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Official Paper for Morrow County

Ken Binns

MANY people now residing in Heppner may not recall Ken Binns, more recently on the sports staff of the Seattle Times, who recently signed "30" to his last story. Appearance of a nationally syndicated article on skiing by-lined "Ken Binns" last winter inspired recollection in these columns of childhood days in Heppner when Ken Binns and your informant learned something of life's mysteries together.

Recollection of those days now, memorialized by Mark Twain as the grandest in any man's life, deepens the sorrow of Ken's passing.

Tribute is due Ken. By those of us who feel deeply about Heppner, because he is one of those boys who first knew life here who went forth into the world to gain a niche of fame. And by the writer in particular because on various occasions Ken proved a friend when a friend was needed.

Probably no other acquaintance in the field of journalism was more helpful. None inspired a deeper respect for and admiration of journalistic ideals.

Therefore we say amen to the fellow sportswriter on the "Times" who was thus inspired by Ken's passing:

"The snow-clad slopes of God's mighty mountains which knew the touch of Ken Binn's flying skis, the streams of the state where he waded to lure the gamely trout to his bait, will know him no more, for Ken, sportsman, gentleman and newspaper man extraordinary, died today.

"He loved the great outdoors and reveled in its glories. He sought his joys out under the great canopy of the sky and understood nature's many strange whims.

"He loved the rugged peaks of the great mountains and fought nature as he went to them for play. And when nature softened her touch and the snows retreated before the advance of spring, he continued to commune with the great outdoors by wading the streams and rivers.

"For those of us whose privilege it was to know him well, he was a nobleman.

"For those of us who worked shoulder to shoulder with him for a decade, he was a pal, carried his load with a smile and was always ready to help if our packs felt too heavy on the march of daily tasks.

"It is not only that we, who worked with him will miss him. Nature, too, has lost a pal, and a close one.

"Good skiing Ken, very good skiing on the other side."

Science Confab Ready at OSC March 9

Oregon State College—A group of the foremost scientists in the Pacific northwest will join staff members of Oregon State college in providing a program for the one-day biology colloquium here Saturday, Mar. 9. Chief visiting speaker will be Dr. H. L. Shantz, former president of the University of Arizona and now chief of the division of wild life management in the United States forest service.

Public school and college teachers of science subjects have been particularly invited to attend this one-day conference, where it will be possible to obtain in the briefest possible time a comprehensive survey of recent accomplishments in the field of biology. Stressed particularly this year will be ecology,

or the relationship of organisms to their environment.

This second annual colloquium, like the first a year ago, is sponsored by Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society, in cooperation with other scientific groups on the campus.

Visiting speakers include Dr. Lawrence E. Griffin, professor of zoology at Reed college; Dr. A. L. Hafenrichter, Soil Conservation service, Spokane, Wn.; Dr. A. B. Hatch, bureau of biological survey, Portland; Dr. R. H. Huestis, professor of zoology, University of Oregon; F. P. Keen, senior entomologist, U. S. D. A., Portland, and G. D. Pickford, senior forest ecologist, Portland.

Sociologist Sees Value, Danger in AAA Organization

Farmer committees used in administering local features of the national agricultural conservation program have prevented the AAA set-up from assuming the form of a governmental bureaucracy, dominated by Washington, declared Dr. Edmund deS. Brunner, professor of rural sociology, Columbia university, New York, at his visit last week to the O. S. C. campus at Corvallis, where he spoke to agricultural students and faculty, as well as at the home economics fiftieth anniversary celebration.

Dr. Brunner, national authority on rural problems and author of several rural sociology textbooks, praised the agricultural adjustment program for its vigorous effort to solve major difficulties which confront farmers today.

With the lecturer's praise for farmer committee administration also came a word of warning. There is a potential danger, he said, that the thousands of AAA committeemen in the United States may become a "pressure group," placing agricultural interests above those of the nation as a whole. They should be watchful, he cautioned, that farmers—who constitute a minority group—do not abuse their present organized strength by seeking unmerited advantages from congress. Having prevented Washington domination it remains to be seen if they will in turn attempt to dominate Washington.

The agricultural conservation program is supervised locally by county and community committees, each having a membership of three farmers. The county extension agent is ex-officio member of, and adviser to the county committees. Oregon has 1026 community committeemen and 174 county committeemen, including alternates, all elected by their neighbors.

The farmer committee method of administration is based upon the farm program's recognition that knowledge and experience of farmers themselves should be utilized if sound decisions are to be reached on the many immediate problems which arise locally. A recognized value of the farm committee administration is that many new rural leaders have developed among committee groups.

VALUABLE HORSE LOST

Mrs. B. F. Swaggart, who was in Heppner Wednesday from her Swaggart buttes ranch, reported the loss of a valuable Creamoline colt. The animal had been running in a pasture about three miles from the home place and it is feared that some ambitious truck driver may have loaded him up and transported him away from this section. Mrs. Swaggart is offering a reward for information about the animal.

CARD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my deep appreciation to the Heppner fire department and to all individuals who responded to the fire call Saturday evening. Although damage was minor the possibility of a bad fire was great and only the timely action of those on the job prevented serious damage.

J. G. BARRATT.

Chas. B. Cox spent a few days in Portland with Mrs. Cox, who has been receiving medical attention in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Will Ball accompanied Mr. Cox to Portland.

Home Ec Meeting Breaks Record as 1249 Jam Campus

The tenth annual Home Interests conference, combined with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of home economics education at Oregon State college, broke all attendance records with a total registration of 1249, from 24 counties and about a dozen other states.

Visitors devoted the first day of the session to an appraisal of the past and future of home economics education, and then spent the last two days in a series of crowded group meetings, where homemakers had opportunity to brush up on the latest developments in the various branches of their profession.

Home economics has now become education for home and family life, and it is experiencing the fascinating adventure of re-appraising the past to determine what is worthy of passing on to the future, said Dr. Edmund deS. Brunner of Columbia university, one of the principal speakers this year.

"The age-old concept of the family as a clan dominated by the father as dictator, is passing," he pointed out. "In its place we view the family as the primary social group in a society striving increasingly to achieve democratic ideals. Never have the opportunities been greater to build a strong and happy family life."

Chancellor F. M. Hunter led a discussion of the future of home economics education, participated in by nine deans or directors of home economics from middle western and western states. Chancellor Hunter declared that home economics education has progressed to a place where it now constitutes essentially one of the humanities in higher education.

"We become convinced that some of the so-called practical preparation for life plays exactly the same role as those subjects and projects which we now revere as classics played for the people of ancient Greece," said Dr. Hunter.

Mrs. Ethel Lathrop of Jackson county remains as president of the state home economics extension council, which met in connection with the Home Interests conference. This council awarded its annual cash scholarship to Miss Bette Carothers of Corvallis, who was judged to be the most worthy of such financial assistance among seniors preparing for home economics extension work.

Shingle Bulletin Issued by OSC Shows Many Uses

Red cedar shingles, a distinctly western product, constitute one of the best, if not the best, material for modernization and repair of farm and home buildings, according to the authors of a new bulletin issued by the extension service at Oregon State college, which is virtually a handbook for those who contemplate using shingles in any type of building construction.

"Roofs and Exterior Walls of Red Cedar Shingles" is the title of this extension bulletin, No. 540, written by W. J. Gilmore, professor of agricultural engineering; H. R. Sinner, associate professor of architecture, and E. H. Davis, extension specialist in agricultural engineering.

"The most important function of farm buildings is to provide shelter for the farmer's family, livestock, crops, and equipment," the authors set out in the introduction. "This protection comes mainly from the roof and exterior walls. Since it is recognized that many farm buildings need only new roofs and exterior walls to make them modern and well insulated, emphasis in this bulletin is placed on modernization and repair with red cedar shingles."

By observing the suggestions offered, it is believed that farmers will be able to shingle roofs and exterior walls of new buildings, or reroof or cover the exterior walls of old buildings with a minimum outlay of cash. Application of shingles by the farmer himself is emphasized throughout the bulletin,

which contains specific directions for applying shingles over an old roof or over an old wall, and for handling the operations all the way through to final staining and painting. Diagrams, photographs and text are use throughout in giving directions for installing flashing, gutters, downspouts, and other features in connection with new construction or remodeling work.

This 48-page bulletin has been issued for free distribution to citizens of other states, as well as to those in Oregon. Oregon citizens may also obtain at cost blueprints for most of the farm buildings illustrated in the booklet.

Trees Used to Protect Steep Land from Slides

Use of young trees, and particularly black locusts, to heal soil slides on steep slopes is gaining in favor in various parts of eastern Oregon and Washington, reports the Soil Conservation service. Even where the sloping land has washed or slipped away to great depths, the trees have served to stabilize the situation, prevent further damage, and afford future protection even to adjacent areas.

On the Harold Johnson farm near Colfax, Wash., such a washed area was smoothed over somewhat and planted to trees in February, 1938. Now, two years later, that planting of locust trees is 10 to 15 feet tall, and is well on the way to providing good post material, as well as full protection for the soil.

Oregon State Gets \$1500 for Photo work

Oregon State College—The Carnegie corporation of New York has just granted \$1500 to finance a research project at O. S. C., to be handled jointly by the library and physics departments. Workers in these departments will attempt to develop a cheaper and more effective method of using micro-photography in copying and filing rare manuscripts or current newspapers.

By means of photographing newspapers or other documents, page by page, on small film such as is used

for motion pictures, it is possible to file such material in a fraction of the space otherwise needed. The films are projected on a screen in enlarged form for the use of students or others.

REPUBLICANS TO MEET

Frank C. Alfred, president of the Morrow County Republican club, has called a meeting of the group for Monday evening, March 11, at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the court room at the county courthouse. Important business is to come before the group for discussion and Mr. Alfred has expressed the wish for a good attendance.

Interest to cease at this date. February 28, 1940.

CALL FOR WARRANT

To correct error in published call of September 6th, 1939, for John Day Irrigation District Warrants, No. 303 was inadvertently printed when it should have been No. 302 on which later number this call now applies, interest to cease at this date. February 28, 1940.

L. W. BRIGGS,
Morrow County Treasurer.

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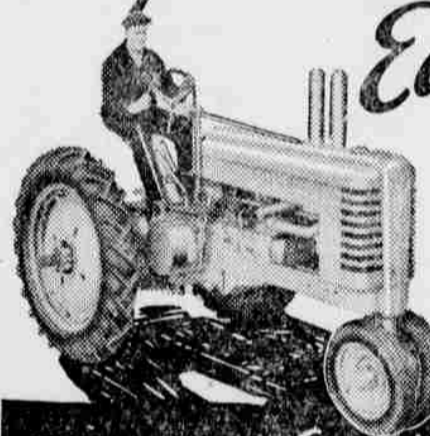
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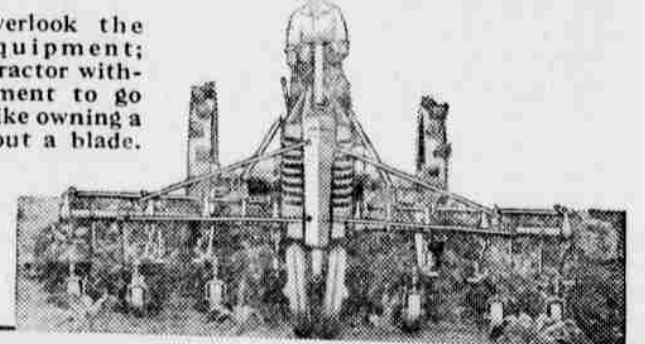
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