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## New Folders to Advertise County

Just off the printing press are 5000 new folders in two colors telling of Morrow county. Ordered by the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, the folder, like some printed about two years ago, includes the recreation and activity map of the county. It is not designed to give complete information but to attract and stimulate interest as well as to present some of the highlights of Morrow county.

First group to use a sizeable quantity of the brochures is the Lone Lions club which will distribute 500 at the forthcoming state Lions convention in Baker.

A substantial quantity will be reserved for distribution through the state fair, the Pacific International Livestock Exposition and similar events.

Others will be delivered to service stations, motels, hotels and restaurants for distribution to the public.

Any who can use some of the folders to good advantage in advertising the county is welcome to them and may get them from this office.

There are some signs that things are on the upswing here. A number of new homes are under construction in Heppner after a low building year in 1962. Willow Creek dam shows some promise of becoming a reality; there is considerable interest in development of recreation facilities; and the city council is in the process of forming a development committee to work towards encouraging new ventures.

Our people have much to be proud of in Morrow county, and it is a good thing to let others know about it, too.

## A Right Move for City Officials

Before the legislature at the current session is a bill that would permit municipalities to do business up to \$500 per year with those who serve as elected officials but are also engaged in business in the community.

Heppner's city council at its last meeting endorsed the bill and so advised legislators from this area.

The bill is a step in the right direction. As pointed out before in this column, it is a serious inconvenience and a near impossibility for a small town to sever business connections with the persons who serve without compensation as councilmen, mayors and in other capacities. Quite often the merchant on the council who handles a particular line of goods has the only outlet of that kind in the community. When the city has need of his goods, that is the only place it has to go for them. Certainly, one couldn't ask the councilman to resign just so the city could trade with him!

Another angle is that it is unfair to penalize a businessman for taking his time and effort to serve his community in a volunteer position.

With safeguards—such as regular audits, reading the bills in open council, and the scrutiny of fellow officers—there is very little chance of abuse of this commercial interchange between a city and its businessman officials.

However, there is one phase of the bill that seems a little discriminatory. By limiting the sum to \$500 per year, it would rule out transactions with some whose businesses are machinery, trucks and other major items. Thus, a dealer couldn't sell a new piece of major power machinery to the city, if he served on the council, even though he was a low bidder or made a special discount that would be advantageous to the taxpayers. It would seem that in such a case he is discriminated against by the nature of his business.

## TO THE EDITOR.

(Editor's note: Mr. Akers' letter is reprinted in this week's Gazette-Times because a part of it was inadvertently omitted last week when the linotype operator failed to notice that he had written on both sides of the paper. It is recommended that those sending letters or other materials to the paper write on one side only to facilitate editing and composition.)

Dear Editor:  
In the March 18th issue of this paper the Morrow County School Board voted to let each school have one trailer on the school property at \$10.00 per month charge.  
This is just one more item that proves very poor management by our school board and leads to higher taxes.

There is now and has always been housing available for teachers. Ione has a very nice trailer park with showers, laundry, dry cleaning available at \$15.00 per month.

If the school board installs trailer space on school property it will cost the taxpayers several thousand dollars because trailer space must meet state specifications, such as: 750 gallon septic tank minimum, 150 sq. ft. drain field per bedroom, double this is a garbage disposal is used, water pipe, electric lead-in pole, and fixtures, rock and gravel, labor, maintenance.

Morrow county school board is also meddling in real estate which is poor business and again proves very poor management.  
At the start of the school term I talked to Mr. Van Houte about trailer parking. He agreed that schools should not park trailers when and if facilities were available.

Ione City passed a regulation on trailer and trailer parking. Mr. Fred Martin informed our Mayor that the school would put trailers on school property if they wanted to, regardless of city regulations.  
Morrow county school board

has also rented and maintained housing at a much higher rate than private individuals are now paying.

I think it is time for we the taxpayers to stand by our convictions and on our own two feet and do something about the wasteful spending of the taxpayer's money.

E. J. Akers  
Ione, Oregon

Dear Mr. Sherman:  
Rep. J. L. Smith has been a member of the House Committee on Agriculture and Livestock during the Fifty-Second Session of the Legislature.

I wish to take this opportunity to publicly thank Rep. Smith for the conscientious and sincere manner in which he served this committee. I feel the people in his district and the State of Oregon have greatly benefited from his decisions.

Sincerely,  
Don McKinnis  
Rep. Don McKinnis, Chairman

## Plans Ready For County Picnic

Ladies of the Rhea Creek Grange and the Triple Link club will be in charge of the kitchen for the annual Morrow County Memorial Day picnic and reunion. The Rainbow girls will serve coffee during registration which will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the fair pavilion in Heppner. Members of the Soroptimist club have charge of registering the guests as they arrive. The potluck dinner will be served promptly at noon, states Mrs. E. E. Gonty, secretary.

## Rummage Sale Soon

Committees are busy completing details for the semi-annual rummage sale set for May 24-25 in the old Bakery building on Main street. Anyone having items to donate to the sale are asked to call Mrs. Jack Poyhar, Mrs. Elmer Berry, or Mrs. Jimmy Prock for pickup of the rummage.

Boxed typing paper reasonably priced at the Gazette-Times.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN THE curtains parted at the one-act plays here the other night, the eyelids of Maurice Groves, husband of Director Janet Groves, also parted widely.

He discovered that much of the family furniture was on the set—the davenport, chair, lamps and so on.

A person could envision Maurice coming home from work, walking in the house and finding all the furniture gone. His reaction might be that the family had up and left him!

Don't know whether Maurice stayed in the hotel or a motel that night after the plays or not. Perhaps they got some of the furniture home.

THE ZEAL which Mrs. Groves shows in working on these plays reflects in the excellence of the productions, and it is apparent that the casts are getting some real good training even though a lot of their time is required in the preparation. "Sorry, Wrong Number" was very effective not only because of the work of the cast but because of the production and attention to technical effects.

It had some advantage on the other three because it was a "thriller" but the others were very well done too.

A great deal of sympathy went to Mrs. Groves and the cast for the commotion among youngsters in the balcony during the performances. It was regrettable that it was necessary to start one play over because the kids had not settled down upstairs and no one could hear. The same thing has been true at other recent programs in the gym.

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SYMPATHY goes to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Springer who were burned out Saturday night at Ruggs while they were away. The fire took all of their household goods and personal effects without any insurance, and the house they occupied, owned by Harold Wright, was burned to the ground.

Friends have rallied to put on a bake sale at Economy Market Saturday, and all those who would like to buy something good to eat while helping a neighbor in distress are asked to come and make selections. Those who wish to contribute goods for the sale bring them Friday or Saturday.

SEE BY the news release from Oregon State University that Dick Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl of Lexington, is back on hand for spring football drills at the Beaver camp. Dick should have a bumper year for the OSU gang this year in his fullback spot after performing so well in his first regular year last season.

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## Many Vets' Widows Unaware of Benefits

Today, almost three years after the law was passed, many widows and orphans of World War II and Korean conflict veterans are unaware of their eligibility to pensions. R. J. Novotny, Manager of the Portland Veterans Administration Regional Office, said.

Before July 1, 1960, widows and children of World War II or Korean servicemen were entitled to pensions only if the deceased veteran had a service-connected disability at the time of his death.

Beginning on that date, Congress provided pensions for the widows and orphans of these veterans on an equal basis with the pensions granted to World War I veterans' widows and orphans. It is no longer necessary for the veteran to have had a service-connected disability.

The pensions range from \$25 to \$60 monthly for widows. For each child, \$15 a month is added. The pension for orphans is \$35 monthly.

This benefit may be payable to a veteran's child or children even though the widow is not entitled to the pension because she remarried or her income or net worth exceeds certain limits.

Income from other sources must not exceed \$1,800 yearly for a widow, and \$3,000 annually for a widow with a child or children.

The income limit for orphans is \$1,800 yearly, exclusive of earned income.

The pension is paid if the deceased veteran was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable and had 90 or more days of service or was discharged sooner for a service-connected disability.

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

## Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES  
Friday, May 10, 8 p.m.  
"Glory" starring Margaret O'Brien and Walter Brennan. In color. Plus cartoons.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DINNER  
Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.  
American Legion Hall  
Victor P. Morris, U of O, guest speaker.

SPRING CONCERTS  
Grade School Band and Chorus  
Wednesday, May 15, 7:30 p.m.  
High School Band and Chorus  
Friday, May 17, 8 p.m.  
Admission, adults, 75c; high school, 50c; and grade school, 25c.

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## Condon Station Armed Forces Day Observance Set

Condon AFS will observe Armed Forces Day on May 18, featuring an open house and address by Bruce Mercer, Mayor of Condon.

Festivities will begin at 1 p.m. with a tour of the station. Highlights of the tour will be visits to the SAGE Operations Building and a display of foreign country souvenirs, sponsored jointly by the Officers and NCO Wives Clubs, held in the gymnasium.

The tour will be conducted continuously until 5 p.m. Arrangements are being made to obtain various attractions, including a static display by the Oregon National Guard, The Dalles, featuring numerous types of Army weapons.

In addition, a locally manufactured simulated space capsule will be displayed and an Air Force uniform presentation, if obtained, will be an attraction for tourists. Guests can also enjoy a luncheon and open bowling on the station bowling lanes.

At 2 p.m., Condon's high school band will present a concert, followed by a fly-over featuring three F-89 jet aircraft, at approximately 2:25. The jets will also fly over the town of Condon.

Mercer will deliver the main address at 2:45. The "West-

winds," talented local folk singer-stylists, will be featured at 3:30.

A retreat ceremony, held at the flagpole in front of the squadron Orderly Room at 5 p.m., will include the day's activities.

To help make the day a complete success, invitations are being extended to all Boy Scout Troops within a 100 mile radius from Condon AFS. The Scouts will be invited as special guests.

**National Purpose Explained**  
The nation-wide purpose of Armed Forces Day is to symbolize unification of all military services.

The slogan for 1963 is "Power for Peace," the official slogan since 1953. It symbolizes the country's national policy—defense preparedness.

The 636th Radar Squadron will be just one of many military installations to observe Armed Forces Day. Condon AFS is one of six radar sites which feed radar data to the Spokane Air Defense Sector SAGE Direction Center at Larson AFB, Wn.

In the past, each succeeding Armed Forces Day has seen steady improvement in station facilities. Construction for the site began in 1949 and was completed in 1950. In 1950, operations got underway with a search radar system typical of that era.

In 1958, modifications were installed in the system which resulted in better overall coverage and easier maintenance work. Another modification was installed in 1961, giving the station its present capabilities.

The height finding radar system has followed the trend of the search system. Continual improvements through the years have resulted in the present up to date capabilities.


Condon AFS began SAGE (Semi-Automatic Ground Environment) tests in March of 1960, and with the installation of ground to air radio channels switched from the manual environment to SAGE.

**Recreation Facilities Improved**  
Housing and recreational facilities have improved along with operational capabilities. During 1955, a gymnasium was built and construction was started on nine family housing units. These were completed in 1956 and 18 more units were constructed in 1959. In addition, a skeet range was built in conjunction with the pistol and rifle range.

A two lane bowling center was completed in late 1961 and construction on the tower which will house the AN/FPS-27 search radar system was begun in June, 1962.


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