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## The Cereal and the Sugar

"Vocational agriculture is the cereal, and the FFA is the sugar sprinkled on the top." So said Hollis McDonald of The Dalles, state Future Farmers of America president, at the annual Heppner chapter FFA banquet in the Catholic parish hall here Wednesday night.

Among the 150 present at the dinner were many adults who got a taste of the "sugar"—the work that the FFA is doing—and it "tastes" good.

Through the FFA, these young men develop a well-rounded program of living. While they are concerned principally with vocational agriculture—the cereal, if you please—they branch out in other ways: conduct meetings, learn public speaking, stress scholarship, venture into community service, and take care of their own bookkeeping on the projects on which they embark, to mention a few.

Future Farmers handled every part of their banquet program themselves—as they always do—with the exception of the presentation of the awards by their advisor, Gerald Jonasson, and singing of two vocal solos for entertainment by Principal Gordon Pratt. Their president was master of ceremonies, other officers gave reports and had other parts, one member gave the invocation, and their state president was the principal speaker. They do for themselves. It is a lesson they learn early, and the competence this develops should be valuable through life.

Again, the state president sounded the key for his fellows in FFA when he said, "It's not the opportunity you have that counts, but it's what you do with that opportunity."

The FFA boys learn to develop their opportunities early. One father confided after the meeting that his FFA son has developed a cattle herd that will provide the young man enough money to get through college, and he has paid from his earnings for feed and other costs.

You can note the confident pride on the faces of these young men when they appear in public wearing their FFA jackets, and it is a pride in which the community may share.

They will not all go into vocational agriculture careers, as the president explained, but the qualities they are gaining in this well-rounded program will help provide the "sugar" for a "sweeter" society in whatever endeavor they undertake.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT LOOKS as if King Basketball is vying with George Washington for the limelight in this edition of the G-T. The paper heralds Heppner's Washington Birthday sale, but at the same time could almost be called a special basketball edition, what with reports on some 14 Heppner and lone games in its pages. This does not include the several stories on coming games, 7-B district tournament and AAU tournament.

One threw quite a bombshell into the Umatilla-Morrow circuit when it clouded Athena Tuesday night after the McEwen five had posted 15 league victories without a defeat. This ends the regular season for the Cards with a rather amazing record of 12 wins, four losses, in view of the fact that at the start of the year they were one 0-3 in the league. Only Weston topped them later in the season.

Heppner came back strong after losing recently to Sherman county to take a pair from Grant Union and Burns. So from the gloom of defeat they are now in the thick of the race again.

Tournament time is at hand for lone, but the Mustangs still have a considerable distance to go before they hit a tournament. There are no district meets for them. Pilot Rock, Sherman County again, and probably Vale stand between them and a trip to Coos Bay for the state A-2 tournament.

We look for the squad to come on with a surge, now that the chips are down, and really blister the court. They showed what

they can do in the first game with Sherman county and the first game with Grant Union. Already they have turned in one of their best seasons in Heppner high's history.

On still another basketball front is the Morrow County Grain Growers' team, which will play in the AAU tourney at Pendleton Saturday night, and we hope they will still be in the thick of it for the second round Sunday. Although some of the players on the MCGG squad are a little punchier around the middle than they were in their high school and college days, and although they may tend to dog trot on the court when they get a chance instead of running pell mell, there is still plenty of spark and fire in them yet. They could just come out of that tournament with a championship.

So, Morrow county has three basketball tournament possibilities for one to keep his eyes on. We hope all three bring home the honors.

AS WE HEADED towards the back door of the courthouse for a meeting Tuesday night, we heard someone call, "Hey Wes!"

The voice came through the barred window of the county jail. It took a few moments to recognize our printer, Joe Hartle, inside.

This was a rather startling development for he had left work only a couple of hours earlier. We had visions of putting out

## Sherman Elected Press Chairman

Wesley Sherman, publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, was elected chairman of the 1964 Oregon Press Conference at the annual meeting of the Conference at the University of Oregon.

The two-day meeting, February 15 and 16, was the 44th annual conclave of the Oregon Press Conference, which is co-sponsored by the University of Oregon School of Journalism and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

Sherman was elected at a Saturday luncheon of the conference at the Eugene Hotel. Carl C. Webb, secretary-manager of ONPA and member of the Journalism School faculty, was re-elected conference secretary and W. Verne McKinney, publisher of the Hillsboro Argus, was re-elected representative-at-large on the Allen Memorial Fund. The new president succeeds Eric W. Allen, Jr., Medford Mail-Tribune, who presided at this session.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman attended the conference from Thursday night through Saturday. He attended a directors' meeting Thursday night.

Feature of the sessions was the speech by Clark Mollenhoff, Washington, D. C., correspondent for Cowles Publications and Pulitzer prize winner, on the subject, "The High Cost of Excessive Secrecy."

He asserted that American citizens and newspapers should give full support to Congress in asserting its right to investigate government activities and government spending. Mollenhoff expressed grave concern about the "executive privilege" doctrine, which he termed "a naked claim to unlimited secrecy on the whim of the executive branch." He said that it has been used to bar the press, the public, the Congress and the General Accounting office from examining government business. The speaker declared that it has been used to hide scandals and mismanagement in our regulatory agencies, in the foreign aid program and in the Defense Department.

Among other highlights were a talk on "The New Constitution and the Press," by Hans A. Linde, associate professor, School of Law, University of Oregon, at a Friday luncheon meeting; a panel on "Political News" with former Governor Charles A. Sprague as moderator and Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, Robert W. Chandler, publisher of the Bend Bulletin, Carl Fisher of Radio Station KUGN, and Doug Seymour, political editor of the Salem Capital Journal as speakers; and a talk on "Three Decades of Conventions" by Leith Abbott, former public relations director of Northern

this week's paper without a printer.

In answer to our perplexed query, Joe explained his predicament.

He had gone up after work to visit an acquaintance who was incarcerated. The sheriff had let him in but had to leave and locked the door behind him, saying that another officer would be along soon. One was expected down from Washington to get the prisoner.

Well, when we walked by it was 8 p.m. and Joe was getting a little restless about it. Bernice, his wife, didn't know where he was. Joe asked us to call her and tell her he was in jail, but fortunately the officer came along within a short time and the printer was let out.

We don't expect Joe to be arrested for anything, but if by chance he should be, one would think that he could ask to deduct about three hours off his sentence for time served in advance.

WE'RE STILL wondering how many plates were broken when that loud crash emanated from the kitchen at the FFA banquet Wednesday night. Thought maybe the FFA girls would come out with the food on paper plates as a result, but the meal was served on regular plates. They met whatever tragedy befell them with composure and dignity, and demurely served their tasty repast.

IT'S EMBARRASSING enough to an ordinary citizen when an officer gives him a ticket, but when it happens to a minister it is more so. The Rev. Melvin Dixon is living one down this week.

He went fishing at Bull Prairie Tuesday and while trying to outwit the trout with line going through a hole in the ice, noticed some other fellows perhaps a couple of hundred feet away. He left his pole and went to see how they were doing.

But a state policeman happened by. He tried to get on the ice but it was thin by the bank and the officer crashed into the shallow water, the Rev. Dixon reports. So the minister obligingly went over to him, produced his license and then got a ticket for leaving his pole unattended—not because he went to the officer, we suppose, but because he had left it in the first place.

Well, as the old saying goes, ignorance of the law is no excuse, and this apparently applies to ministers as well. So the Rev. Dixon now has a summons to justice court. But, being a good sportsman, he takes it as a good sport.

Wouldn't he be surprised to hear him preaching on a sermon, "Don't Leave Your Line Unattended," next Sunday but doubt if he will. Imagine he would be happy to have everyone come and find out, though.



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Division, Southern Pacific Company, at the Friday evening banquet.

George S. Turnbull, professor emeritus and former Dean of the school of Journalism, spoke on "Half a Century of Press-Journalism School Cooperation" at the concluding buffet luncheon Saturday.

Mrs. Harold (Beverly) Goebel and daughters, Wallowa, visited this week-end with her mother, Mrs. Eva Griffith, and her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Toll.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Kenny and family, Portland, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kenny and attended the Elks Annual.

Visiting Monday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon was Mr. Dixon's father, Stanley M. Dixon of Echo.

## TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

A few words of thanks to you and your fine paper the Gazette-Times for the article concerning my search for my father's kinfolk.

It was through your article that my uncle, Raymond Reid of Bend, Oregon, contacted me at my office in Walla Walla, Washington via long distance call. It was truly a wonderful feeling to learn that after so many weeks of searching I truly did have relatives alive on my father's side of the family.

I wish to give particular thanks to Dean Gilman for his interest and diligent searching for facts which I understand you aided him with in going through the Gazette-Times files. Mr. Gilman was actually instrumental in my finding my kinfolk since were it not for his hard work and endeavor, I perhaps might

still be searching.

Mrs. Sargent at the Coffee Shop of the Hotel and many, many other fine Heppner folk took a real active interest in this matter and it was through these people that I met and talked with several old-timers of real, down-to-earth, friendliness and interest in my problem and the promise of all the help they could offer.

A particular thrill was in meeting Dr. A. D. McMurdo, who brought me into this world. Shaking Dr. McMurdo's hand knowing it was the hand of the man who first slapped my back-sides in order that I might get my first breath was really something.

So again my "thanks" to all you good people of Heppner for taking a stranger into your hearts and making his problem your problem. I shall always remember you.

Sincerely,

William G. Sanders

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Walla Walla, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Roy Schwarz and son visited her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Cannon, in Portland over the week-end.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Pfeiffer, Pendleton, were week-end guests of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Herman. The Pfeiffers attended the Elks Annual Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Jordan and children, Milton-Freewater, were houseguests of Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien over the week-end. The two couples enjoyed the Elks Annual Saturday.

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES

Friday, Feb. 22, 8 p.m., Walt Disney's "Rob Roy," in color. Plus 1/2 hour cartoons.

HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL, Heppner Mustangs vs. Pilot Rock, Friday night, Pilot Rock gym.

McEwen, Saturday night, Heppner High gym. JV game, 6:30. Varsity, 8:00. Help Support the Mustangs!

Elks Pinochle Tournament Starts Friday, Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m. Continues for six weeks. Elks club rooms.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY Rhea Creek Extension Unit, Saturday, March 2. Grange hall, 7:30 p.m.

PTA MOVIE "Outdoor Sportsman," Wed., Feb. 27, 8 p.m., Heppner High gym.

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