

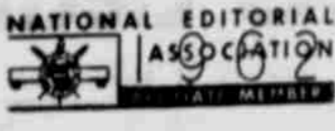
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Information on the School Bond Issue

With the action by the board of directors of Morrow County school district R-1 in calling for a vote February 26 on a bond issue for school construction at Heppner, Boardman and Irrigon comes a big job of informing voters and residents on facts relative to the proposal.

Those who have been following school matters have known that the additions to complete Unit-A in Heppner have been under discussion for some time. It also is well-known that the John Day reservoir will force relocation and reconstruction of Riverside school at Boardman. While the Federal government compensates for the bulk of this, there will be additional costs to the district to provide a standard building to adequately serve school needs there. The project at A. C. Houghton school, irrigon, would add two classrooms, a library and a cafeteria to accommodate the school population and make it possible to move two classes of elementary children from their temporary housing in an old high school building.

Role of this paper in the month prior to election will be to make an effort to get the facts in relation to needs, costs and plans and to report them objectively in the news columns. It is our desire to print the data as accurately as possible so that voters in the county may have access to information that will help form a basis for a considered decision.

As soon as they can be obtained from the architects, sketches of the proposed buildings in all three areas will be printed for benefit of those who have no other opportunity to view the plans.

If, after reading our reports, residents of the county find any important information lacking or feel we have erred in presenting the facts, we would appreciate it if these things were called to our attention. If there are additional questions, we would like to hear of them so that we may seek the answers.

In setting the date of February 26 for the election, the directors expressed the belief that this period would allow time for complete explanation and dissemination of information. At the same time they felt that because decision of voters either pro or con will affect the school budget for the year 1962-63, decision on the matter should be made in time so that adjustments to the budget could be made before the budget comes up for public hearing and vote.

Now is the Time to Join the Chamber

As the Chamber of Commerce is starting another year, the time is here for old members to sign up again and new members to join. Dues schedule is low and the benefits are many.

Treasurer Bert Huff has pointed out that the \$15 charged per quarter (three months) includes the price of the regular Monday luncheons, and if a member attends every luncheon, the chamber, in effect, is actually paying him a few cents at the end of the year. Thus, all the other promotional work and benefits theoretically are "for free."

Every businessman of the area should belong to this group. There are those who cynically declare that "it doesn't do any good," but they are wrong. Just recently in this column were listed a few of the accomplishments of last year, and there are many more.

It is the logical thing for any businessman truly interested in his community to join the Chamber of Commerce. He needs it, and the organization needs his support.

Farmers are invited to join, too, for in this type of area, agriculture comprises a large part of the basic economy. One of the most faithful members of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce is a farmer, O. W. Cutsforth, and he has proved to be a one-man liaison between farmers and business, constantly reminding what things need to be done to help agriculture here. Some of these have resulted in action important to the area.

The Chamber of Commerce has been considering the necessity of higher dues to help with its financial problems—that is, to have funds to provide for its worthwhile activities and projects. However, a simple solution is merely to add more members.

It is true that some of the present membership has been somewhat delinquent in calling on non-members and inviting them to join. This is partly due to the fact that all are busy and just do not get to it. But the cordial invitation is there, and all will find a welcome reception in the organization. There is a place for new ideas that you may furnish and new projects that you may wish to see developed. If, however, you have none in particular to offer, you will still enjoy and benefit from the exchange of ideas and from the programs at the weekly meetings.

How Secretary Freeman Sees It

(Reprinted As Quotation From Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman From "Notable and Quotable," Wall Street Journal).

Agriculture Secretary Orville L. Freeman

Off in the distance—and perhaps not such a great distance at that—I seem to hear the echo of a question repeated many times in the past: "Do you think the Government owes the farmer a living, or a guaranteed income, or price supports, or economic security?"

The answer of course is "no"—but it owes the farmer what it owes to every American—conditions under which he has an opportunity to earn a fair income.

Let me explain this answer.

First, I believe that equality of economic opportunity is an integral part of our ideals of democratic government and our principals of free enterprise. All individuals who perform services and produce goods that are essential to society (and certainly nothing is more essential than the products of our farms) have a right to expect the opportunity to gain a reward for their efforts that is commensurate with that earned by others exerting a comparable effort.

No other major segment of our economy has made as rapid strides forward in efficiency and productivity as has agriculture. Output per man-hour in agriculture increased more than three times as fast as in non agricultural industries during the 1950's. One hour of farm labor produces four times as much food and other crops as it did in 1920. One farm worker today produces enough for himself and 25 others.

Who has benefited from this phenomenal increase in productivity?

First of all, benefits have gone to the American consumer, who now gets more food at less real cost than ever before in history in any place on earth. On the average the American consumer spends only one-fifth of his income to provide food for himself and his family, as compared with 40% in most other advanced countries and a much larger proportion in many lands.

Secondly, hungry men, women and children throughout the world have been provided with food. We are thus able to make an important contribution to economic growth and progress under freedom in the developing areas of the world.

And may I emphasize, in this connection, that within our agricultural productivity there lies a potent weapon against communism, of which we have not yet made effective use.

Recently I was told by one of the leaders in India that they were not nearly as impressed with America's ability to produce automobiles and appliances and ICBM's as they were with our ability to produce more than enough food with only 9% of our working force.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

DALE MARTIN, International Farm Exchange Youth, might well have wished that he had stayed in sunny Greece. He seemed to be beset with troubles on his visit to Morrow county, most of them due to the severe weather, but he left a very good impression here nevertheless.

He had a rough time getting over via Condon, and we understood his car had a tendency to freeze up. Snowdrifts just about had him stalled. When he appeared at Rhea Creek grange Saturday night after meeting with the 4-H junior leaders earlier in the day, his slide projector gave him trouble, but the few interruptions just acted as intermissions between his very fine pictures.

We have noted from other weekly papers that Dale has been traveling all over. He has a rigorous speaking schedule to meet. You can see his picture in almost any eastern Oregon weekly that you pick up.

A good crowd braved the weather to attend the Rhea Creek grange, and we enjoyed their potluck supper and Martin's appearance as guests of the group. From Dale's description of the country, Greece is still quite backward in the way of machinery, appliances and conveniences, being handicapped by a lack of manufacturing and power, but it is starting to come into its own.

He reports that Greece looks upon the United States as a real friend, particularly because of its aid, even though the people do get a false impression of us from U. S. movies and reports of the integration-segregation battle in the south.

LEN GILMAN'S part in preventing the hijacking of the Continental Airlines Boeing 707 jetliner at El Paso, Texas, is fully chronicled in an article, "Ten Hours of Terror," in the February issue of True magazine, written by Joseph P. Blank. A picture of the ex-Heppner man, now Border Patrol Inspector, is included in the article. The immediate stir that the incident caused is told in the story. President John Kennedy himself had a direct and active part in giving instructions and making decisions while Leon Beardon and his son, Cody, held the crew and hostages in the plane. Hundreds of officers, airlines and terminal personnel, the FBI and others were involved outside the jetliner which was described as "half as long as a football field," while the intense drama was going on inside.

Gilman finally found the opportunity to end the matter when he took advantage of an opening and clobbered Beardon with his fist, breaking a bone in his hand at the same time. His mother is Mrs. Viola Gilman of Heppner, of course, and brother is Chief of Police Dean Gilman.

True magazines for February are getting scarce around here but we found that Humphreys Drug had a couple left the other day. If you can't find a copy and want to read the story, we'll loan you ours.

WHOSE RESPONSIBLE for the cold weather? Well, it couldn't be Claude Cox and his son, Billy, at the Morrow County Creamery because they have been having too much trouble with their ice machine. It couldn't have gone berserk to spread this much cold. The machine has had a couple of costly breakdowns recently. It's a good thing that it didn't happen in the summer time.

But three cheers for the creamery! They are advertising their Pride of Oregon ice cream this week (see page 1, sec. 2) and pointing out that it is just as good in cold weather as warm weather. Claude said the other day that they are upping the butterfat to 13% again to make it even smoother. Their ice cream is another of the good things about living in Morrow county.

DUST COVERING on top of the snow brought some perplexed explanations around, and the East Oregonian blames it on winds blowing from the Palouse country. But the Soil Conservation Service ought to appreciate this—probably sending back topsoil that winds in the other direction took away from the county on some previous occasion.

However, the recent winds must have been stronger than we suspected. We read that dust particles in the mechanism delayed the astronaut flight. Suppose the Palouse dust went all the way to Cape Canaveral?

MRS. TERRY BLEVINS, secretary to our professional neighbor, Jos. J. Nys, dropped in to invite us to the rockhounds' meeting Saturday night. We'd like to go except for the fact that the Heppner-Burns basketball game

will be here that night (Friday, too). We couldn't miss that game. Think a good counter-invitation might be for the Gem and Mineral society to attend the game and throw rocks at Burns.

PROBABLY ONE of the most serious subscribers to the Gazette-Times is Carl Troedson of Ione. Visiting in town Wednesday, he told us that he has every copy of the G-T since 1932 but one. It was inadvertently misplaced or accidentally destroyed. That means something like 1500 copies that he has put away. Carl says that they often come in handy for reference, like when the Ritchie family of Seattle wanted to trace their family tree.

Of course, we have complete files well beyond that date, but the earliest files were destroyed in a fire and so actually do not go back too many years in view of the venerable history of the G-T.

MR. AND MRS. HERB EKSTROM of Ione battled some real bad storms coming home from the Hereford show at Denver. Tired, cold and weary as they neared Morrow county they thought longingly of their warm home and of taking a good hot bath. But alas! When they got home they found the pipes frozen, drains frozen and the place cold. They didn't get a hot bath until four days later.

GILES FRENCH, editor of the Sherman County Journal, is one of the most widely quoted editors in the state. One of his tart comments made last week rings the bell.

"One way for legislators to relieve the cost of serving people would be to do fewer things, pass fewer bills, name fewer interim committees, investigate fewer things. The voters might be so happy over that they would raise the wages."

Giles also comes up with some picturesque synonyms. In one of his editorials he described something as having about as much chance as "a paraffin dog chasing a cast iron cat in Hades."

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick were in Portland Friday and Saturday viewing the Portland Home Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Harshman are in Spokane, Wn., this week attending the buyers' market.

Mrs. Judy Brannon and daughter, Tamie, visited over the weekend in Oermiston with Jan Beamer.



Charles Nerpel, left, editor of Motor Trend magazine, presents Edward D. Rollert, general manager of Buick and vice president of General Motors, with the magazine's annual "Car of the Year Award." The coveted award, the "Oscar" of the automobile industry, was presented to Buick for the design and development of the V-6 engine.

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Heppner High Names Term Class Officers

Class officers have been elected for the second half of the school year at Heppner High school. Class presidents chosen are Archie Ball, seniors; Mike Smith, juniors; Diane Fullerton, sophomores, and Jean Stockard, freshmen.

Other officers named are Bruce Moyer, vice president of senior class; Beverly Blake, secretary; Bob Fettsch, treasurer; Nat Webb, sergeant-at-arms.

The juniors chose Laura Lee Sumner vice president in charge of the prom and Shirley Carlson vice president in charge of the banquet. Linda Valentine was elected secretary, Jackie Brindle, treasurer and John Porter, sergeant-at-arms.

David George became vice president of the sophomore class; Gail Hoskins, secretary; Ginny Lou Turner, treasurer; and Spencer Sampson, sergeant-at-arms.

Vice president of the freshmen is Wayne Evans; secretary is Sherril McDonald; treasurer is Kathy Ray and sergeant-at-arms is Stuart Dick.

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