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Good Job by the Railroad!

As Bob Lowe says, in an article that he has written for the paper this week, it seemed quite a long shot that the Union Pacific Railroad branch line could be repaired from damage of the recent flood by Monday, January 11.

But as of Monday morning the job was done, and the train arrived in Heppner with a big string of freight cars. Kinzua Corporation mill thus went back to work, and the branch line also resumed service to Heppner Lumber Co., Morrow County Grain Growers and others.

In short, the railroad's fast work kept our wheels of commerce and industry going after a minimum shutdown in the wake of the flood.

This fine cooperation, exhibited by the railroad company and implemented into action, is most appreciated by our community. It means a great deal to our economy, and it is gratifying to know that the railroad officials recognize the fact.

There is a tendency to take for granted those who serve constantly and faithfully, and it is only when this service is lost that it is truly appreciated. This may be a bit of the case with the branch line, and for that reason it might be somewhat of a good thing that it was out of service for 21 days, from the standpoint of our mental conditioning.

Lowe's story brings out how faithful the service has been and what the railroad has meant to the county through the years.

For the entire county, this paper expresses appreciation to the Union Pacific for its great and speedy job of restoration. It was mighty good to have the train come to town Monday, as it is to have it come on every day of its regular schedule.

Items Forecasters May Overlook

It's forecasting season again. The air crackles with forecasts about who will do what in Asia, Berlin, the Middle East. The alarms are clanging over 1965's foreseeable traffic deaths, crime, political crises and fierce new challenges.

Okay, but let's get it in perspective, hm? Thanks to our resourceful researchers, it is now my pleasure to present a few of the items that forecasters (even us) often forget.

Here are some things that will happen in 1965: About 7,233,000 children will stop outgrowing their shoes every couple of months.

About 194,100,127 Americans will not be hurt or killed in an auto accident.

Nearly 13,199,000 girls will outgrow the Beatles.

About 750,000,000 acres of forestland will not burn up.

About 44,503,000 couples will stay married.

About 55,504,000 citizens will file tax returns on which the arithmetic is absolutely correct.

About 11,000,000 teen-agers will not drop out of high school, and over 600,000 of those who go on to college in 1965 will stay there four years.

One out of every 4.3 golf balls hooked or sliced into a tree will bounce back onto the fairway.

Over 20 billion dollars' worth of auto loans will be paid off.

And all year long there will be only one Friday the thirteenth.

There you are. Help yourself. No charge.—Changing Times, The Kiplinger Magazine.

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

For some time I have been wondering if any of the long time residents of Morrow county could possibly remember the reason for the name Butter Creek. Last year in the new map of Oregon put out by the Geographic Society, it was listed as Butter Creek, which I knew was an error, as my grandfather and father (Robert and William Douglass) took up land there, and lived there from around 1870 till 1898. I was born there but was quite young when we came to New York. Up until the time of the Heppner flood, we talked of going back for a visit, but my father knew every adult who lost his life at that time, and a visit was never considered again. The recent storms and floods have brought this much to my mind. I visited Oregon in 1947, spent a day around Heppner, and visited my grandfather's grave in the old pioneer cemetery near Lena on Butter Creek. I was much pleased to find it fenced, and apparently cared for. Every name in it was familiar.

Butter Creek certainly was not named for the presence of much dairy product. After my father married, he had to rope, throw and tie a cow in order to get a little milk.

Thanking you in advance, Yours very truly, Annie Douglass Payne (Ed Note: Mrs. Payne has enclosed a self-addressed envelope for reply. Anyone who can answer her query is invited to inform the Gazette-Times, and the information will be sent on to her).

Cooking Club Plans For Mothers' Tea

When roll call was taken at the last meeting of the Butterfinger's 4-H Cooking Club, there were only 10 out of 16 members present. We talked about our Mother's Tea. We decided to invite two other people besides those who were mothers of members. These are Mrs. Brindle and Miss George. Afterwards we made some cookies, peanut butter, brownies and oatmeal and raisins.

Shelley Wolff, reporter

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE TERRIBLE FALL that Maynard Hamilton of Monument suffered Tuesday while taking down decorations from the big Christmas tree in his front yard doesn't seem fair at all. He has brought joy and brightness into the Christmas season for all in the Monument area, and many have come from miles around to see the brilliantly illuminated tree. Now as a result of his desire to give others pleasure, he is in great suffering following the 45-ft. fall.

Certainly everyone who has enjoyed his Christmas spirit fervently hopes for his speedy recovery. In their prayers and good wishes they will want to bring him cheer with the same brightness that he has conveyed to others through his decorations.

IT MUST HAVE BEEN quite a sight to see the eight big Kinzua trucks going down the highway and through Portland en route to Coos Bay Friday. They were carrying some of Eastern Oregon's finest logs for test peeling at a plywood plant in the coastal town.

Even in the heart of the logging area in western Oregon the sight of eight trucks in a convoy would cause considerable speculation, and Joe Wright, one of the drivers, said that a good many people stopped in their tracks to stare at the sight.

Since they took off at 3 a.m. Friday, there wasn't a chance to get any pictures, and none of the drivers thought of bringing a camera to give the convoy a photographic treatment in daylight. However, at their eating stop in Salem, a stranger spent some time taking movies of the trucks.

They found some rough going towards Coos Bay with the roads there in bad shape from the floods and from the bad weather encountered. They also had a flat tire on one of the trucks en route over and a bit of wheel trouble on another coming home, but they got back into Heppner Saturday night about 12, safe and sound.

It is good to show the western part of the state that we in Eastern Oregon have some "good sticks" to display, too. Might have been nice if the boys could have been routed around the home of Sen. Vernon Cook in Multnomah county to show him just how big the sage brush grows in eastern Oregon.

We hope never to let him forget that he is the one who said eastern Oregon is good only for sagebrush and jackrabbits.

WE NOTE an auto in Heppner which carries the license plate, "KAR 666." Sounds as if it might be a good title for a television program, reminiscent of "Car 54, Where Are You?"

BROCHURES printed by the Chamber of Commerce, "Morrow County Welcomes You," a couple of years ago have had widespread distribution. They have been sent all over the United States in answer to queries from many letters directed to the Chamber. At this mo-

ment; the Oregon Travel Information department has requested goodly supplies of the brochure for shows and expositions in which Oregon will participate in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland (Boat Trailer and Sport Show), and Seattle.

Hundreds in the past two years have gone to school children requesting information for reports. Some of the queries from other states come to the Heppner Chamber secretary requesting information on Oregon, not just Heppner nor Morrow county. It is a little difficult to figure why they choose to send to Heppner for such information instead of Portland, Salem, or to state departments themselves.

One interesting little letter came the other day from a Portland school girl: "Thank you very much for the brochure you sent me. I appreciate it very much and don't like to bother you again, but I have to. My assignment was to get pamphlets and brochures about Morrow county for the class. For this I need 30 copies of whatever you send. Please include information about your schooling, government, industry, recreation, etc. Thirty copies of the brochure you sent me entitled, 'Morrow County Welcomes You,' with a map and information would be quite significant."

"I hope this doesn't bother you too much. Please send them C. O. D. My sincere thanks." Well, the brochures were sent postpaid, of course, with the hope that the children in this Portland school will realize that Eastern Oregon is composed of more than sage brush and jackrabbits.

The Chamber's current supply of brochures is getting low, though, and it will be necessary to go into print again soon if we expect to continue to tell of the virtues of Morrow county.

WE AT the G-T are currently in the process of some internal reorganization with a couple of things in mind: 1. To eliminate exhaustive night work that is tending to give our little staff the heebie-jeebies. 2. To work towards putting out a better paper.

In this project we need the help of all those who submit material to us, and the greatest assistance that we can be given is for all to submit their information as early as possible. When a meeting occurs Thursday night, and you want to have it in the paper, try and give us a call Friday. Please don't wait until next Wednesday!

We have tried to be liberal about deadlines, but we're determined that this all night stuff has to go. Wednesday, generally speaking, is too late to call about anything but important late-breaking news. There are few businesses, ranchers or others who can do their whole week's work on two days of the week, but that is what happens to us when information accumulates in the late hours.

Today (Wednesday) was a real bruiser with a great deal of material phoned to us that

Van Houte Named To Post in Alaska

Robert Van Houte, former Morrow county school administrator, has been elected executive secretary of the Alaska Education association, according to word received here this week.

He will take over office, with headquarters in Juneau, on February 1. His family, however, will remain at their home in Portland until the end of the school year. Since leaving Morrow county, Van Houte has been placement director for the Oregon Education association.

4-H Club Hears Talk On Livestock Grading

The Blackhorse 4-H Livestock club met Sunday, January 10, at Roger Campbell's home. All members except one were present. We had four visitors; they were Nels Anderson, Ricky Anderson, Janet McCurdy and Barney Marshall.

Nels Anderson gave a talk on livestock grading. For recreation we enjoyed sleigh riding.

Our next meeting will be at the home of Don Robinson on February 7.

Michelle Miller, reporter.

could have been brought to our attention at least two days earlier.

We invite all news, major or minor, and want yours. We appreciate the consideration of those who think of us and take the trouble to phone us about things that happen in Morrow county. It's our lifeblood. We don't want to shut out anyone, but we do most certainly appreciate getting the material as early as possible and request the cooperation of all.

Arbitrary deadlines might be considered as follows: Display advertising, generally no later than Tuesday, but Wednesday on emergency only; society items, correspondence, bowling scores, church and lodge news, locals—Tuesday (except to cover important late-breaking meetings); classified advertising, noon Wednesday. Photos cannot be handled later than Monday because it takes three days to get engravings made.

We'll handle important items—deaths, fires, bad accidents, and developments of particular significance to our area—right up until press time, noon Thursday. But we can't be held responsible for routine news that doesn't reach us until Wednesday, unless it is intended for the following issue.

The public's consideration on this matter will result in a better paper with better treatment of each person's items, and at the same time it will give our staff a chance to get to bed on Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Harvey Yeager Dies in Seattle

Harvey A. Yeager, a pioneer son of Morrow county, died December 28 in Seattle, Wash., according to word received by his sister, Mrs. Burton H. Peck of Lexington. He was born August 3, 1887, the son of the late J. L. and Loretta Sophrona Yeager of Heppner.

He grew up in Heppner, attending school here and graduating from Heppner High school in 1905, then going to Oregon Agricultural College (ONU), and later attending a business college in Portland.

Following graduation he was employed by International Harvester Co., in Portland, starting as an office boy and working up to one of the highest positions in the company. During this employment he also worked in Spokane and was there until his retirement a number of years ago.

He and Mrs. Yeager moved to Seattle at that time to be near a son and family. His wife, Nellie, died several years ago.

Survivors include a son, Vincent A. Yeager of Seattle; three grandchildren, all of Seattle; the sister, Mrs. Peck; three brothers, Ora M. Yeager of Castle Rock, Wn., Ralph A. Yeager of Santa Monica, Calif., and James Walter Yeager of Santa Clara, Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were in Seattle on December 31.

James Miller Baby Dies in Kennewick

James Kip Miller, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. James Miller, Heppner, died in a Kennewick, Wn., hospital Tuesday, January 12.

Graveside funeral services were Thursday (today) at 10:00 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic cemetery with the Rev. Father Raymond Beard of St. Patrick's Catholic church officiating. Sweetney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

The baby was born November 19, 1963, in Pendleton. Besides the parents, he is survived by a sister, Tana, Heppner; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wilson, in Texas; and paternal grandfather, E. Harvey Miller, Portland.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Shrine Hospital, Portland, and may be left at Turner, Van Marter and Bryant's Insurance office.

Among students returning to college after the holidays was Hank Pointer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer, Lexington. He is enrolled as a senior at the University of Portland, and not a freshman, as previously reported.

Carl Bauman Hurt In Minor Mishap

Carl Bauman, leading scorer for the Heppner High basketball team, suffered a laceration to the forehead and a bruised nose Tuesday night when his motorcycle skidded on icy pavement on a street near the courthouse and he was thrown to the ground. Carl apparently hit on his head.

Three stitches were required to close the forehead injury, but he returned to school Wednesday after missing Tuesday night's basketball practice. Major regret of the incident was that his glasses were smashed, and he faced the problem of getting repairs made in time for the important games with John Day and Burns Friday and Saturday nights.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Friday, January 15 Heppner at Burns Saturday, January 16 Heppner at John Day Tuesday, January 19 Home at Heppner Varsity game, 6:30 p.m. Varsity game, 8:00 p.m. Support the Mustangs!

PTA CHILI FEED Chili or chicken and noodles Tuesday, January 19, 5:30-7:00 p.m. High School Cafeteria.

SKIING AT ARBUCKLE Tows operating Sat., Sun., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Snow 5 feet deep Stockholders' Day, Sun., Jan. 17. Ski Lessons Available.

4-H LEADER'S BANQUET Wednesday, Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. Episcopal Parish hall.

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