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In The Spotlight of Progress

Morrow county has been spotlighted during the past few days with news headlines of developments in the way of progress. This focus of attention continues to forecast a considerably brighter future for the county and consequently for the state.

Significant developments are being noted on three fronts: 1. The Boeing site. 2. The Willow Creek project. 3. The Mid-Columbia planning council.

The Boeing company has announced a ceremony for February 20 on the site in the industrial park with public officials to be present. It is expected that long-awaited announcement of plans for the site will be made more definite at that time.

Oregon's Congressional delegation reported Monday that the Willow Creek project has cleared its first hurdles through the Corps of Army Engineers and expressed optimism about its ultimate approval even though there is still a long road ahead.

Executive committee of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council met Tuesday with the State Board of Control to work towards implementing development in the counties that appeared practical following the completion of the Ebasco survey on the potential of the area.

Each of these indicates that the county will almost irresistibly move forward towards a brighter economic future. Work to date is a credit to those who have had faith in these plans with the knowledge that the county cannot stagnate but must seek opportunities for the future.

From the Boeing ceremony that is scheduled next week it is to be hoped that enough details of the company's plans will be known so that it will lift some of the confusion and indecision that has held the county in a state of suspended animation for the past two years. If this is done, it will be easier to plan for the who, the what, the when, and the where.

As to the Willow Creek project, our Oregon delegation didn't release anything that was not already well known here (Judge Peterson had said two weeks ago that it had been approved by the Corps in the region and was now going to Washington, D. C., and this paper carried a story on it). But the important thing is that the project is getting official attention and support. Local backers appreciate the continued interest of the delegation in Congress and could never hope for successful culmination of the project without this interest. Because there are still many steps to go through before the dream of a multipurpose dam is achieved, it should be emphasized again that continued and intensive interest from the home front is essential.

The Mid-Columbia Council, which has faced some criticism for procrastination, has a huge and difficult task ahead. The exhaustive Ebasco report has been out for about 10 months, and it is probably only natural that interested persons might ask, "Where do we go from here?"

Maybe a start towards the answer to this question is now underway. It is expected that an executive secretary will be appointed with a principal duty of encouraging industry to come to the six counties. But it might as well be faced that it will not be easy to find industries willing to come to the southern part of Morrow county. It could be that the Boeing complex will attract some "satellites" in the north end but it will be harder to encourage new development to the south, and it is sorely needed here to bolster the economy.

While movement is thus noted on these three fronts, we should keep a thoughtful eye on preparations at home to be sure that we are ready for the progress that is in the offing. For example, if 25 families of workers move to Heppner in trailer houses, are we prepared to accommodate them? Little has been done on zoning.

During the past two years, while the Boeing matter was going through its rigors, local planning has been largely conjectural in nature. But it could be that we will wake up one day with some sizeable problems that must be met if we want the benefits of the progress that seems destined to come our way.

Because of the nebulous nature that has characterized progress on these fronts, it has been most difficult to make plans. But now it seems that the time is imminent, and we must be ready.

Advertising and Free Nations

Have you ever thought how much simpler life would be for everyone if we didn't have to make so many choices? Take a product like toothpaste for example. Some people are more concerned about bright teeth, some about cleaner breath, and some about fewer cavities.

But are these concerns really so important? Why not one all purpose toothpaste for everyone? Think of the savings of time and effort and research and increased efficiency. There are countries where these matters are handled in such a manner—one toothpaste, no advertising, no competitive battle, one political party, no arguments, no need to make a decision.

Advertising, who needs it? Who needs it? — only people who want to make their own decisions and advertising is the voice of free choice—advertising is the voice of free enterprise.

In our own country and others which have advertising operations much like our own, there is true freedom of press. In others, however, where advertising expenditures per capita are very low, freedom of the press tends to be fiction. Television, radio, newspapers, magazines, without the revenue of advertising, must be supported by the state and consequently become official propaganda organs of the party in power.

It is far more than coincidental that in those countries where freedom is strong, advertising is strong—in those countries where there is little, if any freedom, there is little if any advertising.

Percent of Gross National Income Spent for Advertising:		
United States	2.9%	U.S.S.R. 0%
Canada	2.4%	Red China 0%
Great Britain	2.1%	Cuba 0%
Finland	2.1%	East Germany 0%
Australia	2.0%	Poland 0%

Advertising is truly the voice of free enterprise and as Secretary Hodges has recently described it, the free enterprise system is the right of the individual to freely choose his own occupation, his salesman, his price range, his merchandise and to leave the consumer free to choose from whom he shall buy.

Americans are accustomed to make choices, they like to make choices and because they do, the United States' economy has over the years outstripped that of any other nation in the world. Today our nation's economy is largely controlled by plain ordinary consumers, not by the affluent few, and whether we have prosperity, depression, stable prices or inflation depends largely on how these millions of consumers decide to spend, save, or borrow.

Advertising Recognition week is February 9 to 15, and it is a good time to think of these things.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE'RE GOING to swipe Merv Jenkins' "Personal Observations" column from last week's Itemizer-Observer, Dallas, for this week's Chaff and Chatter, although we are not accustomed to being such a pirate.

It was such an interesting one, however, that we think our local folks will enjoy it. Here it is:

This is the week to dust off your thinking cap and have a little fun with a bit of mental exercise.

An "intelligence test" has been making the rounds which has tripped up several persons not taking the time to clearly think through the questions.

After you have given it a whirl, check your answers with those at the bottom.

1. A woman gives a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister but the beggar is not the woman's brother. Who is the beggar?

2. A bottle and a cork together cost \$1.05. The bottle costs \$1.00 more than the cork. How much is the cork?

3. In Oregon, is it legal for a man to marry his widow's sister?

4. How many animals of each species did Moses take into the ark?

5. An airplane carrying Canadian and American citizens crashes directly on the U. S.-Canadian border. In which country will the survivors be buried?

6. A doctor tells his patient to take one pill each one-half hour. How long will it take the patient to consume three pills?

7. Take two apples from three apples. What do you have?

8. A man goes to bed at 8 o'clock at night, setting his alarm clock for 9 A. M. Assuming he went to sleep immediately, how many hours of sleep will he get before the alarm clock rings?

9. A rectangular house has a southern exposure on all four sides. A bear passes by outside. What color is the bear?

10. Divide 30 by 1/2 and add 10. What is your answer?

11. An archaeologist claims to have found a gold coin dated 46 B. C. Is this possible?

12. How many outs are there in an inning of baseball?

13. Do they have a Fourth of July in England?

14. Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem, N. C., be buried west of the Mississippi?

15. How many birthdays does the average man have?

16. If you had only one match and entered a room in which there was a kerosene lamp, an oil heater, a candle, and a wood-burning stove, which would you light first?

17. Some months have 30 days, others have 31. How many have 28?

18. I have in my hand only two U. S. coins which total 55 cents in value. One is not a nickel. (Bear that in mind). What are the two coins?

19. A farmer had 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?

20. Two men are playing checkers. Each has played five games and each won the same number of games with no draws. How do you figure this?

21. Now that you are finished, what word is misspelled?

ANSWERS
21. Misspelled.

20. They were playing different people.

19. Nine.

18. One is not a nickel, but the other one is.

17. A half-dollar and a nickel.

16. The match.

15. All others are birthday anniversaries.

14. Because he is living.

13. Yes. It comes between July and August.

12. Six. That's three for each inning and the home team is on the field.

11. No. In 46 B. C. no one knew Christ would be born, much less when.

10. 70. 1/2 into 30 goes 60 times.

9. One hour.

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7. Two apples. That's what you took.

6. None. It was North.

5. Nowhere. You don't bury survivors.

4. No. If she were his widow, she'd be dead.

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2. 2 2/3 cents.

1. The woman's sister.

(Editor's Note: This is another anecdote in a series concerning the late Roscoe Cox, Morrow county outdoorsman.)

The spring after they had hauled the 80 gallons of liquor out of the mountains, Roscoe and the outfit headed back into the hills, when the snow was going off, with the team and the wagon, and the material for making a new batch of whiskey.

He just went along with the moonshiners as a kind of a guide. They were going back to this still at Lost Prairie.

They got up pretty close to Coal Mine hill and they ran into snow and the snow was too deep and they couldn't get through. So they had to camp and each day as the snow melted they moved up a little higher. Well the sheriff got wise that they were up there and he and the deputy, (the deputy was Elbert Cox, a cousin to Roscoe) lay in the brush and watched them camp.

Of course, in a little while Roscoe knew that they were there. But anyway Roscoe and the moonshiners were comfortable with a good camp. Out in the cold in the brush taking turns was the sheriff for 12 hours and the next 12 hours was the deputy freezing and miserable while Roscoe and the boys were enjoying themselves.

Well, as time went on, the snow melted, they went over the Coal Mine hill and came to the big pasture where Lost Prairie was and the boys in the night carried the materials for the whiskey and cached them out in the woods and disappeared.

Then the owner of the wagon and the team went on for miles and miles, across Ditch Creek and across Swale and across Dry Swale and down Bear Creek and wound up away down the Breaks of the John Day at Potato Hill, through the mud and water and with the deputy following them all this distance.

Then he let the deputy catch them and he had nothing but an empty wagon. The deputy and the sheriff never found what Roscoe and the boys had done with the materials that were in the wagon.

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The enclosed is a copy of a letter from a former editor of the G-T, Arthur Crawford. Possibly, you have met him. I thought perhaps the old history he quotes would be of interest to history minded people of Morrow county and Heppner. I knew Arthur's father and mother before they were married. I receive many letters from people I do not know, telling me they like the G-T and especially the history articles.

Sincerely,
O. M. Yeager

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