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DEAR ORVILLE:-

As editor of the Gazette-Times I would like to give my answer to your letter that appears on this page today.

On many of the points I must agree with you, though not necessarily on the reasons. It might be nice for some people if we could leave things as they are, and yet there are many who don't happen to like things just as they are. They would prefer to be able to advance in the world at about the same rate as are many of the rest of the people of our country—and they are not. I don't mean that they are dissatisfied with their life here in Morrow county, but they would like to enjoy some of the financial and other gains that workers and business people in other parts of Oregon and the United States have been enjoying during the past few years. I know that farm income has slumped during that period, and when it drops, the income of most of the rest of us goes down right along with yours. That is why a considerable number of our people would like to see the economy of Morrow county bolstered by something other than agriculture—in other words, industry. One reason for this is that quite frequently industry and agriculture slump at almost exactly opposite times, and if we had both, our county could have a more stable economy—not just relying on one product or type of business.

You point out some important things and I would like to discuss them from my point of view, point by point:

- No 1—Yes, an empty jail is good.
No 2—Our police and sheriff are comparatively idle you say. Maybe, as far as some law enforcement is concerned, for we do have a small amount of crime, but they are NOT idle.
No 3—We have no county debt. True, neither does any other county in Oregon because, except for certain exceptions, it is prohibited by law.
No 4—Yes, we have a mighty fine paid-for hospital, and it is a credit to our county.
No 5—Yes, we do have good county roads, but we are not the top county in the state.
No 6—Yes, our bank deposits, per capita, are high, but that is because we have a predominance of large land-owners who make a greater than average earning.
No 7—On the home appliances, you've got me, but I would guess that you are right.
No 8—I'll grant we have no race problem, but there are also many other communities in the U S that don't either—and many of those have a good percentage of Negroes or people of other nationalities as residents.
No 9—I agree.
No 10—Our welfare problem is minor, true, yet our county welfare budget for next year which will be paid by county property tax, is \$14,747. This does not count state and federal match money, which we, too must pay a part. This cost will undoubtedly increase, because

whether we like it or not, we are living in a welfare state.

No 11—You are so right on the delinquent tax question, yet there have been years (in the past) when even a small industrial payroll would have saved a lot of farms from going under.

No 12—No argument.

To answer your concluding argument—I don't think we will lose anything we now have. Sure, our way of life will probably be changed, but it no doubt would anyway, though possibly a little slower. I don't feel that we will lose a thing we now have, we'll just spread our good luck over a few more people. We can't stop progress—it will come whether anyone likes it or not. And, in America, progress has meant, throughout the country's entire history, the development of new things; an increase in people so our business establishments (including farms) have more potential and can grow and prosper (if they're alive to the possibility). Oregon is one of the few remaining "open areas" in America where there are still chances for "Frontier thinking." Maybe today, such thinking comes in the order of manufacturing plants, industrial payrolls, river development, etc. rather than just open land that was "there for the taking." Either way, it is development and growth, and our country must do both if it is to continue to exist in this world. If America ever stops growing and developing even for one day, we've had it, for the rest of the world will go off and leave us.

You say that Harvey Aluminum in The Dalles does not pay its way in its community. I can't believe it.

As I can remember the recently released figures, the Harvey plant was assessed at about \$24,000,000 which is roughly \$10,000,000 more than the entire taxable valuation of Morrow county.

Taking last year's base tax assessment in our county (Morrow county and county schools) they would have paid about \$154,800 in taxes which is \$9,000 more than was collected in all of Morrow county for all county purposes in 1959-60.

Add to this figure, the huge payroll that Harvey pays its workers—and this goes to add to the economy of The Dalles and Wasco county. Each one of those workers, in some way, either through direct property tax or rent or income, pays additional taxes to the county, the state and Uncle Sam.

No doubt, the influx of those workers has created problems, but they, at the same time, have created wealth because they are spending their weekly payroll right in The Dalles (or at least a big part of it.) Everyone in business in The Dalles KNOWS those workers are there and if they are not getting their share of that payroll, it is their own fault.

What is Progress? The best way I can answer it is to say, it is just "Growing Up." It is taking advantage of the opportunities that are offered. Some may take them in one way, some in another. Maybe a business will prosper and make its owner a greater return as a result of growth; maybe it will mean that land values will rise to the point that it will be more economic to sell a piece of land than to try to raise hay or cows or wheat on it. Maybe progress will bring about a change in our way of life, and, if we are wise, possibly we can make that change profitable or worthwhile to each of us as individuals. It can also hold true, that if we aren't wise, we can get buried in the rush. That's the way America has always been, and I hope it is the way it will always be.

When progress comes to Morrow county, and if it burles me, when it comes, I will deserve it. I'm ready to take my chances with progress—come what may!

Sincerely, BOB

From The County Agent's Office

By N C ANDERSON

For many years, E R Jackman and other range and grass specialists have advocated the improvement of present grasslands for additional livestock numbers, rather than buying more land. Within the last couple of weeks I have had the opportunity to work with two of our ranchers who are doing just this. Henry Peterson and sons, Bob and

Herb have sprayed about a hundred acres of rabbit brush and sage at their home ranch. Most of this is in canyons where seeding will not be possible, however, there is some native grasses which will supplement annual grass to provide much more feed than the sage and rabbit brush have provided. Some of the land will be reseeded to tame grasses.

Elmer Palmer and son, Roger, have a sizeable range improvement program under way also. This is being done on their ranch near Rock Creek. The Palmers are using a brush beater to clear heavy stands of sage brush, which will later be plowed and seeded to grain for a year, then put into grass. Most of the sage being cleared is on ground that has one time been plowed, destroying the native range. They are however, beating some brush in native range land to do away with the heavy competition. While visiting the Palmer ranch,

STAR THEATER
Thurs., Fri., Sat., June 9, 10, 11
Oklahoma Territory
The Silent Enemy
Sun., Mon., Tues., June 12, 13, 14
A Hole In The Head

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Gramps Tells a "Moving" Story
Gramps Adams just got back from his first trip to the city in 40 years.
Thinking there might be a story in an oldtimer's impressions of the big city, I stopped by his place. Gramps was pretty enthusiastic about everything—except the escalators they have in the new department store.

TO THE EDITOR..

Dear Editor: I wonder if we have counted our many blessings here in Morrow county?

We hear regrets that we didn't progress more in the last 10 years—only a gain in population of 10 or 32 people is gain in population progress? Why not move to St Louis or Chicago?

I believe Morrow county is number one in the nation for the following 12 reasons.

- 1—We have an empty jail.
2—Our police and sheriff are comparatively idle.
3—We have no county debt.
4—We have one of the best hospitals in the state and it's paid for.
5—We have improved roads to every ranch home and they're paid for.
6—We have, I think, the richest bank deposits per capita in the nation.
7—We are number one in having the most home appliances.
8—We have no race problem. There are not Mexican, Indian, Puerto Rican or Negro families as residents in the county.
9—We have no unemployment.
10—We have no great welfare problem.
11—We have no delinquent tax problem.
12—We have no VD or other disease epidemics in this county.

Now, with the coming industrial development we will surely lose all of these! Industry does not pay its way. Harvey Aluminum in The Dalles lacks about \$100,000 of paying its way in schools alone.

Just what is progress? Orville Cutsforth Lexington

I got to see an excellent stand of pubescent wheatgrass and ladak alfalfa in Soll Bank. This is one of the finest seedings I have seen and it will provide a lot of pasture after the soil bank contract expires.

While we are talking of alfalfa and grass it brings to mind a project which Judge Peterson undertook late last fall and winter. The project was stabilization of a steep bank at the back of his lot where he has built a new home in Heppner. To get something established quickly on the bank of loose fill, he thought he would try nomad alfalfa roots. He and sons, Gerald and Donald dug and cut 500 roots from established nomad seedings on their farm. These were used in a checker board fashion with almost every one of them living. They did not seem to know they had been

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette-Times June 12, 1930

Miss Hazel Feldman of Ione, junior in pharmacy at Oregon State College, Corvallis has been elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national all-college scholastic honorary fraternity.

Mrs. Glen Jones was elected president, Mrs. Walter E. Moore, vice president and Mrs. Fred Lucas, secretary-treasurer, of the Women's Literary Club, at a meeting of that organization held Saturday afternoon.

Charles Latourel won a fine Hamilton wrist watch at the state trapshoot in Salem last weekend.

The Misses Maxine and Mae Gentry and Peggy Warner, accompanied by Keith Gentry, were shopping in Pendleton Wednesday.

Mrs. W T Doherty motored to Pendleton Friday and returned Sunday evening accompanied by Bernard Doherty and Pat Curran of Alpine and Jack Doherty of Pendleton. Bernard Doherty and Pat Curran have just returned from Wallowa where they helped trail the Doherty sheep.

moved as they began growth early this spring and have now fairly well covered the slope.

The past week has been a hectic one in the county agent's office. Assisted by Gordon Hood, state extension agent and Allen Horn, extension auditor, the staff worked night and day in setting up a new filing system. The system developed over the past year or so by federal and state extension workers is being put into effect in all county offices this year. We found that there was a great quantity of material outdated and of not much use for filing and hundreds of pounds of this was discarded. The new system appears as though it will be a great improvement in making filing easier and more efficient. Besides this, we were able to get rid of a lot of material which we will not need to move into our new quarters on July 1.

Now that some have started with their haying and others will be getting into it at once are a few timely suggestions. Hay as now produced varies in quality more than any other great crop in this country's agriculture. Protein and other nutrients lost after hay is cut often mount to 30 percent or more. Much of this costly loss is preventable. Hay

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

of good quality is a balanced ration than can provide for growth of ruminants and production up to moderate levels.
Poor quality hay, by contrast, is inefficient feed. It either (a) gives disappointing returns in growth and production or (b) causes excessive expense for other feeds to bring rations up to efficient levels. Poor hay, damaged by rain, can cost more to harvest than good hay. Cattle tend to eat less of poor hay.
The United States hay crop is big business, its value exceeding \$2 billion a year. In quantity, the hay crop in recent years has averaged more than 100 million tons. Hay is a valuable product. Indications are that the price might even be stronger this year than last. Whether you are putting hay up to feed yourself or sell, quality is of the utmost importance.

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Church school and morning worship at 9:30 A. M.
Junior Pilgrim Fellowship at 3 P. M.
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Sunday Masses, 8:15 a. m.
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Rev Raymond Beard
Sunday Masses, 6:30 and 10 a. m.
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