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Community College Would Fill a Need

Reaction to the formation of a Community College for the Blue Mountain district (Morrow and Umatilla counties) was highly favorable at the recent public hearing in Pendleton, and at this point it appears that all is going smoothly towards the formation of the college.

Although the hearing was favorable and the State Board of Education has formally established the boundaries, the matter still must be approved by vote of the people in the district. This election is apparently to be set for sometime in June.

Interest is keen for the college among certain groups, but probably there are still many who know little about it, and if an election were held at this time they might be hesitant to vote yes because of this lack of knowledge.

Considerable work needs to be done between now and June to get the information to the people so that they are thoroughly apprised of the objectives, costs and plans of the proposal.

As has been reported, bulk of the cost will come from state funds that have been allocated for community colleges. If the Blue Mountain college takes over the Pendleton Technical school for the coming year as is contemplated, the tax levy for support of the college would amount to only about 2 of a mill, according to Gene Pierce, vice chairman of the committee working for the college.

In future years, as the college grows, the cost would be somewhat more. If the time came that it would go into a building program, it is estimated that cost for the structure or structures would be about \$1,350,000. Of this, \$1,012,500 would come from the state and the local district's share would be about \$338,500. If this district debt were spread over a 10-year period, it would cost taxpayers an annual levy of only .4 mill.

Student fees would share in operating cost, and it is figured that the fee for 1962-63 would be not more than \$225 per student. It is our understanding that this would be for tuition as well as for other fees. To those who would be students now in college, it is readily apparent that this is considerably less than they pay in the nine institutions of higher education. Tuition runs approximately \$300 per year at Oregon State university, and fees—student body, laboratory, and so on—are on top of that. Independent colleges are higher.

The community college, designed not only for vocational and technical training but also for those who wish to transfer to another institution after two years, would seem to offer an opportunity for post-high school education for many who would otherwise not get to go. It would fill a need for those included towards the crafts—electricians, metal workers, mechanics, plumbers—as well as those who want to become oriented to the college method before they decide whether they wish to point towards a profession.

Community colleges would give at least part of the answer in relieving the burden on the nine existing institutions because they would take many who otherwise would even more crowd the facilities on the jam-packed campuses. This should reflect back to the taxpayer who wouldn't be called upon so much to add new facilities at the major institutions.

Proximity of the students to the community college would be a big relief to the parents' pocketbooks, too. It would be feasible for carloads to commute from Morrow county points to Pendleton, saving the cost of living away from home. This again opens the door for more to reap the advantage of continued schooling.

At least at first, the Blue Mountain community college would be a non-campus type. Its instructors would be available, we understand, to come out to Heppner, for instance, to teach a class weekly if the demand developed for it.

At this point in the proceedings it appears that the community college would be a good bargain for the public, not only from the standpoint of actual cost but also in benefits through education and for opening new vistas to the youth who ordinarily would receive no training beyond high school. Those who have not been abreast of the plans should try to become informed on it between now and the June election date.

Extra Copies of 4-H Paper are Available

Extra copies of last week's Gazette-Times, containing the special section on 4-H clubs, are available at the regular price of 10¢ per copy at the paper office.

An additional supply of papers was printed in expectation that there would be demand for them. Quite a number have been sold to those interested in 4-H but a fair-sized supply is left for any who wish them.

Fetches Go East For Son's Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, with son Bobby and daughter Marlene, traveled to West Frankfort, Illinois, last week to attend the wedding of their son, Larry Fetsch, to Donna Gail Avery, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Avery of Orient, Illinois.

The ceremony was performed at Trinity Methodist church, West Frankfort, at 6 p. m. Saturday, March 10.

The family left here on March 4 and expected to return soon after the wedding.

Larry has been serving in the army, stationed at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Now out of service, he and his bride plan to come west on their honeymoon trip.

Among those who expected to attend the wedding was Mrs. Dave Tottleben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins, Heppner. Mrs. (Judy) Tottleben and her husband live at Collinsville, Ill.

Ione Debate Teams Entered At Hermiston

The first in an exchange of debates between Ione High school and Hermiston High school was held Tuesday evening in Hermiston.

Topic for the debate was "Resolved: That the Federal Government should guarantee higher education to qualified high school graduates."

A team composed of Linda Halvorsen and Evelyn Marich debated the negative side of the question, and Ron Crabtree and Jerry Davidson debated on the affirmative team.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

As one 4-H leader I would like to express personal appreciation and gratitude for the 4-H edition of the Gazette-Times which you published last week. I know that there is more effort, more energy and more stress involved in such a project than meets the eye in reading of the various phases of the work.

All of us at times succumb to the feeling of being overworked and unappreciated—I know that I speak for all interested in 4-H when I say "thank you" not only for the entire edition but also for your extra dimension of construction, undergirding interest which your efforts indicated.

Sincerely,
Mrs. D. E. Drake

To the Editor:

It has been my privilege during the past week and during 4-H Club week to observe as never before, the workings of this fine organization. First, at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday, March 5, when the Rhea Creek livestock group, under the leadership of Wilbur Van Bloksland, put on a program for the Chamber. And again by the same group, the program at the Rhea Creek Grange, regular meeting, when we again heard the history of Morrow county 4-H club work, as well as the work of this particular club.

Here, also was shown the picture, "The Town that Came Back," depicting the work done by younger people in a project that proved both interesting and profitable.

At church services during past Sundays, members of Sunday school and church school classes had some little part in bringing out that the spiritual is also important in 4-H club work and to 4-H clubbers generally. Mention could also be made of the special edition of the Gazette-Times, which so adequately portrayed the work of the 4-H club organizations with its leaders. This was really a fine piece of work.

Last, but not least, the County Court at its busy session Wednesday, March 7, had the honor of having a visitation by members of the "Kool Kooks," under the leadership of Mrs. Douglas Drake, who served cake and coffee to this sober and serious trio and explained the work their little club was doing. Truly this was appreciated, and we thank Jean Stockard, Cheryl Bellenbrock, Kitty O'Hara, Patty Collins, and Mrs. Drake for this fine visit.

All things considered, our Morrow county 4-H club organization is an entity to be reckoned with, and we appreciate the work that they, nearly 400 strong are doing together with their leaders, in projects in livestock, agriculture, community service, homemaking, etc.

Sincerely,
Oscar E. Peterson
County Judge

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HATS and heads are in the news this week. Charlie Ruggles went to the Episcopal church pancake feed last Thursday, but when he went to leave, he couldn't find his hat. Apparently someone took it by mistake.

The Rev. Austin McGhee witnessed Charlie searching for the chapeau, and offered this comment, "I think it has gone on ahead." Get it?

HAROLD LAIRD was shooting the breeze with Bill Blake and me Tuesday about tall people and how fast children grow. Harold, of course, is no short fellow himself.

The other day, he reported, his son Tommy looked at him and inquired, "Dad, are you getting taller?"

"No, I don't think so," responded Harold (probably stretching himself up a little bit at the apparent flattery).

"Well, then, how come your head is pushing through your hair?" rejoined young son to rapidly-deflated dad.

SCHOOL KIDS must have rubbed their rabbit's foot to manage to have spring vacation start on such a beautiful day as Tuesday. The bright sun and climbing temperature sent spirits soaring all over town. It even caused Jack Van Winkle to get busy and hose off the blacktop around his service station. Last time he did this, he confesses, it snowed the next day. So if this happens again, blame it on him.

The spring vacation is quite perplexing to first grade daughter, Cathy Jo, who reasoned that if there were no school the next day (Wednesday) that must be Saturday. Talked out of that idea, she figured it must be time for Christmas or Thanksgiving turkey. For what other reason does one get out of school?

COMING of sunshine means that we won't be spending so much time on the G-T roof patching leaks. Shop Foreman Arnold Raymond and the writer have played the "old shell game" with the drip, drips this winter. Grab a bucket of plastic cement and patch what you think is the offending crack in the tar paper, and the pestiferous drip, drip starts in another spot. Locate that, and it breaks out in another place.

We have been one of John Pfeiffer's best plastic cement customers through the winter. Tried to convince him that price of the cement is supposed to include the application, too, but that only evoked a quiet grin from the adamant Mr. Pfeiffer.

Had quite a session Sunday on the roof after Saturday night's snow. Trickle of water came in to the advertising department as the snow melted, apparently to keep a fellow water-cooled while getting up hot ads.

There's gonna be a hot time on the old roof this summer!

AVON MELBY is a little perplexed about her husband. She says that he goes up to Arbuckle Mountain to ski and takes all kinds of nasty spills but always comes home unhurt.

Two Mustangs Get Honorable Mention

Captain Bruce Moyer and Lee Padberg of the Heppner High Mustangs each received honorable mention on the Oregon Journal's all-state A-2 basketball team announced last week.

Moyer played his final season with the Mustangs this year but Padberg will be back as a junior next season.

Other Greater Oregon league (western division) players named to the Journal's outfit were Lee Larsen, Burns, on the third team and Gary Galbraith, Madras, on the second team.

'The Land' Telecast Slated for Saturday

Telecast of the documentary program, "The Land," is scheduled over KGW-TV Saturday at 5 p. m. as a report from Chet Huntley, according to County Agent N. C. Anderson.

The program will be of interest not only to farmers but to the public in general. It will be concerned with the government farm program and proposals for the farm program, and it should evoke considerable food for thought, the county agent said.

The announcement is made so that all interested may tune in.

Sheriff Attends Spokane Meeting

Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman went to Spokane this week to attend a regional law enforcement seminar of Civil Defense at the Davenport Hotel. The meeting was held Tuesday through Thursday.

Civil defense and police programming was the main topic for consideration at the meeting.

After the remark last week about the post office department delivering mail from Hollywood by dog sled, requiring nine days for a package to reach here, Postmaster Jim Driscoll brought in a package Saturday that had been sent from Los Angeles March 7, just three days time. So the P. O. department has added some fast dogs!

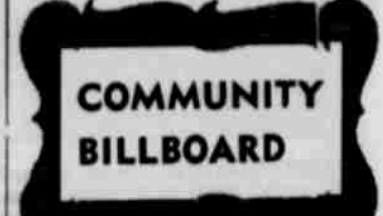
Merchants Meet Set

Meeting of the merchants committee of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce is scheduled at 7:30 a. m. Friday at the Wagon Wheel Cafe, Mrs. Elma Harshman, chairman, announces. Members are asked to be present and bring ideas for stimulating business.

Grangers to Hear Insurance Man Talk

Milo Medlock of Spray, who sells all types of Grange insurance including life insurance, will be the speaker at the meeting of Willows Grange Saturday night, March 17, at 8 p. m. It is announced.

A good attendance is expected to be on hand to hear the speaker.



Coming Events

Odd Fellow-Rebekah pancake supper, recreation night, Friday, 6:30 p. m.

SQUARE DANCE CLUB Wrangler's Building, Saturday, 8:00 p. m.

Tryouts for Wrangler Rodeo Princess, Wrangler grounds, Sunday, 1:30 p. m.

Rainbow reception for Grand officers, Monday, March 19, 8:00 p. m. Open to public.

PTA Meeting, Wednesday, March 21, 8:00 p. m., Multi-purpose room.

Good skiing at Arbuckle Mountain this week-end.

This space will be used each week to announce coming events of a public service nature at no charge.

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