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The cost of our Federal Interstate Highway System may be boosted again, to the tune of a billion dollars. The Defense Department is insisting that all bridges built for the system have a 17-foot clearance instead of the present minimum of 14 feet. The extra three feet it says, are needed to permit passage of future missile-carrying truck beds.

The change, if adopted, will cost about \$3000 million—and that is only the beginning. The men in the Pentagon want interstate bridges already constructed to be enlarged to provide that additional three foot clearance. Such reconstruction would cost an estimated \$700 million more—for a total of \$1 billion, or a third of a billion dollars per foot!

It is proposed that this money come out of the special highway trust fund. And where will the additional money for that fund come from? Presumably out of the pockets of America's motorists, who already are underwriting the bulk of the fund by paying an average of 47 cents in state and federal taxes on every dollar's worth of gasoline they buy.

Several thoughts come to mind regarding this new proposal. The first is that the highway fund already is stretched to its breaking point. When cost of the road program was hiked

from \$27.6 billion to \$40 billion because of inflation and the addition of 1,000 miles to the 40,000-mile system originally planned, the government declared it could only keep the fund solvent by imposing a "temporary" one-cent increase to the federal motor-fuel tax.

The second thought is: If enlarged bridges are essential to the defense of America's citizenry, why shouldn't their cost come out of the national defense budget?

The final thought is this: Responsible officials of defense agencies admit that nobody really knows the size of future missile-carrying trucks. Discoveries and developments in this field are extremely rapid. Military truck beds of the future conceivably might need more than a 17-foot clearance, in which case another rebuilding program would be in order. On the other hand, miniaturization may make future missiles smaller than prototypes.

Under such circumstances, it would seem to be a good idea, before we commit ourselves to spending that extra billion, to make a thorough "economic feasibility" study. Let's try to find just what actually will be needed, and then determine whether there isn't a fairer way of obtaining whatever funds may be necessary than heaping more gasoline taxes on the backs of America's long-suffering motorists.

—Industrial News Review.

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

With 51 persons registered for the Sols Short Course which will have started before you read this, we should have some good discussions at our sessions on February 4 and 5, 11 and 12. While they have been scheduled to be held at the fair annex in Heppner each of the four days, serious consideration will be given on the 5th to holding the session of the 11th and 12th at Ione. The reason for this is the heavy registration from that area. If you do not attend the February 5th session but plan on being to the 11th and 12th better check to make sure where it will be held. The time of day will be 10 to 12 a m regardless of where they are held. Even if you have not registered and have missed a session or two, come out to the remaining classes.

A couple of weeks ago we discussed in this column a meeting of swine growers held at Corvallis at which time rules and regulations for operation of the Oregon swine testing station at Hermiston were drafted. This week we received copies of these

rules and application blanks. Applications for the spring test period will be received from February 10 to March 20. If you are a registered swine breeder who would like to participate in this program, we would be happy to discuss the operation of the station with you and provide application forms.

Everyone from wheat grower to registered Hereford breeders have their trials and tribulations. At least this was the thought of Herb and May Ekstrom late last week in making plans to leave with four registered Hereford bulls consigned to the Red Bluff, California bull sale. Planning to leave early Saturday morning they found out Thursday that California had placed restrictions on all Oregon cattle coming into that state because of the scabies found in cattle in Baker county. They found in order to be admitted to California that the bulls required either dipping in a vat or spraying with a special spray nozzle arrangement. Their bulls, all rested and ready for the trip, were trucked 160 miles to the proper facilities, sprayed under the inspection of a veterinarian with a special spray. Saturday morning they left for Red Bluff with their four bulls and certificate in hand, certifying that the bulls were properly treated for admission to California.

Herb, a bit discouraged at the time, said it would have been a lot easier and cheaper to have saved the money on this special operation and used it to go to Red Bluff minus the bulls enjoying himself, rather than playing nursemaid to them for a week. My guess is that Herb, like all good purebred breeders would not have enjoyed his time near as much as having the bulls there to show everyone coming down the aisle and bragging about their conformation and quality.

Word comes from Paul Miller, co-owner of The Dalles Livestock Commission that their auction yard opened a couple of months ago has changed its weekly sale from Wednesday to Saturday be-

ginning January 30. Paul informs us that the change has been made to Saturday upon request from people who do Saturday shopping at The Dalles. We looked the sale yard over one Sunday afternoon about a month ago and found it to be modern in every respect.

We continue from last week with a few more vegetable garden varieties recommended for 1960. Those underlined are well suited for freezing and those starred are new varieties which should be tested.

Cantaloupe—Spear, Pike, Oregon Delicious, Hales Best, Hearts of Gold. Also for long growing season area of Eastern Oregon: Crenshaw.

Carrots—Red Cored Chantenay, Royal Chantenay, Nantes, Imperator, Gold Spike, Gold Pak, Chanticleer, Morse Bunching.

Cauliflower—Early Snowball, Snowdrift, Snowball X, Snowball Y.

Celery—Utah (many strains of this long, green petiole type available).

Collards—Vates, Georgia.

Corn, Sweet—Golden Cross Bantam—also for home and market garden in the order of maturity starting with the earliest: North Star, Seneca Golden, Golden Beauty, FM Cross, Pot O' Gold, Lochief, Harris Gold Cup, Sugar King.

Cucumbers—Pickling: Ohio MR17 (mosaic resistant) National pickling satisfactorily for home gardens.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
February 6, 1930

Nine Boy Scouts were advanced to higher classes when they completed their tests before the court of honor. Marian Oviatt, Billy Thomson, and Frank Anderson, after questioning were inducted as Tender foot scouts. Passing second class requirements were Francis Nickerson, Curtis Thomson and Ted McMurdo. Earl Thomson, Kenneth Piercy and Theodore Thomson passed the test required to become first class scouts.

Philip Mahoney, son of Mr and Mrs W P Mahoney of this city, who is now a resident of Seattle, passed the bar examination of the state of Washington in January.

On Saturday, L E Dick, manager of the Standard Oil plant at Ione, received word that he is to be transferred to Pomeroy, Washington.

Slicing: Burpee Hybrid, Sensation Hybrid, Surecrop Hybrid, Marketer, Ashley (mildew resistant), Lemon Cucumber.

Endive—Green Curled, Ectavian, Deep Heart.

Kohlhabi—White Vienna, Purple Vienna.

While some farmers have completed their income tax reports, we know, others are busy on them to beat the February 15 deadline. Those who have filed a declaration of estimated tax will have a little longer than others to finish this job that many of us put off too long. We might mention at this time that we have a new supply of the Farmers Tax Guide which is quite helpful to those making their own income tax return. They were quite popular this year, our supply ran out, we now have lots of them.

Recently we read that the Internal Revenue Service finds that more than 50% of farmers overlook some of the deductions they have coming here are some that the service lists that are often missed:

1. A reasonable share of the depreciation, electricity and fuel used in the home if you maintain a separate office.
2. Subscription price of farm magazines or a farm business service.
3. A proportionate share of your telephone cost, plus the full cost of long distance business calls or a business extension phone.
4. Breeding fees, performance testing fees and license for your work dog.
5. Travel expense such as a trip to the stock yards, or trip buying cattle.

While we do not pretend to be an authority on income tax reporting, these items, if you file your own tax return, might be worth considering if you have overlooked them like half of the farmers are doing.

BEAMER NAMED PRESIDENT OF COUNTY LIVESTOCK GROWERS

Ralph Beamer, Heppner was elected president of the Morrow County Livestock Growers Association at a recent meeting of the board of directors. Ronald Currin, Heppner will serve as vice president; Gerald Swaggert, Heppner as treasurer and N C Anderson as secretary for 1960.

Terms of offices of directors elected at the recent annual meeting of the association, determined by the number of votes received were 3 year terms given Frank Anderson, Ronald Currin, Bob Van Schoiack and Alec Lindsay; those getting two year terms were Dick Wilkinson, Barton Clark, Ralph Beamer, and Raymond French with one year terms going to Floyd Jones, Gerald Swaggert and O W Cutsforth. By-laws of the newly formed incorporation specify that the directors will be elected each year to fill expiring terms.

Appointments made for 1960 by chairman Ralph Beamer were:

Membership and finance—Bob Van Schoiack, Heppner, chairman; legislation and taxation, O W Cutsforth, Lexington, chairman; insects, predators and rodents, Dick Wilkinson; disease control, Raymond French; marketing and production, Floyd Jones; game, theft and brand, Alec Lindsay; range and pasture improvement, Frank Anderson and beef promotion, Barton Clark. A special committee to create more interest among livestock growers which might include such things as a county picnic of livestock association members, a livestock operation tour, or special speakers on special topics was agreed upon with Ron Currin, Heppner appointed as chairman.

Chairman of the various committees will appoint livestock growers to work with them on these committees. Special committee appointments will be made from time to time as need arises.

Recommendations and resolutions passed at the recent annual meeting of the association were studied and plans made to carry them out. Barton Clark, agreed that his committee would take a special assignment to study

Agents Joe Hay and N C Anderson will be out of the county on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9 and 10 while attending a 4-H methods workshop in The Dalles. This workshop is aimed at bringing extension workers up to date on new 4-H methods and techniques in order that we might have a more effective 4-H program in the county.

THE SIGN OF A GOOD TIME, Star Theater, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, SIGN OF THE GLADIATOR plus LITTLE SAVAGE—high adventure and eye appeal.

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action by Morrow county ranchers during the year. These funds have been earmarked for meat promotion here this year.

Letters of thanks were also ordered written to the Bank of Eastern Oregon, the First National Bank of Oregon and the Elks lodge for helping to make the annual meeting a success.

USE GAZETTE TIMES CLASSIFIED ADS

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

Notice of Candidacy

I hereby announce my candidacy to succeed myself for the office of Sheriff of Morrow County subject to the will of the Republican voters of Morrow County at the Primary election, May 20, 1960.

C. J. D. Bauman
(Pd. Adv.)

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Sign Of The Gladiator

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