

# THE GAZETTE-TIMES

MORROW COUNTY'S NEWSPAPER

The Heppner Gazette established March 30, 1883. The Heppner Times established November 18, 1897. Consolidated February 13, 1912.



WESLEY A. SHERMAN  
Editor and Publisher

HELEN E. SHERMAN  
Associate Publisher

Subscription Rates: \$4.50 Year. Single Copy 10 Cents. Published Every Thursday and Entered at the Post Office at Heppner, Oregon, as Second Class Matter.

## Future Farmers of America Week

Future Farmers of America Week is to be observed during the February 20-27 period. And this is one of those annual events that is fully worthy of the attention and interest of us all.

The stated purpose is "Public recognition of the Future Farmers of America organization in developing better agriculture and rural citizenship." The young people who participate are brought close to the profound values that are a part of nature. They have a healthy and dedicated interest in crops, in farm animals, and in the ever-changing techniques which give our agriculture its vast efficiency and productivity and help make us the best fed people in the world. The city dweller is totally dependent on the farmer for the means of life itself.

Beyond this, the nation faces a critical problem of juvenile delinquency. Various cures are offered, based on the home, schools and churches. In addition, those groups which work with youth, in all manner of fields, can do an essential job in building character, honor and responsibility. The Future Farmers organization is one of the best of them.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

### Divine Right of Professors?

(Washington County News Times)

About the time that Chancellor Roy Lieuallen gets midway of his graphs demonstrating to the Joint Ways and Means committee the slippage in salary levels at Oregon institutions of higher learning and reaches into his well-filled brief case for additional information to support his attack for more funds for higher education he is subjected to diversionary noises from his own forces on the left. Attention turns from the main objective to a bit of static broadcast from the Free Speech Platform outside the student union at the University of Oregon.

This time the discordant noises are from 12 U of O professors testing academic freedom by taking turns reading lines of "Howl." This is a free verse poem originally published in 1956 at San Francisco. The author, Allen Ginsberg, wrote a lament for a fellow poet in a mental institution. We are told that it paints a sordid picture of life among the "beatniks," touching on homosexuality and containing a number of words not used in mixed company. At the same time the poem's vivid imagery is said to have received some critical acclaim.

Although the microphones failed to carry the voices effectively from the Free Speech Platform to the immediate audience, which dwindled away, the reception, subject to a bit of distortion with transmission through various mediums, got through to Salem and the rest of the state.

The announced purpose of the demonstration was to test academic freedom at the University of Oregon, this notwithstanding there was no threat that the university administration would stop the group. The Free Speech Platform outside the student union was set up to act as a safety valve rather than create martyrs.

One justification for the selection of "Howl" was that this was one of the works which a professor at Central Oregon Community college at Bend was criticized for reading before a literary club. The professor, Ashleigh Brilliant, declares that for this reading he was told that his contract would not be renewed. The suggestion is that there may have been other contributing reasons and that Brilliant as a teacher did not live up to his name. At least 22 of the 29 faculty members at Bend reportedly are on record as not defending Brilliant for defining academic freedom in terms of four letter words.

The friends of higher education confronting an inquiring legislative committee and seeking to win skeptical taxpayer support stand to find this performance in the name of academic freedom a bit embarrassing. The defenders of higher education will find this cross added to the already heavy burden they bear.

Chancellors and administrators find themselves buffers between irresponsible professors and the public. The public is not given to splitting hairs and engaging in philosophic discussions of the nature of academic freedom. A mere tolerant segment can ignore such escapades as outbursts of the silly season and on the academic level the equivalent of the undergraduate panty raid.

John Fischer in his Editor's Easy Chair column of the February Harper's magazine during discussion of the subject, "Is There a Teacher on the Faculty?" makes a comment in point. Fischer writes, "... However liberal a professor may be on political and social issues, when it comes to his own environment he is almost invariably as conservative as Charles I-believing, indeed, in the Divine Right of the Professoriat to do as it damn well pleases, with a minimum of accountability to anyone, whether president, parent, taxpayer or student..."

ONE MIGHT be inclined to be a little sarcastic when he reads in the current water supply outlook that adequate irrigation water is predicted for the 1965 season—this coming on the heels of the super-saturation of two floods!

But, upon reflection, it may not be quite as obvious as it appears to be. It might be possible to have some bad floods and then be dry as a bone in the summer time.

Above average snowpack, wet soils and excellent reservoir water supplies are what will mean the difference for irrigators.

Cold, dry and windy weather could still dim the outlook. That would be ironic, wouldn't it? A drought in the summer to follow the floods!

DID YOU EVER watch a turtle lying helplessly on its back, making all sorts of hopeless gyrations with its legs trying to maneuver to an upright position?

We were reminded of this when we went to Arbuckle Mountain Saturday and watched some of the neophyte skiers there. When some of the little girls took spills and got their skis crossed, they just couldn't get on their feet again. They would work and tug, but every motion they made would cause them more trouble. They would try to push themselves up with their poles, but would get a ski caught under the pole, or a ski would dig into the snow and twist a leg.

But once they got the hang of skiing, they came along pretty good. Some up there had been on skis only that day, and they were already zipping right along, having a great time.

We had to admire one little girl. We won't use her name to embarrass her. She was working like a trojan to learn to ski. She would go a few feet and go down. Although wet, cold and weary, she wasn't giving up. One of these days, she may be a winner in ski competitions.

THIS IS the season for community dinners (I guess most any time of the year finds them in season, though). Blue and Gold dinner was Saturday night, Mothers' club Sweethearts dinner also was Saturday. Chamber of Commerce dinner Monday, and church dinners and all kinds of potlucks are in vogue.

Seems like just one big happy family around here when it comes to these dinners, and what good eating there is! It is a wonder that everyone isn't overweight, not just editors and the like (You'll have to use your own thoughts on what "the like" refers to).

Even the catered banquets like the C of C affair, are real home cooking. Sadie Parrish and Eleanor Gonty of the Soroptimists cooked turkeys in their homes for the Chamber dinner, and others of the gals in the club made pies and cooked other parts of the banquet.

The Mothers' club entertaining their husbands in the banquet room of the Hotel Grill Saturday with the Elmer Schmidts as hosts in their home for the ensuing evening. This was one of the nicest affairs enjoyed.

In part, he writes: "Dear Archie: Your kind thoughts as I embark on this wonderful job are most sincerely appreciated. We are getting right to business to assure that Navy has the kind of football team that will do us all proud next fall. From Syracuse in September to Army in November we do not intend to be out-fought. With continued support from fine friends like yourself, this is a mission in which we cannot fail. Most sincerely, Bill."

MAYBE WE hexed the Heppner High basketball team with last week's editorial, "We've got a Winner Going," since they lost

WERE SORRY to see that the Jim Gordons are leaving the

community, since he is being transferred to Baker.

Officer Jim has done a very good job for the state police while here, and he was a very cooperative but firm officer. We appreciated his help when news broke. He was a reliable source of information. In the December flood he went to some trouble to determine road conditions around other parts of the state through his department. Two fellows came in the G.T. office one day trying to figure out how they were going to get to Prineville, and we called on Jim to come up with a route. He spent a couple hours checking through Arlington and around to get the information.

Jim is one of those responsible for making the Queen's Crownin' event such a good success prior to rodeo last summer. He was one of jaycees that did such fine work, and he handled the announcing for the program.

Seems, however, that every time we lose some good people to other communities, others come to fill the gap. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Pearson and family are welcomed. They are living in Lexington, and he is pharmacist for Humphreys Drug. This is a fine family and will be a good addition for our community.

And the Jay Wheelhouses are home to take an active part in community affairs after his discharge from service. This young couple and their two little children make up another fine family. It is good to have peppy and active young families coming to Heppner. We need 'em!

DR. A. D. McMURDO got a real nice letter from Bill Elias, head football coach at the U. S. Naval Academy, last week. The doctor became a good friend of Elias while the latter was coaching at University of Virginia. Dr. McMurdo has been active with the alumni association of Virginia, and Elias just recently left his Virginia post to take the Annapolis job.

In part, he writes: "Dear Archie: Your kind thoughts as I embark on this wonderful job are most sincerely appreciated. We are getting right to business to assure that Navy has the kind of football team that will do us all proud next fall. From Syracuse in September to Army in November we do not intend to be out-fought. With continued support from fine friends like yourself, this is a mission in which we cannot fail. Most sincerely, Bill."

MAYBE WE hexed the Heppner High basketball team with last week's editorial, "We've got a Winner Going," since they lost

### Church College Youth To Conduct Services

A group of students from Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho, will visit the Heppner Church of the Nazarene this week-end and preside at special services, according to Rev. J. G. Weller, pastor.

The group, known as the "Christian Worker's Band," is composed of a student preacher, a girls' trio and their accompanist. They will conduct services Saturday evening at 7:30, Sunday morning at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the local church.

The church extends a public invitation to the community to hear the young people at any of the three services.

### Evening Services Set

Rev. Jerry Minton of Pendleton will be at the Assembly of God church throughout next week for special services, starting Sunday night, according to Rev. Billie Alsop, pastor. He will conduct prayer services each morning at 10:00 and will speak each evening at 7:30 p.m.

a pair over the week-end. Despite this setback, though, we still think they are winners, and there is plenty of good home action coming up yet this season. They still have a good chance to make the district tournament, so don't count our boys out.

DENTISTS PROBABLY observe some humorous situations in their offices, but we wonder if anything like this has ever happened to Dr. H. S. Huber or Dr. Bob Todd:

"I want a tooth pulled," the wife told the doctor, "and don't bother to use gas or novocaine. We're in a hurry."

"Well, you certainly are brave," the dentist exclaimed. "Show me your tooth."

"Henry," she said, turning to her husband, "open your mouth."

DO YOU know what they call it when you're stung by a bee and bitten by a mosquito at the same time?

THIS WEEK'S THOUGHT: Perhaps one of the reasons why there are fewer train wrecks than automobile wrecks is due to the fact that the engineer seldom, if ever, tries to neck the fireman!

Sgt. and Mrs. Harry Snider and two children, Mark and Vickie, recently moved to Smyrna, Tenn., where Sgt. Snider was transferred by the U. S. Air Force and now training in TAC, according to recent word to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Blettel, parents of Mrs. Snider, the former Darlene Brannon. They had lived the past four years at Mountain Home, Idaho, where Sgt. Snider had served as a judo instructor. Their home address is now 304 Dudley Street in Smyrna.



### Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL  
Friday, February 19  
Wahntonka at The Dalles  
Support the Mustangs!

ELK'S ANNUAL  
Celebrating 88th Anniversary  
Saturday, Feb. 20  
Registration, Heppner Ford,  
from 11:00 a.m.  
Dinner, high school cafeteria,  
6:30 p.m.  
Dancing, Elks Temple, 9:30 p.m.

SKIING AT ARBUCKLE  
Take bus Saturday, Feb. 20,  
9:15 a.m. from Tum-A-Lum  
Tow operating. Good snow.

FFA DINNER  
Monday, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m.  
High school cafeteria.  
FFA Parents and Friends

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE  
ON COUNTY ROAD LEVY,  
Wed., Feb. 24, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

SPONSORED AS A PUBLIC SERVICE BY  
**C. A. RUGGLES**  
Insurance Agency  
P. O. Box 247 PH. 676-9625  
Heppner

# Just In Time For WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY 28 SEMI-ANNUAL

# 2 FOR 1 SALE of SHOES

February 19 Through March 13

Two Pair of Nationally Advertised Women's or Girls' Shoes For The Price of One Pair

Choose From Such Famous Names As VELVET STEP and AIR STEPS

Other Special Prices On Men's And Boys' Shoes

# GONTY'S

45 RPM RECORDS  
6 for \$1

- ★ No Mail or Phone Orders Please
- ★ All Sales Final
- ★ No Refunds
- ★ No Exchanges
- ★ No Charges or Layaways

JUST IN!  
**1965 COLOR**  
WORLD FAMOUS **ZENITH**  
HANDCRAFTED for Greater Dependability!



Model 5315RU \$489.95

Zenith's Super Gold Video Guard 82 Channel Tuning System with 125 gold contacts for longer TV life, greater picture stability.

Zenith's Patented Color TV Demodulator Circuitry for Color TV's most accurate hues. It's the "electronic brain" of color TV.

- No production shortcuts
- No printed circuits
- Longer lasting "capacity plus" components

Prices Start **\$399<sup>95</sup>**

QUALITY makes the performance difference.

## L. E. DICK, Appliances

281 Linden Way

Ph. 676-9920