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TO THE EDITOR . . .

Dear Sir:
Thoughts of schools, taxes, people, industry, general business and public utilities produces a picture. When looking at my picture please remember that I, as any farmer, am an iconoclast, and perhaps the type of farm determines the degree of non-conformity. These thoughts are determined by a little history, some present-day economists and science.

Most people could not tell you what Morrow county's agricultural income is. Many do not know that it has risen only \$693,000 in the last eight years, most of that absorbed in inflation. At a recent P-TA meeting they did learn that the taxable valuation of the county is about 13 to 1 with the rural area carrying the 13. They did learn that the main source of taxation is the farms, or our farm factory. The only other factory we have is discounted because I believe its public service requirements exceed the tax revenue produced. This agricultural factory, because of inflation and reduced acreage allotments has been able to hold its own, only because of more favorable weather, better farming techniques, and fertilizer; all of which have or are about to reach their limits.

Mr Turner tried to point out that the population of an area was governed by that area's ability to produce a suitable living for the people. If this were not true Wyoming might well be as thickly populated as New York. Therefore you cannot look for any steady increase in population because the young people, employable people, will move where there are jobs. The only alternative being a lower standard of living effecting schools as well as daily habits of all. These unalterable facts show you why some of us insist that any new industry moving in must pay its full load of public service requirements or we do not want it.

Several years ago some of us wanted a primary school and a high school—wasn't that just the silliest thing you ever heard of? Yes, only dumb farmers could think of it. The need for a high school is still with us but the situation has changed. We have a unit or administrative system now and some of the people realizing they have lost control of the school and are not achieving the economy they expected are in a fight. Fighting, I believe, not over whether we need one or two schools in the south end, or locations, as much as for a return to the original district system with more local control. (And, don't you know, they could be right?) That is perhaps the why of the continuance of present litigation and its why I think the serial levy will be voted down. It would not surprise me if some parts of the county motivated legislation to return the schools to their old status quo, probably with larger districts.

Have you noticed how the farms have changed hands? Junior is now taking over; but dad can't give it to him because he still has to live so junior buys it as he goes. Did you ever try to stretch one pay check over two families—you would have about the same effect. So until

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

L B Loring, pathologist with the State Department of Agriculture stopped by the office this week to visit about black stem rust of small grains and its control. The state department has recently initiated an active program for the eradication of the common barberry which is one of the host to black stem rust. To date some 130 barberry bushes have been found and eradicated in the state. Most of them are found growing as an ornamental in the planting around the home. While there is a state law against the sale of common barberies through nurseries, many are set out and started from "slips" from an established bush. While most of the barberies have been found in the Willamette Valley and the Blue Mountain counties of Eastern Oregon, Jefferson and Deschutes counties have had considerable loss from black stem rust. Loss to small grains in Oregon in 1958 from this disease amounted to one and one-half million dollars.

A number of ranchers in Morrow county will have remembered visiting with at least one of the two Lake county farmers who have been to Morrow county during the past two years to observe stubble mulch farming

Junior gets the title, the going is rough even though he has a good farm.

Have you people in town who sell the different services that the farm factory need, done anything to help keep the farm factory going? Have you done anything to increase the revenue of the farm factory so that you could, in turn, increase your own service profits? Perhaps you have, I don't know. There is one thing that remains very clear—when you empty one barrel you either open another one or do without what was in the empty one. It makes no difference what commodity was in the empty barrel. The question then is—where do you in town propose to find a new barrel? Take a look in your pocket, maybe it is there. Take a look at your business and see where it originates, you will find that barrel empty. Perhaps at one time you had a barrel and let it slip away. Maybe it is in foreign imports that are not novelties but adequate and less expensive than our products; those that are imported under unrealistic duties and hurt the American manufactures and reduce the buying power of the public.

Where you will find a new barrel I am sure that I do not know—but you had better find one or start doing without. Don't just harp about needing something. It sounds too much like some women saying "because."

Sincerely Yours,
W W Weatherford

operations here. They will be happy to know that their efforts have paid off. On Tuesday of this week I enjoyed a visit with a Mr Brown and Mr Weekly of Lakeview who were at the Lexington Implement Company buying rod weeders and discussing other implements needed to convert over to stubble mulch farming. These two men are getting set up to farm all of their land this year in stubble mulch. They have observed and experimented on a small scale enough to convince them that they must convert to this type of operation. It was interesting to note that dealers in their area do not handle stubble mulch type implements and that a better variety of used equipment from which to pick was available in our county.

As the time grows near for livestock men to be working their calves, vaccinating, marking, branding, and last but not least, dehorning, a report from Baker county will be of interest. Leroy Wright, county agent and secretary of the county Livestock growers marketing program gives an evaluation of their sale program indicating that dehorning paid in all of their feeder sales. For the November 2 sale it was evaluated that dehorned calves brought from \$2.64 to as much as \$8.16 a head more than horned. For the November 16 sale the variation in return per head was \$5.83 to \$13.20. For the November 30 sale those calves having been dehorned brought \$1.51 to \$10.37 per head over those that had not been

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times
March 20, 1930

Chosen to represent lone grade school at the district declamatory contest to be held next Saturday evening, March 22 were, first division, non-humorous, Maxine McCurdy, first, Billy Eubanks, second; humorous, Helen Lundell, first, Harold Buchanan, second; second division, non-humorous, Don Heliker, first, Carl Lindeken, second; humorous, Winnie Brown, first, Walter Bristow, second.

Miss Bess Huddleston and Mrs John Madden came to Heppner from Lone Rock to do some shopping.

Dr and Mrs M A Leach of Pendleton were in Heppner Sunday visiting Dr and Mrs A D McMurdo and Miss Lulu Hager.

Harlan McCurdy, lone sheep raiser, came to Heppner Monday to do some shopping and to obtain dental attention for his son.

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tion. A complete record of the performance of each boar tested at the station will be available the day of the sale, England added. This will include results of carcass quality evaluations of litter mates of the boars, as well as information on their rate of gain, feed efficiency, and leanness.

Oregon now produces only about one-third of the pork purchased by homemakers in the state. Expansion of hog production in the state is critically dependent on more high-quality boars, however, England explained. The swine testing program at the new station will make it possible for swine producers to obtain high-testing boars for their breeding herds.

Lunch will be available at the station at 11:30 a. m. for those attending the sale.

A brief ceremony preceding the sale will see the new swine testing station dedicated and of-

ficially presented to OSC authorities representing the state of Oregon. The testing station was constructed by the Oregon Wheat Commission to promote production of market hogs in Oregon and make more use of locally-grown feeds.

Visitors will be welcome at the station the morning of the sale to look over the new swine-testing facilities and inspect the boars to be sold, said Tom Davidson, superintendent of the Umatilla station. Educational exhibits and opportunities to talk over problems with OSC swine scientists and specialists will be featured during this morning open-house period.

Mrs Kenneth Keeling went to LaGrande on Wednesday to attend a chamber of commerce dinner with her husband, who is employed in LaGrande. They returned to Heppner for the weekend.

PAINT COLORMETER IS INSTALLED AT CASE FURNITURE COMPANY

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Mr. Sidesinger will be in Heppner tomorrow (Mar. 18). Call 6-9912 to contact him for more information.

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