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A New Start for the Red Cross

While the Red Cross is often taken for granted and sometimes is target for critical remarks, it is a vital organization in this nation. It is also a real asset for any community to have a going chapter of the Red Cross—something that many people may not realize until they lose it.

Morrow county was on the threshold of losing its chapter until a few citizens became alarmed about it. Now it appears that action taken at a special meeting held Friday night has saved the day, and from this session should come a better county chapter than has ever been in evidence here before.

Many know of some of the most obvious programs of the Red Cross—the blood program, water safety and others. A person whose life was saved by Red Cross blood, or one whose son, daughter, brother or sister was saved, would not question the value of the program and would do all he could to perpetuate it.

One whose life was spared from drowning because a rescuer was taught water safety would know the value of the program.

But there are also unheralded services. Part of the Red Cross works quietly—through its home services program, for example. Even in Morrow county, the home services chairman has to be available 24 hours per day, or have a substitute available, to take care of calls that may come on behalf of servicemen, their families and others. Unless one is personally involved, he seldom hears about these.

If another great flood hit Heppner, like the one in 1903, the Red Cross would be here. Its San Francisco headquarters would be one of the first places to be informed, and disaster teams would be ready to go almost at once.

Among those who might be enmeshed in such a disaster could be some who might have had some harsh words for the Red Cross in the past, but they would bless the organization in such a circumstance. The harsh words would be forgotten.

Red Cross has taken a real beating on some of the stories that came out of the last war, but even if the stories were all true, they could not overshadow the real worth of the organization. Many of them, which have caused strong grievances, were rather petty in nature.

In Morrow county, the Red Cross has apparently had a pretty loose organization, without benefit of a board of directors, but there have been some fine volunteers doing excellent work in their separate fields and they deserve the highest commendation. It was another case of a few doing all the work.

It was heartening to see the interest at the Friday meeting. It meant that there is a good section of leadership willing to go to work for the Red Cross here, and with that spirit, it should make greater accomplishments.

When it was suggested that those present form a board of directors, Narce Caliva, field representative, emphasized that each one would be expected to work and devote some time to it. Having been presented with this admonition, any or all were given a chance to back out. None did.

This means, then, that these people are willing to give the organization the support it needs here.

This is Red Cross month, and it's time for annual fund drive. Mrs. Matt Hughes has taken the responsibility of heading the drive here with Mrs. Edna Turner assisting.

The goal is \$1200 which should be easy for this county to raise, recognizing the importance of the job to be done.

Will you, too, lend a hand by giving your share?

One-Shot Roscoe
As Told By
ORVILLE W. CUTSFORTH

(Editor's note: This is another in the series of anecdotes about the late Roscoe Cox, Morrow county outdoorsman, who died last year.)

Roscoe stayed one winter in the Shillings buildings and fed cattle from a stack of hay up there on Skinner creek. An old wild sow with her litter of young pigs slept in this stack.

Now Roscoe liked pork best of all, as all his friends well knew. So with his little '22 pump he shot a little pig as he needed it along that winter.

Come spring and the supply of young hogs was used up, and as the old sow got more belligerent and progressively uglier, it became her turn.

One morning Roscoe put a shell in the old .32 Winchester lever and went down to the stack to get more pork. He walked around the stack and didn't find her. She was buried in the hay.

The sow suddenly came out fighting and took Roscoe by the leg. He fired his one shell over his shoulder and didn't get her. When the boss came up a day later the old sow was comfortable in the straw. Roscoe, up on the stack, wasn't.

Wins Poetry Contest

Deborah Zita, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Zita of Beaverton and granddaughter of Orville and Alta Cutsforth, has won first prize in a poetry contest at St. Marys of the Valley school, it is announced. Her poem will be sent on to the state contest, Court of St. Cecilia, Catholic Daughters of America, are sponsors of the contest.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE GOT through Friday, the 13th, without any trouble but weren't so fortunate on Tuesday, the 17th. Apparently we are in better rapport with the black cat and robin crowd than we are with the Irish. The old flu bug took a little nip and we spent the day in bed, something that probably 10% of the population was doing in their respective homes.

Thought that this might lay us low so that we would break a record of some 23 years of not missing a paper on account of illness (the exception being a couple of hitches in the hospital on account of eye trouble—not really an illness). But we were able to get up Wednesday and get in harness again, and we can only hope that all those who got the "bug" here were as fortunate. We know that some have had long rough sieges, however.

Others on the staff of the G-T show the symptoms, and it will be good to get the paper put to bed before the whole staff has to go to bed.

UP IN THE courthouse the other day we noticed quite an incline going down from the door in the tax collector's office. In checking with Elvira Iry we learned that the floor slopes to the center from both sides. She thinks some day she will suddenly find her entire office in the basement.

In one corner of the room is a big heavy safe. It used to be that the heavy door would close tightly when it was given a little shove. But now, because of the sagging floor, it remains ajar unless it is forced into place and locked.

Apparently, some supports were taken out in the basement below at one time to allow for some furnace work, and they were never replaced. Maybe the situation isn't as bad as it appears, but it would seem that the county court should do something about getting the floor supported from underneath.

PROBABLY most everyone in this area was rooting for McEwen of Athena in the State B basketball tournament. This was the team that Heppner beat twice and shows that the Mustangs could have been a real force to be reckoned with in A-2 circles. McEwen, as you know, lost in the finals to Elkton in a close game, 56-52. On the basis of this score, the Mustangs could have topped the best in the B circuit when they were at full strength.

But we got some personal satisfaction out of seeing the Elkton win. This is the 25th anniversary year that the editor coached at Elkton, having started his coaching career there in the fall of 1938 and completing it in the spring of 1939, never to coach again. We had a new contract but went to a larger school and more specialized teaching.

Even 25 years ago Elkton was a sizzling basketball community with boys who really loved the game. Prior to one game that year the boys were assembled for a strategy talk. We faced a big team, and the Elks were small and fast. We told the kids we thought they should try to pile up some points quickly in the game and get an early advantage in the hope of coming out with a victory.

A little hotshot forward, "Phil" said with a wry smile, "About 20 points?"

"Yes, 20 points would be fine," we replied.

In the game, the kids swept the other team (Yonca) off their feet. They not only got their 20 point advantage but actually rolled up a 21-0 score before their opponents dented the hoop. If there are those who challenge this, we may be able to dig up one of those old high school annuals from Elkton to verify it. In those days, the Elkton basketball team was an outfit that just wouldn't quit, and it looks as if they are going in the same tradition.

Three names on the team, Levenhagen, Adams and Bullock, are familiar to us. We wonder if Adams and Bullock are sons of boys that we had in school?

WHEN A HOMING pigeon can't find his way home, it is something of a tragedy. Bill Gentry

District School Budget Meet Held at Irrigon

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON—A Morrow County school budget meeting was held at the A. C. Houghton cafeteria Thursday evening, March 12. Budget committee members present were: Frank Anderson, chairman, Clinton McQuarrie of Heppner; Donna Bergstrom, secretary; Ione; Elwynne Peck, Lexington; Ralph Skoubo, Boardman; and Warren McCoy, Morrow county school board members present were: Kenneth Batty, Howard Cleveland, Andy Van Schoiack, Heppner; Irvin Rauch, Lexington, and Harvey Warner. The school board members are also members of the budget committee. Also present were Wayne Brubacher, county administrator; Gordon Pratt, administrative principal of Heppner High school; Hillard Brown, administrative principal of Heppner-Lexington Elementary; Leonard Herrick, principal of Ione Elementary; Michael Tolar, administrative principal at A. C. Houghton.

Coffee and homemade donuts prepared by school cooks, Mrs. Earl Isom and Mrs. Lloyd Cooley, were served to the group at the close of the evening.

The official budget committee is comprised of seven lay people chosen by the school board and the seven members of the district school board, making a 14 man committee.

Unit Sees Color Slides; Plans for May Festival

The Irrigon Home Extension unit held its monthly meeting March 12, with vice chairman Marge Aceck presiding in the absence of Mary Adams, who has been ill. A guest for the day was Mrs. Olive Boggs of Hermiton.

The project for March, "Color in the Home," was presented by Alda Graybeal and Lucille Coleman. Slides were shown showing the uses of color and methods of brightening dark places. Booklets were distributed showing color combinations. Noon luncheon was served by Frances McCoy, Minnie Skiles and Eva Anderson.

It was announced that a "Better Dress Workshop" will be held at Lexington on Monday, March 23, 9:30 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mary Adams before that date.

Irrigon was assigned Program Covers and Registration for the May Festival to be held in Ione this year. Chairmen will be: Covers, Lucille Coleman and Beth Stephens; registration, Frances McCoy and Eva Anderson. Frances McCoy has been selected as District 7 Director for extension. Minnie Skiles, Ida

Slaughter and Norma Hanschar gave a demonstration for the PGG Auxiliary on "Mosaics." A vote was passed to send only one delegate to the State Festival, with the incoming officers to have first opportunity. They announced that Esther Kirmis, county agent, will be present to present the April project.

The Boardman Community church joined the Irrigon Baptist church in a Singingation following their Sunday evening services. Special music was provided by the Hermiton Adventist church band, and also a special number was rendered by Luann and Carolyn Burg of Boardman.

Richard Gilpin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilpin, Sr., was sworn into the Naval Reserve at Pendleton Monday. He will go to San Francisco for two months of training this summer.

John H. Johnson and Mrs. Hal Riley of Vancouver, Wn., were week-end guests of Johnson's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gilpin, Sr. Mrs. Riley is Gilpin's niece.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swearingen left for Portland Friday morning, to meet their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Pittock and Patty, who flew to Portland from Newark, N. J. Accompanying the Gary Pittocks were his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pittock of Sheffield, Penn. They will visit with the Swearingens, and also with relatives in Richland. The Pittock families plan to be here for 10 days.

Lee Towers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Towers, has received his PFC stripes. He is stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelmela and Mrs. Madge Bunce of Clatskanie spent Thursday and Friday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hill.

Mrs. Sedalia Dexter is visiting her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vaillas Dexter and family in La Grande.

Rhea Unit Plans Sale

Rhea Creek Extension Unit will sponsor a cooked foods sale on Good Friday, March 27, at the Red and White Grocery. The sale will start at 11:00 a.m., and promises to offer tasty foods for the Lenten season. Money received will be used in carrying out important projects of the unit throughout the year.

Looking for mimeograph stencils? The Gazette-Times has them for sale, including special church bulletin style.

Scouts Hold First Overnight of Season

Fourteen Boy Scouts of Troop No. 600 and two adults journeyed to Reed's mill last week-end for an overnight campout at the cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman.

The Scouts prepared their meals over an open fire, took a five mile hike carrying their camping gear and worked on other scout crafts.

Those attending were Frank Lovgren, Cobra patrol leader; Neal Christopherson, Eagle patrol leader; Matt Warren, Ron Christopherson, Ivan Carlson, Jim Sherman, Billy Wolff, Brian Hughes, Joe Wilhelm, Mike and Steve Hedman, Kelly Green, Steve Munkers, Joe Kirby of Pendleton and leaders Ernest Christopherson and Joe Hartle.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events
RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE
Blood bank drawing Monday, March 23, 1 to 5 p.m. Elks' temple.
Make an appointment now!

COOKED FOODS SALE
Saturday, March 21
Sponsored by Carnation Club Red and White Grocery.

SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES
First Christian church, week of March 22-29.
Dr. Guy J. Wright speaker.
Color movies and outstanding collection of Bibles, 7:30 p.m.

BETTER DRESS WORKSHOP
Begins March 23, 9:30 a.m. Lexington School (upstairs). Mrs. Beulah Hynd, instructor.

BAKED FOODS SALE
Friday, March 27, 11:00 a.m. Sponsored by Rhea Creek Extension Unit. Red and White Grocery.

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Smallwood Serves On Rescue Ship

Charles H. Smallwood, electrician's mate third class, USN son of Mrs. Leona M. Smallwood of Heppner, is serving aboard the rescue and salvage vessel USS Deliver, operating out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Deliver is a unit of Service Force, Pacific Fleet, currently celebrating its 22nd anniversary. The Service Force presently utilizes almost 100 ships of 20 different types to provide food, fuel, ammunition and other essential services to Pacific Fleet units.

Bisbee Back Home

L. E. Bisbee, who spent the winter with his daughter, Katherine Bisbee, at Waldport, returned home Saturday and Miss Bisbee came with him to spend spring vacation here. She is a school teacher at Waldport. Bisbee said that it was a "very nice" winter at Waldport with the weather mild except for occasional heavy rains.

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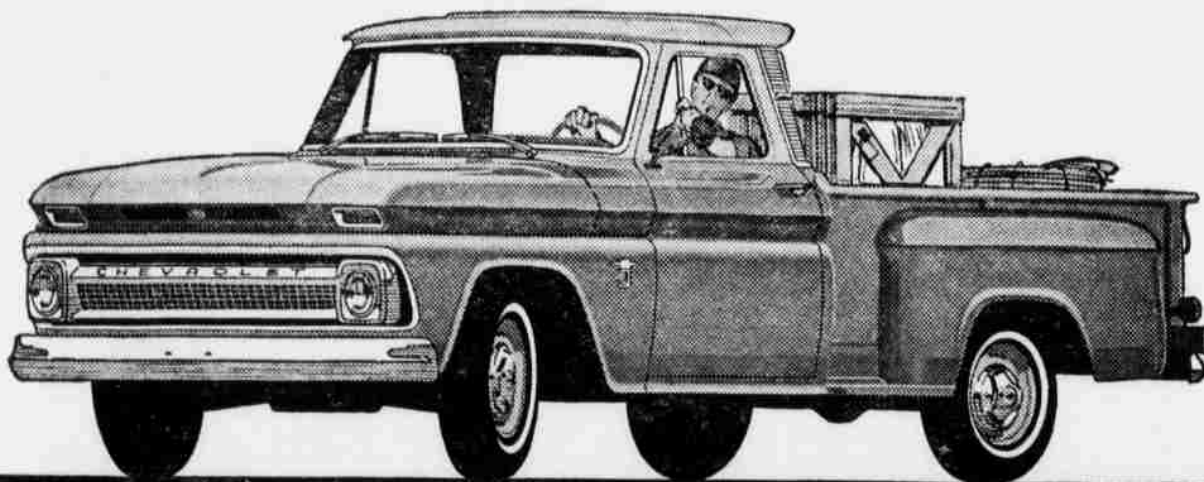
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