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New College Shows Great Promise, Needs Library, Adequate Buildings

A day spent visiting Blue Mountain Community College was an eye opener. The institution is making achievements beyond what had been envisioned when it was first proposed; its enrollment is greater than expected; students show an enthusiastic spirit and purposeful intent; its curriculum offerings are broader than many might expect; its faculty is keen and competent; and an earnest desire to serve all of the two-county district (Umatilla and Morrow) is evident on the part of the administration.

With the new college just getting well underway, it now appears that it will be so well received that it will soon be bursting with its own "growing pains," already something of a dire problem.

One of the reasons for establishing the college was to serve those of this part of the state who could not afford to go elsewhere. The size of the student body, now 367, indicates that it has received ready acceptance.

With the probability that major higher institutions will raise tuition and require higher entrance standards, there is a real possibility that Blue Mountain college will soon be in the throes of a double squeeze. Its building plans apparently will be halted with the cuts on the state level, but since many students will not have the privilege of going to major institutions on account of the higher cost and requirements, increasing numbers will seek to go to the more available community college. Thus, enrollment will increase while facilities will remain at a standstill with little money forthcoming from the state level.

It was a severe blow to community colleges when the state tax bill was defeated, and the supposition is that the legislature will pretty much turn its back on these colleges in an effort to meet the state's financial crisis.

Blue Mountain College is doing the very best job it can with the facilities it has available. It certainly is far from the best arrangement to use the second floor of a junior high school for a college while the seventh graders are on the lower level. Playground for the youngsters adjoins the other college building. The former Pendleton Technical school.

Many rooms are doing double duty. There is nothing wrong with this except that they are not adapted to the various types of use to which they are put in all instances, and this handicaps the teaching program.

One of the saddest sights at the college, from the standpoint of facilities, is the library. The shelves are bleak and bare. Only a few volumes are available. Anyone who may be interested in a lasting and appreciated memorial gift that would bring benefits in the learning of our youth, might well look into this.

Despite its handicaps, the college is irresistibly forging ahead. It hasn't developed a traditional "rah, rah" college spirit and probably will never do so, but its students show a deeper and more earnest purpose than this.

Students at a luncheon with the press Friday explained their feelings. A married woman with a family said that this was the first opportunity she had had to further her education. A young man from Milton-Freewater said that because of this college he had the chance to go straight through without taking out a few years to accumulate money enough for higher education. A young woman from Hermiston pointed out that it is "exciting" to be in at the start of a new college which is not bound by tradition. Two young men from Heppner share an apartment and commute from home on week-ends, making it possible for them to get an education beyond the high school level. In all, eight from Heppner are now attending Blue Mountain.

This new college is making good on the faith that voters showed in the idea when they approved it. If it continues to progress and serve the district to the fullest, it will need sincere public interest and dedicated support.

It's a real shame that the building program is halted at this point when it held prospect of opening such a bright future for the college. When the state gets its tax program stabilized, the means for the community college construction should be included. This can hardly be expected until at least the next biennium, but if Blue Mountain college continues to grow at its present rate, it will be in extreme distress for facilities by that time.

Meanwhile, taxpayers and other interested residents should take advantage of any opportunity to visit the college and see for themselves. It is an enlightening experience.

A Thoughtless, Dangerous Prank

Looking back to the past records of Heppner High school athletic teams and their student supporters can be a gratifying experience. Their record of good sportsmanship and sense of fair play have long been a credit to this community. Everyone can be proud when they travel throughout the state to represent our schools and community.

Therefore it was a sorry situation Friday night at the Sherman-Heppner ball game when some person found it amusing to turn off the field lights as the game was in progress.

As a result of the prank, a Sherman player was injured. Luckily the injury was not too serious but it could have been severe. This thoughtless stunt could have resulted in much more serious consequences.

As it is, the Sherman players and fans probably went home wondering what kind of a community we have. What would the person who committed this deed have done if he would have taken a few moments to think about the outcome? Maybe then it wouldn't have happened.

It is definitely a blot on our record and sheds some bad light on the community, but the real shame lies in the fact that someone was discourteous enough to think only of his own personal "kicks" and was willing to stake a community's reputation to gain an insignificant amount of satisfaction.

—Jim Morris

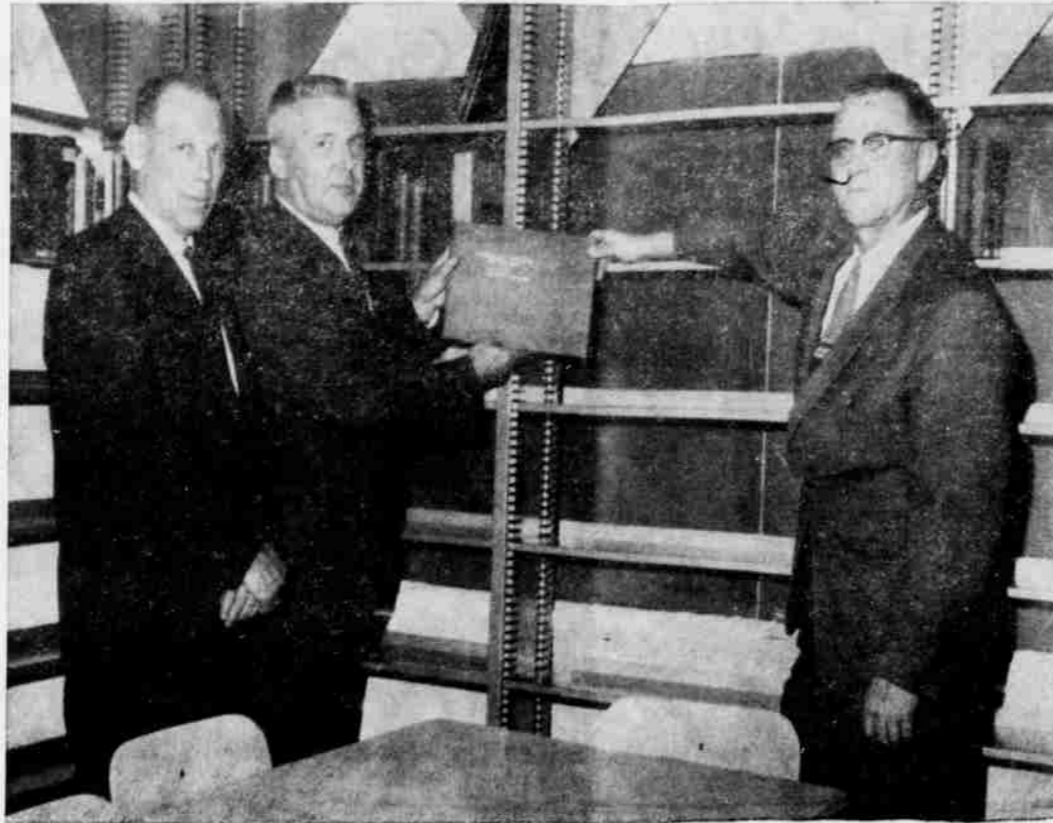
Another Sewing Class Due to Start

Mrs. Roland Bergstrom will start another beginning sewing class as of Wednesday, November 13, at 10 a.m. at the fair annex, Esther Kirmis, county home extension agent, states. The class is conducted under the home extension program and is for anyone in the southern part of the county.

Eight finished the first series of four classes Wednesday. Those interested in the forthcoming classes are asked to be present at 10 o'clock on the first day.

Heveners Greet Son

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Heveners are parents of a son, Michael Brian Heveners, born Monday, November 4, in McMinnville. The baby weighed 9 lbs., 5 oz. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heveners of Carlton and the maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saling of Heppner. Paternal grand-grandparents are Mrs. H. Cronkite and Mrs. Ruth Ayres, both of Carlton. Mrs. Lena Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Harris, all of Heppner, are the maternal grand-grandparents.



SHELVES are bare in the Blue Mountain college library in Pendleton. President Wallace McCrae (center) holds one of the few books in the library with Robert E. Hawk, director of the business and technical schools, standing at the right and Walter H. (Wally) Palmberg, director of admissions, at the left. Lack of an adequate library is one of the several major problems facing the new college, which is supported by the two-county district (Umatilla and Morrow).

(G-T Photo)

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IF THIS ISSUE of the Gazette-Times reaches our subscribers not too much later than usual, it will be due to the efforts of Roice Fullerton, Harold Becket and Glen Perkins, who were up most of the night Wednesday to make it possible.

Things were rolling along normally about 9 p.m. with the first run going through the bi-Miehle press when Arnold Raymond and the editor, in the office, heard a grinding crash and full stop in the press room. We knew at once we had had trouble. A newspaper shop hears a sound like that only once in maybe five or ten years, but that is enough.

One of the heavy page forms had come unlocked on the press bed, slid off and caught under power between the heavy press bed and the undercarriage of rollers beneath the bed. The resulting pressure ripped gears deep in the bowels of the machinery. Bernice Hartle, who was running the press, brought it to a stop almost instantaneously but the damage was done.

First job was to free the bed enough to remove the rollers and attempt to find the source of damage in the 10-ton press, and we set out to find one-to-five-ton jacks to lift it. Arnold obtained some from Jack Van Winkle and Wes Marlatt. Another call was issued to Roice who was just getting into bed. He came down with two jacks and plunked right into the job. He didn't know anything about a Miehle press, but he became an expert in about a half hour.

Roice and Arnold crawled into the grimy recesses under the press and worked until they got out the smashed gears. In the meantime a call had gone out for Harold Becket, machinist, who was in a lodge meeting in lone. His wife summoned Glen Perkins who was in the middle of a bowling game.

Glen arrived and was dubious about making repairs. Other calls went to Portland to contact George Bent, the press expert who installed the Miehle in March. George figured that new gears could be made but it would take a day to do it. We were all set to get in the car by now midnight and head for Portland when Becket arrived from lodge. He looked at the gears and figured he could make repairs.

So he hiked down to his machine shop and is at the job now. Roice is home catching a few winks until the gears are finished, after which he will be down in the wee hours to help put the heavy machinery together again.

If the Miehle doesn't get rolling by dawn, we'll have to fall it out by hauling the page forms to another newspaper plant and printing it there which would mean the Gazette wouldn't be distributed until Friday. You'll know by when you get your paper!

The one nice thing about an emergency like this is the way good people respond to a plea for help and the limits they will go to aid a neighbor in trouble. It's a much better world because there are people in it like Harold Becket and Roice Fullerton—not to mention our own Arnold Raymond.

Arnold, working at the Linotype machine setting type while Becket is busy with the gears, said encouragingly, "Don't worry. I'll stick with it until we get it out."

But he didn't have to say it. We already knew. He has demonstrated that spirit a good many times in the past.

ONE THING that has always been unfair about football publicity is that the fellows who take the worst poundings and do the most unglamorous work for the team get the least mention.

This was never more true than it is with Dick Ruhl who carries the banner of Heppner on Oregon State's football team. Dick, now a senior for the Beavers, has about the roughest assignment that a football player can

have as center on offense and linebacker on defense. He is in the most vulnerable spot when his team is on offense, because the defense crunches right over him while his attention is still focused on centering the ball. As linebacker on defense, he is in a spot to make tackles on ball packers coming through the line or get bowled over by the interference. But he doesn't get much mention in the daily press.

Dick played a whale of a game against Stanford at Corvallis Saturday. It is our opinion that the Beavers wouldn't have won the game if he weren't in there. That doesn't mean that he did it all, but together with the strong efforts of his teammates, he made enough difference to turn potential defeat into victory.

Ruhl, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl of Lexington and son-in-law of the Clint McQuarries, made tackle after tackle. At a point or two in the ball game, the public address announcer almost appeared to be a phonograph record with the needle stuck. "Ruhl made the tackle," and again, "Ruhl made the tackle," and so on.

Dick intercepted a pass at a crucial point as Stanford was driving deep for a touchdown. At another time he recovered a fumble. He was on the bottom of a big pileup of players on one play, and they were so entangled that it took them about a full minute to get unwound.

Coach Tommy Prothro left Ruhl in the game 14 straight minutes on both offense and defense, a mighty long time the way the game is played today, and explained later that he just forgot to take him out. Dick doesn't look very big in the lineup compared to some of those behemoths with whom and against whom he plays, but he is a real giant in performance. It was disappointing to hear a Corvallis radio station announce after the game that another top player, Ron Doman, had been chosen as outstanding in the game. The selection was a good one but not the best. Ruhl was the truly outstanding player in the Stanford game. The Gazette-Times names him as such!

THURSDAY MORNING FLASH: Letter just arrived from Jim Barrett of OSU quoting Coach Prothro. Jim wrote, "I just talked with Coach Prothro, and here is what he said. 'In the Stanford game Saturday, Dick Ruhl was the outstanding player on the field. Over the past two years we have experimented with Dick in various positions, and I think that we finally have him in the right spot where he does the most good for Oregon State.'"

Jim also enclosed a clipping from the OSU Barometer naming Ruhl as Player of the Week for his performance against the Stanford Indians. The Barometer mentioned that Ruhl led the Beaver defensive unit and pointed out his work in intercepting a pass and recovering a fumble. "He also did an excellent job of 'red-dogging' or charging into the Stanford backfield from his linebacker position to grab the ball carrier for substantial losses," the paper said.

OREN GRABILL, former resident of lone for many years, now lives in Forest Grove, our old home town. The Grabills happen to be friends of the editor's mother, and while visiting the other day at her home, spotted a copy of the Gazette-Times. Oren became so intrigued with all the familiar names that he knew prior to leaving in 1933 that he just had to subscribe again.

We saw him Sunday on a visit to the old home town, and he came out with a \$5 bill in his hand for a year's subscription.

In reminiscing over persons that he used to know—and many are still around, of course—he mentioned Eddie Chin, who used to have the restaurant in Heppner. He did not realize Eddie had passed away.

Oren recalled an incident that

occurred in Eddie's restaurant when another Chinaman waited on him. Grabill had finished his meal when the Chinese waiter came and inquired about dessert, saying that they had pie to go with the meal. "We have apple, mint and laisn (raisin)," said the waiter. "All out of apple, mint. What'll you have?" "Big choice, wasn't it."

WE SADLY bid farewell to Mike Whitesmith, who goes very soon to take the management of the J. C. Penney store in Hood River. Mike, who served as president of the Chamber of Commerce two years ago and has been a real live wire in the business community, will be greatly missed. It is inevitable, though, that he climb up the ladder in the Penney chain, and this is a good promotion for him. We join all of his friends in wishing the best for him and his fine family.

New Altar Paraments Dedicated by Church

Two new sets of paraments (altar, pulpit, lectern hangings) were dedicated at Hope Lutheran last Sunday, November 3. The first was the green set, symbolic of growth. Gifts from the church and the American Lutheran church women made the green set possible.

The second set to be dedicated was of red, symbolic of power, and cleansing. The red paraments are used on such occasions as Pentecost, Reformation Sunday, and Thanksgiving. The red set is a gift from Tillie Rauch, Edna Fetsch, May Hartman, Fay Thornburg, Enry Rauch Jr., and the wife and children of the late Henry Rauch.

Trip Highlighted by Surprise Meet

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith returned home recently from a vacation trip that took them as far as Lake Tahoe, Nev. in Carson City. Mrs. Smith saw two familiar persons who by sheer coincidence were Mr. Smith's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon T. Smith, who reside in Ventura, Calif., and were on their way to Salt Lake City. To add to this chance occurrence the two parties discovered they had even checked into the same motel.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith returned home through Redmond, where they visited relatives of Mrs. Smith and also spent some time in Springfield, with their son, Phil and his family.

Social Club to Meet

Social club of Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will meet at the Masonic hall Saturday afternoon, November 9, at 2 p.m. Regular meeting date of the club was changed from the first Saturday for this month only. Cards will be in play during the afternoon.

Stalled Gas Truck Causes 3-Way Crash

A stalled gasoline truck on Highway 30, 12 miles west of Arlington, early Saturday morning caused a 3-way crash which involved Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers of Heppner, a vehicle driven by Al Mattoon of Portland and formerly of Heppner, and another car driven by Roice King of Modesto, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers were returning to Heppner from The Dalles after joining friends for Friday evening dinner in that city. They were following behind the station wagon that proved to be driven by Mattoon. Mattoon passed a large transport truck going in the same direction, and Myers followed around the truck. Shortly after, the Mattoon vehicle stopped abruptly because a gasoline truck, with flares out, was disabled and parked on the highway in the eastbound lane. Myers' car collided with the rear of the Mattoon car and veered into the west bound lane, colliding with a car and trailer driven by King. All three vehicles involved were seriously damaged, but none of the occupants were hurt enough to require treatment.

Mattoon was heading to the Heppner area on a hunting trip when the accident happened about 1:15 a.m. It was after 4 a.m. before the vehicles were cleared and the Heppner residents were able to return home. The Myers car was taken to Arlington.

Lutherans to Hold Stewardship Dinners At Hope and Valby

Hope and Valby Lutheran churches will hold their annual Stewardship dinners this weekend. Valby families will meet Saturday evening at 6:00 p.m., and Hope families following the morning worship on Sunday.

Under the theme "Stewardship of Time and Ability," members will be introduced to a new method of Bible study which has had revolutionary effects throughout the church at large. Known as the "Bethel Series," the study concentrates around pictures which portray Biblical concepts. The congregations will vote at their annual meetings this winter whether to begin the program next fall.

Guest speakers for the two dinners will be the Wayne Davis family, laymen from Pasco, Wn. They are participating in the Bethel series and will acquaint the congregations with it.

Bailey Family Leaves For Denmark Home

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bailey and their daughter, Brigitte, returned to Denmark late last week to make their home. They have been in the states since early this year, residing in Pendleton. Mr. Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bailey, former Heppner residents, now of Condon. He is a graduate of Heppner high school.

Mrs. Bailey is a native of Denmark and married Mr. Bailey while he was serving in the army there. He expects to find employment at their new home overseas.

Public Notices

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF MORROW PROBATE DEPARTMENT

In the Matter of the Estate of LUEY ROSCOE COX, Deceased. NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT No. 1498

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of LUEY ROSCOE COX, Deceased, has filed his final account in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, Probate Department, and that Friday the 15th day of November, 1963, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the court room of said court have been appointed by said court as the time and place for the hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof.

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William Claude Cox
Administrator

Herman W. Winter
Attorney for Administrator

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

PUBLIC CARD PARTY

By Lexington Altar Society Thursday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m. St. Patrick's Parish hall Bridge, Pinocchio

HEPPNER PTA MEETING

New High School multipurpose room. Wednesday, Nov. 13, 8 p.m. Student Panel discussion on "Parent-Teacher Relationships."

DEGREE OF HONOR PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

Family Thanksgiving dinner Saturday, Nov. 16, 6:30 p.m. Heppner Christian church Turkey and rolls furnished

BASKETBALL GAME

Harlem Clowns vs. Morrow All-Stars Monday, November 18 Sponsored by High School Lettermen's club. Tickets on sale after Monday, Nov. 11.

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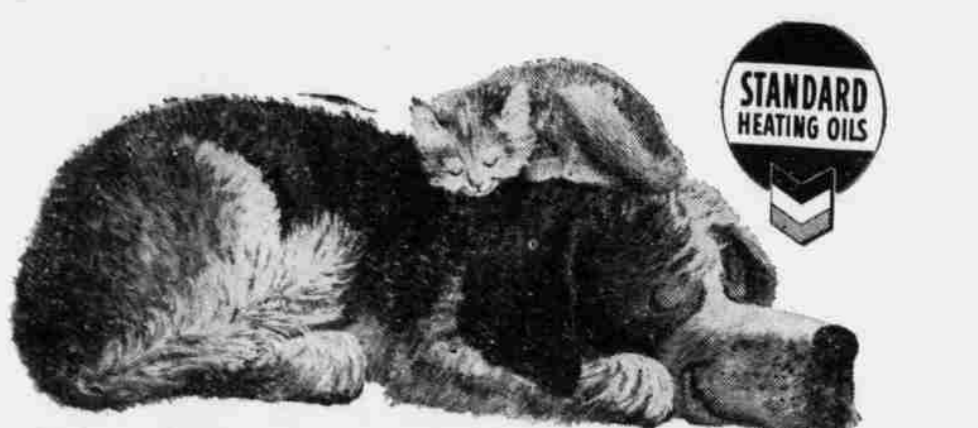
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