

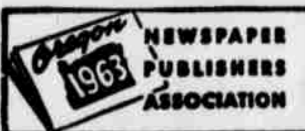
# THE HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES

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## Unemployment in Morrow County

When the manager of the Pendleton office of the State Employment Service announced at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday that the county is now classified by the U. S. Department of Labor as having "substantial unemployment," it evoked considerable surprise among many of his listeners.

In the audience were a few who have been attempting to obtain certain types of skilled help for some time. The county agent, who was present, said that a number of farmers had been coming to his office seeking harvest help without success. On the other hand, others knew of harvest hands needing work.

One member expressed the feeling that part of the unemployment figure actually is due to the seasonal layoffs in certain types of work here that are reflected in the winter months. These same "unemployed" on the basis of their annual incomes do quite well and sometimes their salaries are at least partly predicated on the assumption that these layoffs will occur.

Statistics from the speaker showed that the months of January through May each exceeded a 6% unemployment. These figures, apparently, are the ones that resulted in Morrow being classified as having "substantial unemployment." The State Employment official, however, explained after the meeting that the percentage shows a trend edging higher. This might well give cause for concern.

In January, the number of unemployed in the county was listed as 180 with 1340 others employed.

In an area of as light population as this county, it doesn't take much of a number to make a relatively high percentage, but although the total number may be small, it cannot be dismissed as no problem. Whenever the bread winner of a family is truly out of work, that family may suffer, and the fact that there may be only a small number in similar plight is of no particular consolation.

A number of businessmen do not believe that it is as serious here as the figures show for they have not been confronted with the evidence. Part of the problem may be in the actual finding of jobs that are available and an employment office here, at least on a part time basis, might help.

There are a few opportunities in skilled or semi-skilled work in limited number open here, although our industries are few. To those who have abilities to work on their own, there are quite a few possibilities. The southern part of the county has felt a need for plumbers, electricians, and some other types of crafts. Another example is the possibility of someone supplementing his income through photography. No such service is offered here, and there have been a number of calls for such a service.

Morrow county's population is generally of stable type. There is very little in the way of transient labor for the reason that there is little to attract the migrant worker. A substantial part of the population is self-employed on farms and in small business.

Whether the local businessman is convinced that this is truly an area of "substantial unemployment," it is a matter that is worthy of attention and exploration.

Because of the governmental classification, the county qualifies for some types of public works programs on a matching basis. Local firms are eligible for preferential interest rates under the Small Business Administration, and its industry for preference on government procurement lists. Already, as a result of the talk, one or two local firms are checking into the latter.

It doesn't take too much additional activity or industry to bolster the economy here; conversely, the loss of a little is quick to hurt. When the gas pipeline was laid across the county two summers ago, it created a minor wave of prosperity, not so much because additional men were employed on the pipeline from local sources, but because they used goods and services that helped create local employment. It was missed the next summer when it didn't come along again to help.

The Chamber of Commerce passed a motion to investigate the situation brought to its attention by the talk and to explore possibilities offered. Serious unemployment or not, a boost in the economy would be welcomed by all.

## Beauty Is in the Eyes of the Beholder

When Bud Forrester recently wrote a little squib in his "Cabbages and Kings" column in the East Oregonian on his conclusion that the highway from Scottsburg to Reedsport takes travelers through the most picturesque scenery in the State of Oregon, he struck a chord with us.

Coincidentally, we had traveled the route once more just a week or two prior to his item and had intended to write about it, but procrastinated and didn't get it done.

The area has found a soft spot with us ever since we lived at Elkton on the Umpqua River for a time just after leaving college. It struck us, certainly, as one of the most beautiful sections of the state, but its scenic value is not limited to that adjoining the highway. Travel some of the byroads and one finds grandeur impressive in depth. We once took a group of Boy Scouts on a hike through the mountain country back of the Umpqua. At a high vantage point we could see the green spires of virgin timber unblemished to the limit of a person's visibility. In the ensuing years, encompassing the timber boom in the Roseburg area, we have often wondered whether the same area is not now dotted with stumps and the wreckage left by logging operations.

We feel that Bud limited his choice a little when he specified the particular Scottsburg-Reedsport section, for on up the river to Elkton and Drain is afforded some gorgeous scenery, too.

The lower Umpqua is the area that Mrs. Workman wrote about in her book, "Only When I Laugh," which has been a leading seller and was condensed by The Reader's Digest some time ago. However, she probably dwelt as much on the picturesque characteristics of the inhabitants there as she did on the spectacular scenery.

It was good, on our recent trip, to note that this river route is still as beautiful as we remembered it.

However, Mrs. Bernice Riley of Condon wrote a letter to the editor that appeared in the E. O. a day or two ago. It conceded Bud's point but added, "But couldn't we say that about just everywhere in this wonderful state?" And we have to agree with her, too.

She points to the "ever-changing panorama of scenic delight" presented by the Columbia Gorge, to the magnificent checkerboard of farms that one sees as he travels down Cabbage Hill—at Bud's back door. She points to the coast highway in the area of Neahkanie Mountain, the painted rocks of the John Day Gorge and others.

Well, then, Bud and Bernice, what about the North Santiam pass, which many will claim as the state's most beautiful? The McKenzie Pass? And, Man! How about Crater Lake, which has an awesome beauty all its own? Nor can you forget the Mt. Hood Loop. Then there is the grandeur of the Wallawas, Oregon's "Little Switzerland" and the precipitous beauty of Heli's Canyon. The adventurer may claim the rugged area above the Owyhee dam as his favorite.

There are those who will hold out for the Oregon coast from Oceanlake south. And we find a lot of the spectacular

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NOW THAT Fred Gimbel has joined the Benevolent Order of Clam Diggers and Cleaners and initiated himself on his recent vacation at Long Beach, Wn., some veteran members of the order have stepped forward to give him a little sage advice on the procurement and processing of the bivalves.

Fred spent part of his time at the coast digging for razors, and he had pretty good success. However, he complained that of six or seven pounds of clams that he cleaned, about five pounds remained inside as sand.

This came out in a coffee conference at which Harley Young was included (making it a high-powered conclave if there ever was one, each being manager of his separate utility here). Instead of sipping the neck of the clam in clearing, Fred tossed 'em in the pan intact. No wonder they were a little sandy. (That's about like roasting a chicken without first removing the natural "stuffing," and we've heard of such cases).

Freddie should have taken Jack Bedford or some of these other veterans along to show him the ropes first. At least the Gimbels should have enough grit in their craws to last a while.

THE TALE of the dog's tail that came up at the citizens' meeting on the county extension budget last week wasn't exactly correct as reported in the paper, Fay Munkers said at the meeting with the county court Wednesday. The county agent didn't sew the dog's tail back on be-

cause he didn't have a tail to start with, she said. He sewed the dog's leg on after it had been injured and thereby kept him from bleeding to death.

This happened some 20 years ago. We're sorry that we erred and told the wrong tale, but we used the item in the story merely as illustrative of the range of activities of the extension service, and it is still as pertinent of the work being done. This should put the record straight.

IF BEVERLY Gunderson, R-1 school clerk, has a dazed look these days, it may be because she has been working out the district's application for funds under Public Law 874. This applies to districts which get some reimbursements from the government because federal activities have created an influx of school population in their districts.

The instructions on the application are 15 pages long in small type, all written in governmental gobbledey-kook. Here is one little sample from one page (you be the judge):

"The Act as amended provides that a school district may elect to have a substantial increase in section 3 ADA in 1962-63 over 1961-62 counted for entitlement purposes under subsection 4(a), first-year assistance, instead of section 3, provided that the section 3 increase, together with the ADA of pupils otherwise eligible under subsection 4(a), amounts to at least 5 percent of the non-Federal ADA in 1961-62 and that the increase in total ADA amounts to at least 5 percent of the non-Federal ADA

right here at home. Go up the rise on the highway toward North Lexington just past Orville Cutsforth's home, for instance, and look to the north on a clear day. To the person who can appreciate beauty at all this is thrilling most any time of the year as the irregular designs of the fields—green in the spring and golden and brown in the summer—stretch to the horizon.

Perhaps it is with Bud as it is with us. Go to one of these spots and meditate. "Surely nothing could be more beautiful than this!" And almost paradoxically, perhaps in each instance this is true. Each has a beauty of its own, and perhaps one cannot be measured against another.

Maybe it is similar to the way a man looks at his wife. Perhaps she couldn't win a beauty contest anywhere, but she is the most beautiful of all to him.

So we can't help but agree with both Bud and Bernice. If this seems contradictory, we'll retreat into the sanctuary of the old saying, "Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder."

## Ignore the Eclipse!

Scientists assure us that on Saturday, July 20, Old Sol, the sun, is going to put on a spectacular show. But it is a performance that none should look at. The cost of admission may be too high.

There is to be a total eclipse of the sun, but its infra-red rays can permanently damage the eyes of a person without him realizing it.

Warnings have been issued by the Oregon Optometric association, the State Department of Education and others.

"Sunglasses or smoked glass are not adequate protection," says the optometric association, which strongly advises those who can stay indoors between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The State Department consultants for blind children say that the retina may actually be burned by the sun, thus producing a permanent blind spot which may increase with age.

There are some methods devised that a person may view the eclipse indirectly without harm, but these are a little complicated for the average person, and particularly for children. It is best, the authorities warn, to view the eclipse on TV. Oddly, an overcast day may increase the danger. Clouds may give the false impression that the dimmed rays can do no damage, but such is not the case.

Dr. E. K. Schaffitz, Heppner optometrist, concurs in these warnings. He points out that some will recall former eclipses that they viewed through sunglasses and did not recognize any harm. However, these eclipses did cause damage to many without the persons knowing it. Increased knowledge of ultra-violet and infra-red rays points up the danger, and the public is urged to heed the advice: Ignore the eclipse!

## My Neighbors



"Not 'til I get 95¢ for these tomato plants you don't leave..."

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES  
Friday, July 19, 8 p.m.  
"Seven Angry Men," starring Raymond Massey, Debra Paget and Jeffrey Hunter. Plus cartoon.

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## Wool Sewing Contest Offered For Girls 13-21

Young fashionists, 13 through 21, who head for their sewing machines this summer may be stitching their way to a 14-day tour of the Caribbean, a college scholarship, or a share of \$35,000 in prizes to be awarded in

1961-62), that the sudden and substantial increase in federally connected pupils has resulted in a financial burden, that the district is making a reasonable tax effort, avails itself of State and other financial assistance, and is unable to meet the needs computed on the current expense costs in comparable districts for providing free public education."

And that, friends, is just one sentence. It would seem that districts which actually get Public Law 874 funds really earn them.

THIS IS the week that the pick of the Little Leagues head for bigger diamonds to conquer. The All-Stars go to The Dalles for the playoffs, and our best wishes go with them. Those who have seen them play here know they have developed real skill, and some outstanding performers are on the Willow Creek club.

They have always played well against outside competition and we know that this week will be no exception. If they can keep from getting as excited about it as their parents, they'll undoubtedly do O.K.!

the 17 national "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest, states Mrs. Robert Hoskins, Morrow-Umatilla county director.

The contest levels are geared to the sewing skill of seamstresses, 13 through 21, and are divided into three groups. The very young and beginning seamstress gains confidence in the "Sub-Deb" class held on the district level for girls, 13 through 15. Their choice of entry may be a skirt, a skirt and sleeveless top, or a jumper.

In the "junior" division 14 through 17, and the "Senior" division, 18 through 21, the entries may be a dress, coat, suit or ensemble. The only prerequisite is that the entry must be made of 100 per cent wool loomed in America.

This contest is sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the National Wool Growers' association and the American Wool Council in 11 states. In Oregon this is the major project of the women's auxiliary and contests are scheduled in 16 districts throughout the state with state finals in Portland, November 3-4. The district finals will be early in October, the date to be announced later. Last year 311 girls entered the state's contest and Oregon's senior winner, Sandra Olson, Salem, was runner-up to the national winner.

Mrs. Hoskins, co-director with Mrs. Clint Lewis, Pendleton, last year, says the sewing contest has only one intent, that of acquainting young seamstresses with the characteristics which make wool a joy to sew and to wear. This contest has been placed on the approved list of national contests and activities for 1963-64 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Contest blanks may be obtained from the county agent's office for those wishing to enter the "Make It Yourself With Wool" contest.

## Flower Shop Adds Decorating Service

Mrs. Helen Cox, owner of Helen Cox Flowers and Gifts, announces the addition of an interior decorating consultant service. Ron Reid will be in charge of this service which is designed to help homeowners get the most for their decorating dollar. Reid will visit furniture, paint, wallpaper and drapery stores in Heppner and other towns in the surrounding area to become familiar with what they have to offer in home furnishings. He will help to coordinate colors and materials in each room with the homeowner's own furnishings and new items as needed or desired.

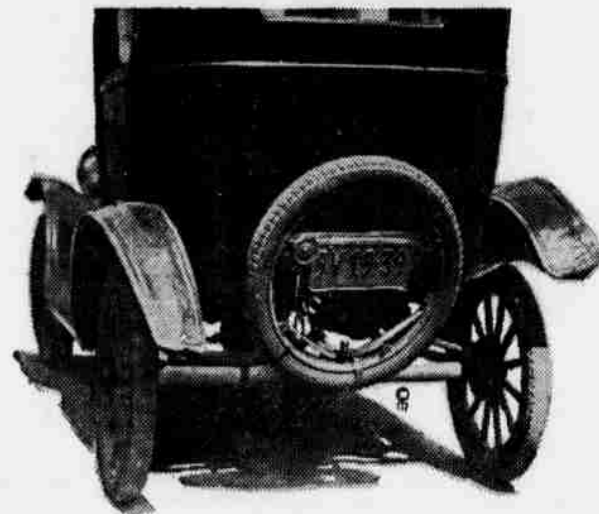
Those desiring this service are asked to come into the shop to discuss their decorating problem with Ron or call for an appointment. The shop will carry an accessory line with other items added as the need arises, and it will continue in the floral and gift lines as at present.

Mrs. Helen Cox returned July 6 after a 5-day stay in Dallas, Texas, attending the gift show displays held there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards went to Port Angeles, Wn., over the July 4th week-end to visit their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards, Jr., and family. They went by way of Portland to pick up their daughter, Sandra, who accompanied them.

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