, with Billy Doherty as junior leader. We welcome Weldon to our group of leaders even though we hate to lose Carl Rhea, who has been a faithful, long time leader of this club, in fact, he has been a leader since the original organization. This year's officers are Bernard Doherty, president; Mitch Ashbeck, vice president; Sandra Rhea, secretary; Ricky Witherrite, song leader and Sheila Luciani, news reporter. Ricky and Sheila are new members this year. Other members



HATFIELD INTEREST UP

At the concluding banquet last Saturday of a three-day GOP workshop Oregon's Governor Mark Hatfield delivered what was enthusiastically accepted as the most impressive Republican address of the year.

Comparisons are OK when they lean our way. The up-and-climbing young public servant drew a larger audience than the renowned Thurston Morton, Republican National Chairman who was the broadly announced speaker at a banquet the previous evening.

Governor Hatfield titled his address, "Age of Shrug or Era of Action."

The courage of assembled Republicans after the address went to the top of the political thermometer, with everyone declaring that the Governor of Oregon

Mrs Paul Warren Guest at Shower

Mrs Avery Taylor and Mrs Arnold Raymond were hostess to a baby shower honoring Mrs Paul Warren on Saturday, Oct 26, at 7:30 p.m.

Those who attended were, Mrs Ralph Richards, Mrs Douglas Drake, Mrs Avery Taylor, Mrs Arnold Raymond and The guest of honor.

Refreshments of ice cream, punch and cake were served after which games were played. Gifts were also received by those who could not attend.

Ione News

Guests at the Gordon White home are Mr and Mrs Tom White and daughter, Yvonne, of Portland and Ray Creson of Hood River. Weekend guests there were Mrs White's sister, Mrs Hazel Richardson and daughter, Donna of Portland and her parents, Mr and Mrs O S Shiffer of Forest Grove. Mrs White and Mrs Shiffer visited relatives in Goldendale, Wash. Sunday.

The Eastern Star Social club had a very successful food and apron sale at the Rebekah hall Saturday afternoon.

of the club are Billy Doherty, Karla Luciani, Jimmy Barclay, Richard Willard and Allyn Witherrite.

can now be counted at near the top of the list of available candidates for vice president, and even for president, particularly if a Rockefeller-Nixon deadlock should develop.

AIM AT BETTER TEACHING

When the Congress passed the National Defense Education Act in 1958, \$500,000 a year was provided for schools in Oregon to be used in the realms of science, mathematics, foreign languages, guidance teaching of able and gifted children, advising school libraries and giving advice on buying instructional equipment.

The \$500,000 a year from the federal government will be matched by school districts. An additional \$150,000 in federal funds is available marked for improvement guidance and counseling, and testing.

Oregon's State Department of Education started eight consultants this week who with augmented crews first took up student guidance and testing meth-

ods and methods of determining aptitudes of students. The new Continued on page 7

On October 12, 1492, Columbus took a chance when he sailed the ocean blue but you don't have to! THE NUN'S STORY is a magnificent example of motion picture story telling. Star Theater, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Sunday at 4 and 6:45.

Livestock Market

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STAR THEATER
Thurs., Fri., Sat., Oct. 8, 9, 10
The Wild And The Innocent
Audie Murphy, Joanne Dru, Gilbert Roland, Jim Backus, Sandra Dee. PLUS
Here Comes The Jets
Steve Brodie, John Doucette, Mark Dana.
Sun., Mon., Tues., Oct. 11, 12, 13
The Nun's Story
Audrey Hepburn, Peter Finch, Dame Edith Evans, Dean Jagger. Sunday at 4 and 6:45.

From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

Tiny Gets His "Licks"

Our Police Chief, Tiny Fields, started an "anti-jay-walking" drive for the kids on Monday. It ended the same day. Tiny's idea was basically good. He got a few dozen green lollipops and stood on the corner, across the street from the grade school. As the kids came out and crossed the street with the green light, he'd give each a green lollipop.

Trouble was, when the kids spotted the candy, they made a beeline for Tiny, ignoring the light . . . running helter-skelter across the street. Tiny quickly had to abandon his project.

From where I sit, we can all profit from Tiny's experience: "Think through" your good intentions before you "follow through" with them. But don't let that stop you from giving really good intentions, like tolerance, the "green light." Respect all the rights of a neighbor . . . even his right to enjoy his favorite beverage. Whether a man chooses beer or milk—It's his choice to make, and our job to respect it.

Joe Marsh

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