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## Forgotten Again?

It is hard to stifle disappointment at first glance at the governor's proposed program to supplement highway revenue in order to take care of needed highway construction.

In the projects listed, 60 of them, Morrow county was not mentioned. It is realized, of course, that when something like this is proposed, every section of the state may be expected to come up with a "me, too."

But is a little more than that with Morrow county. Delegations from here, generally headed by Judge Oscar Peterson, have been appealing to the Highway Commission for highway improvements for years. At one such hearing, Sam Malli-coat, director of state planning and development, appeared on behalf of the county. Appeals have been made to the governor, too.

At times, these delegations have come back with some rather heartening half promises, but always the story from the commission has been, "We just don't have the funds available at this time."

Now under the governor's proposed program, the gas tax would be increased 1c per gallon, the motor license fee would be increased \$5 per year, and the bond limit would be increased.

Our residents will help pay the bill and they will get some of the benefits when they go to other parts of the state. But it apparently isn't going to help us at home on a major improvement project. What work is done here, so far as it appears on the face of the program, will come through highway maintenance funds, pecking away at blind corners and building shoulders. This is appreciated, but the county, with roads in the condition that they are, have the right for more.

Is Morrow county to be forgotten again?  
As this is written, we note that Giles French has similar comments in the Sherman County Journal:

"We are pretty sure the governor had no part in making the proposed program of road building in that message. It came directly from the state highway engineer, Forrest Cooper, who has a desire to help his old home town of Dufur. The program would build 7.9 miles of road from south of that town to the top of Tygh Ridge. The road is needed and should be built some day, but already \$4,000,000 has been grafted for that road and spent in recent years.

"It is only proper that The Dalles-Criterion road should wait until more important roads are improved. We see no mention of the John Day highway, the Heppner highway, nor of highway 97, all or any of which should be improved before more money is spent on 197."

We hope sincerely that we are not right about this, but it certainly appears that Morrow county has been getting the stalling treatment by the highway commission all these years.

## Our Bill of Rights

(From 'It's Your Law' of Oregon State Bar)

With December 15 being observed as "Bill of Rights Day" throughout the land, many persons should be thinking about this important "document" means to them.

The American "Bill of Rights," consisting of the first ten amendments to our federal constitution, all adopted at one time in 1791, specifies in some detail a number of basic civil rights of the individual citizen. Unaltered by subsequent amendments and jealously guarded by our courts, these privileges must still be respected by our governing bodies today.

Among the most familiar of our constitutional guarantees are those relating to freedom of religion, speech, and of the press. The same article protects the rights of peaceable assembly and the privilege of petitioning the government for redress of grievances.

Another amendment secures our persons, houses, papers and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures, and specifies that no warrants shall issue but upon probable cause, and unless supported by oath or affirmation.

The due process of law amendment encompasses not one but several guarantees. Every American is secured against being placed twice in legal jeopardy for the same offense, against being compelled to be a witness against himself in a criminal case, his private property taken for public use without just compensation.

He is also secured against being held for trial for a capital (death penalty) or other infamous crime, unless upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. And, of course, no person may be deprived of life, liberty or property without orderly court procedures, on due process of law.

The right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury, in the locality where the crime was committed, the right to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation, and the rights to compel attendance of defense witnesses and to have the assistance of defense counsel in all criminal prosecutions are secured by another section of the "Bill of Rights." Excessive bail and fines, and cruel and unusual punishments, are prohibited in Amendment VIII.

The Tenth Amendment further emphasizes the basic theory by providing: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."

Thus, that fundamental philosophy expressed in the Declaration of Independence, that men are endowed with certain inalienable rights, and that "to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed," has been carried forward into the highest law of our land.

LITTLE ADS... **BIG RESULTS**

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

A GREENHORN COMING to this country could ordinarily spot a rancher in weather like this because he'd be the fellow on the street who would be grinding like Charlie Daly was Monday while rain drizzled off his nose. On a day like Tuesday, he'd still be grinning while snow covered his hat.

But some ranchers are looking a wee bit grim in spite of all the moisture. They are those who delayed planting because of the early fall dry spell. The way it's going, the county will probably have more spring grain planting in '65 than ever before.

THIS IS the season of "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to Men" but watch out for all kinds of chicanery, skulduggery and nefarious malice in the big basketball doubleheader Friday night at Ione. The Lions club will have two teams, one playing the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the other (those over 35) taking on the older members of the business community, the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce.

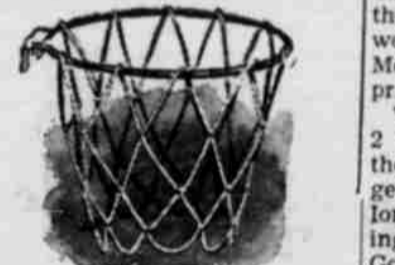
We predict there will be a big share of ludicrous nonsense in the play, too, although both sides are going to use any tactics possible to win.

The Chamber of Commerce boys, we happen to know, are feeling pretty cocky after they defeated the Jaycees in a tug-of-war at the rodeo queen's coronation in late summer. You see such guys as Herman Winter, Clint McQuarrie and Pete McMurry going around the street ripping their biceps and gnashing their teeth.

We'd wager, though, that some of these vociferous players of Coach Jim Farley have never seen a basketball game. They're just liable to get out on the court and start playing London bridge or gin rummy.

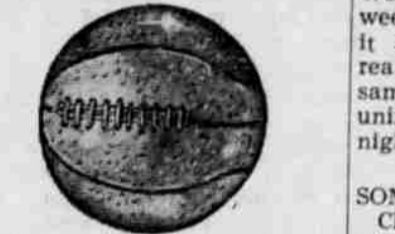
SINCE WE wouldn't want them to be embarrassed, we thought perhaps we should print a few rudiments of the game.

This thing pictured below is called a "hoop," or a "net":



Also used in the game is a leather or rubber spheroid, known as a "basketball" and sometimes called a "casaba," "round ball," and if a team is far behind, its coach is liable to call it something else, along with all members of the opposing team and especially the officials.

Pictured below is a "basketball." (Those who are going to play Friday night should clip and save for reference):



Object of the game is for a team to so propel the ball that it goes down through the hoop. For achieving this feat, it gets two points.

For the benefit of such husky stalwarts as Bob Abrams and Rod Murray of the Chamber and Paul Pettyjohn Sr., of the Lions, we must point out that it is strictly illegal to throw an opposing player, or any part of him, through the hoop. While a glance at some of their stomachs might confuse others into mistaking this part of their anatomy for a basketball, this error definitely should not be made.

This may be hard for Abrams to understand, since his athletic experience was gained on the football field and in mountain climbing, and also with Murray because he is a bulldogging specialist and might have difficulty being convinced that a Lion should be treated more tenderly than a Hereford steer.

CUSTOM REQUIRES THAT each game tolerate some miserable, decrepit and universally unpopular characters, called, for want of a suitable epithet, "officials." These are carefully chosen on the basis of their poor eyesight, uncontrollable tempers, their ability to have their attention focused on a pretty girl in the stands during a key play, and their gentle and kindly solicitude towards coaches.

The Lions, Jaycees and Chamber participants all agree that they have some very well qualified for this job in Peck Leathers and County Judge Oscar Peterson for the Friday night imbroglios.

COACH RAY BOYCE of the Lions has been strangely quiet as game time nears. He's got something up his sleeve. Would't be a bit surprised to see him producing Mel Counts of the Boston Celtics out of a hat Friday night. Of course, he has a couple nearly as good in Charlie O'Connor and Ted Palmater.

Earlier today we had an interview with a former famous hoop star who will be seen in action for the Chamber. He was an all-star guard of McGrew High school and was named most valuable player in the Alliance tournament in 1932. Where is McGrew, you ask? Well, roughly somewhere between Toltgate, Oregon, and New York, N. Y., but closer to Chadron, S. D. This man is Roice Fullerton, and he is all primed and rarin' to go Friday night.

If Coach Jim Farley isn't too tired from watching the TV replay of the Battle of the Bulge Tuesday night to think about some of the bulging waistlines on his team, he'll probably also start "Phenomenal Phil" Mahoney and "Joltin' John" Venard.

Farley brags that he has "plenty of reserves capable of starting" (and that's about all). (Ed note: The latter phrase is our own).

Assisting Farley will be LaVerne Van Marter, who'll be armed with a 30-30 to prevent the Chamber boys from fleeing from the floor.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo heads up a crack squad of trainers for the Chamber, and he is enlisting the entire facilities of the Oregon Medical association on the theory that they will all surely be needed.

Meanwhile, Van Marter is coming dough like mad selling insurance policies to all his players. Each player will be furnished with a dog tag for easy identification as he keels over on the floor.

AS GAME TIME nears, sale of Absorbine Jr. and bandages at the drug store is equalled only by the brisk ticket sales.

Lindsay Kincaid of the Lions declares that spectators will see the most dazzling uniforms ever worn by a basketball team in Morrow county, well worth the price of admission alone.

The Lions have had their No. 2 unit, the one that will play the Jaycees, working in high gear, enlisting the aid of the lone town team and the coaching staff of Ione High, including Gordon Meyers and Gene Dockter. Also included will be the Lindstrom brothers, Roy and Art; John Jepsen, Herb Ekstrom Jr., Francis Rea, Leland McKinney and others.

We know Coach Harley Sager of the Jaycees has some powerful players for the contest and hear that Dr. Bob Todd is on a strict diet of beef steak, toast and tea, but the coach hasn't listed a roster of players.

So—if you want to see basketball at its best, attend the Far-West classic in Portland next week. But if you want to see it at its funniest and have a real enjoyable evening—at the same time helping the lone band uniform fund—get out Friday night.

SOME OF THESE beautiful Christmas trees you see around town required some real personal sacrifices and hardships to obtain. Take the one at the First National Bank. A crew from the bank went out Saturday to get it. They spotted it down in Wall creek, drove the rig down towards it, got stuck, couldn't get out and finally had to come out via Sunflower Flats. This just about made them miss the bank's Christmas party, but the heroic party, headed by Harley Sager, straggled in, exhausted and weary, sometime in the evening.

WHEN YOU look at that tree in

## TO THE EDITOR...

### Opposed to Site

Dear Editor:

Dr. Errett Hummel's recommendation to place the elementary schools in Irrigon and Boardman and locate a combination Junior-Senior High School somewhere between the two towns has been received with mixed emotions. In theory this would seem to be an acceptable compromise, and it is somewhat understandable that the Morrow County School Board should accept the recommendation.

The problems created by this seemingly simple solution are many, such as the creation of a third community in the North End of the County. (On the surface this would seem self explanatory, but it is not this simple.) Irrigon and Boardman are low tax base towns, and have been working hard to provide a community water and sewer system. Boardman is in the unique position of building an entire new town with the U. S. Government paying a large part of the costs. Both Irrigon and Boardman have obtained professional help to plan their communities, and to provide modern facilities for the projected population growth in the North End. These two communities (as Dr. Hummel stated in his report) have worked diligently to accomplish this, so it would seem somewhat unrealistic to establish a third uncontrolled community.

While the Corps of Engineers has indicated they will participate in this program, it would be on a percentage basis. The burden of providing the balance of the funds would be borne by the Morrow County taxpayers. The additional construction costs can be estimated to be \$150,000. While the scheduling, administration and transportation problems are many, we need only be concerned with these insofar as they affect our budget. With the operation of a third plant would come the additional costs for constructing and maintaining a separate heating facility, a separate custodian, additional landscaping to be maintained, additional light and power costs, and general maintenance costs. This could increase our annual budget to upwards of \$40,000. It seems impossible to justify building and maintaining three separate schools for approximately 350 students.

After five years of seeking a site for the Boardman school, it would seem the School Board would be justified in reconsidering their acceptance of Dr. Hummel's report, especially when it presents a complete new plan that involves so many new aspects. It seems the School Board needs to get some detailed plans drawn, along with realistic cost estimates, before proceeding with the new plan.

These problems can only be resolved by bringing together responsible people from the affected Public Agencies, the Corps of Engineers, Morrow County School Board, Morrow County Planning Commission, County Court, State Health Department, and last but not least, the Morrow County taxpayers.

Sincerely,  
Dewey W. West, Jr.  
Mayor  
City of Boardman

Heppner Grill, you'll swear it just can't be. Like the farmer who saw the giraffe first time and declared, "There ain't no such animal."

Confers just don't grow as full and bushy as the one in the grill but Mrs. Bud (Marvel) Hebert swears solemnly that there isn't a single limb wired on.

THE BILL BLAKES, writing from Monmouth this week, said that Morrow county will always be home to them.

This we well agree with after looking at the return on their envelope. They had written almost instinctively "Heppner, Oregon" in the corner and had to scratch over it and change it to "Monmouth." Homesick, Bill and Shirley?

### Blakes Write

Dear Wes:

We are well situated by now, having bought a home in a new addition of Monmouth. The entire family likes it real well except for the excessive rain. I sure wish there was some way that it could be shared with Eastern Oregon. The address is 262 Stadium Drive S., Monmouth. We take this means to invite you all to drop in when you are in this country.

Karen and Kathy attend junior high school in Independence. Jenny is a freshman at Central High school, and old dad is attending Oregon College of Education, which I am enjoying immensely, and the boss of the family, Shirley, is working as a secretary at the college. I am also working part-time for Boise-Cascade Corporation, so you can see that we are all staying busy. We really haven't had time to get homesick yet.

I have met many people in Polk county who remember you and your family well. They all say to give you their regards. Many ex-residents of Morrow county are at present residing here. My wife remembers Jack Morton, Henry Tetz, and Marilyn Miller, now all associated with the college. Ken and Betty Hoyt (Betty Coxen) former residents of Heppner, the Tress McClintock's and many others, and I swear that everyone in Polk, Marion and Benton know Violet Lanham.

We still await anxiously the arrival of the Gazette-Times each week, enjoying reading the activities of the community. We are afraid that Morrow county will always be home to us. Our best regards to you all and a very sincere invitation to you all to drop in and see us.

Sincerely,  
The Blakes,  
Bill, Shirley, Beverly,  
Jenny, Karen and  
Kathy

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Sherman,  
Thank you for all the wonderful publicity you gave the play. The article after the play was more than we deserved but greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Janet Groves

## My Neighbors



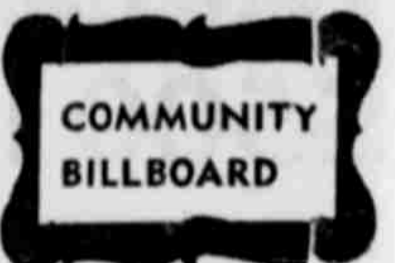
"Why, I'd love to have you drop over, Don—I want to show you my new dress!"

## BOWLING

Major League		
Team	W	L
Lexington Co-op	35	17
Heppner Barber Shop	34	18
Heppner Cleaners	32 1/2	19 1/2
Inland Chem. Service	30 1/2	21 1/2
Heppner Elks	27	25
Pepsi-Cola	23	29
Turner, Van Marter and Bryant	17 1/2	34 1/2
Heppner Auto Sales	8 1/2	43 1/2
High Ind. Game—Bob Killenny, 214; High Ind. Series—Del Piper, 586; High Team Game—Heppner Elks, 1066; High Team Series—Lexington Oil Co-op, 292.		

Pin Spinners		
Team	W	L
Bank of EO	43	17
Peterson's Jewelry	39 1/2	20 1/2
Del's Market	35 1/2	24 1/2
Central Market	33	27
Jack's Chevron	32	28
Heppner Elks	25	35
PMH Angels	20	40
Elma's Apparel	12	48
High Ind. Game—Ann Schwarz, 175; High Ind. Series—Marie McQuarrie, 480; High Team Game—Jack's Chevron, 877; High Team Series—Jack's Chevron, 2510.		

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.



### Coming Events

4-H OFFICER TRAINING DAY  
Saturday, Dec. 19, 9:30 a.m.  
Heppner Elementary School  
All 4-H club officers.

### HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL

Friday, Dec. 18  
Enterprise at Enterprise  
Saturday, Dec. 19  
DeSales at Heppner  
Jayvee game, 6:30.  
Varsity game, 8:00.  
Support the Mustangs!

### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Combined upper elementary grades and high school  
Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.  
Chorus, Band, Drama numbers.  
Old gymnasium auditorium

### LIONS-CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Benefit Basketball Game.  
Friday, Dec. 18, 8 p.m.  
Ione High school gym  
Also Lions vs. Jaycees.

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