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Our College Makes Good Gains

Going into Pendleton from the west, a person can look up on the hill across the highway from the state hospital and see construction well in progress. This will be the new home of Blue Mountain Community College, and it heralds a bright future for the college which has progressed so fast in such a short time.

Organized in 1962 after a vote of the people in Umatilla and Morrow counties it was designed to fill a need that higher educational institutions in the state could not meet. The new college met some terrific handicaps, not the least of which was its lack of facilities. Even now, the college is widely dispersed over Pendleton with various classes going on in a half-dozen different locations.

A dedicated board, made up of members from various points in the counties, and excellent leadership provided by President Wallace McCrae and members of his staff have resulted in enlightened policies and have nurtured growth of the college.

Blue Mountain is doing a particularly good job in filling educational needs not met by other institutions. This has been the reason for its growth, and this is the thing that will insure its future. It is taking some students who feel they are not equipped to meet the competition in established higher education institutions but who have mechanical or technical transfer work for those who, perhaps for financial reasons, are unable to attend the established colleges. It is furnishing evening courses throughout the two-county area, supplying needs felt by adults and youth alike. It is so versatile in its program, in fact, that it is even now assisting with a proposal to help supply the need for a mental health clinic here.

Morrow county residents have been solidly in support of Blue Mountain College from its inception. They have always voted strongly for the college budget and gave exceptional support to the serial levy which is paying part of the cost of the construction of the first college building.

Morrow people apparently can see that the college is making a real endeavor to meet the needs that it is in a position to supply. The board of directors has followed the policy of keeping all the people of the district informed; the college staff has been generous in making trips to the county to speak, teach and bring information. Thus, even 60 miles away, our people can feel that they figure in the plans for the college, and that Blue Mountain is our college.

While making its progress, the college leadership has been economy-minded to give the district the best value for its money. To date, Blue Mountain has proved to be a good bargain for taxpayers, and there is every evidence that this will be true for the foreseeable future.

Proud of Those Pesky Mustangs!

By its very nature, a mustang should be a pesky critter. A sports writer of the Oregonian staff, telling of the Heppner game with Dayton in the state A-2 basketball tournament, used the adjective, "pesky," in describing Heppner and their refusal to give up.

"For the Pirates . . . the final buzzer was a welcome affair," he wrote.

Dayton, mind you, had four starters back from last year's state tournament team and came to the 1965 classic with a record of 22-2. No wonder it took the Mustangs a quarter to get adjusted. But their peskiness came through and they surged within one point of catching the Pirates in the late stages of the game.

In consolation, the Mustangs once again lived up to the best traditions of their nickname against Phoenix, which entered the tournament undefeated and with the No. 1 ranking in the state in the final poll. Down 23-10 at the end of the first quarter, Heppner's never-quit kids came back and were running their opponents wild by end of the game, losing by only three, 81-78, and helping to set a new high score for a single game in the tournament record book, 159 points, as well as the highest score for a losing team, 78 points.

The pesky Mustangs had the radio announcer apologizing in this one. He had declared midway in the game, "This is the first lop-sided game of the tournament," but said several times before the end, "Heppner is making me eat my words."

Spirit shown by the kids electrified those in the home town who, listened to the games. Our folks just couldn't be more proud of their team in defeat. Their losses were in reality victories with the odds against them.

With the showing made against these high-powered squads in the face of the Mustangs' inexperience in tournament play, it might be speculated that with a little more seasoning and experience Heppner just might have gone all the way. But this is immaterial. No one could complain of the way they performed for all of eastern Oregon.

There's another year coming. True we lose four good men, but six fine ones are back, and some topnotch youngsters are on their way up from Jaycee and frosh ranks.

Those Mustangs just might go rarin' back to the state tournament next year, just a little more pesky than ever!

How About Giving a Pint of Blood?

In the past two visits of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Heppner our showing has not been good. Donations of blood were only about half that of the goal, and a total of only some 90 pints was given, an average of 45 per trip.

We can do better than that!

For those of us who have had no emergencies in our families, perhaps the need isn't close enough. Others have certainly felt this need. There are those right in our own area who would have lost loved ones if it were not for the blood provided through the Red Cross.

No one knows when an emergency might come to his own family, and with the bloodmobile due here, it is a good time to think on this.

But if it should never come to your family, what better satisfaction could you have than realizing that your blood might be the determining factor in keeping some ill or injured person alive?

It is easy to give a pint of blood, and to a person whose health is normal there are no ill effects. Any who are not in condition to give will not be allowed to donate because all are carefully screened through the staff that comes with the bloodmobile.

This area has quite a few generous givers—gallon clubbers and more—who never fail to show up when the bloodmobile arrives. These persons seek no special credit, but they are entitled to special praise for their regard for their fellowmen.

Heppner, even without assistance from the rest of the area, has a population of more than 1900 persons. Our average of giving at the blood bank has been less than 3% of the population, and the 3% includes many from surrounding areas.

That isn't a record to make us very proud. It's something that can be changed Monday. The unit will be at the Elks Temple between 3 and 6 p. m.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

DAVE POTTER, superintendent of schools, kept a lonely vigil Monday night in the courthouse at the school budget hearing. This, you see, was the night of the broadcast of the Dayton-Heppner game at the state tournament.

Only seven persons showed up for the hearing, probably something of a new local record in recent years at least, and all of them were there in an official capacity.

It took some real dedication for a basketball fan like Howard Cleveland, chairman of the board, to stick to his post at a dull hearing. Irvin Rauch and Andy Van-Scholack, also stuck it out, along with Shirley Loyd and two from Boardman.

Along about 20 to nine, while the group fidgeted, awaiting anyone who might want to come and remonstrate, Supt. Potter made the noble gesture and volunteered to remain for the balance of the hour, apparently required by law.

Howard and Shirley, particularly, lost no time in accepting and skittered out. They did get to hear the last part of the ball game.

This was quite a change from some of the budget hearings of the past few years! It would be nice if all voters are as satisfied with the budget as this lack of remonstrance would indicate.

ONE OF the saddest persons in town Sunday was Pam McCabe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCabe. She had made plans to go to the state basketball tournament at Coos Bay, being a sophomore at Heppner High. But she blossomed forth with one of the most spectacular cases of measles one could have, and that kept her at home. Maybe next year, Pam!

IF THE MUSTANGS do make it back to the state tournament next year, there will be six on the squad who will have had tournament experience, and that sounds mighty good—Gene Heliker, Jim Doherty, Mac Hoskins, Jim Jacobs, Tim Driscoll and Bill Snyder. The team will miss Carl Bauman's steady reliability, Stu Dick's zip and dribbling, certainly Wayne Evans' sharpshooting and Bruce Spencer's good work under the boards.

But they will start next year with a pretty well loaded team. That's one of the beauties of playing 10 men all year, as Coach Clough has done. Indications that most of these six have not nearly reached their high school peaks. Doherty has shown that he has the shooting touch, but he seemed to need confidence. He has apparently found this confidence in the tournaments and turned in a fine performance at Coos Bay.

Heliker is coming along fast. His speed and ballhawking on the court, along with his shooting ability will make him a top man next year. Hoskins, just a sophomore (like Doherty), has made great improvement this year, and his height will be a factor on next year's team. Jim Jacobs who joined the varsity rather late is a natural strong man—husky enough to lend real defensive strength. He showed this defensive ability in guarding Mikel of Pilot Rock in the last game at home in the regular season. And Jacobs is only a sophomore! Bill Snyder seems to have most of the elements of a natural ball player and probably peaked this year before some of his teammates. He'll be a stalwart next year. Tim Driscoll, one of those all-around athletes—football and track star, has not developed quite so fast in basketball, but he has been strong on the court in late season and turned in a good tournament for Heppner.

Also back will be two more—Mark Brown and David Clark, juniors—who couldn't play in the tournament because the squad is limited to 10 men. But they, too, will be seasoned veterans next year. Some of the upcoming boys from the Jaycees and freshmen ranks will furnish strong competition for places on the traveling squad.

We understand Madras is dropping back to A-2 from A-1 next year, and that could make it tougher for all Greater Oregon teams. But if our kids mind their P's and Q's and keep developing, they could come up with a team that would really make them sit up and take notice next year.

REMEMBER THE GOOD OLD DAYS? Fred Mankin brings in a clipping he got from someone out of the Camp Point, Ind., Journal that stirred some memories:

"VENDUE: Having sold my

farm, and as I am leaving for Oregon territory by oxen team on March 1, 1849, I will sell all my personal property, except two oxen teams, Puck and Ben, and Lou and Jerry, consisting of the following:

Two milk cows, 1 gray mare and 1 pair of oxen, 1 yoke, 1 baby yoke, 2 ox carts, 1 iron plow with wood mold board, 800 feet of poplar weather boards, 1000 three foot clap boards, 1500 ten foot fence rails, one 60 gallon soap kettle, 85 sugar troughs made of white ash timber, 10 gallons maple syrup, 2 spinning wheels, 30 pounds of mutton tallow, 1 large loom made by Jerry Wilson, 300 poles, 100 split hoops, 1000 empty barrels, 1 32-gallon barrel of Johnson Miller whiskey, 7 years old, 20 gallons of copper brandy, one 40 gallon copper still, 4 sides of oak tanned leather, 1 dozen wooden pitchforks, a one-half interest in tan yards, one 32 calibre rifle, bullet molds and powder horn, rifle made by Ben Miller, 50 gallons soft soap, hams, bacon and lard, 40 gallons of sorghum molasses, 6 head of fox hounds, all smooth mouthed except one.

"At the time I will sell my six negro slaves: 2 men 35 and 50 years old; 2 boys, 12 and 18 years old; 2 mulatto wenches, 40 and 30 years old. Will sell all to same party, as I will not separate them.

"Terms of sale: Cash in hand or note to draw 4 per cent interest with Bob McConnel security. My home is 2 miles south of Versailles, Kentucky, on McConnel Ferry pike. Sale will begin at 8 o'clock. Plenty to eat and drink."

How'd you like to start out now with an outfit like that?

Forest Program Instructs Grange At Sunday Meet

IONE—Willows Grange members attended the church of their choice on Sunday, March 21, that date being named Grange Sunday.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed by Grangers and guests preceding a program, "Our Forests," which was sponsored by the agricultural committee.

Mr. Rouse, Forest Service representative, first explained a map of the Heppner Forest Reserve, pointing out plantings and sales areas over a period of years. Twenty-two million board feet of lumber is harvested each year, with a net income to Morrow county of \$24,000 annually. Trees harvested now are from 200 to 250 years old. The next harvest will be trees from 120 to 150 years old when they reach the peak of quality. Two films were shown, one on "Wild Life," and the second, "The Birth of a Tree," both of which were most interesting and instructive.

Other program numbers were reading of Joyce Kilmer's poem "Trees" by Mrs. Lee Palmer, and an article, "What Lone Garden Club is doing about Trees," by Mrs. Phill Emert.

At the business meeting the agricultural committee urged farmers to spray along roads and highways for the sand burr which is infesting Morrow county and may easily get out of control.

The legislative committee suggests that all persons contact their legislators and congressmen regarding the re-apportionment bill. We feel that there should be both population and area representation.

Both the Grange and Home Economics club went on record as favoring assistance to Umatilla County in financing the June 1965 session of the Oregon State Grange.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. W. C. Crawford on Friday, March 18, with Mrs. Oscar Lundell as co-hostess. Nine ladies are making entries in the sewing contest for State Grange.

Announcement was made for a business and insurance agents meeting at Rhea Creek Grange Hall on March 24, at 6:30 p.m. A Masters' and Overseers' Conference is slated for April 2 at Willow's Grange hall with a 5:30 potluck supper, preceding the meeting. Grange officers are urged to be present.

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OREGON'S 1965 Easter Seal girl, 7-year-old Donna Ehike of Gervais gingerly fingers one of 4 gold medals Don Schollander of Oswego, Ore., won in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo. The young swimmer is chairman of the Easter Seal sale in Oregon. Proceeds finance various projects of the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults. Donna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. Ehike, is a victim of cerebral palsy.

Reseal Available For Three Grains, ASCS Announces

Reseal has been announced for three farm-stored grains for 1965 maturity dates, according to David McLeod, manager, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. The reseal program will enable farmers to continue price support loans and earn storage payments on 1965 crops of wheat, barley and oats. In addition, loans on 1963 and 1962 crops of wheat and 1963 crops of barley and oats now under reseal, may be extended for another year.

Farmers who wish to reseal their farm-stored grains under loan should notify the ASCS office before the loan maturity date for the particular commodity; formal application for resealing a crop under loan should be filed not later than the date for delivery shown on the delivery notice. Maturity dates for these grains are March 31 for wheat and April 30 for barley and oats.

Storage rates will be established later and will be available at ASCS State and County office. If a farmer redeems or delivers his resealed grain before the end of the 1965-66 storage period, his storage payment will be pro-rated as in the past, resealed loans are subject to call by the Commodity Credit Corporation at any time.

Current reseal loans on other prior-year crops in storage on farms—the 1960 and 1961 crops of wheat and the 1962 crop of barley and oats—will mature upon demand by CCC, but not later than the end of the 1964-65 storage period for each of the crops. As a normal practice in the reseal operation, the older crops are periodically dropped from the program to lessen the probability of deterioration and put the grain into a position for movement into various outlets before loss or deterioration occurs.

The reseal program facilitates the holding of stocks of grains on the farm for feeding or shipment as demand develops without unnecessary handling or freight charges. It also is important to have some supplies available in much decentralized storage for disaster or defense reasons.

Second of School Clinics Slated

Second of the school immunization clinics is scheduled to be held Tuesday, March 30, under the direction of the Morrow County Health Department. The proposed schedule is: 9:00 a.m., Heppner Grade school; 10:00 a.m., Heppner High school; and 11:00 a.m., Ione Grade school. On Tuesday, April 6, the clinic will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the Boardman Grade school and 10:30 a.m. at Irrigon grade school.

Parents of Heppner kindergarten children needing injections and attending the second session are requested to bring the child to the Heppner Grade school at 9:00 a.m. the morning of the clinic.

Immunizations offered will again include DPT, DT, Polio (Salk) booster, and smallpox vaccination. Parents are reminded that a successful smallpox vaccination "take" should occur within eight to 14 days with a scab crusting and scar resulting. If some immunity remains from a previous vaccination, an "itching" pimple" reaction is produced within four to eight days and the scar is not permanent. If no reaction is produced, please check with the health department or family doctor.

Parrish in Hospital After Heart Attack

Fred Parrish entered Pioneer Memorial hospital Saturday morning after suffering a heart attack at his home in the night.

His doctor placed him on the critical list for the next three weeks, when he will be confined in the hospital, then is expected to return home for several more weeks rest and further recovery.

Gary Jones, Heppner High school graduate, is an active member of the Hood River Junior Chamber of Commerce and was named, last week, Hood River Jaycee of the Year for 1964. Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, was recently presented the Jaycee Spoke Award for active committee participation, along with two Jaycee of the Month awards for the months of January and last September.

Speech Clinic Set In County Schools

Morrow County Schools spring speech clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, April 3. Ernest Cristler, speech therapist and director of special education, Intermediate School District, Umatilla County schools, will direct the clinic which has been scheduled for Boardman Grade school and A. C. Houghton Elementary school at Boardman Grade school at 9:00 a.m.; Ione Grade school at 12:00 noon; Heppner Grade school at 2:30 p.m.

Twenty children with various speech problems have been referred to the clinic by their teachers. A parent is also asked to be present at the appointed time, as well as the referring teacher.

Scheduling of the speech clinic referrals was arranged by school principals and Mrs. Lowell Chally, R. N., Morrow County Health Department.

Those parents interested in the newly developed Meadowood Springs Summer Speech Camp in the Blue Mountains of Eastern Oregon will also have an opportunity at this time to learn more of its purpose.

This camp, the only one of its kind in Oregon, and the second in the nation, has been created for young people with difficulties of communication (speech, hearing and language disorders).

Provision is made for both recreational and clinical areas in a camp program. Some scholarships are available through a scholarship fund. Interested persons may contact Meadowood Springs Summer Speech Camp, Box 198, Milton-Freewater, Oregon 97862. Information also may be obtained at the Morrow County Health Department.

Mrs. Ivan Harsin and daughter, Naomi, of La Grande, left Tuesday after spending four days visiting at the Wayne Harsin home.



Coming Events

RAINBOW DANCE
Friday, March 26, American Legion hall.
Music by "The Igniters"
Public invited.

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL
Heppner vs. Hermiston
Saturday, March 27
Heppner High field, Rodeo grounds, 2 p.m.

SKIERS' SPRING CARNIVAL
Arbuckle Mt., Sunday, March 28.
Fun for all ages
No bus run on Saturdays.

BLOOD BANK DRAWING
Register now with Mrs. Orville Cutsforth or Rev. Billy A. Akin.
Drawing, Monday, March 29, Elks Temple.

PTA TALENT SHOW
Tryouts—Monday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.
High school multipurpose room.
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