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## Merit of Highway Route Via Boardman

Location of a proposed highway from Ellensburg, Wn., to Pendleton, designed as an interstate route with the primary purpose of serving central Washington and western points as a military highway, is in controversy with several areas competing for the route.

When originally proposed, the highway was scheduled to run on a southeasterly line from Ellensburg, via Satus pass to Boardman, crossing the Columbia over Blalock Island with bridges over the north and south channels of the river. It would hit Highway 30 (Interstate 80) at the present interchange of the new highway to Irrigon, about five miles east of Boardman.

Later, negotiations involving the state highway commissions of Oregon and Washington and the Bureau of Public Roads revised the plan to cross the river instead at Umatilla via the existing bridge, then go southeast 14 1/2 miles to Highway 30 near Stanfield.

Just recently the Benton-Franklin Counties Good Roads Association has pressed for rerouting of the highway through Benton City and Richland, then across the Columbia River to just east of Pasco, and from there to Wallula and Pendleton.

Sen. Mike McCormack of Richland has said, "Our state simply cannot afford the long-range economic loss that would be involved in allowing Interstate 82 to bypass the Tri-Cities."

In an editorial in its June 12 issue, the East Oregonian asks, "Is its primary purpose that of providing a fast route for the military from central Washington to Highway 30 or is its primary purpose to serve civilian traffic in the Tri-Cities area?"

It continues, "While the Washington Highway Commission must wrestle with this, and in the process undergo extreme political pressures, the final decision will be made by the Bureau of Public Roads for almost all of the construction cost will be paid by the federal government."

"To what extent the Oregon Highway Commission will be brought into this we cannot estimate. Certainly the Oregon commission will want to avoid getting into a State of Washington political squabble. But it cannot very well avoid having something to say about where the highway comes into the State of Oregon."

While the matter is in contention, it should definitely be pointed out that the original proposal, via Boardman, still has the greatest merit in light of the need first expressed—to provide the fastest, shortest and most direct route that could be used for military movement.

County Judge Oscar Peterson expresses some of the reasoning for the Boardman route in a statement he has issued:

"The Washington Highway Commission on January 22, 1958, voted its approval of inclusion of the 132-mile-long route (Ellensburg-Boardman) in the federal aid interstate system. As proposed, Oregon would be physically involved in the project only to the extent of three miles of road construction and one-half of the cost of a bridge to Boardman. This is on the basis of \$8 to every \$92 of federal money."

"What happened? From the beginning, the highway was conceived for military movement and thus the shortest possible route from Central Washington to Oregon Highway 30 was desired. The Oregon Highway Commission did not concur with the Washington Commission or its proposal. Instead a longer route, by some 13 miles, in the State of Washington, was proposed and a 14 1/2 mile stretch from Umatilla to Stanfield was agreed upon, by both commissions. This alternative, of course, was to take advantage of the existing bridge at Umatilla. It is now generally conceded that this bridge would not be adequate for long, and the so-called shortest possible route could turn out to be by far the most expensive."

"This extremely valid project has turned out to be a political football. In fact, when the Oregon Highway Commission back in 1958 refused to go along with the Washington Commission, it was politics. Several proposals are now in the offing. One tentatively was proposed through Horse Heaven country, but by way of Prosser and through Horse Heaven country and Umatilla. This route has caused much controversy. Wheat producers and others in the Prosser area strongly oppose the route through Horse Heaven. They would go for any route but this."

Judge Peterson suggests that the highway commissions of the two states and the Bureau of Public Roads get together again and establish the Pendleton-Ellensburg highway by way of Boardman as originally intended.

Changes are coming rapidly along the Columbia River waterfront. Developments in the past few years lend even stronger support to the Boardman route. Construction of the John Day dam, the Boeing development and other industrial possibilities will make this complex one that will need to be served by the direct route to Seattle.

The late W. C. Williams, Oregon state highway engineer at the time, said in March, 1958, that the Umatilla bridge would be capable of carrying traffic entirely satisfactorily for a period of at least 25 years. But swiftly moving developments may prove his projection to be greatly in error. At that time, few persons visualized the vast scope of potential development along the river.

There are those who fear that a new bridge at Boardman would spell ruin for the Umatilla bridge. But with developments expected in the Boardman-Irrigon-Umatilla area, this idea may not be well founded. To handle four lanes of traffic, the bridge would have to be widened and this would add considerable cost.

It is understood that the Washington Highway Commission has agreed to improve Highway 12 from Kennewick to Umatilla which would tend to increase travel over the bridge. General development in the Columbia River area would also help assure future use of this bridge.

When the Ellensburg-Pendleton highway was under discussion in 1958, estimates of costs on the Boardman route included the cost of providing four lanes on US 30 from Boardman to the Stanfield Junction. This no longer could be included as a part of the cost of the route because four lanes for Interstate 80 is on the drawing board and will be completed regardless of where Interstate 82 goes.

So it would appear that the Boardman route is not only the shortest, most direct and fastest, thereby serving best the original intention for the highway, but would also wind up to be the least expensive.

In March, 1958, it was estimated that Oregon's share of costs of the Boardman route, including one-half of the south channel structure, would be \$6,153,000. But this included \$2,700,000 for adding two lanes from Boardman to Irrigon. When this is deducted, it leaves but \$3,453,000 as compared with \$4,780,000 as the states cost on the Umatilla route, and this does not include anything for widening the Umatilla bridge. Of course, both costs undoubtedly have climbed proportionately

as of today's prices—six years from the time of estimate.

Aside from politics and the desire to promote a particular area, it would seem that little could be said for the proposed Tri-Cities route when the purpose is to establish the fastest and most direct route to serve central and western Washington and way points. To hit the Tri-Cities would require keeping the route far to the north and certainly add distance and expense. In the not too distant future, the Boardman-Irrigon area could become comparable to the Tri-Cities in population.

It may be too late to get much consideration now, but the Boardman route certainly seems to have a great deal of merit. If the highway goes by way of Umatilla the day may come when the population will wonder why it was ever routed that way in view of developments underway.

## On Naming Juvenile Offenders

A recent report from Girls' State said that delegates there went on record as opposing any movement to publish names of juvenile offenders.

Only a few weeks ago, an Ashland daily newspaper announced that it had changed its policy to name juvenile offenders in its reports.

Contrary to some popular belief, it is not illegal to use the names of juveniles accused or convicted of law violations. Newspapers and other media generally follow the policy of withholding names, especially in cases of misdemeanors and minor violations. In general, the Gazette-Times follows this policy. This is done on the precept that a youngster is immature and that his name should not be clouded by some impetuous and petty act.

However, the steady increase of juvenile offenses has caused many newspapers to give this policy a good, long look. For every paper which has decided to use juveniles' names, many more have at times given it strong consideration.

There are probably no newspapers which would hesitate to use names of minors in the case of a serious crime, unless there were extenuating circumstances surrounding the particular case.

The policy of protecting juveniles, it may be argued, might backfire. Some youngsters pile up a considerable record of petty offenses and may feel secure in the knowledge that their names will not be publicized. When their names do break into print, it might cause them to think twice before participating in some future escapade.

So, when the Girls' State delegates take this action, they should realize that minors are granted a privilege by news media and withholding of names is not a right. Such a group as Girls' State, sponsored by one of the nation's most patriotic organizations, should work to encourage increasing responsibility of our youthful citizenry. It should take leadership in fostering the type of activity for juveniles that all would like to see published.

If the recent action was motivated by the feeling that young people should be given sanctuary from responsibility for their unsocial actions, we are disappointed in the girls.

## Kinzua Golfers Win Trophy from Heppner

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—The Kinzua Golfers brought home the Schroeder-Gribble Traveling trophy by defeating the Heppner Swingers in a team match played on the home course on Sunday, June 21. The trophy had been captured by Heppner in a previous match played on the Willow Creek course.

A total of 56 men and women registered for the day's play and after the flying divots had all settled down and the course cooled off, scoring honors for the day were declared in several divisions: Low gross for Heppner was by Don Turner; for Kinzua, a tie between Milt Boring and Clarence Smith. Low net for Heppner went to Ray Ferguson; for Kinzua, Rollo Loomis. Low gross for Heppner women, Hazel Mahoney; for Kinzua, Arlene Schroeder. Low net for Heppner women, LaFyrne Pratt; for Kinzua women, LaVina Conner.

A group of energetic Fathers produced a fine hot cake with all the trimmings breakfast to start the day and the ladies, not to be outdone, set out a delicious buffet luncheon for mid-afternoon. All in all, a marvelous day of friendship, sociability and golf was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Tipton and family of Creswell were visitors last week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bell. On Monday, they went on to Pendleton, taking Mrs. Bell with them. She remained there for the week to have medical care. Mr. Bell went after her Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Woods and son Max spent the past week visiting relatives and friends in the valley. Cecil Mabe was taken to the Heppner hospital Thursday to have a large sliver removed. The sliver penetrated his hip.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meadows and children left Friday to fly to Oklahoma where they will visit relatives for two weeks. Belinda and Diane Meadows had gone by bus to Grove, Okla., last week and they will spend the summer there.

Mrs. Archie Cox and daughter, Norma, left by train last Monday for Halstead, Kans., where they will visit relatives.

C. L. Flack was taken to the Heppner hospital Tuesday after having his hands caught in a motor while at work. He received severe lacerations to both hands.

Clarence Moore is back at work after having severely sprained his ankle the previous week-end while visiting his folks at Milwaukie.

Mrs. Glendora Smith of Grass Valley was a Tuesday overnight guest of Mrs. Bert Hoover.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bell moved this past week to the home last occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Robertson. Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bell are moving into the Elvin Bell house. Others moving were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Slinkard who moved from Fossil to the house recently occupied by Mrs. Ruth Vreeland.

Mrs. Joe Browning and daughters Linda and Joan and Marla Harpole of La Grande spent Thursday in Portland doing some shopping.

Mrs. Virginia Kelso entertained the Doubledock pinocle club Wednesday evening at her home. High was won by Virginia Sitton, low by Margaret McConnell, and floating by Virginia Sitton and Virginia Kelso. Birthday gifts were presented to Bonnie Campbell and Margaret McConnell. Others enjoying this evening were Margie Ball, Marge Asher, Ronnie Browning, Lily May Nistad, LaVina Conner, Helen Wright, Marge Boring and Marilyn Bailey.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Medlock and family last Monday were Mrs. Dana Gibson and son Richard of Nobleville, Ind. She is Mrs. Medlock's aunt. Then arriving on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Almas and children of Indianapolis, Ind. Mrs. Almas is Mrs. Medlock's sister.

The Camp 5 Women's club had its regular monthly card party Tuesday at the Community hall with Shirley Kyle as hostess. Pinocle was played and high and floating was won by Joan Michel, low by Marie Rhoton and the second floating by Jean Ann Adams. Others playing were Ann and Karen Bastian, Carol Norris, Irene Samples, Nancy Hawk, May James, Signe Anderson and Barbara Mortimore.

Visiting Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Perle Anderson were Mr. and Mrs. George Pikkar of Portland. Then on Friday the Andersons went to Portland to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ted Porter and to attend the wedding of Sharon Albertson and Robert Dunlap at the Tigar Methodist church.

Gene Mortimore went to Redmond Saturday with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Mortimore and Billy Schultz of Twickenham, Gene and Billy rode in the Junior Rodeo there that day.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Michels and family were in The Dalles Saturday for business, shopping and medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Rhoton were in Condon Saturday to have dental care.

Company Has Safety Banquet  
The Safety Banquet held Friday evening for employees of Eastern Oregon Logging Company was attended by 47 people. Stanley Day of Pendleton was the speaker and coming with him were Larry Penkava and Mac McLunkin also of Pendleton. The dinner was cooked and served by the Camp 5 Womens club.

Mrs. Earl Norris and son Kenneth will attend summer school at OSU. They went on to Portland to visit Billie Jean and Dolores Bastian and Mrs. Norris' sister, Mrs. William Carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Arlet Campbell and daughter, Andrea, spent the week-end at John Day visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Freauff of Portland spent Sunday and Monday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Hollomon.

Visiting Friday and Saturday at the Clyde Allstott home were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmidt, parents of Mrs. Allstott, from Lewiston, Ida. Sunday they all motored to Pendleton to visit the R. D. Allstotts. On Monday, Mrs. Lyle Peck of Rufus was a guest for a two-day stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ruggles spent last week in Portland and the Willamette Valley on business. It included attendance at an insurance symposium at the Village Green, Cottage Grove. They left here last Monday and returned Sunday.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"IT MAY be all right to leave your money in your car, but not your keys!" So said Mrs. Dick (Inez) Meador who had an unusual experience in La Grande Monday.

She had gone there to register for summer session at EOC and left the car parked at the campus. After being gone for about two hours, she came back, and the new Oldsmobile was missing—gone—kaput!

It wasn't nearby, and so she called the police, concluding that it had been stolen, which, indeed, it was.

The gal in the police office told Mrs. Meador and daughter, Tammi, "The best thing for you is just to go on home," assuring them that the officers would do their best to locate the car.

But this wasn't easy to do. There is no bus nor train to Heppner, and they had no relatives to call on, and so they just continued wandering around, looking for the car.

Finally Tammi spotted it near a bowling alley. Mrs. Meador took out the keys and called the officers again, thinking that the culprit might be in the bowling alley. Two characters came out and started walking away. The officers arrived and Mrs. Meador tried to get them interested in stopping the pair, but they didn't seem inclined to do so.

They mentioned a "Mike" as being the one that probably took this car, too. Apparently he was a fellow who was quite inclined to borrow cars without permission.

In the front seat of the car was a coin purse that had not been touched, the money still inside. Books of Mrs. Meador's were also undisturbed. But the new car showed 100 more miles on the speedometer than it had had at 2 p.m. This Inez knew quite well because she had watched it turn over 1500 on the way over. It was all dusty from having gone to some dusty place. Mrs. Meador suggested to the officers that they check for fingerprints in the dust but they decided not to. So finally, thankful to have the car back, even though the gas tank was a little lower on fuel, Mrs. Meador and Tammi just drove on home.

She decided not to enter summer session after all, not so much because the car was stolen on registration day, but she could only get three hours of the courses she needed and decided it wasn't worth the trouble. Do you suppose "Mike" will send the Meadors a thank you note?

THE COPY of the Gazette-Times that was destined to reach the vacationing publishers at Gearhart last week had a different headline than the papers going to regular subscribers. This special copy had the banner line "We Did It, Y'ALL . . . Punt!" Such a line would mean something to the publishers because the "Y'ALL" would identify it as the work of the Texan—Jim Chauncey, and the "Punt!" could be none other than the favorite saying of Jim Morris. The two shared front office duties in our absence, and along with the standby veterans, Arnold Raymond (the pro tem "boss" for the week), and Joe Hartle, they surely did get the job done in fine style. We surely never worried about it, although this was the first time we had missed an issue of the paper. Sadly, though, the "special" copy of the paper did not reach us before we left Gearhart, but we saw one upon our return. If anything, they were in the mail earlier than usual, which probably should be our cue to be gone more often. Unfortunately, however, Uncle Sam has first call on both Jims, and the end of the summer will find them both gone.

SURELY WAS one of the nicest trips we have had in many years. Including the nephew's wedding in Forest Grove, the convention at Gearhart, and visits with friends and relatives in-between, we saw more people we knew on this trip than any previous one we can recall.

Take Uncle Caly (Sherman). He lives in St. Helens. Hadn't seen him for 10 years, and at 82 he looks just as chipper as he did 25 years ago. It was a joy to see him and recall old times.

My earliest recollections include Uncle Caly. He and dad were partners in a sawmill at a place called Olequa, Washington. How many know where that is? Uncle Caly's daughter, Nelda, and the writer used to get into all manner of escapades. When we were both six years of age, we came close to blowing ourselves to kingdom come when we got into the powder house and made off with a bunch of dynamite. We knew we were in to something that was taboo, but we didn't know just what. Nelda squealed, and that nipped that big boom in the bud.

Uncle Caly has never been to Heppner, but he sent him the paper, and he and his daughter and son-in-law, Bethella, and Wally Lambert, say that it is quite a funny situation when it arrives every week. They scap over who gets to read it first, and they don't know a soul here! We consider that a real nice compliment for the folks around here who do such interesting things as to attract readership like that.

WE VISITED the Bob Cantowines and found Sir Robert in a harassed condition as they

were just getting settled in their rented house at 124 Court St., Dallas, where he will coach starting in the fall.

Unfortunately, Velma had opened some cupboard doors and found a few rolls of wallpaper. She lost no time in suggesting that Bob put it on some upstairs rooms, and he was unhappily engaged in this project when we arrived.

This summer Bob is coaching some YMCA basketball teams in Salem. The folks in Dallas are really taking to the Cantonwines.

RECENTLY Leno V. Christensen, of the department of agricultural mechanics at OSU, visited Heppner for consultation on the proposed agriculture shop here. He is a friend of 25 years standing and dropped in at that time to say hello. On the trip to the valley we visited them and had dinner with Chris and Ida Mae in their new home that overlooks hundreds of square miles of the Willamette Valley from a high vantage point near Corvallis.

Chris told of bringing another friend with him to Heppner for the companionship on the ride. This friend spotted a car in one of the local dealer's showrooms that was just what he wanted. He went in and asked for demonstration ride. He liked it, came back and wrote out a check for the car.

Chris had to ride all the way back to the valley alone while his friend enjoyed the return in his new car. (See what it means to have people come visit in the home town?)

THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY is as lush and green as it has ever been. It has really been sopping up the rain while Eastern Oregon was parched. An interesting thing, though, is that everyone over there well knows that the eastern part of the state has been hurting for moisture, and all are concerned and sympathetic about it. They would have liked to send some of the moisture back with us.

LAMBERT is on the St. Helens school board and knows Don Olscheld, now in the St. Helens system, very well. Don formerly was administrator at A. C. Houghton school, Irrigon, until he left a year ago. They think the world of him over there, too.

## Student to Supply Lutheran Pulpit

Charles Eckert, seminary intern from Emmanuel Lutheran church in Walla Walla, Wn., will conduct the worship services at Hope and Valby Lutheran churches on Sunday, June 28. He will begin his final year of seminary study this fall at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa.

Hope and Valby members will hold their annual church picnic July 5 at Cutsforth Park. James Trengsrud will conduct the service at the park at 11 a.m.

Members of the congregation will worship at Trinity Lutheran in Hermiston on Sunday, July 12. At that time Rev. Overt J. Lansver, missionary to India, will show a film and will preach at the morning worship service. A potluck dinner will follow.

Pastor and Mrs. Robinson currently are in Madison, Wis., training for the Bethel Bible Series. Facilities at the University of Wisconsin are being used in the two week study course.

Ron Leonnig, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Leonnig has completed his schooling at Moler Barber College in Portland and is currently employed in a barber shop in Lebanon.

## Davidson Gets Degree In Education at OCE

Robert Harold Davidson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Davidson, Sr., Lexington, graduated from Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, at commencement exercises June 6, 1964, with a bachelor of science degree in secondary education.

Davidson will teach in high school and coach during the coming year. At present he is employed in Portland and is attending college there, working towards a master's degree.

The Davidson's daughter, Miss Beverly Davidson, is also a student in secondary education and is a junior at the University of Portland. She is employed this summer at Stefan's in Ione.

## Eighth Grade Tour Booklet Published

A souvenir booklet of Portland's Eighth Grade tour through Morrow county's wheat and cattle lands has been published under auspices of the sponsoring committee, according to N. C. Anderson, tour director. Copies will be available at moderate cost. Anderson said. Any interested in obtaining a copy are asked to contact him.

The booklet is plastic bound into an attractive souvenir for the youngsters. A limited number may be available at moderate cost. Anderson said. Any interested in obtaining a copy are asked to contact him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Johnson and family moved this week to their new residence at 55 West 27th Street, Eugene. Johnson recently resigned as high school librarian to accept the position as assistant director of Lane County Instructional Materials Center, with duties to begin July 1.



## Coming Events

FIREWORKS DISPLAY, DANCE  
Friday evening, July 3  
Ione Memorial Field, Ione high school.  
Fireworks at 9:00, dance from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.  
Sponsored by Ione Legion.

SIDEWALK BAZAAR  
Downtown Heppner, July 10 and 11.  
Plan now to join in the fun. Sidewalk bargains, booths, stagecoach rides, entertainment for all.

INSTALLATION DINNER  
Heppner Soroptimist Club Saturday, June 27, 6:30 p.m. Methodist church basement. Members, husbands, guests. Installation, initiation.

HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL  
Open daily, except Monday afternoons, evenings, Sundays, afternoon only. Season individual and family tickets on sale.

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