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## Miss Ione for Miss Universe

There is a great amount of work involved in backing a candidate for Miss Oregon, as Ione Lions are finding out. This week the members are going at a feverish pace to take care of all matters before their candidate, Michelle Morrison as "Miss Ione," enters the contest in Portland next week.

The members apparently have the true Lions' spirit that whatever is worth doing is worth doing well. In Miss Ione, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jodie Morrison, they have a representative about whom they may very well be enthused, indeed. She has the combination of beauty, charm, poise and talent that would do honor to the state if she were chosen as Miss Oregon. It is not beyond the realm of possibility that she could become Miss Universe in the ensuing national contest.

This project will bring some welcome attention to Morrow county and the Lions are to be commended for embarking upon it. It is good to see an organization show life and spark as it undertakes an active program. It adds zest to the community.

The Lions are putting considerable time, effort and money into the Miss Oregon project, and it takes a great deal of time and effort for Miss Morrison, too. But it is fun for both, and it is a fine thing for the entire county.

As Miss Ione enters the pageant in Portland, she will have the unified support of the whole county. They know she has the attributes to become Miss Oregon, and we speak for all in wishing her the best of success as she exemplifies the best in young American womanhood.

## Litterbugs, Hoodlums, Hooligans

There are three classes of persons whose acts, either thoughtless or malicious, mar the beauty, peace and serenity of our area at the expense of the rights, privileges and property of others.

These are: litterbugs, hoodlums and hooligans.

Fortunately Morrow county has a minimum infestation of each, but attention should be called to the minority that has been at work recently.

The litterbug is the best known of the three. He is the one who destroys campsites, makes a mess of pleasant picnic areas and leaves his debris of paper cups, cigarette packets, gum wrappings, cans and bottles over streets and highways.

If parents would devote some conscientious attention to teaching their youngsters to use litterbags with care over a period of several weeks, while setting the example themselves, the litterbug could be virtually stamped out in a few years as the termite of our scenic beauty. After a period of devoted training it is possible to create in a child an attitude that makes it abhorrent to himself to roll down a window and toss out a banana peeling or an apple core. Too often, however, the parents are confirmed litterbugs themselves and by their examples teach the child to scatter refuse with wanton abandon.

Heppner's streets pick up an unsightly display of litter even though refuse cans are placed prominently about the downtown area.

The hoodlum is the young rowdy who feels the need to attract attention and apparently is unsuccessful to do this in any way but to paint buildings, "peel out" in cars at nocturnal hours and commit petty acts of vandalism. Morrow county residents can have a great pride in the achievements of their young people. This paper has chronicled many honors and awards won, as well as state offices gained, by our youth in their activities. It would seem that the majority have so much to do in worthwhile pursuits that they do not need to call attention to themselves by petty means.

Apparently, however, there are some with inferiority complexes, who, like children, must commit some petty deeds at the expense of rights and property of others in a subconscious attempt to say, "Look at me!"

Whoever painted the "62's" on poles, buildings and trash containers recently, and for whatever reason, did nothing to enhance our community nor to make a better mark for the high school class of 1962. Certainly this could not be laid to the students of a class that set a record in the amount of scholarships won.

There are those who will dismiss the rowdiness of some frustrated youths with the statements, "kids must let off some steam," or "boys will be boys." But this is sorry excuse for destructive depredations that occasionally are apparent. Our youth are capable of better things and they have little reason to resort to such tactics to attract attention. The community can do them a service by not tolerating nor accepting such actions.

The hooligan is a special designation, given by the state, to the one who specializes in destruction or defacing of highway and road signs. The state of Oregon estimates that these hooligans cost the taxpayer \$50,000 per year.

New warning signs were placed on highways in Morrow county recently, but the hooligans lost no time. Virtually all of the signs have been perforated by bullets by those who seem to find them ideal targets. His work is emblazoned for all visitors of the county to see.

An odd thing about litterbugs—they don't like to have picnics in areas infested by other litterbugs. An odd thing about hoodlums—they don't like to have their buildings marred by other hoodlums and they don't like to have their sleep interrupted by others of their kind. And an odd thing about hooligans—they don't like to have their own property defaced. Thus, the paradox: They tend to destroy the environment that they enjoy. It will be a great day when they realize and appreciate this fact.

## No Charge for News Stories

A woman brought in a short announcement for the Gazette-Times society page the other day. After submitting it, she reached in her purse asking, "How much is it?"

This happens often enough that it no longer seems unique, even though it is assumed in this business that everyone knows that there is no charge for news. News space in this paper, like that of most papers, is not for sale. No one can purchase the right to place his item on the front page, society page, nor any other page. Rather, the paper seeks to serve, and the editors evaluate the relative merits of the news they print and determine where it should be placed.

When advised that there was no charge for the item, the woman seemed surprised.

"Well, how can you stay in business?" she asked. That was an easy question and one that we like to answer. "Because of the advertisers," we replied (and deep in our heart blessed them again).

Yes, those in our community enjoy the privilege of getting their announcements and reports in the paper simply because there are businessmen who advertise and realize the importance of advertising.

Without them, there would be no Gazette-Times for their financial support is essential to the paper's existence. But also, their advertising forms one of the most interesting parts of the paper and in itself performs a vital service to the community—telling the public what goods and services are available, bringing attention to new products, special prices and other information that consumers need to know.

The Gazette-Times has a number of very faithful advertisers. One can just about go around town and pick them out by the liveliness and activity that they show at their places of business. As a result of advertising consistently, their businesses profit. They help themselves and their community as well.



PRETTY SUE WARREN, Lloyd Center information girl, puts the Oregon Welcome Program into orbit by decorating touring NASA space capsule with one of the green Welcome decals. Chambers of Commerce and the state highway tourist division are spearheading the special Welcome program.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

SUNDAY was a great day for an outing. Among the happy families who headed for the mountains were the Jack Van Winkles. As they hopped in the pickup, little did they know that they were going to be enmeshed in a chain of unfortunate circumstances that would involve quite a few persons before the day was over.

Trouble started when the Van Winkles' 13-year-old son attempted to load a .22 rifle while riding in the back of the pickup en route to Bull Prairie reservoir. The rifle accidentally discharged, and the bullet went through the back of the cab, drilling a neat hole in the gas tank behind Jack, who was driving.

Fortunately the bullet lodged inside the tank or it might have hit Jack. He attempted to plug the hole but was unsuccessful in stopping it completely. They proceeded to Bull Prairie, leaving a trail of gasoline.

Upon arrival at the camp site, they found Bill Van Winkle was having trouble, too. Fuel pump on his car failed to function and he was immobilized.

Elmer Schmidt and family were there and, Good Samaritans that they are, volunteered to get aid when they returned to town. They struck off in their pickup with camper on the back.

As they started down a hill on the highway, though, Elmer noticed that his brakes weren't responding when he pushed on the pedal. Immediately he knew that something was seriously amiss. He put the rig into low and decreased speed. Just as the vehicle was about stopped, the rear portion on one side dropped ka-pow! One of the wheels had come off. So they were stranded.

First car on the scene was that of Norbert Herschel, heading out. He stopped and insisted on turning around to take them back to Heppner. Then Elmer got on the phone and started summoning aid. He called LeRoy Gardner, who was just departing for an outing, and got him to take a couple of cans of gasoline to Jack. Then he called Pete McMurry to get a fuel pump for Bill and called for a wrecker.

to take care of his own plight. The only way that one would have known on Monday morning that anything unusual had happened was that Elmer was driving a new GMC pickup. He hadn't made the purchase, but it was doubtful that he would ever trust the old rig again.

Another visitor at Bull Prairie, unknown to the locals, was having troubles of his own Sunday, having knocked out the pan of his car. But the Van Winkles and Schmidts were having so much trouble of their own that they only paid him passing notice.

LEONARD MUNKERS didn't win any prizes with Morrow County schools' big white traveling bus in the Portland Rose Festival Parade Saturday, but he was an inadvertent participant in the festivities.

He had taken the bus to Corvallis to bring the 4-H summer school delegation back to the county. In attempting to cross the Burnside bridge en route home, he bumped into the parade and couldn't proceed. Officers told him that he would have to back out of there and seek another route. This he did, but not before the big white bus had made its debut on television. Those watching the parade at home on their sets saw the Morrow County entrant for the brief appearance, but it didn't have a rose nor flower on it.

MELVIN DIXON, new minister at the Methodist church here, was born in China. He came to this country in boyhood, but he says his young friends used to have considerable fun kidding him about being an oriental (which, of course, he isn't). He developed a stock answer to this ribbing. "If a kitten is born in an oven," he would reply, "does that necessarily make it a biscuit?"

IF YOU chance to see D. O. Nelson's signature soon and have trouble making it out, it will be a scrawl for good reason. He recently completed signing the bonds for the \$870,000 issue

for Morrow county schools in his capacity as chairman. These bonds were printed in denominations of \$1,000. Thus, there were 870 bonds, and he had to sign his name 870 times. Delwin said that it required him five hours to do the job, starting just after 5 p. m. one day and winding up after 10.

## Lexington Young People On Camp Trip At Lehman

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—The junior and senior high Sunday school classes of the Lexington Christian church went to Lehman Springs for a three day camping trip, leaving on Sunday morning. They were accompanied by their teachers, Carl Marquardt and Gerry Messenger and by Laddie Henderson and Carroll Messenger. Rev. and Mrs. Walter Smith motored to the springs following church services on Sunday. Those going were Joyce Peck, Theresa Munkers, Jeanette Ledbetter, Dick Wallace, Kenny Jones and Billy Klinger.

The Three Links club met at the home of Mrs. Art Keene last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Vernon Munkers as acting chairman. Birthday cakes were served in honor of Mrs. Hilda Yocum and Mrs. Munkers. Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Earl Warner, Mrs. Newt O'Hara, Mrs. Charles Jones, Mrs. Kenneth Palmer, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Earl Eskelson of Hermiston, Mrs. Munkers and Mrs. Keene. The next meeting is scheduled for the Katie Padberg home.

Miss Dona Barnett, who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital, was taken to Portland by the ambulance on Friday where she entered Emanuel hospital. Her sister, Mrs. Trannie Parker, accompanied Dr. and Mrs. Tibbles to Portland when she was entered and has been staying at Park Haviland hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt and family and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers are spending a few days camping near Ukiah. Mrs. Florence McMillan spent the week-end in Pendleton with her daughter, Mrs. Pat Sawyer. Waide and Pearl Sawyer returned to their home after a week's visit at the McMillan and Jones homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Padberg received word on Monday of the accidental death in The Dalles of her brother Don Whetmore. Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth left on Monday for The Dalles. Mrs. Whetmore is known in and around Lexington, having been employed here several years ago.

Miss Barbara Lamb and Miss Charlene Jones spent the week-end at the home of Miss Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Padberg attended the Padberg reunion in Ione on Sunday. The children of O. W. Cutsforth and their families were visitors at the Cutsforth cabin on Sunday to help their father celebrate Father's Day.

Dinner guests at the C. C. Jones home on Sunday were Miss Charlene Jones and Miss Barbara Lamb of Portland and Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshen Jr. and son Scottie.

Miss Alice Wihlon was a visitor in Stanfield on Monday where she attended the funeral services of her grandfather, A. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eskelson of Hermiston were Lexington visitors last Thursday.

## TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor: On behalf of the membership of our Ione Lions club I wish to use this means in thanking all of the citizens of Heppner-Lexington-Ione community for their wonderful cooperation throughout the past year. It is gratifying for a service club, such as the Lions, to have met with such warm acceptance on all the fund-raising projects we have attempted. We specifically appreciate the courtesies extended to our club by the Heppner Gazette-Times, evidenced by the favorable attention we have received.

Alton H. Yarnell  
Outgoing president

Queenie. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eskelson of Hermiston were Lexington visitors last Thursday.



## Coming Events

HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL  
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Swimming lessons daily  
from 9:00 a. m.

METHODIST CHURCH PICNIC  
Courthouse Lawn  
Sunday, June 24  
12:30 p. m.  
Reception for Rev. Mel Dixon  
and family

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Students of Virginia C. Turner  
Guest Soloist, Karen Lundell  
Christian Church  
Sunday, June 24  
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