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Good, But Not Best

A recent editorial in the East Oregonian discussing teachers' salaries in Oregon placed Morrow county's teacher salary scale at the top of the state schedule. This brought forth quite an amount of argument from our school administrators and school board members who say that while our county scale is above average in the state, it is not the highest. The Morrow county school office this week compiled figures on the county teachers' salary scale which puts a somewhat different light on the discussion. As far as we can determine both were taken from the same report, but in the EO figures all "extras", such as coaching salary, cafeteria supervision, etc. were included, which should not be considered a part of a teacher's "base pay". Normally such work is done outside of regular teaching requirements, and, as we understand it, is paid for as an "extra." This practice is usual in most, if not all, Oregon school districts.

Here are the Morrow county figures compiled for us by Robert Van Houte, county school superintendent:

"According to figures released from the district superintendent's office in Heppner, based on an O.E.A. report of teacher salaries in Oregon for 1959-60:

"The average of all teachers in Oregon is \$5334; the average of all elementary teachers is \$5207 and the average of all senior high teachers is \$5626.

"In Morrow county, the average of all elementary teachers is \$5341 and of all high school teachers \$6210. The average of Morrow county elementary teachers places the district 25th in the state while the average of high school teachers ranks the district 7th in the state.

"Studies also show that nearly 40% of Morrow county high school teachers have masters degrees. Almost one-fourth (24%) of all the teachers are at the top of the salary schedule."

A New University

A new University of Oregon seems to be emerging. This is the word from the Eugene campus from both faculty and students. The "new" university is more inclined to the intellectual than the old.

After the influx of veterans following World War II, the university went into an enrollment decline, contrasted by Oregon State's constantly climbing number of students. Low salaries cost the university some outstanding professors, who left for better paid positions, mostly in California schools.

This out-flow of brain power from the faculty was halted, at least temporarily, by the pay raise granted two years ago by the legislature. After a low point in enrollment in 1955, the number of students gained steadily every year.

But, this year has seen an explosion. Enrollment jumped to over 6,700 students (while Oregon State dropped in numbers), causing a housing shortage and also stimulating competition. Bright new faculty members have joined the ranks of old timers, causing a new exciting intellectual air.

But what is even more important, is that the students are taking their university work seriously. Study facilities are crowded every day and evening. The good student has joined the ranks of campus wheels.

Administration, faculty and students are all excited by the new atmosphere and the promise it holds. After standing still for a while, the university is once again progressing.

And, finally, Oregon is losing its reputation as a "playboy" school, a name which it has never really deserved. Any student can play at almost any college, if he wishes.

All this is most pleasant for the taxpayer of the state to note. An average of 43 percent of all high school graduates in the state of Oregon go on for some type of higher education (a record which almost equals Russia's and is one of the highest in the nation.) It's reassuring to know that Oregon is providing a great university for its students.

(Ontario Argus-Observer)

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

Interest in the soils short course which was announced to be held on February 4, 5, 11 and 12 has been running far beyond the hopes of the steering committee, which had first considered the event. By Tuesday evening of this week we had received 48 registration cards. The short course, with Howard Cushman as discussion leader, will be held at the fair pavilion annex from 10 to 12 a m on February 4 and 5. Since over half of the registrants are from Ione, consideration is being given to holding the February 11 and 12 sessions there. We will know by the 5th if and where we will meet in Ione. Those who do not attend the first two day sessions had better check ahead of time if they plan to come on the 11th and 12th.

A lot of farm people will be interested in plans that the Morrow County Farm Bureau is making for a special meeting to be held on February 16. Postponing their regular January meeting to the 16th, a special program will feature an authority on Social Security. From the number of questions that people are asking on Social Security, I am sure that this will be of interest to many of our farm people.

A study course in landscape design will be held at Oregon State College on May 5 through 7. It is being sponsored by the extension service and the department of landscape architecture in cooperation with the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs.

Purpose of the course is to educate garden club members and the general public to know good landscape practices and to serve as guardians and appraisers of outdoor beauty in the U S A. This will be the first in a series of four that will be conducted during the next two years. Topics to be covered include principles of landscape design, planting design, why design and a multitude of others. Others who might be interested can pick up a brochure publicizing the course and enrollment forms at this office.

A couple of weeks ago we reported some rainfall records and asked for additional cooperators if there were farm people who would like to provide us with precipitation records from their rain gauge. Harry Proudfoot was the first to volunteer. Since then D O Nelson, of the North Lexington community and Raymond Lundell from the Gooseberry area has consented to keep us posted on how wet or how dry they are.

Each year about this time we receive from the Oregon State College horticulturist announcement on vegetable varieties for the new year. Several years ago upon receipt of the first list of these varieties we felt that there wouldn't be too much interest, however, we did use some of the most common grown vegetable recommendations in this news column. The response was unexpected but pleasant. Since realizing that there must be more gardeners than we anticipate, we

have tried to keep those who are interested posted. The new list is just out. We will list a few this week for the early garden planner. We would suggest that if you have any questions or do not see your favorite variety listed that you might check to see whether it has been removed from the variety list or whether we might have neglected adding it to the group.

Here are a few: Asparagus, Mary Washington California 500 (both well suited for freezing) and Waltham Washington, a new variety. Beans, bush type, green, Tender Crop, Top Crop, Seminole, Tender green bush type, wax pure gold, earliwax, pole type, green, FM-1, FM-1p, FM-1 K, asgrow 228, asgrow 231; especially recommended for Eastern Oregon is Columbia Oregon Giant and Kentucky Wonder. Bush lima, large seed, Ford hook 242, concentrated Ford hook-small seed, early thoro green, Clark's bush. Beets, Detroit dark red, green top and seneca Detroit. Broccoli, Waltham 29, Northwest Waltham, purple head; brussel sprouts, Catskill, jade cross, a new variety. Cabbage in order of maturity, spring planting early Jersey Wakefield, Elite golden acre bonanza, Marlon market, Danish ballhead, chieftian savoy, cabbage Chinese, Michlhl, Wong Bob. We will continue this list in next week's column.

Tuesday evening of this week, 4-H members and some adults received a load of Tillamook dairy heifers. The butterfat production record and quality of these calves were the best of any brought up in recent years. Those who got calves from the load were 4-H members; Pat Mc-

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
January 30, 1930

Resumption of the Woman's Literary club study program will take place when that organization meets Saturday afternoon at the American Legion hall, starting with a 1:15 o'clock luncheon.

Lambing has started on the ranches of H A Cohn, Krebs brothers, R A Thompson, John Buseick and Clyde Wright.

Heppner and Morrow county residents all seemed happy at the change in weather from sub-zero temperatures to around freezing and above, that began late Tuesday.

Enjoying the tobogganing party at the farm home of Mr and Mrs Ben O Anderson Sunday were the following Heppner people: Misses Aagot Frigaard, Irene Riechel, Blanche Hanson, Mr and Mrs Dick Sperry, Alfred Bergstrom, Russell Pratt, William Poulson and Jasper Crawford.

Alice Keithley, who has closed the school on Blackhorse because of unfavorable weather conditions is visiting her brothers at Eight Mile.

Elligott, Nonda Clark, Maureen and Martha Doherty, Danny Wardwell, Barbara Bloodsworth Douglas Anderson, Judy Jones, Mike and Jim Partlow, Sue Ellen Greenup. Others picking up calves were Howard Cleveland and Walter Jepsen. Walter Jepsen also received a Guernsey bull which he will use on his small dairy herd.



LEGISLATORS' SALARIES

It's not easy to raise your salary when the boss is looking, particularly embarrassing when there are 1,521,522 of them (1959 census) giving you the eye and each with a vote and mad about high taxes in Oregon.

Members of the 1959 Legislature who voted to raise their salaries and those of future legislators, from \$600 a year to \$2,100, are in this empass.

The Oregon Supreme Court has just declared unconstitut-

ional the first of a double barreled try at salary boosting. The high court also has held that the people, and not the Legislature, should decide what legislators should be paid. A suit was brought when Secretary of State Howell Appling Jr., refused to pay legislated salary increases to the solons, as he believed the act unconstitutional.

In a unanimous decision the high court has ruled that the \$600 salary provided in the constitution is a limit, not necessarily a starting figure.

In the other barrel of their muskatoon the legislators have their masterpiece, Senate Joint Resolution No 25, which in effect puts the salary question up to a vote of the people in a proposed constitutional amendment at the May election.

There are many controversial points in the salary proposal, however, most solid thinkers who have made an effort to observe the extraordinary amount of nerve testing work, long hours and expense, conclude a raise is not only due the legislators but is a good taxpayer investment that will attract able men who cannot sacrifice the time and cost of serving the state.

DEFENSE CHIEF HERE

Oregon's potential in defense development will be discussed by Secretary of Defense Thomas Gates and Gov Mark Hatfield in Portland this week meeting with the governor's planning and development committee.

"Oregon has much to offer the Department of Defense as a location for facilities," Gov Hatfield said Wednesday.

The advisory committee has prepared graphs illustrating the local roles Oregon could play in the defense department's program to decentralize and disperse defense operations.

MAUTZ WILL NOT RUN

Early this week Republican State Chairman Peter M Gunnar revealed that GOP national committeeman Robert T Mautz, had authorized him to announce that the Portland lawyer "definitely will not be a candidate for reelection at the May primary election."

Gunnar said, "While there are no announced candidates at this time former Governor Elmo Smith has publicly stated interest in the post if Mautz did not

Notice of Candidacy

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself for the office of County Clerk of Morrow County subject to the will of the Democratic voters of Morrow County at the Primary election.

Sadie Parrish
(Pd. Adv.) 45-c

run. Congressman Walter Norblad and Don Chapman, Portland who have been considering the race have decided not to run."

BOURBONS IN TRAINING

Democrats last week 'practiced up' for their state convention at Salem, Jan 27-30. County conventions were held in three counties, Douglas, Lane and Cook. Each was a black tie affair with committees, a banquet, keynote address and all. At all three the invited keynote speaker was the same man—Senator Monroe Sweetland of Clackamas County, publisher of the fast-growing Milwaukie Review.

The three conventions passed resolutions to be submitted to the state-wide convention. All three came out for the income tax and against a sales tax.

REP. ATIYEH BANQUETED

Victor Atiyeh, Republican representative from Washington County, was the guest of honor at a \$7.50 testimonial dinner at Portland's Sheraton Hotel on Jan 27.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

To whom it may concern: Just before New Years my wife, Irma Hammer, was dismissed from the Heppner Hospital Home or we were asked to leave, because the hospital and the county court do not want any more out-of-county welfare patients.

Just what is a county line in this day and age, with good roads, state highways and air travel. Most of us do not realize when we cross a county line.

Heppner, with its trade tributaries, with unknown boundaries, has thousands of dollars every month coming into the county.

Ask your creamery men, Claud and Bill Cox what their business would be if it were not for these tributaries.

These men and others have weathered the storm and depressions for 30 odd years with aid from these vast sources.

The tributaries reach north, south, east and west, from Spray, Kinzua to Arlington and from Monument to Hermiston and across the river into Washington.

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The fine hospital, second to none, for its size, your clinic and doctors, all have a good drawing card for Heppner.

From the shoe store to Farley's and from the clinic to the hospital, all profit from other counties.

Let me add, don't kill the Goose that lays the Golden eggs. (Silver \$\$\$)

Thank you
Glenn Hammer
Condon, Ore.

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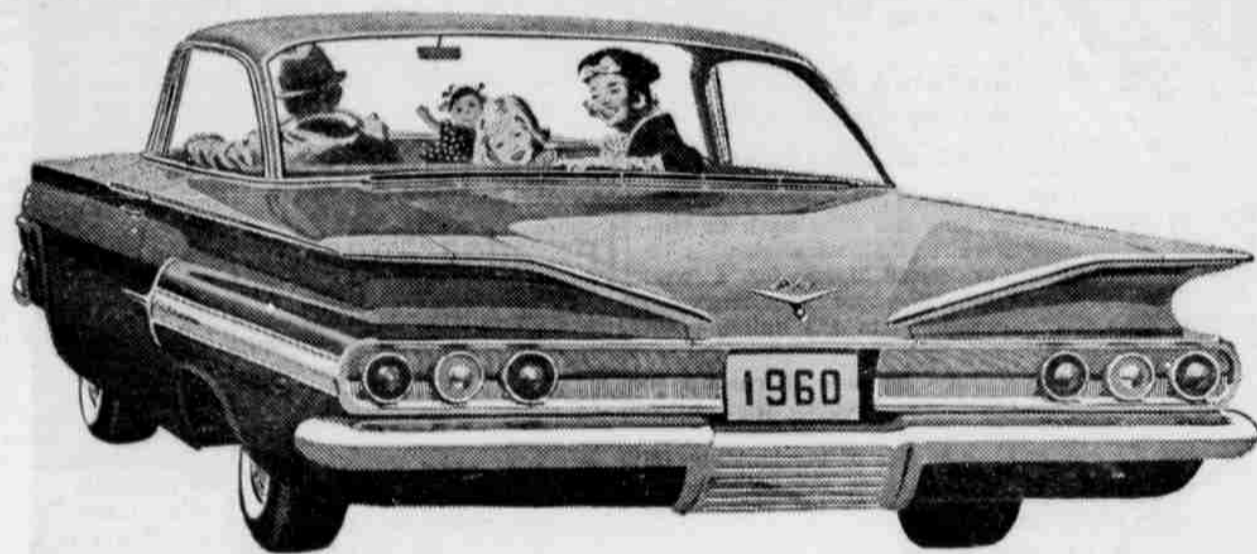
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