

Details Reveal 'Another Side' To Player Case

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circumstances at the motel fixed considerable responsibility for the incident on the operator of the motel. All agreed that any inference that the boys had initiated, planned or participated in a "drinking party" is erroneous, they declared. Only small quantities of beer were consumed and this was done, the statement charged, because the motel operator placed it at their disposal.

Some of the parents who stayed at the same motel in John Day said they had witnessed the actions of the woman early in the evening.

"She was heckling both coaches, playing up to the boys and parading the boys and coaches through the bar to the restaurant."

These parents said they went bowling after the Grant Union-Heppner basketball game.

"We were unaware of any further activities until quite late in the evening when the proprietor informed us that both coaches had rejected her plans for the boys that evening. She advised us that she told the coaches to go to bed and leave the boys alone."

"She made some of the boys a bet of a case of beer that John Day would win the basketball game that night. She paid off. We also found that she called the boys' room and kept them awake until around 2:30 in the morning. All this happened long before 2:30, not after the coaches were in bed as had been previously reported."

"Living in a community such as ours, these boys have never been exposed to somebody like that. They were amused, frightened and awed with her," the statement said.

Some of the parents said that they were aware that Coaches Cantonwine and Don McClure were protesting to the proprietor during the early part of the evening. The parents said that they did not attempt to intervene because they felt the coaches had sole responsibility over the players on such a road trip.

Coach Cantonwine said, "We just about packed up and left." He did not implement this move, however, because he was concerned over school finances and the cost of engaging another motel. To journey on to Burns would have kept the team up most of the night before its scheduled game with Burns on Saturday, February 15 (Heppner lost this game in a surprise upset).

"One's hindsight is always better than his foresight," the coach told the parents ruefully.

In answer to questions from parents as to why the team was lodged in this particular motel, Principal Pratt and Cantonwine pointed out that the team had stayed there on road trips during the two previous seasons and had no trouble.

"Previously it has been satisfactory or more than satisfactory," the coach said. The motel is now under different ownership than it was on the two previous trips.

The bar is located in an adjoining section of the motel where food is also served. In accordance with school policy the team avoids eating in places where liquor is sold and took its meals in another restaurant in town, despite the admonitions of the woman proprietor because the team did not eat there, Cantonwine said.

"We do not condone these boys for drinking the beer for they knew the rules and the consequences," the Wednesday statement said. "However, we do not believe the boys were entirely in the wrong."

The group agreed that greatest blame for the incident should be placed on the proprietor of the motel.

Coach Cantonwine said that everything seemed to quiet down after the boys had become settled in their quarters, and it then appeared to be "one of the quietest nights I have experienced on a road trip."

However, the players were bothered in early morning hours with telephone calls to their rooms and with other incidents, unknown to the coaches.

"A training rule is a rule to be obeyed, respected and enforced," the statement said. "Every boy should have been punished for knowingly breaking the rule."

It was added, however, that other circumstances might have been considered as factors in lessening the degree of the players' guilt.

"This was not a pre-planned beer party," it was pointed out. Evidence shows that only a few bottles of beer were consumed and most of that placed at the disposition of the boys was left untouched. Some of the beer was

Heimbigner Hurt

Tom Heimbigner, senior on the Ione High basketball squad, injured a leg while practicing on the trampoline Tuesday and will not see action with the Ione Cardinal basketball squad during the district tourney in Hermiston this week-end, according to Dick Strait, Ione basketball mentor.

A picture of Heimbigner in the second section of this week's paper, in which the caption said Heimbigner would in a "drinking party" is erroneous, they declared. Only small quantities of beer were consumed and this was done, the statement charged, because the motel operator placed it at their disposal.

Strait also said that the injury might keep Heimbigner out of the state trampoline championships, March 7 at the University of Oregon.

Youths Involved In Dynamiting Draw Punishment

Three high school youths who were involved in a recent theft of dynamite from the county powder house drew work sentences from Judge Oscar Peterson in juvenile court Wednesday.

He ordered the three to clean the county road from the city limits to the city dump once each month until the end of the school year. They will clean up paper and debris along the road and will be expected to do some physical labor on the road during spring vacation, the judge said. The three were remanded back to their parents.

The youths admitted setting off two charges, one on a county road and one near a cattle guard. In taking three boxes of dynamite from the powder house, they also took what they thought was fuse but which was primer cord. When they could not get the cord to work as fuse, they detonated the dynamite by firing into it with a 22 rifle.

The judge said they apparently did not realize the power of the dynamite because in one instance they detonated it at very close range with the rifle and broke a window in a car that was nearby. He told them that they might have killed themselves.

Judge Peterson ordered them to make restitution of damage, amounting to \$3.88 each, for broken locks on the powder house and some damage to the cattle guard.

The three also attempted to detonate charges near the footbridge over Willow Creek, leading to the junior high school. They said they only wanted to "make a noise" and had no intention of blowing up the bridge. Some of the dynamite was found later by smaller youngsters who had nothing to do with the theft or succeeding incidents.

The parents and youths were all very cooperative with the three freely admitting their participation but apparently not realizing the seriousness of it.

In the court session Juvenile Counselor Charles Knox explained the danger with which they had flirted. The three apparently used about 10 sticks of dynamite out of the three boxes that they took. The rest was recovered.

WEATHER

By LEONARD GILLIAM			
	Hi	Low	Prec.
Thursday	55	28	—
Friday	61	23	—
Saturday	54	27	—
Sunday	65	25	.25
Monday	44	20	—
Tuesday	49	30	—
Wednesday	48	22	—

2 1/2" snow on Monday.

pouring out in bathrooms of the units, according to the boys' statements.

The statement concluded, "Something good must come out of all this. This incident will teach the athletes to respect their training rules and show the coaches they must assume more responsibility on out-of-town trips."

While there remained some areas of disagreement between parents and school officials as to the method of handling the matter, there seemed to be general concurrence on the facts of the case. It was agreed that no useful purpose would be served by argument over differences.

Presented with a question as to whether the school might have acted too hastily, Principal Pratt replied, "I can only tell you that it was the considered opinion of the five persons who sat there." (This included the school's four coaches and the principal).

The Gazette-Times came in for a share of the criticism, too, on the grounds that the story gave the wrong impression—that the boys were "partying"—although it did not state this, and that the names of those involved should not have been used.



SEVERAL award winners are shown after the annual banquet of the local FFA chapter last Wednesday night. From left to right (front row) are Steve Wagenblast, Bill Weatherford, Chris Brown, and Ron Beckett. Back row, Paul Swaggart, Melvin McDaniel, Frank Osmin, Richard Blake, and Dick Struckmeier.

Lamb Keynotes Annual Banquet

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initial farming program; Paul Hisler, second, initial farming program; and Dick Struckmeier, Bill Weatherford, Don Van Winkle, and Ken Wright, all for outstanding achievement.

Project awards went to Ken Wright, beef; Ken Wright, sheep; and Melvin McDaniel, swine.

John Wagenblast received the rotating plaque for general livestock excellence and the FFA scholarship award.

John Wagenblast received the crop farming award and Chris Brown, the poultry project. Paul Swaggart won the farm safety medal, and farm mechanics award went to Frank Osmin, and Melvin McDaniel. Frank Osmin received the soil and water management award and Ron Beckett the dairy farming award.

Ken Wright walked off with perhaps the biggest award of the evening when he was presented with a trophy for being named the Chapter Star farmer.

Harold Wright, Ken's father, was honored by the local chapter, at the meeting when he was made an honorary member of the organization. With his son as installing officer, Wright was cited for his help to the organization and to his son and was accepted into the chapter.

Entertainment for the function was provided by Lyle Hopper, Dave Kilgore and Bob Massey. The three boys played a number of tunes on their electric guitars for the audience.

Ken Wright adjourned the meeting by thanking those who helped the chapter in the past year.

Cutsforths to Build Home Near Heppner

Mr. and Mrs. Orville W. Cutsforth Sr. are buying the 21-acre place of Bert Corbin near the golf course north of Heppner and expect to build a new home for their own use on the property, Cutsforth said Tuesday.

The home will be located on the west side of Willow Creek. Construction is expected to start "in a week or so," he said.

Pat Cutsforth, who has been operating the home place at Lexington, will move into the big house when Mr. and Mrs. Cutsforth Sr. move to Heppner.

Cutsforth said that he built the home place in 1943, patterning it after a house that he saw in New York State on a visit to the World's Fair. Only plans used were those sketched on an envelope from the design of the New York place.

Drum, Bugle Corps To Play to Legion

Special entertainment is in store for members of Heppner post, American Legion, and auxiliary Monday night when the American Legion junior drum and bugle corps of Pendleton will appear at the local meeting.

The post and auxiliary will hold a joint potluck supper at 7 p.m. with the post furnishing the meat course, after which the drum and bugle corps will make its appearance. A good crowd is expected for the meeting.

Mrs. Emma Hager returned to her home last Thursday after staying the past three weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hager in Hermiston. Mrs. Hager is still convalescing from a recent illness, but feels that she is gaining strength slowly.

State Income Aid Offered March 3

Assistance in preparing Oregon state income tax returns will be given by State Tax Commission personnel at the Morrow county courthouse in Heppner on Monday, March 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Taxpayers wishing help in filing their returns are asked to bring earnings slips and other information needed to determine the correct tax, including, if possible, a copy of their federal return filed for the year 1963.

The Tax Commission points out that in order to be eligible for a refund a taxpayer must file a return. Refunds are issued on a "first come, first served" basis.

It is also emphasized that if a joint return is filed, both spouses must sign it.

Deadline for filing is April 15.

Death Takes Former Mill Employee

Word of the death of Arthur (Buck) Hansen, about 58, and a former Heppner resident, reached friends here this week. Hansen died Saturday, February 15, in Portland where he had resided the past three years. Burial services were in Spokane, Wn., last week.

Before leaving Heppner in 1953, Hansen was employed in the lumber mill here in construction work. When Orville Smith, former mill superintendent, bought the mill in Elgin, Hansen was transferred to Elgin where he lived until moving to Portland. His wife preceded him in death several years ago.

Only surviving relative is Mrs. Gene Buff, a sister of Spokane.

Boeing Ceremony Starts Project

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and will go forward from this day into a new era of fulfilling its part of the American dream. We will have the facilities with which to compete for business in the space age.

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Second speaker for the affair was Lysle A. Wood, Boeing vice president and general manager of Boeing's Aero-Space Division.

Wood said that Boeing looked at potential sites in Washington, Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida before finally leasing the Boardman property.

He said that Boeing settled on the Boardman ground because the land has a good topography, predictable winds, is a large remote area, has good meteorological conditions, and has good rail, water and highway accessibility.

He said that Boeing plans to build a test stand capable of handling rocket engines of 50,000 pounds of thrust. The engine would be tied down in a vertical position during the static tests.

Boeing's initial investment in the test stand and its supporting facilities will be \$1.5 million. Over the next six months construction crews, Boeing engineers and shop personnel at the site will reach a peak of about 50 people. No housing fa-

cilities are presently contemplated at the site and the Boeing work force, traveling from Seattle as needed for test work, will be housed locally.

The Boeing vice president went on to say that Boeing hopes to be using the testing facility yet this year.

Wood said that Boeing is looking at the Boardman facility with a long-range view. He said that time will tell as to what extent the 100,000 acre site will be used. He said that Boeing envisions no immediate big boom for the site but that the future for the development could be unlimited.

After the addresses, Riedinger presented Gov. Hatfield and Wood with construction hats to wear during the groundbreaking ceremonies. He referred jokingly to the groundbreaking as being hazardous, thus the hats.

Gov. Hatfield and Wood proceeded to the area where the construction of the road to the proposed site is slated to start. Here, the governor and Wood shared in ground-breaking duties. Then two huge scrapers and a bulldozer rumbled across the terrain, working on the road bed, and signaled the start of construction on the site. Their efforts were the beginning scratch in what could be a big future for the state of Oregon.

Dunbars Move Here

Newcomers to Morrow county are Mr. and Mrs. Al Dunbar who have moved to Lexington. Formerly a cook at the Tapadera in Pendleton, he is now a cook at Carl's Tavern. The Dunbars are ex-residents of Washington, and he is a brother of Jim Dunbar of the U. S. Forest Service, Heppner Ranger district.

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