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ONE OF THE best-selling magazines in Heppner this month is the November issue of Frontier Times. It contains an article on the Heppner flood and particularly eulogizes the exploits of Les Matlock who historically emerges as the hero of the catastrophe.

Scott McArthur, author of the article, entitles it, "The Paul Revere of Heppner," in reference to Matlock. Catchlines at the top of the story say, "Les Matlock raced a twenty foot wall of water on an old plug horse. The life of every person in the valley was in his hands..."

A number of persons have asked, "Who is McArthur?" He is with the Capital Journal in Salem and took an interest in Heppner some time ago. Earlier this year, it will be recalled, he wrote a full-page feature article on the flood in the Capital Journal and told of prospects for the Willow Creek dam.

Anyone who cannot obtain a copy of the magazine and would like to read this account is welcome to borrow the copy of the Gazette-Times.

One interesting thing about this article is that it contains a reproduction of the front page of the "Daily Journal" of Salem that tells of the Heppner disaster. Front pages of some other daily papers at the time of the flood have been reproduced widely, but this one is not so often seen.

ARNIE HEDMAN was out deer hunting the other day and came back with a real novel excuse for not making a kill. He declares he lost the sight off his rifle.

He didn't know about it until he spotted a buck and took aim, but there was no sight! He had driven his pickup into a field and scoured around in the cab looking for the sight while the buck waited patiently. Finally Arnie took a shot without the sight but missed and then spent a few more frantic seconds looking for the important little gadget. The buck waited calmly to give him another sporting try but finally ambled off.

WHAT IS MORE confusing than trying to tell one of the Pratt twins from the other? We have pictures of Kevan and Kent with the St. Alban's Acolytes this week (on another page) but confess that we had to guess which is which, and undoubtedly we are wrong.

Father Bruce Spencer came in to identify the boys in the group, but when he came to the Pratt twins, he threw up his hands. "I just can't tell one from the other," he declared.

Father has the system of calling out one of their names when he needs one of the boys and realizes that the one who responds is the one whose name he called, but beyond that, he is stumped.

Well, shucks. Surely Jo Pettyjohn can identify them, we mused. She has known them since they were knee high.

So Jo comes in the office. "Heavens, no! They have been in and out of our house for years, and I still can't tell them

apart." She wouldn't even try. Hence the guess on the picture. Forgive us if we're wrong, but we're sure no one out of the family will know the difference.

—And we think there must be some times when Gordon or LaFyrne see one of the boys out of the corner of their eyes and speak the wrong name.

Father Spencer says he has one clue—spacing between the teeth of one of the Little League's Home Run Twins is just a little wider than the other, but he doesn't know which boy has the widest spacing.

For the peace of mind of the community, we'd suggest the boys wear signs saying, "I'm Kent," "I'm Kevan."

ONE MIGHT expect that a game officer might lose his marbles trying to catch violators in deer season, but State Officer Jim Gordon instead lost a wheel.

He had just made an arrest and had the man with him. Might be that the fellow was glad enough to bump into the officer, even though he was cited, for he had shot a deer and then become lost. He finally came out near Bull Prairie and there was Officer Gordon.

The hunter had the liver of the deer with him and was bloody from the kill. However, he neglected to tag his deer, figuring he might never find it again, and so the officer had no alternative but to issue him a citation.

They got in the cab of the pickup, and as they were turning around the left front wheel came off the rig, having broken a spindle. So the two walked over to the Bull Prairie guard station, called the lookout at Madison, who called Heppner, and the Heppner Ford wrecker came out to rescue the officer and his unprotesting friend.

A NATIONAL magazine for newspaper publishers adds another chapter to the speculation on "what if newspapers did it like TV" idea. Suppose, said the article, that newspapers used credits on each story like TV does on each program.

This column, for instance, would then end something like this:

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TO THE EDITOR...

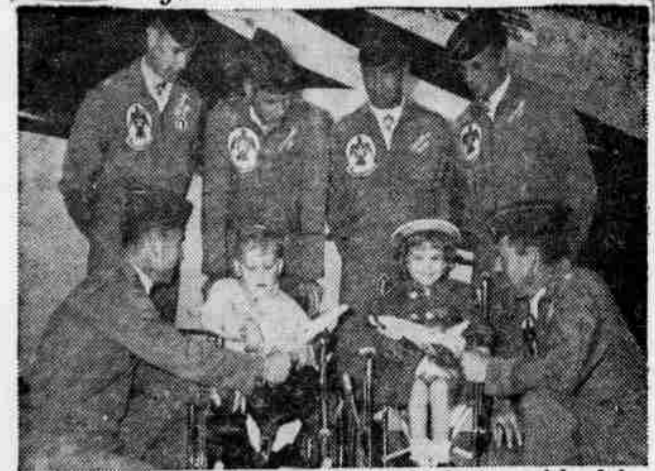
To the Editor:

Higher education in Oregon is facing a most ominous and foreboding challenge, one likely to culminate in a crisis of far-reaching proportions. The dilemma of Special Tax Measure No. 1 will be resolved at the polls in a referendum set for October 15. A YES vote on Tax Measure No. 1 will add \$60 million in revenues to the State Treasury and balance the forthcoming biennium's proposed budget. It will also insure the present level of quality in Oregon's higher educational system. A NO vote will deprive the state of that vitally needed \$60 million and force drastic cutbacks in the proposed budget. Higher education in our state will suffer financial losses of some \$11 million to \$24 million, monies essential to the maintaining of the present quality of higher education.

Cutbacks as radical as the ones expected to occur should this referendum fail are unprecedented in Oregon's history. These inevitable reductions will serve to minimize the operational efficiency of our colleges and universities, visiting upon them a crippling shortage of monies. The damage incurred will be substantial and could lead to a disastrous retrogression in higher education. Oregon's ability to educate its young men and women will be seriously impaired as opportunities for advanced studies will be severely limited.

Opponents of Tax Measure No. 1 espouse arguments that are specious and unrealistic. They contend that defeat of the referendum will lead inevitably to the framing of a more equitable and practical state tax structure and eventually make recompense to higher education for the unavoidable grief it must suffer now. Actually, the realization of a more functional tax structure is contingent upon innumerable imponderables that are beyond the logical speculation of any group of prognosticators. It should be painfully obvious to everyone in Oregon, though, that a massive cut in operating funds

Gift From Thunderbirds



Members of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds give models of the jet planes they use in their sensational demonstration flights to Robbie and Kerrie Whitaker, national poster children for Muscular Dystrophy Associations of America. The presentation took place at Hanscom Air Force Base, near Boston, to which the youngsters were invited for a day of festivities. They are touring the country on behalf of the March for Muscular Dystrophy.

Air Force Community Relations Good

As stated by State Police Officer Jim Gordon, "One hundred per cent cooperation was given by officers of the Condon Air Force Station" in solving a recent burglary of tools and saddles from a ranch building between Condon and Heppner.

Perhaps this case deserves a little more comment and elaboration. The "cooperation" to which the state officer referred was more than token assistance. Some officers at the base stayed up all night in a diligent effort to ferret out details of the case which involved four men of the base and actively participated with law officers in taking care of the matter.

Lt. Joe Bigelow, Air Force public relations officer at Condon, said that every man at the station felt badly about the incident. In the time that the station has been installed at Condon, public relations have been excellent. The community and station there have worked together on many local projects. Just recently talent from the 636th Radar Squadron volunteered for a community "Hootenanny," staged as a benefit, and made it an outstanding success.

Seldom have the airmen been involved in any trouble off the station. When the four were arrested for their part in the recent burglary, newspaper reports naturally identified them as coming from the Condon Air Force Station. While unavoidable, this does tend to discriminate against the particular service they represent and tends to give the whole installation a black eye. After all, civilian offenders are not identified by the businesses they represent.

Most Morrow county people have little contact with the men at the station, but the burglary was reported in this paper because a local ranch was involved and local officers worked to solve it.

Thus, when one of the infrequent stories in the Gazette-Times is something that reflects to the discredit of the Air Station, it behooves us to point out that this is the exception, rather than the rule. If the Air Force Station were in our community, the paper would be continuously reporting many good things to the credit of the station—well-deserved stories.

The Gazette-Times has a contact with the station in that of Condon AFS.

Relations with the men of the station who have come here to work in helping get out the monthly edition have been excellent. We have found them to be men of talent and purpose, and it is a pleasure to work with them. Through their paper we have become better acquainted with their community activities and what they stand for. It is our opinion that Condon is fortunate, in more ways than one, to have the station there.

We know that Major Richard Solomon, commander, has always worked to build excellent community relations and in a recent issue of The Scope had this to say to his men: "As a member of the Air Force, you represent this squadron and the Air Force 24 hours a day. Every deed or action (good or bad) that you make in the community casts a reflection upon the military."

"Only one person, or a small group of military personnel, can cast a bad reflection upon the entire squadron through their failure to live up to required standards. Many times it can result, through the narrow-minded thinking of a few, that if the actions of one military member are bad then all actions of all military personnel are bad; we know that this is certainly not true.

"The responsibilities for good credit, observance of local ordinances and laws, high morals, and many others, are much greater upon the Air Force family than the average citizen. The Air Force family consists of many men and women and their dependents the world over.

"There most definitely is a challenge. It is one of accepting the challenge to belong and participate as a good citizen in the civilian and Air Force communities."

Major Solomon wrote this article at least a month before the four airmen were involved in the burglary, but the incident proves the truth of his words. Public attention is inevitably focused upon a man who wears a military uniform.

Although the theft of the items from the ranch apparently came about spontaneously on the part of the four involved, they stand to receive rather severe punishment if they are found guilty and face possible dishonorable discharge from the Air Force.

It is good to say that this one thoughtless act is not representative of the caliber of men at the Condon Station.

How Do They Do It?

Congressman Al Ullman, speaking in Ione last week, looked as bright and alert as if that were the first speech he had made all day. Actually he had been going through a rigorous grind. This was the fifth or sixth public appearance that day and only a day or two earlier he had concluded the Northwest junket with President Kennedy and currently was embarked on a swing that would take him over most of his vast rambling second Oregon district.

Listening to him, the thought occurred, "How do these men in public life stand the pace?" On his 10 days in Oregon, Cong. Ullman covered many thousands of miles and made dozens of speeches. In every appearance he was in the public eye and subject to all the questions and queries that the public can muster.

Republican or Democrat, every successful man in political life has to develop this perseverance and ability to maintain good humor, over all harassments and tribulations.

There have been instances, of course, when the pressure got too great. Recall Richard Nixon's bitter speech, particularly aimed at the press, after he lost the California governorship. He stood the terrific strains of the race for the presidency—and subsequent narrow defeat—in good spirit, but he cracked temporarily after the gubernatorial campaign. Later he returned to the true stereotype of a good politician and now has occasion to banter jovially with the newsmen against whom he vented his wrath.

Demands on those in public life are greater and greater. Congress, for instance, is pointing towards year-around sessions with little relief. In the past, representatives and senators had time for rest and recuperation at rather lengthy recesses between sessions.

The politician is target for all tirades. He is expected to greet all constituents warmly and face all questions openly. He is the butt of many jests and jokes. The higher he climbs on his career, the tougher it is. At the same time, he gains unique respect.

Everyone expects him to maintain his equanimity at all times.

The dedicated politician is a great asset, and it is fortunate that there are men strong enough to stand the rigors entailed and with hides thick enough to deflect the jeers of those who disagree with them.

Happily, when Congressman Ullman visited here, he found a congenial audience wherever he went, but even covering the ground and making the speeches must be considerable physical strain in itself.

How does he do it? The congressman answered himself on a visit to this office, "I can do it because I like to do it."

Apparently that is true of all successful men in the spotlight of public life. They do it. We admire them and bless them, for we couldn't do without them in a democracy! But think how nice it is to be in a profession or vocation that one doesn't have to fight for every two, four or six years

Wayne Lamb Gets Bank Promotion

Wayne Lamb, employee at the Heppner Branch of the First National Bank of Oregon, has been promoted to pro assistant cashier and operations officer at the bank, it was announced by Manager J. H. Bedford.

Lamb joined the Heppner bank in May, 1957, after attending Merritt Davis School of Commerce in Salem.

A native of McMinnville, he was graduated from Heppner High school in 1955.

SCHOOL MENUS

Heppner-Lexington Schools

Week of October 14-18, 1963

MONDAY—Chili beans, cabbage salad, fruit, cake, bread and butter, milk.

TUESDAY—Buttered corn, cottage cheese, hamburgers on buns, fruit salad and milk.

WEDNESDAY—Beef stew, celery sticks, hot rolls and butter, fruit, and milk.

THURSDAY—Macaroni and cheese, pickled beets, string beans, fruit, milk, and bread and butter.

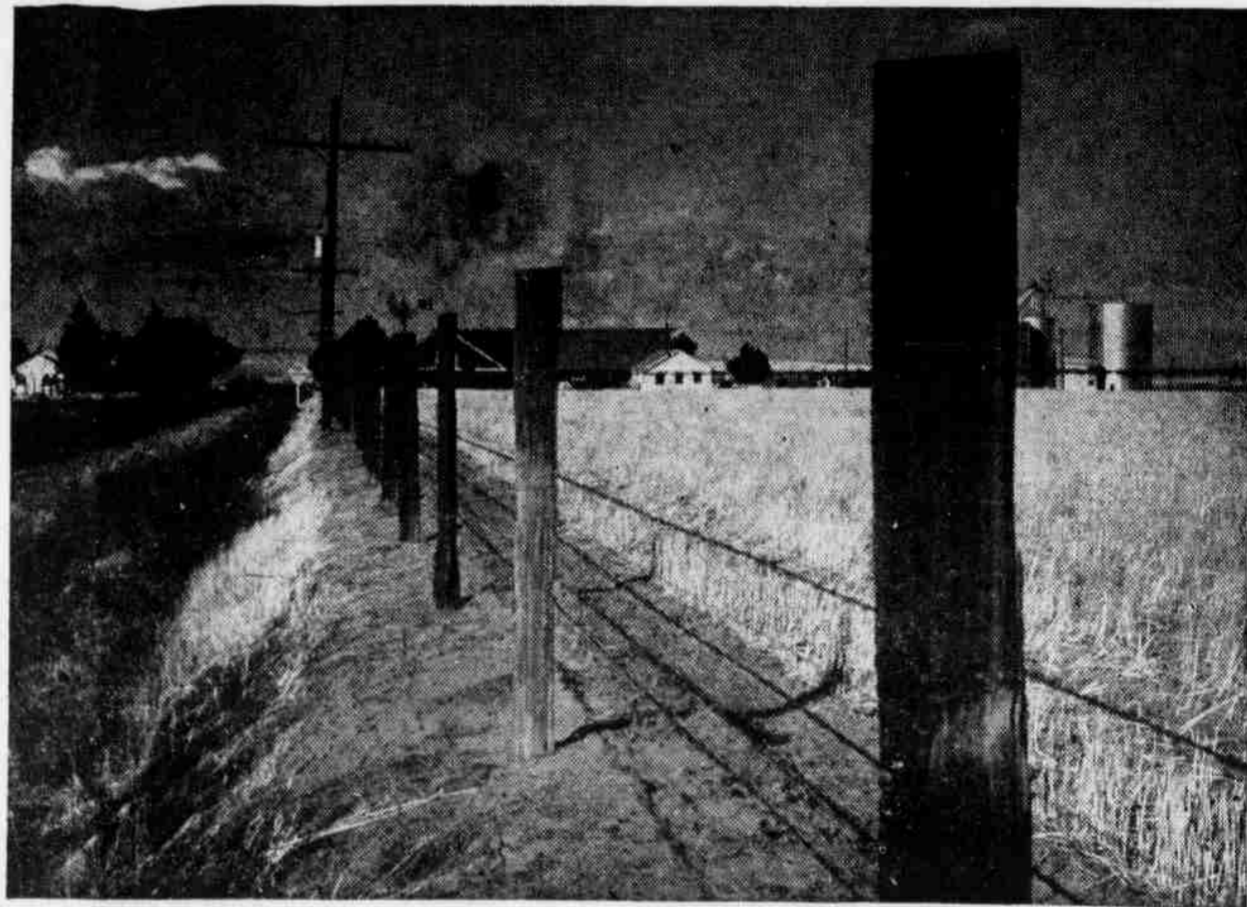
FRIDAY—Vegetable soup, lettuce salad, peanut butter sandwiches, graham crackers, fruit, and milk.

SPARKY SAYS



Clear Out "Junk" from cellar, attic, closets!

Don't give fire a place to start!



Clean up "weed beds" to keep weeds out of crops

Every fence row, ditch bank and other noncrop area around the farm or ranch can be a thriving "weed bed." Here weeds start, flourish and spread into wheat and other croplands. These "weed beds" can complicate, or even defeat, your weed control program.

Effective chemical weed control in these noncrop areas simplifies your weed problems, reduces the fire hazard of dry weeds and cuts maintenance costs by doing away with hand-cutting of hard-to-mow areas.

Advantages of chemical weed control
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ing control when applied before weeds emerge. Since it has no foliar contact action, there is no danger of injury to crops through accidental drift. Simazine stays where you put it, too. No danger of lateral leaching in the soil.

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Coming Events

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
Heppner Soroptimist club
Monday, October 14, 8 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
Bridge—Pinochle—Dessert
Drawing—Prizes

GRAND OPENING
Fiesta Bowling Lanes
Wednesday evening, October 16.
Join in the festivities—Prizes, entertainment, lots of fun for everyone.
Join A League Now

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
Heppner vs. Grant Union, at John Day.
Friday, Oct. 11, 8 p.m.
Support the Mustangs!

SQUARED-UP ROUNDERS
First fall square dance
Saturday night, October 12
Wrangler Hall, 8 p.m.
Come Join in the Fun—

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