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There Are Those Who Serve in Quiet

Every community has its leaders who volunteer for jobs to be done. You'll see them doing the leg work in charitable drives, serving on the city council, or taking positions in organizations dedicated to civic betterment.

Their compensation is mainly from the inner satisfaction that comes from helping make a better community and assisting others. They ordinarily do not get some recognition for their work and some appreciation (or criticism!) from their fellows.

However, in every community also are those who perform tasks faithfully and conscientiously that bring no recognition and that the public takes almost entirely for granted. Yet if this service were not rendered, they would sorely miss it.

In this category is Leonard Gilliam who has faithfully recorded the weather for 28 years at his home. His father before him did the job for 23 years. Perhaps they have had some recognition for this dedicated and valuable work, but we have not heard of it. A cursory check at the newspaper office reveals no write-up in the paper prior to this date.

The records that the Gilliams have compiled give complete data on Heppner's weather history since 1910. Accurate knowledge of a community's weather is important to agriculture and industry, as well as to the public at large for a multitude of reasons.

We marvel at the dedication the Gilliams have given this task, which requires someone in the family to make the check daily. It appears now that this service may extend into three generations because Don, son of Leonard, is becoming interested and is currently compiling some records.

It is especially satisfying to this newspaper to bring to the public's attention those who are quietly performing fine services without fanfare or any particular desire for it.

A Comparison on Our Annual Carnage

When one attends a football game in Multnomah Stadium in Portland, it is impressive to look around and see the thousands of people, the myriad of color, and contemplate on the mass of humanity.

At a good game, the spectators cram every nook and corner. They fill the bleachers to overflowing and they cover the lawn in back of the Multnomah Club. At the sidelines, students unable to get in the bleachers sit on the ground or on blankets.

Such was the case at the OSU-Syracuse game Saturday, attended by a good many from Heppner and Morrow county.

Usually just prior to the end of such a game, the public address announcer, representing an oil company, will say, "Drive carefully on your way home."

At this time the thought inevitably comes to us that we in America kill on our highways in one year as many as that vast stadium will hold.

The World Almanac lists 36,981 motor vehicle deaths in 1958 (and probably it was higher in 1959 and 1960). Attendance at the OSU-Syracuse game was between 35,000 and 36,000.

If you were there, imagine seeing that many dead people lying on our highways during the course of a year.

—And next time you go to such a game, give a thought to it as you survey that vast sea of faces. Then see if you don't "drive a little more carefully on the way home."

Among those who have enrolled at Eastern Oregon college in La Grande this year are Bernice Thomson, Fern Albert, Doris Morris and Mary Slocum. The girls were taken to La Grande by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson before the start of registration week.

Attending the Oregon State-Syracuse football game in Portland last week-end were Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Gribble, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Jr.

Mrs. Hazel Zimmerman of Cheyenne, Wyo., was in Heppner Tuesday on business. She was in company with Mrs. R. V. Logan of Arlington, a cousin with whom she had recently regained contact after a span of 30 years. She has been in this area looking after property near Boardman. After returning to her home she will return to employment at the Warren Air Force hospital in Cheyenne.

P. W. Mahoney and Robert Abrams were in John Day on business Monday and Tuesday. Robert Abrams left Wednesday to attend the Oregon State Bar convention at Seaside. He will be gone through Saturday.

Chaff and Chatter

By Wes Sherman

IF THE deer population had some way of perceiving what is in store come Saturday and the intelligence to do something about it, the animals would probably line up at Irv Anderson's fallout shelter seeking admittance. For the die is cast for them as surely as a nuclear war would do it for humans.

They tell us that upper Willow creek resembles the front lines of World War II on opening day of deer season. Fred Gimbel reports that last year, the fire was so intense where he was that he lost his courage and made for a hole in the ground, just as a soldier sought a fox hole in World War II.

Along with red hats, deer bags and so on that are needed to equip the well-dressed buck hunter, stores should also carry white flags that might be mounted on telescoping poles for use by hunters who wish to surrender in the midst of the volleys in the woodlands.

NORMALLY the back shop of the G-T is a very decent place and the language used is clean and pure. However, the tone changed Wednesday night when Mrs. Sherman asked Mrs. Joe Hartle if she knew that a prestidigitator was coming.

Mrs. Hartle thereupon suggested that Mrs. Sherman was swearing, but the latter pointed out that she was only saying that a master of legerdemain was on his way to Heppner. Our lady pressman then knew for sure that the associate editor should have her mouth washed out with soap.

But Mrs. Sherman was telling the truth. The great Virgil is on his way.

We've heard a good deal about this man, and we hope you won't think we're swearing when we say that we don't know if he is merely a prestidigitator, or whether he is a thaumaturgist, an exorcist, a wanga-teur, or a necromancer. Certainly he must use some exsufflations and incantations in his conjurations and shamanistic practices.

We think the PTA will guarantee that there will be no sorcery or diablerie that will cause the children a sleepless night. So we think everyone will want to go and see the famous Virgil and Julie, "The Sweetheart of Magic," here October 7.

At least it will be interesting to see if Virgil espouses transcendentalism or whether he excels in psychosensory hallucinations in his prestidigitatorial perambulations. (Use your own dictionary, as I did mine).

DOWN AT Columbia Basin Electric the other day, a big battle was going on. Harley Young and his secretaries were engaged in a discussion as to whether a certain group of words in a dictated letter constituted a sentence. Harley said they didn't, but the ladies averred they did. The manager had devoted his noon hour to scouring his grammar library and felt he had the goods on his side.

We unwittingly walked right into the middle of the dispute and had to side with the secretaries on the grounds that the words were without subject and predicate. But Harley hasn't conceded, and we wouldn't be surprised if he appealed to a college professor of English somewhere.

Although this was a peaceful battle, the co-op does have one advantage in case of a dispute where dispositions get short-circuited and sparks fly. There should be plenty of fuses around to restore any blown out.

THERE IS surely a lot of excitement in Heppner's auto row this week. In town are the new Chevrolets, the new Fords, the new Buicks, the new Pontiacs, and all their offshoots. We've seen some of the new 1961's and they are enough to make a person's mouth water.

Jim Farley already (as of Wednesday) had the new Pontiacs and Buicks on display. Roice Fullerton was getting his showroom ready for the Chev line, and Earl Ayres was making ready for the Fords.

We can remember the time when you went to buy a car and you either got a Buick, or a Ford, or a Chev or some other make. If you got a Buick it was like many other Buicks; same with the rest of the makes.

Now, for instance in the Ford line, you can get a Galaxie, T-Bird, Falcon, several different degrees of the Ford itself, and all in a dozen different styles.

This is also true of other makes. One fellow connected with the Chevrolet company once declared that there are more than one million combinations of Chevrolets available on the market, considering the various models, colors, standard or automatic transmissions, and the different brands of Chevies—Corvair, Corvettes, now Chevy II, and so on.

Danged if it isn't a real race between the auto industry and the cereal companies to see if the one can produce more different cars than the other can produce breakfast foods.

John Cason, son of Mrs. Earle Bryant, entered Pierce Junior College in Los Angeles as a freshman in an engineering course Sept. 11.

Phone Company Tells of Contest To Boost Oregon

Morrow county residents and all Oregonians will have the chance to "win undying fame, glory, and a choice prize or two" in a contest called "Why I'm Wild About Oregon" launched this week by Pacific Northwest Bell.

Everyone who lives in the state is invited to send a brief letter to Pacific Northwest Bell giving his reasons for the "undeniable advantages to living and working and visiting and locating in Oregon."

The winner, according to Heppner Manager Dale Slusher, will have the opportunity to treat two out-of-state people to a free seven-day Pacific Northwest vacation. He will personally receive \$500 worth of merchandise from any Oregon merchant. And Governor Mark Hatfield will formally award an engraved bronze plaque designating the winner as "No. 1 Grand Leader, Oregon Booster Corps."

"Twelve 'No. 1 Assistant Grand Leaders, Oregon Booster Corps,' will win \$100 worth of merchandise from any Oregon merchant along with framed certificates citing their achievement.

No official entry blank is needed. Just a letter enclosed with a phone bill envelope or sent separately to Pacific Northwest Bell, Room 861, 509 S. W. Oak St., Portland 4, completing the statement, "I'm Wild About Oregon because . . ." will do. Letters can also be dropped off at any PNB business office.

Judging will be based on sincerity, interest and originality. The contest closes midnight, Oct. 31 and winners will be notified by Dec. 1.

TELL 'EM YOU SAW IT IN THE GAZETTE-TIMES

Houghton School Has Busy Days

Lorin Berry has been chosen president of the student body at A. C. Houghton elementary school at Irrigon. Other officers chosen were Suzanne Crews, vice president; Jeanine Adams, secretary; Mike Smith, treasurer, and George Stitzel, sergeant-at-arms.

Elberta Carpenter, Patsy Davis, Dee Ann McElroy and Toni Olin were chosen cheerleaders.

Room representatives elected were Linda Reed and Dallas Senn, grade 1; Wayne Buchanan and Julia Lesley, grade 2; Donna Pummel and Kenneth Phillips, grade 3; Bruce Buchanan and Frances McDonald, grade 4; Kay Huson and Richard Ryan, grade 5; Betty Eppenbach and Carol Lathrop, grade 6; Cheryl Daniels and Mike Partlow, grade 7; Sandra McKenzie and Ron Bacon, grade 8.

Coach Michael Tolar reports 18 boys have turned out for football at A. C. Houghton school. They are Ron Bacon, Lorin Berry, Kerry Daniels, Richard Gilpin, Glenn Schmeder, Mike Smith, Mike Snyder, George Stitzel, Richard Summers, Jim Wilson, Marshall Adams, Mike Brenner, Bill Crews, Don Jorgensen, Bobby McRae, Mike Partlow, John Pearce, David Skouba.

The Irrigon school team will meet the lone elementary team in a game at lone at 3 p. m. Thursday (today).

Besides election of officers and football practice, a busy schedule has been carried through at the A. C. Houghton school. Saturday there was an OEA workshop in Pendleton for teachers to attend, and a grange meeting in the evening. Tuesday a Boy Scout meeting was held in the school gymnasium from 7 to 9; a 4-H leaders council meeting in the cafeteria at 8.

Scheduled for next week are

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson and son Doug were in Portland last week-end on business and viewed the Oregon State-Syracuse game. They were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bennett.

teachers' institute at La Grande on Monday; advisory committee meeting at Boardman at 8 p. m. Tuesday, a Boy Scout meeting in the gym from 7 to 9. Wednesday the OEA dinner meeting for all county members will be held at Irrigon school beginning at 4:30. Friday pictures for the school annual will be taken beginning at 9 a. m. in the old building. Pre-school children are welcome. In the afternoon at 2:30 the football team will meet the Arlington team at Irrigon.

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Sun. Mon. Oct. 1-2

The Young Savages

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