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Important Election Coming Up

Probably almost every resident of Morrow county has a conviction, pro or con, about the county school budget for 1965-66. All should have, for educating the county's children becomes big business that involves considerable financial obligation for all taxpayers.

It has always been ironic that despite the people's interest in their children, their schools, and in the taxes they must pay for public education, they so often take such a matter as a budget election so lightly. Not a single taxpayer, except the few in an official capacity, attended the recent hearing on the budget. Because of this apparent indifference, it might be concluded that everyone is satisfied with it. But this does not stand to reason.

In some past years, when there have been major differences of opinion, budget hearings have attracted large turnouts and the elections have polled good representative votes.

This year, when all seems quiet on the surface, voters may be inclined to be more than usually complacent. Such apathy, however, is a dangerous thing. The election result might not reflect the true wishes of the majority.

It is most important that every voter who can possibly arrange to cast a ballot get out between 2 and 8 p.m. Tuesday to state his preference—yes or no.

The superintendent, school board and budget committee have spent many hours of preparation and study on the budget for the coming year. As they volunteer their time and effort, they are entitled to know how the people feel about it. How else can they truly respond to the public's wishes? A handful of voters is not sufficient. It should be a high percentage of those registered who will make the small effort necessary to go to a polling place and mark an X in one of the election squares.

One of the saddest things that can be heard on the day after election is, "Oh, I forgot all about it."

Let's make it a point to remember. It's Tuesday, April 13, between 2 and 8 p.m. The six polling places are listed elsewhere in this paper.

An Officer Who Kept the Peace

From the days of the Wild West, the man who has worn the star in a community—whether he was a U. S. marshal, sheriff, or a chief of police—has been considered as the "officer of the law," denoting stern authority, rugged physical prowess, and backed by the statutes of the land, as well as—if need be, the six gun in his holster.

More recently, however, the concept has changed considerably, and for the better. The man on duty in a community is more truly known as a "peace officer" for his most important job isn't to invite trouble and deal with it, but to keep the peace. He seeks more to prevent law violations than to solve them.

It seems to us that Pat Mollahan has exemplified the real qualifications of a peace officer. In the 25 years he served in official capacity here, he has helped keep the peace.

True, there have been crimes of violence, but they have been at a minimum. From reading O. M. Yeager's accounts of early Heppner history, we gather that it once was a pretty uproarious place. Today, however, it is a peaceful community and the people like it that way. We have no juvenile delinquency as big cities know it. None of our women fear to walk the streets at night. We have no gang fights. Thievery and burglaries are rare.

Think how conspicuous one of those New York hoodlums with black leather jacket and long stick knife would be in Heppner! He would be so acutely self-conscious that it wouldn't take him long to slink out of town.

One might think that Heppner is so quiet, in fact, that there is little for our officers to do. But perhaps this condition prevails because our officers know how to keep the peace and have acted accordingly.

There are communities where an officer may wear his star like a whip and a cudgel. When he speaks, no matter how brusquely, he expects his commands to be obeyed immediately and implicitly. By his manner he agitates and invites retaliation.

Contrast such an attitude with the demeanor of Pat Mollahan who retired from his post after his shift Sunday. Strong, but gentle; firm, but courteous; requesting, not demanding. Always a good word. There didn't seem to be much trouble when Pat was about the streets, but when you saw his big frame on the sidewalk, somehow you knew the city was in good hands.

Though he has left the force, he'll still be around. Chief Gilman says, "He'll be back to ride with us, and we'll continue to seek his advice."

So this man, who seems so peaceful within himself, will probably go right on helping to keep the peace.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"APRIL FOOL IS PAST, and you're the biggest fool of all!" Some of our readers may think we meet these qualifications as we report on some of the shenanigans of last Thursday, but this is the first chance we've had to tell about them.

THE IONE HIGH school newspaper, "The Cardinal," scooped us good and proper last week with some big news. It carried the banner headline, "All Teachers Resign, Set May 1 as Last Day." That was a shocker. The same front page carried the story, "State Athletic Association Places Ione on Probation." It said that this stemmed from an incident when Everett Holstein, principal, burned the hemp from a basket at a town team basketball game in Heppner and from another when Coach Gordon Meyers threw a clip board on the floor.

Still another story told of the Ione school being robbed, and a fourth declared, "Ione, Heppner Schools to Consolidate Next Year."

When the goggle-eyed reader turned to page two to finish reading the stories, he saw the big "APRIL FOOL" in the center of the page.

Whew, glad to get out of that alive!

SINCE APRIL 1 came on Thursday it was a natural for weekly papers to have their little jokes. Ours was mild. We took a theoretical subscription from a man named "Lerna Loof," and sent it out, duly stamped with an addressograph plate, to the Heppner post office with the regular mailing.

There was no reaction from Postmaster Jim Driscoll and his staff until next day when we had to pay 10¢ postage due on one of those pestiferous address change letters that we get from the P. O. often when people

don't notify us when they move). When we opened the envelope, the postal form inside carried the words, "April Fool Yourself." Later we got another envelope with the dime refunded.

OVER AT MILTON-FEEWATER our good friends, Publishers Wally Cowen and Harry Ring-hand, ran a front page spread announcing the sale of the Valley Herald and showed a picture of the purchaser of the paper.

This came as a startling thing to us because they had never indicated that they planned to sell. But down in the story, it said after reporting they had sold their newspaper, "We'll just keep right on selling Valley Herald as long as they last." In other words, they didn't sell the business—just the copies of the paper.

AFTER THESE incidents, being in a somewhat jittery condition, we weren't prepared for facing our little 9-year-old daughter who approached us solemnly and declared she had broken a window. This has been an old story to us through the various episodes of her three older brothers. We heaved a big sigh and prepared for the worst. "April Fool!" said she with a laugh and a jig.

That was one time we were glad to get caught.

THE G-T had more than its share of miscues last Thursday on April 1, too. Two columns of front page story were transposed, an address was left off a classified ad, and a date was mixed up in another display ad, not to mention such misspelled words as "sertification," "ab-sense," and others, called to our attention by Bev Gunderson.

We can chuckle malevolently and yell, "April Fool!" And so doing maybe we can get away with these boo boos.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The members of Beta Omega chapter, Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority, would like to thank you for the editorial in last week's paper regarding the Easter Seal Drive. Our members have supported the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults actively for the past several years, with many of our members serving as chairmen of the local campaign.

We agree with you that this is a most worthwhile project. This was most profoundly illustrated to us through the tremendous assistance which Dean Lovgren has received from the Crippled Children's Association. Many other young people from this area have enjoyed summer trips to Camp Easter Seal through the joint efforts of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and the Society.

Each year our group undertakes a money-making project to raise funds to contribute to the Society. This year we will be selling candy to raise money for this purpose. April 21 is the date for our sale in Ione and Lexington, and we are most hopeful for a successful sale to help us in this worthy cause.

Again, our thanks go to you for bringing the work of the Society to the attention of your readers.

June Lindstrom, Chairman
Morrow County Easter Seal Campaign
Maxine Rietmann,
Publicity Chairman
Beta Omega Sorority

Assembly Slates Special Services

Two weeks of special services at the Assembly of God Church will start Tuesday, April 13, with the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Whitlock of Missouri bringing the messages, the Rev. Bill Alsop, pastor, announces.

The meetings will be each night through Sunday, April 25, but no meetings will be held on Saturdays, he said. The services will be at 7:30 p.m. on week nights and at 7 p.m. on the two Sundays.

The public is cordially invited to the services, the pastor states.

Perry Service Held At Masonic Cemetery

Graveside services were held Thursday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery for Lawrence A. Perry, 69, of Ellensburg, Wn., with Father C. Bruce Spencer of All Saints Episcopal church officiating.

Mr. Perry died in Ellensburg April 2, following a short illness. He was born of pioneer Morrow county parents, George Perry and Mary Ellen (Neel) Perry, on May 23, 1895, who made their home in the Lone Rock area.

He was never married. Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Mae Gilliam, Heppner, and Mrs. Melinda Clapp of Pendleton. He was preceded in death last August by a brother, Leo C. Perry.

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad.

LEONA M. WEATHERFORD

Ione PTA Speaker To Show Slides On Conservation

Mrs. Marion (Leona M.) Weatherford of Arlington will be guest speaker for the monthly program of the Ione PTA meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at the high school cafeteria.

The speaker will present a slide-illustrated speech on "Conservation," a topic of state-wide interest.

Mrs. Weatherford, an experienced speaker, has a wide background in the field of conservation. She has served as conservation department chairman of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Oregon, as well as serving as state president of the organization and on its board of directors. She has been a member of the Department of Interior advisory committee and of the Keep America Beautiful advisory committee, as well as serving on the board of directors of the Oregon Roadside Council and on the executive committee of the Oregon Rural Area Development committee.

The meeting is open to the public, with everyone invited to come and enjoy the program.

Episcopal Church Ordains Nickerson

Dr. Francis B. Nickerson, son of Mrs. Grace O. Nickerson and the late F. B. Nickerson, was ordained to the perpetual diaconate of the Episcopal church Saturday, April 3, at St. Mary's church, Eugene.

Dr. Nickerson, formerly of Heppner, is associate dean of students at the University of Oregon. As a deacon he will act as an assistant to the rector of his parish but will continue in his education position.

Suffragan Bishop Hal W. Gross of the Diocese of Oregon officiated. Dr. Nickerson was one of seven new deacons ordained in the diocese. His mother is now living in Hillsboro.

Laura Lee Sumner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sumner and sophomore at the University of Oregon, entered Sacred Heart hospital, Eugene, Thursday for minor surgery. Her sister, Mrs. Jim Lovgren, said Wednesday that major surgery may be necessary to follow. It was expected that she might be in the hospital for a week or more.

Visiting her mother, Mrs. Lucy Peterson, over the week-end was her daughter, Martha Peterson, of Portland.

Steagall Family Honors Mother At Get-together

By DELPHIA JONES

(Held over from last week)

LEXINGTON — Mrs. Lola Breeding, Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, Mrs. Emma Breshers of Lexington were spray visitors on March 28 at the home of Mrs. Cora Burnside, mother of Mrs. Breeding and the two Mr. Steagalls. The occasion was a birthday dinner honoring Mrs. Burnside.

Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steagall and family, and Willie Steagall of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sears of San Bernardino, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sifton and girls, Mr. and Mrs. David Sifton and Debbie of Kinross, Mr. and Mrs. Diamond Robison and Rickie and Mrs. Burnside of Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounts and son Steve of Maupin were visitors with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske last week-end.

Kenneth Marshall underwent major surgery at St. Vincent's hospital in Pendleton last week. Mrs. Marshall, who has been staying there to be with him, returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Harra and children returned to their home in Portland on Thursday after spending some time with his father Newt O'Harra. They were called here by the death of Mrs. O'Harra earlier in the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Groshens entertained the following people at her home on Sunday with a E. Irvin dinner, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Irvin and children of Arlington, Don Maria of Portland, Mrs. Florence McMillan and the Vic Groshens' children of Lexington.

Mrs. Alonzo Henderson and daughter Betty spent several days last week in Portland where they attended the ceramic show and visited with relatives.

Mrs. Patricia Darnielle and children returned to their home in Portland the last of the week-end after spending a few days with her father following the death of her mother earlier in the week.

Church Women Elect

Women's Fellowship Group of the Lexington church held an all day meeting last week at the C. C. Jones, where the time was spent quilting. The business meeting was held in the afternoon with election of officers as follows: Mrs. C. C. Jones, president; Mrs. Carl Marquardt, vice president; Mrs. Harley Sager, secretary; Mrs. Floyd Smith, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, devotional chairman.

Plans were made for the traveling food sale and bazaar scheduled for April 30. This will be a house to house sale of food-stuffs and fancy work. The time planned is 9:30 a.m.

Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. Lola Breeding, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Pearl Green, Mrs. Carl Marquardt, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. David Haddock, Mrs. Harley Sager, Mrs. Bill B. Marquardt, Mrs. George Steagall, Miss Merle Green. The next meeting is planned for the Sager home April 20.

Lola Breeding has returned to Lexington after several days visit with her mother, Mrs. Cora Burnside in Spray.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Breeding and son Fred and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Garber of Hermiston were Lexington callers Sunday at the

Ione Band to Play In Music Contest

Ione High school's band, directed by Carol Miller, will go to La Grande Saturday to participate in the Eastern Oregon Music competition. The event is sponsored by Eastern Oregon College and La Grande High school and is held under the auspices of the Oregon Music Educators' association and the Oregon School Activities association.

Ione's band will compete in class D, for schools under 100. Three other classes are for schools of larger size. Numbers that the Ione band will play include "Burnished Brass," "Variation Overture," and "An Occasional Suite." Among other bands participating in class D will be Weston, Eagle Valley, Prairie City and Helix.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sherman of Salem, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, came to Heppner Saturday for a visit and returned Sunday afternoon. The son is working on computer programming for Stayton Canning Co., and the daughter-in-law is home economics teacher at Parrish Junior High, Salem.

home of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith were in Richland, Wn. one day last week.

Mrs. A. E. Majeske entertained with a coffee hour honoring her daughter, Mrs. Jack Mounts on Friday. Those present were Mrs. Gene Cole, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Charles Colley, and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Mrs. Ed Hunt underwent surgery Wednesday morning at Pioneer Memorial hospital.



COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL Heppner vs. Wahtonka Saturday, April 10 Heppner vs. Condon, Tuesday, April 13, 2 p.m. Heppner High field, Rodeo ground.

DRAMA-MUSIC FESTIVAL Friday, April 9, 8 p.m. High school multipurpose room.

Combined evening of band selections and 3 one-act plays. Tickets, Adults \$1, students 50¢.

DONKEY BASKETBALL Saturday, April 10, 8 p.m. Heppner High gym Men's faculty vs. senior lettermen. Benefit for whirlpool bath.

HEPPNER PTA Wednesday, April 14, 8 p.m. Grade school multipurpose room. Special program on reading and math programs.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE Tuesday, April 13, 2 to 8 p.m. Cast a ballot!

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