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Time to Think of Farm Safety

In the news last week was a story of a 12-year-old boy in Polk county whose clothing was caught in the power takeoff of a farm tractor. Both his legs were amputated in the accident. Surely everyone who read the item must have grimaced with horror and felt some deep sympathy for the boy and his family.

But this is a story that happens all too often on farms in all parts of America. Some 12,000 persons are killed annually in farm accidents and untold thousands more are seriously injured and crippled.

Every week throughout the year should be considered as Farm Safety Week, but this year the dates of July 22-28 are designated as the national week, and it is well to pause and think about simple precautions that might be taken to prevent loss of life and serious accidents on farms.

Perhaps farm accidents haven't been so prevalent in Morrow county as in areas where population is heavier, farms are smaller, and where there are more wheel tractors and similar equipment in proportion to the size of the farm. But Nels Anderson, county agent, can recount a good many serious accidents of various kinds that emphasize that Morrow farmers are not immune from accidents.

Perhaps more individual responsibility rests on the shoulder of the farmer in the prevention of accidents than with operators of industry and commercial establishments. Few farmers are under the jurisdiction of the State Industrial Accident Commission and, therefore, are not under the eye of inspection that industries have. Thus, it is even more incumbent on the farmer to be aware of safe practices. Usually no one tells him what to do in the ordinary course of his operations. He depends upon himself for his own safety and that of his family and help.

A good farmer is a valuable asset to any community, and everyone has a stake in his welfare. Some Morrow county businessmen, who have joined in a Farm Safety page in this paper, express this concern.

It isn't necessary to experience an injury to learn the necessity for caution and alertness even in the most routine task. It's the surest and most painful way, but who can be certain there will be a second chance?

National Farm Safety Week is a good time for each farmer to take a critical look at the way he does things from a safety standpoint. The extra margin of care that he may exert as a result will pay off.

Budget Vote Opens Way for College

Approval of the budget of the Blue Mountain Community College by a 2-to-1 margin Friday in an election in the 2-county district assures the opening of the college for the coming school year. This culminates the work of committees and supporters who prepared the groundwork, and the college now is in the hands of the newly-elected directors. After the college opens in the fall, residents of Morrow and Umatilla counties should begin to see some of the benefits that it promises, and the advantages should be increasingly apparent as time goes on.

Recently three visitors connected with the college visited the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, and one, Wallace McCrae, superintendent of schools of Pendleton, highly commended the volunteer committees whose work set the stage for a vote on the district in an amazingly short time. The praise was justified, but the eagerness to get the matter on the ballot quickly resulted in an error or two that might have been costly to the cause.

First was distribution of the original material that stated that the levy would be 2 mill on property tax. After the district was approved, the directors were elected and the budget was prepared, it was apparent that this was considerably short of what was needed. The levy worked out on the budget, based on present valuation of the district, showed that 1.18 mills would be required.

Although the 1.18 mills will be no great burden, by and large, on the majority of taxpayers, it is nearly six times the original estimate and would seem to indicate some rather hasty planning. Apparently not considered in the original estimates were administration, purchase of equipment, capital outlay and some other items.

However, voters seemed willing to forgive this error for they still went for the college budget by the 2-to-1 margin, but this was some drop in popularity from the 4-to-1 margin that formation of the district attained.

A second slip was noted here on the day before the budget election last week. In checking with the Morrow assessor's office last week on routine rounds, the editor was informed that the community college budget could not be included on the tax roll in Morrow county for 1962-63 because it was after the deadline. We called the clerk of the district in Pendleton, and he stated with some anxiety that the matter of checking with the Morrow county assessor on the tax roll had just been overlooked. It had been done in Umatilla county but not in Morrow. A hurried telephone call by the clerk to Assessor Oliver Creswick apparently resulted in an "11th hour" agreement, and it will go on the roll.

These things are mentioned in retrospect because they are things that might have reduced public confidence and jeopardized a fine and worthy project. They are errors that occurred in the rush of getting the college started by the fall of the year.

However, now that the preliminary work is over, we trust that the board of directors will have the time, and take the time, to consider their moves wisely and carefully so that the confidence of the public in the community college may not be jeopardized by hasty action.

We have the further hope that we expressed once previously, and think should be reiterated, that steps be taken to set up the board of directors on an area basis rather than at-large as they were elected on the original board. We have no complaint at the present because we have a competent and capable local representative on the board in Bob Abrams of Heppner. Having the local man tends to make for better liaison for the college and at the same time safeguards the interests of the district. Abrams was out of town when it became apparent that the college budget was in jeopardy of not being placed on the Morrow county roll, or it is likely that he would have caught the oversight and would have seen that it was corrected.

In becoming a part of the Blue Mountain district, residents of Morrow county are paying a full share of the cost and are entitled to a full share of consideration. It is only right that there is assurance that the directors be representative of all sections of the district. They were well distributed in the original vote, but this should be assured and not left to happenstance.

This area representation should tie the district together to better advantage, give the directors a chance to feel the pulse from all areas and see that no part is overlooked on matters that may be important to the functioning of the college.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Piti Howell last week were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. James Boland and three daughters of Sacramento, Calif. They visited here for a week and left Sunday.

Mrs. L. E. Dick and Mrs. Floyd Jones were in Seattle Thursday through Saturday on business. They stopped at Rydervood, Wn., to leave Mrs. Dick's children, Erin and Kevin, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe.

Mr. and Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter and family spent a few days this week at the coast. During the week LaVerne, III, joined Bill Collins and others on a deep sea fishing excursion. Of the eight going, LaVerne, III, caught the only salmon. They returned home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Sigman and daughter, Sandy, of Dufur were week-end guests of Mrs. Sigman's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Beckett.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WALTER EDGER can't understand why two of Heppners merchants don't capitalize on the hot weather. He suggested that Tommy Howell of Economy Market and Leonard Schwarz of Court St. Market could conduct tours through their cold storage lockers at, say, 25c each and do a thriving business. Might install a few chairs in there and make it four-bits to any who would want to enjoy the cold temperatures for 10 or 15 minutes.

ONE MISCHIEVOUS temptation that we have so far successfully subdued is to take that big picture of the snow in Heppner in 1929 that hangs in our office and suspend it under our front canopy over the sidewalk during a heat wave. This should make any passerby feel cooler, but we are afraid that some would think we are making fun of them in the heat and would take it down and hurl it at us.

Incidentally, that is a remarkable picture. It is more than 4 1/2 feet wide and was taken by Bert Gilbert Sigbee with a panoramic camera. Many who have dropped in on the C.T. office have admired the picture, and there are a number of other copies around town, one of which hangs on the back porch of the home of his widow, Mrs. Sadie Sigbee. It shows the whole town of Heppner from the hill to the west with the covering of snow, and Claude Cox (maker of Pride of Oregon peach ice cream) says that the tracks in the foreground of the picture are his. (Bet he would like to be making tracks in 26 inches of snow today!)

To make a picture of that size and scope today would be a pretty good little problem for any but the most accomplished photographer, and when you think that this was done 23 years ago when equipment available wasn't nearly what it is today, it must be considered a remarkable job.

ONE OF THE most ardent rooters for the classified ad page of the Gazette-Times is Jim Farley of Farley Motor Co. He was quite exultant this week in telling how our classified advertising pays. Jim had a two-line ad in the paper on a D-4 Caterpillar for sale, and it did the business in a rather unique way.

William J. Davidson of Newberg came to Heppner to visit his sister, Anita Stockard. He picked up the Gazette-Times, scanned the classified page and saw the ad on the tractor. He was interested. Mrs. Stockard called Jim and asked if he still had it on hand. He did, Davidson decided he wanted it, and a short time later the deal was completed. Farley got the cash for the Cat.

RECENTLY, on a week-end trip to Portland, we took the kids to the zoo. This is a remarkable installation, and Life Magazine recently declared in an article that Portland's zoo is one of the best in the west. That surely must be true.

However, we couldn't help but notice that peanut shells and litter cluttered up the landscape. In mentioning this to Jim Myers, he said that he had noticed it also and suggested that the area where the people mingle is in striking contrast to the clean condition of the animal pens.

He suggested taking pictures of the clean animal pens and printing them with the caption, "This is where the animals live," and another of the walkways with the caption, "This is where the people go."

One thing that might be done to improve the appearance of the place is to make paper bags for peanuts in two sections, one part containing the peanuts and the other an empty receptacle for the shells. As you walk along and eat peanuts, the only place you have to throw shells is on the ground. With this 2-part sack, you could stuff the shells in the empty part until you came to the nearest garbage can.

IT WOULD be interesting to know what percentage of Morrow county's population has seen the World's Fair by this time. Some have gone back on their second trip. Among these were the Mike Whitesmiths who returned last week after checking some of the exhibits a little more in detail.

They were a little overwhelmed because the crowd on their second trip, more than 70,000 at the fair, was about double what it was on their first go-around. They could hardly stop without getting jostled, but found it interesting nevertheless.

Mike's considered opinion is that the period of September 15 to October 10 would be the best time to see the fair. By then, school is on, eastern travelers have returned home pretty much, and the crowds should simmer down—unless there is a huge backlog waiting for the fall.

We can't help but note the difference that the World's Fair has made on tourist travel, particularly evident on highway 30. The number of "Highway Box-cars" (house trailers) impedes travel considerably, and out-of-state licensees are in unusually high proportion. To the fellow who is in a hurry comes the thought that it is fortunate the northwest doesn't have a World's Fair every year—despite the added prosperity that comes to the area from tourist dollars.

It seems to us that the fair has taken a little toll on traffic at the usual resorts in the state because so many northwesterners are spending their vacations in Seattle instead of at the favorite haunts. We noticed at the coast Saturday and Sunday that there are a great many vacancy signs, particularly on the average and below average accommodations. Some looked as if the "No" hadn't been in front of them all summer. However, the resort areas are probably picking up quite a few out-of-staters going to and from the fair.

Pettyjohns Gather For Family Picnic

Members of the William Pettyjohn family gathered Tuesday at the courthouse lawn to visit with relatives visiting here from Illinois.

Here for the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Pettyjohn, Moline, Ill., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pettyjohn, and son Gary, Moline, Ill.

Others dropping in for the pot-luck dinner were Mrs. Paul Webb, Sr., Walla Walla, Wn., sister of Archie Pettyjohn; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pettyjohn and daughter, Betty, brother of Archie; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pettyjohn, Ione, brother of Archie. Also present were many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Tuesday evening they met at the Howard Pettyjohn home to view movies and slides taken of the families when the Archie Pettyjohn and Lloyd Pettyjohn families visited here six years ago. On Wednesday evening several went to the Raymond Pettyjohn home in Arlington for dinner and visiting before the two families left for California en route back to Illinois.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Friends:

In behalf of the Citizens' Committee for Representative Government, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you who played a part in the successful culmination of our efforts to place on the November ballot by initiative petition our legislative apportionment constitutional amendment.

I want particularly to acknowledge the tremendous boost given by Margaret Troedson, Gene Cutsforth and Mrs. Nelson, yet to do so would imply that they did all the work and the contribution of the dozens of men and women solicitors was meaningless.

So, to all of you—thanks for a job well done. We've passed the first major hurdle. The second and last is the November election. There is no doubt that it will be even more difficult. You can continue to help in a direct way by "selling" favorably consideration of our proposal to your friends, business associates, employer and employees, neighbors, and particularly those you may contact or

Farley Gets Award For Topping Quota

Carey Thompson of the zone office of the Pontiac Motor Division of General Motors, Portland, came to Heppner to present a hand-painted picture of the Daytona Beach race to Jim Farley of Farley Motor Co. here one day this week.

The award was for exceeding the firm's sales quota for Pontiac this year. The large framed picture shows Fireball Roberts winning the Daytona race in a Pontiac.

Buschkes Vacation

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Buschke left Wednesday for a few days vacation and plan to return home Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Buschke and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Buschke have charge of the Gilliam and Bisbee hardware store during their absence. Persons needing hardware parts during the July 26-29 period may contact Lowell Gribble or the Inland Chemical plant.

visit in other parts of the state. We may still become full citizens of Oregon. Sincerely yours, George J. Annala, Secretary Citizens Committee for Representative Government

Pfc Ken Case Takes Part in Maneuvers

Army Pfc Kenneth E. Case, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Case, Heppner, recently participated with other personnel from the 2nd Infantry Division in Exercise Clear Lake, a 17-day joint Army-Air Force training maneuver conducted by the U. S. Strike Command at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Clear Lake, which involved more than 7,000 Army and Air Force personnel, was designed to further develop the ability of U. S. Strike Command units to function as a team capable of immediate combat deployment to any area of the world to meet any situation. Case, an automatic rifleman in Company E of the division's 9th Infantry at Fort Benning, Ga., entered the Army in April 1961.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Houte spent last week on vacation, camping at Crane Prairie reservoir. They report a relaxing time with the weather cool and comfortable. They caught a few fish and enjoyed the quiet week.

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HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL
Open daily, except Mondays
Adult Intermediate Swimming Lessons
July 23-August 2
5:30 p.m., Monday thru Thurs. day.

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