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Eyesores Should Be Removed

At its last meeting the city council acted to ask a property owner to remove an old metal building in the downtown area that is construed to be a hazard and an eyesore. It was reported that the request had been made at a meeting sometime ago, that the property owner agreed at that time to repair the building, but nothing was done.

It is hoped that the recent action will bring results and that the building will be removed with the cooperation of the property owner. Sometimes it isn't as easy as it appears to remove such a structure for it may serve a useful purpose for the owner that cannot be readily provided by another means.

However, if the city is going to be attractive, and a place in which its residents can share a pride, each citizen has a responsibility to keep his property neat and in good repair. Whenever one does something to improve his land and buildings, it also enhances the property of his neighbor and all enjoy a somewhat better standard of living as a result.

The council has not been very strict on matters such as this. If anything, it has been too lenient. There are a number of other places around town that are eyesores and constitute nuisances within the terminology of the city charter. They should be cleaned up or removed.

Before summer comes to an end, it would be a good time for every property owner to look at his holdings and do what he can to correct unsightly situations that do no credit to our pleasant town. There is plenty of time yet to paint up and fix up.

Our good citizens should take it upon themselves to cooperate in making Heppner a more attractive place to live without waiting for the council to force the issue.

Fair Time is Here Again

Without a lot of hullabaloo and fanfare, the Morrow County Fair has stepped into the limelight on the passing scene for 1963. The stage is set for the opening of the fair Monday with the 4-H saddle horse show as the first event on the program, starting at 9 a.m. The fair will continue throughout the week.

There isn't a lot of froth connected with this county's fair, but it is a good solid show of the best products of the county, of the work of 4-H clubs, the Future Farmers of America, Future Homemakers, home extension clubs and open classes. A carnival atmosphere does not prevail, but there is something at the fair to excite the interest of everyone, whether young or old.

Many have quietly spent hours and hours of time this summer getting the event ready for staging. Think of the total time that exhibitors shall have spent in getting their entries ready for the fair in the many classes and divisions! Then there are the superintendents and those responsible for the thousands of details to be done in preparation.

The saddle horse show, the pet show and parade, the pig scramble, auction sale, style revue and many other contests and competitions will stimulate interest beyond the exhibits and displays.

The rodeo will come later to bring thrills and glamor, but the fair opens the festival season with a display of the agricultural products and other goods that make the county what it is. The fair also reveals the skills of its citizenry as they show their best in competition with one other.

Everyone who shares any touch of pride in Morrow county should get out to the fair during the week whether as an entrant, participant, or merely a spectator.

Student Officers Attend Workshop

Bill Sherman and Steve Peck, president and vice-president respectively of Heppner High school, are spending this week on the campus of University of Oregon, Eugene, attending Oregon's 14th annual summer workshop for high school student body officers.

The workshop, sponsored each summer by the Oregon Association of Student Councils, is aimed at developing techniques of group leadership, to present new and useful ideas in student activities, and discuss problems of student organizations with the delegates. Experienced leaders in the field of student council work serve as teachers and counselors to those attending.

Mrs. Amelia B. Auld, Portland, serves as director of the workshop.

All delegates are housed on the campus for the session which ends Friday, August 16.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, Heppner, and Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Peck of Lexington. Both are seniors this year.

Attending from Ione are Stephen Lindstrom and Dick Hynd, president and vice-president of the Ione High school student body.

It's CLEAN-UP time... for Fire Safety!

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:
In the August 8 issue of the Gazette-Times I read with interest the city council news. The item that interested me most was the paragraph that stated, "Two farm homes served by city water above the new city well may have to provide their own water beginning this coming winter."

As the owner of one of these farm homes, I received a letter dated August 6, from our city recorder written by order of the city council that stated, "The City now has an artesian source of water which will eliminate the steady pumping of the upper well during the winter months. The City Council requests you as a user in this area to make arrangements to secure water from some other source." They stated that it was their hope that this well would supply the City from October to April.

To me this letter of request is more like a letter from the F.B.I. than from a group of fellow citizens. I cannot help but wonder how much thought was put into this decision. Did the council take into consideration the number of years the city line ran through the property concerned? Did they think about the expense of installing the pipeline, the storage facilities, and the meter? Did they consider the cost of the hook up fees and the numerous other costs of using city water?

I was requested to make arrangements from some other source—the only source I would know would be a well. I have less than two months to drill a well and it would take me that long to talk the banker out of the money.

To me this is just another example of "Farmers trade out of town—We don't need your business."

Sincerely,
Everett "thirsty" Harshman

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Umatilla County Fair Gets Off To Flying Start

HERMISTON—The Umatilla County Fair got off to a flying start Wednesday with the Market Barrow and Carcass Show. Entering, placing, judging and weighing occupied the morning.

All fair entries will be judged by Friday noon. Contests will continue through Saturday. Based on the fair premium book, the highlights appear as follows: Judging 4-H home economics exhibits and 4-H saddle horse classes took place and demonstrations and special baking contests were held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday.

On Thursday the following items were to be judged: 4-H and FFA poultry and rabbits, open class cattle, poultry, rabbits and crops, 4-H miscellaneous exhibits, 4-H style revue entries, 4-H land products. The 4-H home economics junior and intermediate judging contests begin in Park Hall at 9:30 a.m. and the senior contest will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. From 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 4-H and FFA livestock showmanship contests will be held in the show barn. Out of doors on the grounds at 8 p.m. the 4-H style revue will be held.

In the high school at 9 a.m. on Friday the 4-H intermediate home economics food preservation contest and 4-H meal preparation contest will be held. At 9 a.m. also, the FFA livestock judging contest is scheduled. At 11 a.m. FFA dairy, beef, sheep and swine judging will be done; whereas 4-H judging of the same kinds of animals will be held at 1 p.m. At 1:30 p.m. the Umatilla Horse games and introduction of visiting royalty courts will be staged at the race track arena. At 2:30 p.m. the 4-H flower arranging contest will be staged in the flower show building. At 7 p.m. the FFA grand champion livestock showmanship contest will be held in the show barn. This will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by the grand champion livestock showmanship contest. At 8 p.m. the Fair Follies will entertain the crowd on the grounds under flood lights and the stars. At 8:30 p.m. the Market Barrow and Carcass show finale is scheduled in Park Hall.

On Saturday beginning at 8 a.m. FFA members will demonstrate various aspects of their program. At 8:30 a.m. the 4-H will demonstrate theirs. At the CRC at 9 a.m. interviews will be conducted for the dairy cow calf award. The parade is slated for 10 a.m. via Hermiston Avenue, Gladys Avenue and Main street. At noon visiting royal courts and fair notables will be hosted to dinner at the CRC. At 1 p.m. 4-H and FFA tractor handling contests are scheduled at the north side of the show barn. At 1:30 p.m. the Umatilla Horse Games and introduction of visiting royal courts will be held at the race track arena. At 5 p.m. the award program for 4-H agricultural contests is planned. The Fair Follies will start at 8 p.m. By 9 p.m. fair exhibits will be released.

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Ione Youths Rate High in Tourney

IONE—Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen and sons, Mark, Joe, and Frank, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Heimbigner and Linda and Tom, and his niece, Myrna Heimbigner of Odessa, Wn., and Jerri Jeppe of Hermiston attended the Seafair at Seattle from Thursday to Sunday. The young people took part in the water ski tournament on Green Lake and brought home the honors.

Tom and Frank took part in the slalom, jump and tricks and Tom won first place in tricks and second place in jumps. Joe and Mark participated in the jumps and Joe placed third. Jerri won first place in jumps, second in tricks and second in slalom. Myrna won third in jumps and third in slalom. They are all members of the McNary Yacht club and were trained by Ray Heimbigner.

Mr. and Mrs. Halvorsen and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Helina in Seattle. All of them visited the Space Needle, and the boys went to the Aqua Capers.

KEEP FREEDOM RINGING



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Chaff and Chatter
Wes Sherman

ALICE NICHOSON, daughter of Mrs. Edith Nicholson of Ione, works in the office of Dawson and Turner, advertising agency in Portland, as a secretary. It was in this office that the idea of Welcome to Oregon gained impetus and through the agency much of the Welcome to Oregon promotion is produced.

Alice dropped in to the Gazette-Times office this week, full of good things to say about the G-T's recent Welcome to Oregon edition. The spread made her so homesick for Morrow county, she declared, that she decided to come back here to spend much of her vacation and has been with her mother and visiting relatives and friends this week. The "Welcome" paper and the brochures from it brought compliments from the agency as being one of the best local promotions to be conducted to date, and Fred Gimbel, county chairman, can take a bow for providing the impetus behind it.

AL LAMB also appeared on the scene with more "Welcome" news. He brought letters from Senator Maurine Neuberger and Senator Wayne Morse concerning Morrow County's effort on the promotion. Al had sent a copy of the green brochure to each of the senators.

"I think the green brochure you sent to my office is excellent," Senator Morse wrote. "If possible, would you send me a few extra copies for my office display, as constituents and visitors take an interest in the articles in my display cabinet."

Senator Neuberger wrote, "Thank you for sending me the brochure welcoming visitors to Morrow county. I don't know

who was responsible for assembling the material, but a good job has been done in emphasizing the assets and potentials for development in your area."

She had a question to ask, however.

"I notice that Boardman is now claiming the world's finest steelhead fishing. I wonder how the people in the Rogue River Valley react to this?"

ONE SURE sign that school is just around the corner is that letters have started coming to us as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce with the request, "Please send me everything about Morrow county." And it is all supposed to be sent in one package.

SOME OF our good readers must be questioning our idea of adequate fire protection after reading the council story last week. It was said at the meeting that the new high school is served by only a 2-inch line. This was quoted in the story, but one of those little type gremlins jumped into the form and shoved a "1" in front of the "2", so it came out "12-inch" pipe. Thus, it said that the school is served only by a 12-inch main. Well, that would be adequate, all right. That should be nearly sufficient to supply the whole town.

WELL, NOW, we just don't know about that propaganda that Frank Turner and Jim Farley have been sending in here about the C of C ride-in to the meeting on August 26. Frank's story says that the Chamber Secretary will join the president, Dr. C. M. Wagner, in leading the column of mounted members.

If that is true, we're going to have to spend considerable time between now and then figuring out which end of the horse is which. Then comes the problem of getting on the critter. We got a bonus stepladder with the purchase of some paint from Tum-A-Lum recently. Maybe we can use that to get on, then tie it on the horse's rear to have handy when it comes time to get down.

Trouble is, the horse's idea of when to get down might come ahead of our idea and we might find ourselves off before we know it, like some of the bronc busters at the rodeo.

Then comes the matter of steering the critter. The animal we get may not know the difference between port and starboard. But maybe we can rig up some sort of steering wheel and rudder outfit that might tend to influence his direction.

All these things to the contrary, Frank nevertheless vows that we are going to be on a horse come August 26. If true, it will be the first time that local people shall have seen a horse whose face is red with humiliation over the greenhorn on its back.

Beef Council Elects Officers for Year

At the regular meeting of the Oregon Beef Council at the Imperial Hotel, Portland, officers of the Council for the fiscal year 1963-64 were elected.

Chairman is Richard Westerber, Ashland; vice-chairman is Richard Rathbun, Joseph; Secretary-treasurer is Harry Stearns of Prineville. All three were re-elected as they held the same offices last year.

Also, two new members of the Council attended their first meeting. They were, Richard Barnes of Silverton, who replaced Orville Brown of Woodburn and John Northam of Eugene, who replaced Ernie Davis of North Powder.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, August 16, 8 p.m.
"Pearl in the South Pacific," in color, starring Virginia Mayo and Dennis Morgan.

QUEEN SANDRA RODEO DANCE
Saturday, Aug. 17
Fair Pavilion building
Welcome Queen Sandra Eubanks and the Rodeo court.
Sponsored by Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.
Dancing from 10 to 2:00. Lunch served by Degree of Honor.

MORROW COUNTY FAIR
August 20-23
Heppner Fairgrounds and Annex.
See all the fine 4-H exhibits and demonstrations, livestock judging and showmanship.
Thursday—August 22—
Parade of Pets, 11:30 a.m.
4-H Pig Scramble and auction, 7:30 p.m.

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