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Support our Local Truckers

With the confusion over the future of less than carload lot shipments by Union Pacific, business for local truckers has faltered in recent weeks, particularly that from Portland and the west.

The railroad had planned to suspend the LCL service on less than 4000 pounds in August, but last week was ordered by the Public Utility Commission to continue until November 29 in order to allow time for investigations and hearings. To this time, no hearing dates have been announced.

Halt of the LCL service would mean that the UP would no longer deliver LCL freight to Arlington to be picked up by local truckers for distribution in the area.

Truckers here, realizing that the discontinuance of the service is pending, have made arrangements to connect with other truck freight lines and are serving the area without interruption.

However, freight shipments here have dropped sharply in recent days, this paper has been advised. Some of this may be by coincidence but some undoubtedly is attributable to a feeling of uncertainty about the freight on the part of the public.

Local truckers are handling all freight speedily and with no interruption. They represent the lifeline of commerce to Morrow county business firms and industries and deserve every support they can be given.

Any who may be confused about the present setup, or any who have questions about the service can get a prompt explanation or answer by calling Gene Orwick, Heppner, or Bill Flatt, Condon.

Drownings on Increase

Oregon State Board of Health has reported that drownings have increased sharply this year. This is a saddening trend. We wonder if the increase in drownings can be attributed substantially to over-confidence on the part of good swimmers in many instances, rather than by the lack of skill of poorer swimmers.

So many become almost totally fearless and attempt to do things in the water that over-extends their abilities or run into conditions with which they are unable to cope. Some fearlessly plunge into rivers where currents are unduly strong without stopping to think it over. Others attempt to swim long distances and find that they are unable to make it.

This fearlessness of the water in itself is to be feared. A swimmer should never lose his respect for the dangers that he may encounter in the water. A good swimmer should be confident but not over-confident.

At Bull Prairie recently we thought how dangerous this lake could be to one who considers himself an expert swimmer. It is placid and inviting. There is a temptation to try to swim across it. There is no regular lifeguard on duty there and no marked area for swimming. Motors are not allowed on the lake and so another party in a boat could not hurry to the side of a swimmer in trouble unless he happened to be near at the time.

Similar conditions exist in many places. All swimmers need to stop and think before they plunge into the water to be sure that they know the conditions they are facing and that they are able to cope with whatever may happen while they are swimming.

Bleak Outlook

Washington Report, a publication of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, points out that a 10 per cent combined social security tax rate, half paid by the employee, and half by the employer, long has been regarded as a ceiling. This belief is based on the assumption that a higher tax would generate resistance on the part of the workers paying it, with eventual jeopardy to the whole social security system.

Under present law, the rate is scheduled to reach a maximum of 9.25 per cent in 1968—just under that 10 per cent ceiling. However, things will turn out very differently if a pending bill becomes law. Under it, the combined tax rate would rise to 11 per cent by 1973 and to 11.50 per cent by 1987. On top of that, maximum earnings subject to this tax, now fixed at \$4800 a year, would be increased to the \$6600 level in 1966.

How much resistance this will create on the part of workers is a matter of conjecture. But there can be no question that the much-publicized, much-applauded income and excise tax cuts will be made meaningless to millions of people. The increase in the social security tax made necessary by increased benefits will cancel them out or more.

Moreover, there is no guarantee that even the heavy increases in the pending bill would be all. It is common experience that forecasts of future spending are almost invariably too low, and that more and more revenues must be obtained.

If current philosophies dominant in government are perpetuated, the outlook for the taxpayers is a bleak one.—Industrial News Review

Senator Magnuson Writes on Highway

Senator Warren G. Magnuson of Washington has written a letter to Judge Oscar Peterson in reply to the latter's urging for support for routing the proposed Federal Interstate highway 82 via Blalock Island, Boardman.

"Thank you for your recent letter, giving me your recommendations in regard to the proposed route of Highway 82," Sen. Magnuson writes.

"The Washington State Highway Commission is taking another look at the route Highway 82 will follow south of Yakima. I am sure the route via Blalock Island and Boardman will be carefully studied.

"I enjoyed meeting you when you were in the Capital in May and hope our paths will cross soon again."

Senator Magnuson has been in favor of routing the highway via the Tri-Cities.

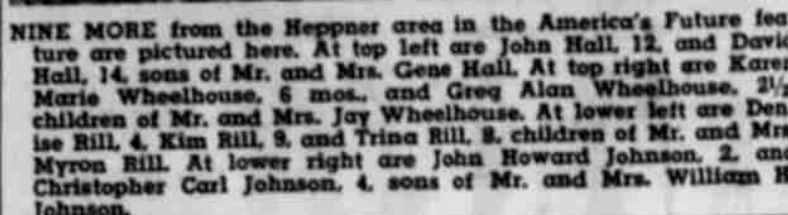
War Buddies Meet After 46 Years

The Rev. Earl Soward of Lexington was on a visit to Milton-Freewater Sunday, and as he left the church that he attended, a woman stopped him and told him that she was Mrs. Clair Haney.

The name meant something to the Rev. Soward because Clair Haney, her husband, was his buddy during World War I, and he hadn't seen him for 46 years. When the two men returned to their homes at the end of the war, they made the trip together but parted to go to their respective towns. They never had occasion to meet since that time.

The Sowards went to the Haney home Sunday, and the two old buddies had a good time catching up on all that had transpired since March 9, 1919.

America's Future . . .



NINE MORE from the Heppner area in the America's Future feature are pictured here. At top left are John Hall, 12, and David Hall, 14, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hall. At top right are Karen Marie Wheelhouse, 6 mos., and Greg Alan Wheelhouse, 2 1/2, children of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Wheelhouse. At lower left are Denise Rill, 4, Kim Rill, 3, and Trina Rill, 8, children of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Rill. At lower right are John Howard Johnson, 2, and Christopher Carl Johnson, 4, sons of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Johnson.

THESE FIVE WON TOP CAMPAIGN AWARDS

I, the undersigned member of the advisory board of judges, appointed to have supervision over the final count of votes in The Gazette-Times subscription campaign do hereby state:

That I have this date made a thorough canvass of each individual workers subscriptions as found in the ballot box, that I have added all votes and points found in the ballot box to those earned prior to the time of the sealed ballot box. That I have found the prizes won and places earned to be as follows:

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| GRAND PRIZE | Frank Halvorsen | with | 1,594,750 |
| DIST. ONE CAP | Kelly Green | with | 754,500 |
| DIST. TWO CAP | Alvin Vinson | with | 583,250 |
| FOURTH | Tricia Prock | with | 626,250 |
| FIFTH | Janet Gentry | with | 375,000 |

The above five workers win the five major awards in the campaign. Following is a list of places earned by the remaining workers who receive 15% cash commissions on all money they have turned in during the campaign.

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| 6—Jim Van Scholack—372,500 | 14—Jerry Boyer—99,500 |
| 7—Doug Gonty—361,250 | 15—Shannon Farley—97,750 |
| 8—Dave McLeod—333,000 | 16—Donald Cossitt—82,250 |
| 9—Mike Sweek—265,500 | 17—Dyrk Dunlap—87,000 |
| 10—Duane Lamb—246,500 | 18—Larry Anderson—36,500 |
| 11—Charlotte Hatter—219,000 | 19—Jim Myers—35,500 |
| 12—Matt Warren—148,750 | 20—Jeritha Keithley—34,500 |
| 13—Allen McCabe—138,000 | |

The first EXTRA prize of \$10 in cash given for securing the most points on NEW subscriptions during the 3rd and 4th report periods was won by:

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|------|------------------|--------|------|-----|
| TIE: | Frank Halvorsen | Ione | with | 115 |
| | Charlotte Hatter | Kinzua | with | 115 |

The second EXTRA prize of \$10 in cash given for securing the most points on subscriptions, either new or renewal during the 5th, 6th, and 7th report periods was won by:

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|--|-----------------|---------------------|------|-----|
| | Frank Halvorsen | Ione | with | 325 |
| | | Randall E. Peterson | | |

Reception to Honor Chief of Engineers

Inland Empire Waterways association will hold a reception and dinner for Lt. General William F. Cassidy who has been appointed Chief of Engineers, Department of the Army. Gen. Cassidy will come to Walla Walla from Washington, D. C. on Wednesday, August 18, and the reception and dinner will be that evening.

The association is desirous of having a wide representation of the reception and extends a particular invitation to Chamber of Commerce members and civic leaders.

Those planning to attend must have reservations made by August 10. Any here who are interested in attending should contact Judge Paul Jones and he will forward the reservations. Cost is \$7.50 per person.

"This is a splendid opportunity for us to become better acquainted with the General who will be in the 'driver's seat' for the next three years," Herbert

Dividend Increased

The regular quarterly dividend of First National Bank of Oregon was increased to 55c per share through Board action at the meeting held July 27. It was announced by Ralph J. Voss, president. The increased dividend is payable October 1 to shareholders of record at the close of business on September 15. The previous dividend policy of 50c per share had been in effect since the first quarter in 1964.

Visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bailey was their daughter, Mrs. Everett Stout of Olympia, Wn. She left for her home today (Thursday).

G. West, executive vice president of the association, writes, "I do trust you will make every effort to be with us and we desire to have the ladies in attendance. I am certain you will enjoy this evening, and it will prove to be of vital benefit to us all."

WATCH FOR THE OREGON ROAD RAT



"I CAN drink any time," are favorite words of the Road Rat, and after a few drinks, he's worse than usual behind-the-wheel. He always ignores the rights of others; drinking only gives him an excuse. (Oregon Traffic Safety Commission)

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT APPEARS that Dr. Archie McMurdo isn't too sold on the space program, for he brings in this Terse Verse which he clipped from some source:

That the moon is high, I don't deny.

In fact I always knew it. But I do imply it's not as high

As the cost of getting to it.

CLIFF ALDRICH looked almost that high when he painted the ball at the very tip-top of the courthouse cupola Wednesday, dangling from a rope. He's engaged in doing the Lion's club portion of "cleaning the clock" at the current time, restoring and repainting woodwork around the clock.

The big show for sidewalk superintendents safely on the ground below, though, should come when the glass face of the clock is installed.

It weighs plenty and costs \$700 or \$800, and it can't be insured! So—one boot and y'er oot.

We advise everyone not to stand too close below when this work is in progress. If the face should slip, there is some remote possibility that one could get neatly sliced in two.

It's surely gonna make a change when it's done.

BY THE WAY, a person doesn't realize how much he comes to depend on something like the courthouse clock until it gets out of kilter. In the power outage Friday, it got about a half hour behind, and everything has been off schedule around town, it seems.

EVERYONE KNEW by the way the black smoke billowed up just after 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Northwest part of town that a real hot fire was wreaking havoc somewhere.

But smoke in the distance is hard to pinpoint. Howard Keithley saw it from across town and right away figured that that was just about where his buildings were, and he'd better go see. He was right.

Many people thought the black smoke might be the Standard Oil plant blazing, and quite a few thought it was the trailer court. This was given a little more authenticity when a propane tank exploded, since there are lots of propane tanks in trailer courts.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman had his hands full. He tried to stop spectators at the corner of Gale and Water, fearing that someone might get hurt in an explosion, but it was like trying to stop water from leaking through a sieve. When you come right down to it, humans probably have even more curiosity than cats. But it could be costly to ignore the warning of an officer.

WHEN THE firemen got water to the fire, it didn't take them long to turn the black smoke to billowing white. It always seems a little like a consolation prize to say they saved adjoining buildings, but in this case it was quite an achievement for they were clustered so close.

Somehow we find it quite comforting to live next door to the fire station, even though that hideous fire whistle almost literally blasts us out of bed when it goes off in the middle of the night.

ADD THE Bob Henrys to the growing ranks of trailer campers. In the terminology of Jack Krieger, this should pull them into a Reml 5 rating. (How do you rate those who spend their vacations in motels, Jack?)

Anyway, Bob and Peg and family trundled to Lookout State Park at the coast near Tillamook last week with the Howard Pettyjohns' trailer attached to their car. Bob's hitch wasn't the best, and the outfit looked a bit sway-backed in the middle, but nonetheless proud.

The trailer-learner gets one early lesson. It's rather the reverse of getting married—since

the first cost is greater than the upkeep.

It isn't quite just hitching up and pulling off. There are brakes and turn signals to consider, big rearview mirrors, the possibility of a flat tire on the trailer, and all stuff like that there.

Well, the Henrys came home well initiated. They found they didn't save any money on the first outing, but they sure did have a good time. Welcome to the club.

BACK TO SCHOOL time is only about a month away, and fair and rodeo time is even closer. Queen's coronation is just around the corner—August 14.

Two new saddles to be given as prizes in the rodeo are completed and awaiting their winners. The one for Champion All-Around, to be given for the first time this year, is a beautiful job by Gray's Saddlery. It could be said to be an all-Lexington contribution to the rodeo since Lexington Implement, Lexington Oil Co-op, Padberg Machinery, and Morrow County Grain Growers (with head office at Lexington) gave the money for it.

The saddle for Morrow county amateur calf roper, given by Kinzua Corporation, is an equally fine job, made by Severe Brothers. When the saddles were together in the back of Charley Daly's pickup in order that pictures could be taken with donors, it was agreed that it would be a hard job to decide which was the best.

One thing is sure. The calf roper saddle will never be mounted on a bronc as fierce as the one upon which its picture was taken Tuesday. It was placed on that huge Lumber Jack, a massive piece of equipment at Kinzua Corporation used for tossing logs around like toothpicks. Bob Steagall, a rodeo director, drives the big rig, but he probably finds that it responds more docilely than a four-legged bronc.

Drownings Gain Brings Concern; Caution Urged

The Oregon State Board of Health today expressed concern about the increased number of accidental deaths due to drowning during the first six months of this year. Sixty four drownings have been reported for the first half of 1965, a 68 per cent increase over the 38 reported for the same period in 1964. Dr. R. H. Wilcox, State Health Officer said.

During the last six years, accidental drownings have accounted for the loss of about 100 lives annually in Oregon. Based on past experience, a larger number of these deaths occur during the last half of the year than in the first half of the year. In 1964, 60 drowning deaths were experienced for the last six months of the year as compared to 38 for the first six months. Projecting a similar experience for the remainder of this year indicates a record is in the making of which the people of Oregon cannot be proud, Dr. Wilcox said.

Deaths due to accidental drowning can be substantially reduced, the doctor emphasized, if everyone practices the simple water safety precautions. Most important of these are close supervision of small children at play in or near water; swim only in safe places when lifeguards are on duty; swim with a companion; do not overtax your physical capacity; wear life jackets when boating; and avoid rough water when boating.

Everyone is urged to exercise caution while enjoying Oregon's lakes, rivers, seashore and other bodies of water. By so doing, needless loss of life can be averted, Dr. Wilcox concluded.

Adkins Service Set for Saturday At Local Chapel

Illness over a long period of time took the life of Frank Marion Adkins, 64, at his home on Tuesday, August 3.

He had been a resident of the Heppner community for the past 28 years, coming here in 1937. In his trade as carpenter, he had built several homes in the Heppner area.

Memorial services will be held Saturday, August 7, at 3:30 p.m. at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel, with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Interment will follow Monday at Silverton Cemetery.

Born February 20, 1901, in Old Town, Ky., he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie Adkins. He was married to Sarah Canoy in Lewiston, Idaho, on May 13, 1946.

For many years Adkins was a member of the Carpenter's Union No. 933, AFL-CIO, Hermiston.

Surviving, besides his widow, Sarah, are a step-son, Earl Crammon, Beaverton; one brother, Wiley Adkins, Canton, Ohio; two sisters, Nona Blevins, and Maude Rose, both of Rush, Kn., and three grandchildren.

Rocket Speedway Program Slated

Next racing program at the Rocket Speedway, Pilot Rock, will be Saturday night, August 7, with time trials scheduled to start at 7:30, it is announced.

The main attraction will get under way at about 8 o'clock. The Speedway is starting a strictly stock car class and expects to have about 10 vehicles out for the race.

"We hope to have a bigger and better racing program for you at this time," the management says.



Coming Events

RODEO DANCE

Honoring Princess Susan McCoy, Saturday, August 7, 10 p.m. Fair Pavilion, Heppner. Music by "The Avonies" of Pendleton. Supper served.

SWIMMING POOL

Open Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4, 7:00-8:30; 2-6 on Sundays. Closed Mondays.

ANNUAL PICNIC

Rhea Creek Grange, Sunday, August 8, 12:30 p.m. Anson Wright Memorial Park.

QUEEN CORONATION

Coronation Ceremonies for Queen Judy Sherer Saturday, August 14 Rodeo Grounds.

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