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Your Newspaper—An Institution

October 1 through 8 has been set aside as National Newspaper Week.

Its purpose is to call your attention to an institution in which you have a much greater hand and interest than probably most of you realize.

First of all a newspaper actually is an institution and it makes no difference whether that paper is daily, weekly or whatever. Most people don't think of it as such, but even the definition of the word "institution" in a popular dictionary fits the role a newspaper takes in every community: "Institution — Organization or society for some public or social purpose . . ."

A newspaper fits the definition perfectly for its prime purpose for being is to keep the public informed and advised of the happenings of its own community, state or nation. Those happenings may be common everyday occurrences, they may be laughable or they may be tragic, they may be minor or they may affect every person of the paper's community. Newspapers don't make news, they only report what is happening—leaving it up to the reader to decide for himself whether or how each news story or advertisement may affect him. By only telling the story in its entirety a newspaper provides the people of a free country with information that can keep them free. If there were no free press you nor I would know only what our government, in all its many forms, might want us to know. Restrictions, taxes, laws, changes of all kinds could be made at the whim of any leader and we would bow to them, as do the citizens of many of the world's countries today. Once those restrictions are in effect it's next to impossible to remove them, but here in Amer-

ica because we have a free press, we know about such happenings BEFORE they happen and are therefore able to make our individual wishes or dislikes known before it is too late.

That statement may sound theoretical and far fetched, but in principal it holds true right down to the smallest unit of government—our city or schools. Our local government works for us and provides us with the things we want because we know what it is doing at all times, largely because of our newspaper.

Newspapers are not all-seeing or all-knowing but they are honestly trying to serve the community in which they live to the best of the ability of the men and women who run them and work on them. A newspaper is your mouthpiece too, for always its columns are open to your letters, ideas and suggestions and always they are welcomed here regardless of whether your thoughts may coincide with ideas a newspaper editor may put forth in his editorial columns. He expresses his opinions and beliefs in those columns and through them he also upholds your right to express yours.

The editor of a South Carolina newspaper recently summed up the value of a free press in about as few words as we have seen it done. He said, "Although the newspapers of the state each have their own characteristics, reflecting generally the communities they serve, there is one transcending principle by which they live—the desire to serve what they honestly believe to be the best interest of their communities, their state and their nation . . . When the voice of the press and the voice of the people join in a common crusade, public opinion—that foundation of power in our free nation—reaches its greatest effectiveness."

Yes, a newspaper is an institution—of learning. Through it, and because it is free, we all may know.

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Plans are under way by the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association for the annual meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League which will be held at Pendleton on December 8, 9, 10. Morrow county this year is host for the annual meeting. They chose Pendleton as the place for the meeting as it was determined that facilities for holding such a meeting of that organization were not sufficient at home. While the annual meeting has been held in Heppner in past years, membership has grown and attendance at annual meetings is a great deal more than

in the earlier years of the organization.

At a meeting of the executive committee Friday evening, responsibilities for the meeting were outlined. Officers met again Tuesday afternoon to select committees for the various responsibilities. Plans were also made for the annual fall meeting of the Morrow County Wheat Growers Association which will be held at the Lexington grange hall on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Results of the wool referendum held in August reveals that wool producers approved a promotion

program for wool and lamb marketing. There was a close relationship between the number of individual producers voting favorably and the vote according to sheep numbers. The preliminary count indicated approval of the plan by 72.2%. Producers owning 9,127,056 sheep voted in favor of the program and owners of 3,517,680 sheep voted against it. Producers voting for the plan totaled 47,095 reflecting a 71.2% favorable vote, 19,036 or 28.6% voted against.

As a result of this promotion program, deductions of one cent per pound from shorn wool payments and 5 cents per hundred pounds of live weight from lamb and yearling payments will be made from the 1955 payment to be made in the summer of 1956.

Week before last at the executive committee meeting of the Oregon Wheat Growers League, the domestic wheat utilization committee made plans for the bake-off of the state cake baking contest sponsored by that group this year. The bake-off will be held during the annual meeting on December 8. This will be made a part of the ladies program for the meeting. A luncheon honoring the contestants will precede the bake-off. Awards will night.

Livestock men interested in the Angus breed will be interested in a recent announcement that the Oregon Aberdeen Angus Association will present its third annual fall sale at Brahs auction yard at Corvallis on Tuesday, October 25. The sale is primarily a registered cattle sale but commercial cows, calves, heifers and steers will be offered also. There will be a showing of cattle in the morning, with the sale starting at 1:30 p. m.

Meeting last week at the Bernard Doherty farm in Black Horse

Letter To The Editor

THE SPORTSMAN'S CREED

I am very cordially in favor of the Sportsman's Creed as designated in the "Red Hat" stipulation but it seems that some hunters observe the creed only when buying the license.

On Monday, October 3, some person, I do not say sportsman, went to my ranch north of Swaggart Buttes, and with a jeep or power wagon drove right over the fence twice, mashing it flat and dragging it partly down the hill.

I know it was none of my neighbors or farmer friends who

did that, for no farmer would do it, in fact, I can't think of what kind of a hunter would do that. Then too, I know it was none of my neighbors for they all know the lay of the land at that place and the type of sandy soil. It had to be a fourwheel drive vehicle, for where it went was sandy, sliding and very steep, too steep to farm. In fact it looked as if they came near tipping over at one point.

Apparently they did not see the fence for they drove over it once going into the Swaggart place and again about a hundred yards distant, when they came back into my place. Ray Dolvin, who has stock, keeps that fence repaired and he is not going to like that kind of sportsman.

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COUNTY OF MORROW

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ROBERT PENLAND,
Publisher.

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From where I sit . . . by Joe Marsh

Shades of Tom Sawyer!

Hack Willis had just stopped the tractor so's he could cool off at the pump, when a young insurance salesman came up the drive. Hack was tired of plowing, and needed insurance on his new barn. But he also needed to get that winter rye in fast. The salesman, an eager kid, noticed hesitation. "I come from a farm," he said. "Why don't you look at these booklets—get all the dope—and I'll take that plow a couple of rounds for you."

Young fellow laid off a pretty straight furrow, too. It was almost dark before Hack—sitting in the shade—was able to decide just what kind of policy to get.

From where I sit, to be a good salesman—or a good citizen—it always helps to "put yourself in the other man's place." He may have a different sort of job with different problems . . . he may prefer to close a deal over, say, a friendly glass of beer while you might prefer something else. But both of you can co-operate if you make it a "policy" to try.

Joe Marsh

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