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More Firemen Needed

Forrest Burkenbine, one of those taking the Dale Carnegie course in effective speaking, chose a topic close to his heart at a recent session when he spoke on the urgent need for more firemen in the Heppner department. His talk was one that the entire community should have heard, and perhaps this means will help reach a larger audience.

At the present time, he reported, the fire department is at a low ebb in personnel with only nine regular members. This is a critical point and something that should cause concern throughout the community.

If a major fire struck, the department would be seriously handicapped by lack of trained personnel.

It isn't enough to volunteer service at the time of an emergency—a fireman has to know the equipment and how to use it to be of maximum benefit when a major fire comes. Those untrained, while their intentions may be the best, are sometimes more of a hindrance than a help because they do not know, which moves to make at a fire and cannot readily respond to the directions of the chief or his assistants.

Nine members might be plenty for smaller fires, but consider that perhaps half of this number might be out of town, say on a week-end when a fire might strike. Then what?

Those loyal to the department are hard workers who conscientiously turn out for drills and fires, but too few are taking too much of the load, and too many are perfectly willing to let them do it.

Burkenbine points out that there are many young men in the community who could be excellent firemen and should devote some of their time to community service. Their employers should be willing to share by letting them have time off when fire strikes. It is one of those things where all should share for the common good.

Fire season will be coming soon. This is a good time to give some thought to Burkenbine's good point—an excellent time to submit an application for membership in the fire department.

Consumers Don't Benefit by 'Cheap' Beef

At the time when livestock producers are appealing for relief from an increase in beef imports from Australia, the State Department, on the other hand, has asked exporting countries to impose a voluntary reduction in the amount of beef imports. The voluntary reduction is not the answer, producers state.

In her "Washington Calling" report, Senator Maurine Neuberger states that domestic production of fed beef increased some 10 per cent last year and figured in the price decline for producers here.

She had another interesting comment to make concerning the consumer at this time of low prices on beef:

"Your representatives in Congress are also interested in the consumer position and are checking into the food chains which do not appear to be passing on to consumers the benefits of the ruinously low prices which farmers are now receiving for their cattle," she writes. "A perusal of grocery store advertisements in the Washington (D. C.) area shows that steak now selling for \$1.09 per pound was 77 cents per pound a year earlier; roasts at 30 cents per pound last year are now 44 cents per pound. At the same time cattle prices declined \$2.43 per 100 pounds during the last year. The big users of cheap imported beef are these same stores."

Highway Workers Get Safety Award

Two members of the Heppner crew of the State Highway Department's traffic and maintenance division have earned 14-year safe driving awards. They are John Nielson and Edwin C. Wilson, Dallas. M. McDaniel has earned a 9-year award and Harold L. Curmutt an 8-year award. Lloyd A. Moyer received a 1-year award.

Others in the area to earn safe driving awards are as follows: Arlington—Charles L. Potts, 14 years; Elvin L. Ely, 13 years; and William J. Packer, 1 year. Spray—James Roland, 14 years; Roby C. Chappell, 13 years; Herman L. Munjar, 10 years; and Robert E. McCray, 5 years. Condon—Ralph Struthers and Oscar E. Rippee, both 14 years; Mark R. Phillips and Clifford E. Siler, both 4 years; Fossil—Herman Munjar Sr. and Truman E. Wilson, both 14 years; Lavon D. Marler, 11 years; and Gary R. Couture, 7 years.

A total of 1,114 drivers in the division across the state earned the awards for the year 1963. Of this total, only 115 earned the 14-year awards. To earn a safe driving award, a highway employee must drive 55 per cent of his working time during the year and must do it without becoming involved in a preventable accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Fullerton attended a Chevrolet meeting at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland last Tuesday, returning home late Tuesday night.

Among those attending the Columbia Basin Rock show of the Three Rivers Mineralogy club at Richland, Wn., Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edger and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, son Doug, and Avery Taylor Jr.

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AGENT FOR
MOORE BUSINESS FORMS

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

TAKE 35 or 40 students of junior high school age and you have your hands full any time with all that youthful energy generating. But give each a noisemaker and things could easily get out of hand.

That's what Arnold Melby has to cope with in his junior high school band. With their sousaphones, drums, trumpets, clarinets and trombones, they have the means of deafening any citizen of the community.

But if you take that same energy and have the ability to get them to develop controlled sound, skillfully coordinated, you have a topnotch band.

Somehow Director Melby has brought the best out of the youngsters, and they won unanimous "1" rating at the recent festival in Pendleton. All judges were enthusiastic in their acclaim of the Heppner junior high band. It was a fine achievement.

We don't envy Director Melby's job. It takes some real lung power to out-shout the drums and the tubas, and one would think a director would have laryngitis most of the time. But we do admire him and the kids for the job they have done.

This, by the way, was a fine time for them to gain the honor for it should lend impetus to the band carnival Saturday night. Those who attend the carnival not only are assured of a good time but they are helping promote band work in this community. They not only add life, color and music to the community but also do a great deal by their appearances elsewhere to advertise and promote our area.

NOT BEING a literary genius, our first thought was that Mrs. Blanche Brown, librarian, was playing an April Fool joke on us when she brought in a list of the new books at the library. Included, for instance, were "A Savage Place," by Slaughter (Savage Place? Slaughter? Sounds like an Indian massacre). Next on the list was "Dead Water," by Marsh (Dead Water? Marsh? Maybe this one is on the Everglades). But the most unlikely title of all is "African Creeks I Have Been Up." (What old grammatical rule does that title violate?) Some might contend that a lot of authors (and editors) are "up the creek," or should be.

But this is not to speak disparagingly of these books. They probably are all very excellent volumes and well worth the reading.

In this liberty of levity that we have taken we might focus some attention on National Library week coming up and emphasize the fact that Heppner has one of the finest libraries for any town in the state in proportion to size, and we are indeed fortunate in that fact.

The library continues to get good use despite the competition of television and other modern diversions. It could stand more use, and more of us citizens could well profit from using it more often.

DROPPING in the other day to chat a bit on things on the Kirk and Robinson spread, Don Robinson mentioned the fine mild winter that we have been through but commented on the uneven spread of moisture. Those in the hills are well off with the snow while those in the northern part of the county haven't had their share of moisture at all. But even in the higher country the wind has been bad so far. Robinson believes it has blown longer and harder than any time he can remember. In doing so it dries the soil and takes the moisture.

One thing we will suffer for as a result of the mild winter, though, is that it has been a fine to bring a bumper crop of bugs. Robinson avers. It wasn't cold enough to lay the insect pests low, and we can expect the worst from them this summer.

WHILE TALKING of things agricultural, we were amused by Bob Jepsen's definition of an agriculture researcher at a meeting the other night.

"He's the fellow who tells the farmer something he already knows in language he can't understand," Bob declared.

IT IS with mixed emotions that we contemplate Coach Bob Cantonwine's leaving to assume head basketball coaching duties at Dallas High school. It is a fine position for him and a wonderful place to live, but we'll miss him here. Bob will have his hands full there, competing in the tough TVV league with large schools all around, but we are sure that he will do a fine job. We know that he leaves Heppner with considerable reluctance, particularly because he believes in the boys that are coming up here at Heppner High. We at the paper enjoyed working with him and boosting his fine teams, and we know he

Ferguson on Roll

Allen D. Ferguson, junior in the School of Engineering at Oregon State University, made the winter term honor roll there, it is announced. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ferguson, now of Spray and formerly of Heppner. To be eligible for honor roll listing, students must make at least a B-plus average for the term.

will enjoy the same relations with the good people of Dallas, our stamping grounds for 15 years.

AMONG THOSE who had feelings of both shock and gratitude because of the Alaskan earthquake is Margaret McCarter, Heppner High girls' physical education teacher. Before coming here two years ago she taught girls' physical education at Anchorage. Her successor, the present P. E. teacher in the school, was killed in the earthquake.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Mrs. Heinrichs sent me a clipping of the front page story on the chapter reorganization meeting—from your issue of March 19. I wish to say, frankly and honestly, that this is one of the finest articles I have seen so far in Red Cross. It is extremely accurate reporting and I intend to have it filed at Western Area office in San Francisco as part of the official report on the meeting.

Just as I was about to send it in today, however, I turned the clipping over and noted there was an editorial, "A New Start for the Red Cross"—which was half clipped away! This looks so good, too, that I have to write to ask whether you can send me part of this page so clipped as to include both the editorial and the page 1 story? We will certainly appreciate this very much.

And, I also have to be somewhat amused. I recall asking someone at the meeting (I wish I could remember whom) whether the event might appear in the local newspaper and was told it was rare that any organization received mention in the paper! So, I suppose we should be doubly thankful, although I have over the years had enough contact with editors to know that newsworthy items are always welcome and, space permitting, consideration is given to all requests. Or, do you possibly have two newspapers at Heppner?

Of course, the big Red Cross news at the moment is our disaster relief and rehabilitation operations in Alaska and California. This has affected Red Cross in practically every chapter and overseas as well, wherever we have U. S. servicemen or dependents who have family members in Alaska, California or Hawaii. We know that thousands of welfare inquiries have poured into Alaska, especially from Yakima alone, we have sent almost 750 in 2½ days. Some of the inquirers have received replies already.

The nurse from my field team was sent immediately to Alaska from Yakima and my counterpart field representative serving Western Washington also flew up there immediately. My superior from San Francisco also went over the week-end. Some thirty-nine disaster workers were rushed up there, many from their posts in the Ohio floods area. Quite a few more who are disaster trained and qualified, including me, are standing by, as staffing is not yet completed. We will have disaster staff (both professionals and trained volunteers) up there for weeks, if not months, and this will likely be one of the most costly operations we have ever had.

You may be interested in knowing that Red Cross chapters may accept contributions specifically designated for Red Cross relief to Alaska earthquake and Crescent City, California, tidal wave victims. However, by indicating Red Cross will accept restricted contributions for either disaster, this does not mean the Red Cross is seeking restricted donations.

We must accept and utilize restricted contributions or many American people will contribute such funds to other organizations in being or to be evolved and none has responsibility except the Red Cross to represent the American people and government in alleviating suffering of disaster victims.

We continue, however to be in need of funds to help finance the year-round disaster operations and all major service programs. Therefore, we hope contributors who have not already offered their annual support of the total Red Cross will donate to their local chapters during the March drive. The March drive will continue until solicitation is completed, even though this may not occur by the end of March.

The other point Red Cross makes is that if restricted contributions are made, they will hopefully be an additional gift of the donor and not given in lieu of annual support of the Red Cross.

The foregoing information is official and just released by Western Area headquarters. It may be helpful if you should happen to receive inquiries about financial help and the Red Cross.

Thank you, Mr. Sherman, for your support, both as a publisher and a board member of Morrow County Chapter. We will be grateful if you can send the clipping requested.

Sincerely,
Narce Caliva
Field Representative

African Student Talks to Seniors On Visit Here

Abraham Macavore, a foreign exchange student from Sierra Leone, Africa, spoke to Heppner seniors last week. A freshman at the University of Oregon, Macavore is majoring in political science. While here he was a guest of his college roommate, Roger Doherty.

Macavore's first comments were mainly about his country, "Sierra Leone," he explained, "means 'Roaring Lion.'" Telling about his government, he mentioned that there are 72 members of Parliament. Sixty are elected and the other 12 are tribal chiefs. Macavore is the son of a tribal chief. The top office of his country is the Prime Minister. The main religion of Sierra Leone is Christianity, followed by Mohammedanism, with many of the people also being Catholic.

"Sierra Leone is very rich in minerals with between one and two million dollars worth of diamonds being mined each year," he said. Agriculture is the main industry of the country, and because of this, the greatest percentage of work is done by manpower.

Macavore stated that his father has 13 wives, he has 30 half brothers and sisters and his grandfather was imprisoned during the Hot Tax War of 1898 while fighting for independence. Macavore has been in the United States six months and decided to come to America after the discouragement of running for Parliament and being defeated by seven votes.

"The United States is looked upon as very powerful, my people feel that the black are considered inferior over here. Your racial problem is very well known, but the United States is generally accepted," was Macavore's estimate of the American image in Sierra Leone. Macavore explained that English is taught in the schools but education is not free, and because of this 55% of his people are illiterate.

Macavore kept the students laughing with his keen sense of humor and was continually flooded with questions until the bell called the reluctant students back to class.

Mrs. Norman Lynn, Portland and Mrs. Lynn's sister-in-law, Mrs. John Adamson, and nephew, Allan, of Kingston Surrey, England, were week-end guests of Mrs. Mary Bryant. Mrs. Lynn is a sister of Mrs. Bryant. Mrs. Adamson and her nephew are on an extended visit in this country and were very impressed with the western part of the U. S.

Ski Club Slates Sale Of Bulbs as Project

Members of the Arbuckle Ski club will start the sale of electric light bulbs next Monday, as a money-making project to raise funds to develop the Arbuckle Mountain Ski area, it has been announced by Arnold Melby, club president.

A famous make line of pre-tested light bulbs, guaranteed to last two full years, at prices ranging from 50c to 65c, will be available from the club members.

The ski area has been a popular spot for week-end skiers the past winter. It will continue to stay open Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 12:00 to 4:30, with tow in operation, as long as snow conditions remain good. Recent snow has improved skiing and roads are being kept open.

National Library Week Coming; New Books Added

National Library week will be observed next week and emphasis on the week will be placed here, according to Mrs. Blanche Brown, librarian.

Posters and other promotional material are to be distributed to call attention to the week, under the theme, "Reading is the Key."

As a feature of National Library week, overdue books brought in to the local library during that time will not be charged for, Mrs. Brown said.

Twenty-three new adult books have been added at the library. Some of these are suitable as reference works for students. New juvenile and young adult books are being added and a list will be published soon.

The adult books are: "The Torch Is Passed," Associated Press; "East of the Cascades," by Brogan; "Westward Tilt," by Morgan; "Stone Age on the Columbia," by Strong; "Governors of Oregon," by Turnbull; "Chinook: A History and Dictionary," by Atterbury; "Nefertiti," by Wells; "Naked Came I," by Weiss; "The Scent of Water," by Goudge; "African Creeks I Have Been Up," by Spencer.

"The First Day of Friday," by Tracy; "The Bedford Incident," by Rasco; "Reuben, Reuben," by DeVries; "The Shoes of the Fisherman," by West; "The Richmond Rain," by Hodge; "A Shade of Difference," by Drury; "The Spy Who Came in From the Gold," by le Carre; "The Last Love," by Costain; "A Savage Place," by Slaughter; "Dead Water," by Marsh; "Fuel for the Flame," by Waugh.

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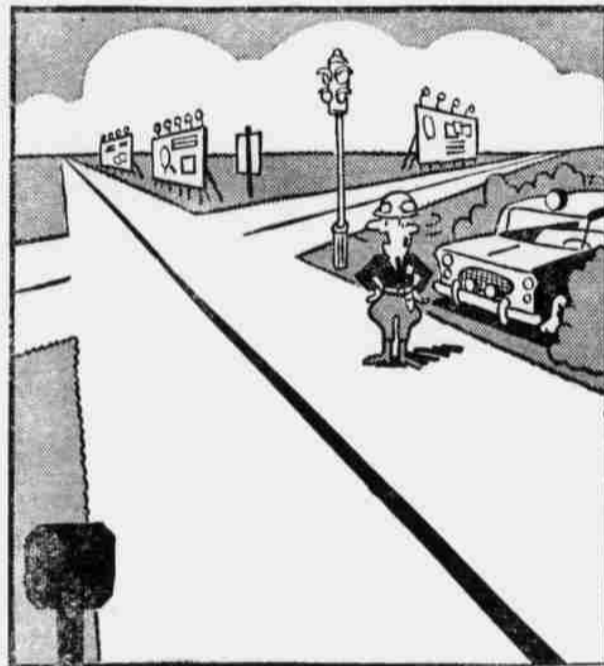
PACK MEETING
Heppner Cub Scouts—Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. Grade school cafeteria. Den chiefs and parents urged to attend.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Old Bakery Building, Friday, Saturday, April 10, 11. Lots of fine bargains! Support the Kindergarten.

BAND CARNIVAL
Lots of fun for everyone! Saturday, April 11, Fair Pavilion building. Supper served 5:30 to 6:30. Gateway opens at 6:30.

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