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## Our City Could Be Even More Beautiful

A big round moon smiled down from a deep blue sky in gathering dusk as one looked to the southeast from Heppner High school the other evening. It seemed to be suspended just a few hundred feet above Pioneer Memorial hospital, which stood proudly on its vantage point overlooking the city of Heppner.

From the high school one could see portions of the city nestled among the round brown hills that guard it on three sides with Hinton and Willow Creek canyons cutting through them in the distance.

What a beautiful sight! What a picturesque setting for a city!

Heppner is a beautiful city and one that should make all its residents proud.

But it could be even more beautiful.

When one comes down from a vantage point and starts to look more closely, he notices old car bodies dumped on vacant lots and on hillsides. There are a few ramshackle buildings around that are fire hazards and nuisances. The Willow Creek channel becomes a dumping ground for all manner of debris and litter when it could—with a little work and attention—become a veritable park running through the city.

Junk is scattered in some portions of the town, and there are some areas needing a cleanup just off the business section.

One resident came to the council meeting Monday night to call the matter to the attention of the city dads. A second joined in by reporting an unsightly condition in another neighborhood.

The city has a nuisance ordinance that prohibits conditions which are hazardous or detrimental to the public health and welfare. There is some question on whether it is broad enough to cover the conditions mentioned above.

But it isn't so much a question of law as it is of civic pride.

Our police force isn't large enough to begin to apprehend all those who engage in "litter bugging" in one form or another. And neighbors are reluctant to file complaints against neighbors who are observed cluttering the city.

The best answer is to arouse a greater public consciousness of the need to make our city attractive. It isn't a matter of pride alone, for it involves property values and the potential to attract new families and business enterprises with consequent greater prosperity for all.

## Dangers of the Detour

Closure of the Main Street bridge for reconstruction for the next 3½ months means that traffic will be detoured via Church and Gale streets for that length of time.

This will bring some additional hazards to the residential area in that section of town because of the increased traffic that the side streets will bear.

Gene Pierce brought the matter to the attention of the council Monday night, pointing out that there are many children in the neighborhood, and they are not accustomed to heavy traffic. On one recent day he counted 20 children playing beside the Episcopal church, and not infrequently does one dart out into the street.

While the detour is being used, heavy trucks will be traveling the route. Should a child run out into the street ahead of such a vehicle tragedy could result.

On Sundays many cars are parked around the Methodist, Episcopal and Catholic churches, all clustered in the same approximate location. Angle parking leaves room for only one lane of traffic. It would seem that parallel parking should be invoked voluntarily by churchgoers "for the duration" to help alleviate congestion and potential accidents.

All motorists using the detour are urged to use caution and a 15 mile per hour speed should be the maximum in the area. Parents, too, should be aware of the hazard and keep small children out of the streets.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NOW THAT we suddenly learn that Wayne Brubacher and family are going to leave us we have a qualm of conscious. Surely he didn't take us seriously on all the ribbing we gave him about his shiny bald head? If that had anything to do with it, Wayne, we'll consider letting you give us a pig shave, if you'll stay.

GILES FRENCH of Moro is turning out to be a real versatile fellow. He is truly a weekly newspaperman, even though he has sold his Sherman County Journal to Dan Bartlett. Giles still writes the editorials there and continues his pithy column, "These Things We Note."

He is up to his ears in politics, running for state senator from our 18th district, and will oppose incumbent Ben Musa in the fall.

And now we learn that he has written a book, published by Einfelds and Mori of Portland, "Cattle Country of Peter French." It was due as of June 1 but we have not yet seen a copy.

Giles was in Heppner on business the other day and dropped in for a chat. He said that he wanted to write the book, about Cattleman Peter French and his contemporaries, with historical realism and to leave out extravagant yarns that have been told and written about men of the Old West.

He wasn't even anxious to use many pictures in the book but the publishers insisted on it, so the 170 pages of text is illustrated with a good many photographs.

Speaking of the early cattle-men, Giles declares, "They were not heroes or demons; they qual-

ified for neither role. The popular depiction of them a distorted one. Those riders were people, not gods on horseback, and they faced the same personal problems as their grandsons, who now daily head for shop or office."

Written by a man who knows how to express himself succinctly and vividly, this should be a real good book and a contribution to the historical record of eastern Oregon, an area that seems to be quite deficient.

CHARLIE RUGGLES dropped over this morning to show us what hail does to growing wheat. He had a clump that he had pulled while out adjusting an insurance claim after Monday's storm. Most of the developing heads were broken off cleanly, leaving only stub ends. Other stalks had been hit and were fractured. Heads that remain, if they have been struck with the hailstones, will turn white and are ruined. It's just hard to imagine how severe some of those freakish storms can be.

FRANK TURNER MADE a little talk at Chamber of Commerce the other day about the C of C brochures. He said they need to be distributed more extensively. Maybe it was just the way he said it, but when Frank made the following comment, it brought a hearty laugh: "When I read this brochure myself, I feel much better about the county."

Mr. and Mrs. Don Hevener and son Brian, arrived Monday to spend a week with Mrs. Hevener's parents, the Salings.

## Memorial Reunion Picnic Calls Large Crowd Here

It was a happy reunion for many old-time friends Saturday when many traveled long distances to attend the annual Morrow County Memorial Day Reunion picnic at the fair pavilion. About 200 persons registered in the guest book during the day, with Arthur R. Crawford coming the farthest distance, from San Jose, Calif.

Oldest pioneer present was Mrs. Casha Shaw, age 83, who now resides in Hermiston. Close behind were Mrs. Myra Potter, Portland, and E. B. Rice, Heppner, both 81. Youngest present was Claudia Jo Huston, 18-month old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Huston.

Frank Turner, acting chairman, welcomed those present and proceeded with nominations for officers for the coming year. Elected unanimously were Judge Oscar Peterson, president, and Mrs. Ed Gonty, secretary. Peterson then presided over introductions and announcements.

Many organizations and committees were involved in plans and work for the success of the event. Registering and greeting guests were members of the Soroptimist club, with coffee served to early comers by the Rebekah lodge. Tables were put up and set by the American Legion. An efficient crew of Rebekah lodge members took care of arranging the potluck dinner, with ham and rolls furnished by the pioneer organization, and the Rainbow Girls were busy waitresses at the tables. Dixie cups were furnished by the lone Lions club and punch was furnished by Hager's Dairy.

Some of the old-timers coming from long distances included Mr. and Mrs. Ted Miller, Marysville, Calif.; Bertha Dinges, Grants Pass; Roy S. Wakefield, Sheridan; Burt Coxen, and Mrs. Karl Miller, Myrtle Tyler Reaney, all of Salem; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Oak Grove; Roy Thomas, Margaret Thomas, Inez Lyons, Tacie Parker, all of Walla Walla; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wells and Lawrence Reaney of Vancouver, Wn.; Inez Tyler, Kodiak, Alaska; Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Tyler, Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed, Elgin; Nettie Currin Cox, Gladstone; Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Crawford, DeLake; Ellis Moyer, Spokane.

Named to honors from the junior class are: Cheryl Lundell, 3.8 and Sidney Zinter, 3.8. Three sophomores attained honors for the 18-week period. Cheryl Smouse, 3.66; Karen Hams, 3.5 and Mark Halvorsen, 3.33 were the three named. Freshmen on the list were: Denise Matthews 3.66; Karen Nelson, 3.5; and Berniece Matthews, 3.33.

Honor roll students are those students earning a grade point average of 3.25 to 4.00. Honorably mention students for the honor roll are those who earn a GPA between 3.00 and 3.249.

Eight students received honorable mention for the honor roll. Seniors, Cheryl Benson, 3.00 and Delores Emert 3.00. Juniors Lee O'Connor, 3.00. Sophomores, Jay Ball, 3.00; John McElligott, 3.00. Freshmen, Jerry Stefan, 3.16; Mary Nichols, 3.16; and Linda Rowell, 3.00.

## Funeral Held In California For Mrs. Webb

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 2, for Mrs. Minnie Leach Webb, 88, at the First Christian church in San Leandro, Calif., according to word received by Lexington friends.

Mrs. Webb, a resident of Lexington for many years, had been making her home during recent years with a daughter, Mrs. W. R. (Opal) Tidwell in San Leandro. Before leaving Lexington, she donated the building known as Leach General Merchandise Store which she and her former husband operated, to the Lexington IOOF and Rebekah lodges for their use as a meeting hall. At one time the Lexington Theater was also in operation in part of the building. They made their home on the ranch now occupied by the Bob Lovgrens.

Mrs. Webb was a member of Holly Rebekah lodge and of the First Christian church in Lexington. She became quite well known here for her work in amateur paintings.

Among relatives still living here are Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Ina Nichols. She is survived by three daughters, Opal, Wilma and Leona, and by one son, James.

Mailing addresses for Mrs. Tidwell is Box 3155, San Leandro, Calif.

Four local boys enjoyed a three-day camp out at Bull Prairie last week. Arriving home late Saturday were Mark Murray, Mark Brown, Matt Murray, and Ray Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Chin and Willie Mac of Hermiston, were here Monday to decorate graves. While here, they called at the home of Sheriff and Mrs. C. J. D. Bauman.

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## Sherman to Leave For National Meet

Bill Sherman, winner of the state Future Business Leaders spelling contest, will leave by train from Portland June 11 to participate in the national FBLA convention in Washington, D. C., June 14-16. He will be a contestant in the national spelling relay on Monday, June 15, with representatives from chapters from virtually every state.

The state FBLA, Heppner High school student body, local organizations and businesses have contributed funds to partially defray cost of the trip. Fifty dollars was given by the student body, \$25 from the state chapter, \$25 from the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, \$25 from the Bank of Eastern Oregon and \$10 from the Heppner Soroptimists club.

Bill, who was valedictorian of the Heppner High class of 1964, will join Oregon's delegates to the convention and the state adviser in Portland for the trip east.

At the conclusion of the 3-day convention, Bill will go to New York and will attend the World's Fair before returning by train. He will arrive home June 23 and plans to devote the remainder of the summer working at Stayton Canning Co., Stayton, before entering the University of Oregon in the fall.

## IONE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristow have had word that their grandson, Kevin Bristow of Portland, received a badly broken leg just below the knee, while playing baseball. He will have to wear a cast for eight weeks.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan over the week-end were their daughter, Marilyn, and her friend, Judy Merchant of Portland. The girls enjoyed some time at Hat Rock at the McNary Boat club while here. Mr. Morgan returned last Wednesday from a trip to Boise, where he attended Western Wheat Associates meeting as a director of that group.

Members of the Senior class were entertained with a dinner at Stefan's Banquet Room last Wednesday by the PTA. Tables were decorated with a graduation theme. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Harryman, Dick Strait and Mrs. Henry Krebs, PTA president, were present besides the 14 seniors.

Survivors include his widow, Ida Coleman at the home of Mrs. Ida Coleman on Memorial Day were her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Gaarsland of Condon and her daughters and families, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Healy and family of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Crawford and family

## Funeral Services For W. C. Dobyns Held on Saturday

IONE — Funeral services were held Saturday, May 30, in the lone United Church of Christ for Walter Clyde Dobyns, 69, former long time resident of Ione, who passed away after an extended illness at a hospital in Portland on May 27, 1964. Mr. Dobyns had retired and they had moved to Eugene about a year ago. Reverend Kenneth Robinson of Valby and Hope Lutheran churches conducted the services. Interment was in the Valby cemetery. Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Jr., was vocalist with Mrs. Clarence Carmichael at the organ. Honorary pallbearers were Omar Rietmann, Walter Roberts, Carl Bergstrom, Roy W. Lindstrom, Henry Peterson, Charles O'Connor, Herbert Ekstrom, Sr., and William Bergstrom. Active bearers were Herbert Peterson, Robert Peterson, Gus Peterson, Ted Peterson, Robert Jepsen, and Victor Peterson.

Graveside services were conducted by Masonic Lodge No. 120, AF&AM, with Paul Jones, district deputy, delivering the eulogy and by American Legion Post No. 95 with Gene Rietmann as the bugler.

Mr. Dobyns was born October 19, 1894 in Portland, son of William H. and Emma R. Dobyns. His parents moved to Ione while he was quite small, and his father practiced law here until his death about 10 years later. He was educated in the lone schools and farmed for many years on a ranch south of Ione, which is now farmed by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen. He served in the army in World War I. Mr. Dobyns married Esther M. Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Peterson in 1923 in Heppner and to this union one daughter was born.

In 1945 they moved from the ranch to Ione, where Mr. Dobyns was engaged in the insurance business until his retirement. He was a member of lone Lodge No. 120, AF&AM, Heppner chapter No. 26, RAM, Pendleton Commandery No. 7, and Locust chapter No. 119, OES. Always interested in Masonic work, he was past master of the lone lodge, past worthy patron of Locust chapter, and a past district deputy of the Masonic lodge. He was a member of the Lutheran church and of the American Legion.

Survivors include his widow,

Esther, and daughter, Mrs. Tad (Wilma) Hardesty, both of Eugene; two brothers, Noel, of Florence, and Harold, of Pendleton; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Out of town relatives and friends here for the services were Mrs. Dobyns, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Crum and her mother, Mrs. Grace Ware of Morton, Wn., all of whom were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jepsen, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Schaad of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Peterson of Blalock, Mr. and Mrs. John Skuzeski of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson and family of Monument, Richard Peterson of Corvallis, and Mr. and Mrs. Victor Peterson of The Dalles.



## Coming Events

FATHER OF YEAR DINNER Honoring Donald Greenup, county winner. Sunday, June 7, Fair grounds. "Do it Yourself Barbecue," 5:00 p.m. Sponsored by Morrow County CowBelles and Livestock Growers.

COUNTY ROCKHOUND CLUB Field trip to Clarno. Sunday, June 7. Meet at Farley's Service Station, 7:00 a.m. Take sack lunches.

IONE AUCTION, BARBECUE Saturday, June 6 Willows Grange Hall Barbecue beef dinner, lots of auction bargains. Stagecoach rides throughout the day. Come and enjoy the fun.

BIRTHDAY CARD PARTY Saturday, June 6, 1:15 p.m. Episcopal Parish Hall. Bridge, pinocle, dessert. Sponsored by Episcopal church women. Benefit for Kitchen Remodeling Fund.

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