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Our Thanks to Those Who Helped

As we go to press with this "Welcome Edition" of the Gazette-Times, we must pause to give a big and sincere Thank You to the many who have helped.

When the Chamber of Commerce development committee asked that we publish this paper, we knew it would tax the facilities and manpower of our small shop. Although we had not known our crew very long, since we became publishers of the paper only June 1, we were sure we could count on them to pitch in and do a job. This we found to be an understatement. Arnold Raymond and Joe Hartle of our mechanical staff have literally worked night and day on this paper. We would be reluctant to tell just how many hours they have put in on it, but there have been times when the sun was shining brightly before they rolled into bed for a couple of hours sleep. Without them there would be no Welcome Edition and they deserve a great deal of credit. The others of our staff have also come through as champions. We are grateful for the fine help given by newspaper friends at Woodburn, Gene Stoller and his partner Ed Coman, for their help. The special edition, because of its long run and many pages, was printed on the press of the Woodburn Independent. This location was chosen because we are in the process of buying their press and hope to have it in operation at the Gazette-Times later this year. Gene went far beyond the call of courtesy and stuck with us through one long night in the printing process.

We want to thank the many volunteers who contributed articles and pictures. Most of the writing was done on a volunteer basis and it forms the backbone of this paper.

When the Chamber of Commerce committee asked that we do this job, we pointed out that we were new and under some handicap. They promised every help, and they have given it to us. They have taken time off from their busy

work schedules to take us around the county, introduce us and assist with planning and production. It has been a real pleasure to work with Chairman Elmer Schmidt and every member of his fine and active committee.

There has been considerable commendation already about the activity and recreation map on the front page of this special edition. We believe it only fair to point out that the map was drawn by De Neperud of Salem Engraving Company in Salem, and the job is more remarkable when it is considered that she probably has never been in Morrow county. Her boss, Harold Burns, who has been helpful to us through our years in the newspaper business, made the engraving. We always count on him for expert work and are never disappointed.

Through the Welcome Edition we have become quickly acquainted with a great many persons in the county. As the late Will Rogers once said, "I never met a one that I didn't like." Spirit has been most cooperative and harmonious. The attitude was just as receptive and wholehearted in the northern part of the county as it was in Heppner. There is no end of possibility for the county with this spirit existing. We have become somewhat acquainted with the resources of the county and are enthused about what we have seen.

Because of the rush job and because of our newness, there must be errors in the Welcome Edition. None have been intentional. There undoubtedly are omissions. We could not do a complete and thorough job in the time available. However, we hope that the paper will bring enjoyment and interest to many and that it will prove a valuable source of information, particularly to newcomers.

To newcomers, for whom this edition is especially intended, may you find this county as exciting, captivating and friendly as we have discovered it.

Cutsforth Park Provides Outings For Many Persons

Cutsforth Park, located 20 miles from Heppner on Willow Creek, provides a fine place for family outings as well as recreation and activities for organized groups.

Donated by Orville Cutsforth in 1954, the seven-acre wooded site includes a pond stocked with trout and fine for swimming. Now also included are a 4-H club building with kitchen and dining shelter, which were completed in 1956.

Another example of a cooperative venture with several groups helping out, the park was opened after the Kinzua Corporation and Cutsforth furnished tractors to build the pond. It was enhanced with the addition of six cooking fireplaces, furnished by the Odd Fellows. The Masons gave money for the water system, and the Elks paid for building the large fireplace. Another group helping out was the County Pamona Grange which furnished some of the tables. Heppner Lumber Company provided eight more tables.

The park is open to the public, although during a 60-day period large groups who plan to use the major facilities are scheduled on an organized basis.

Coming soon to add to the park is a second picnic area now in the process of being developed. The three lodges, Elks, Masons and Odd Fellows, donate money each year for maintenance of the park.

The park is administered by a board of directors, and Cutsforth, the donor of the site, is president of the board. Others are Randy Peterson, representing I.O.O.F.; Phil Mahoney, the Elks; Paul Jones, Masons; and Carl Rhea, 4-H club.



FIVE MEMBERS of the development committee of the Chamber of Commerce are shown looking at photos and editorial material used in this Welcome Edition. Chairman is Elmer Schmidt (seated, center). At left in white shirt is Jim Farley and at right is Harry O'Donnell. Standing are (left) Earl Ayres and Frank Turner. Several members of the committee are not in the picture. (G-T Photo)

month. Every Odd Fellow and Rebekah is cordially invited to attend.



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Odd Fellows Back Community Work

The Heppner Odd Fellows Lodge received its charter in May of 1879. The Rebekah Lodge received its charter in May of 1888. The present hall was dedicated in 1902. During the Heppner flood in 1903 the Odd Fellows hall was used as a temporary mortuary. During the early years the hall was used as a meeting place for different organizations such as the Elks, the K. of P., the Woodman of the World, the Degree of Honor, and Junior Chamber of Commerce. It is also used for many community activities.

At present the Odd Fellow Lodge sponsors a Little League ball team and helps most of the youth organizations in the community, together with the Rebekah Lodge.

Since 1952 the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs have had the privilege of sending three Heppner students on the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth tour, which consists of a three week tour of the United States and Canada and one week spent in New York, visiting the United Nations in process.

The Odd Fellow lodge meets every Wednesday, and the Rebekah lodge meets the first and third Friday evenings of each

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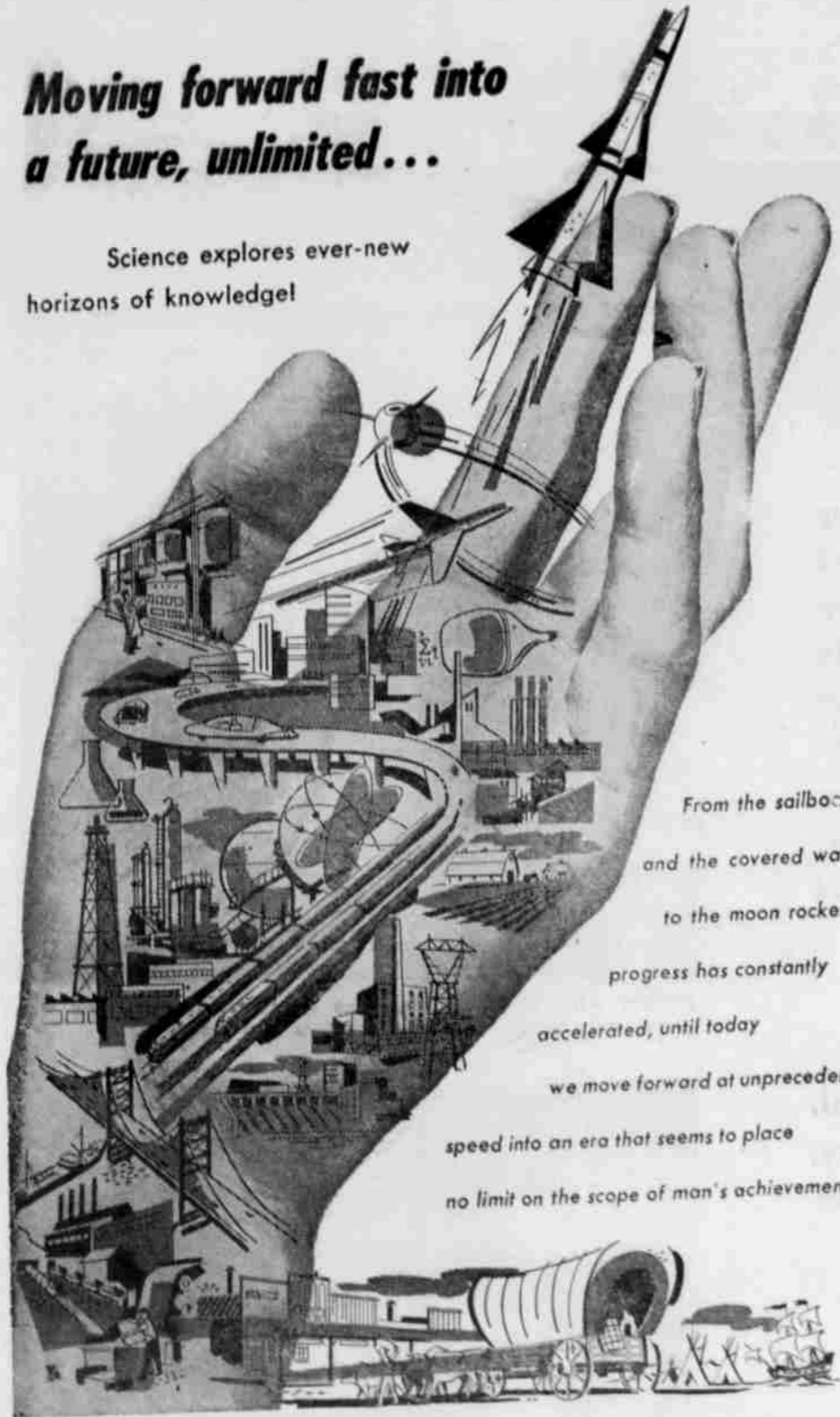
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