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Public Attitude on Juvenile Offenses

In recent years considerable attention has been given to the question of publicity on juvenile offenses. Most newspapers have followed policies of not using names of juveniles in cases of minor offenses, an exception being that of traffic violations.

Some adults erroneously believe that it is illegal for newspapers to use names of juveniles, but this is not the case, at least in this state. It is entirely discretionary with the newspaper and with other news media.

With the rise of juvenile crime in the nation, however, the attitude of news media and the public seems to be changing. Some papers have publicly announced their intention of using names of juvenile offenders in all cases. Some are covering all juvenile court cases and either use names or give disposition of cases without names.

This paper has had the policy of not using names of juveniles in minor offenses and has not been covering cases in juvenile court.

Some revealing and interesting facts were brought out at the recent Oregon Newspaper Publishers convention by Hu Blonk of the Wenatchee Daily World, Wenatchee, Wn., in an address to the newspapermen. He has done some thorough research on the matter and presented the conclusion that more publicity should be given to juvenile offenses.

Blonk pointed out that in many communities the public is not aware that there is any juvenile problem because the youngsters are protected by the policy of not covering these cases.

He sent out a questionnaire, asking eight questions, and received 1061 replies. These he broke down into four categories: General public (278 replies received); law enforcement officers (70 replies); newspaper editors, 113 replies; and juveniles (601 replies).

All groups, except the juveniles, replied in great majority that juveniles' names should be used in publicity on grave offenses, such as car theft and vandalism, on the first offense. Newspaper editors voted 79.4% yes to 20.6% no, while the general public and officers each answered yes in 75% majority. Juveniles voted 47.5% yes to 52.5% no, indicating that nearly half of them felt the names should be used on first grave offenses.

An overwhelming number in all categories said names should be used on second grave offenses, and oddly enough, the juveniles who were polled led the yes vote with 98.3%. Newspaper editors were lowest at 91.3%.

None of the groups favored publication of names on first minor offenses in the majority, but 44.4% of the officers felt they should be published, and 38.6% of the general public voted yes. Editors were lowest in the affirmative at 18%, while 24.1% of the juveniles felt the names should be used.

Publication of names on second minor offenses brought yes votes in the majority in all categories, from 69.9% yes from the editors to 93.9% from the general public, while the juveniles voted yes, 71.9%, to 28.1% no.

A large predominance in all groups felt names should be published in traffic offenses with juveniles voting 65% yes and ranging up to 87.5% yes on the part of officers.

All groups but juveniles felt that publicity helps reduce juvenile delinquency. Of the juveniles polled, 49.5% felt it helped reduce delinquency while 50.5% felt that it did not.

Punishment given juvenile offenders is felt inadequate by 79.1% of the public, by 68.3% of the officers, by 70.1% of the editors, by 74.1% of all adults and by 49.3% of the juveniles.

Only 4.7% of the juveniles felt that punishment given is too severe, while 46% of them thought it was "about right." Only 24.4% of all adults felt punishment is "about right" and only 1.5% of them felt that it is too severe.

Judge Paul Jones, who as county judge is juvenile judge in this county, said Wednesday that he feels many in the county are not aware of the extent of the juvenile work handled by his court and juvenile counselors and that the public is not fully aware of the cost.

He said that more trouble is experienced with parents of youngsters in trouble than with the juveniles themselves. The judge added that some juvenile judges are advocating publication of names of all young offenders.

Every indication is that Morrow county is in fairly happy circumstances with its juveniles, the "problem" being rather light in comparison to other areas. But this should not put our people in a position of smug complacency, since we, like every county in the United States, do have a problem with juvenile offenses.

This paper will use names of juveniles in grave offenses where considerable property damage or personal safety is involved. It will continue to use reports of juveniles in traffic cases, and we feel some delinquency in covering juvenile cases. Probably some of those which have not been covered should have been reported without use of names in order that our residents be aware of what is going on in accordance with the "public's right to know."

Over The Tee Cup

By DEE GRIBBLE

You golfers that didn't keep and read your golfing letter missed out on our first potluck dinner after the two-ball fore-some that turned out to be a one-ball threesome, called "acapulco." This uses three players, 2 men and 1 woman, the men alternating strokes to the green and putting the pressure on the "putter," mainly gals. Needless to say, the prize is for least putts, and Vi Lanham needed only 15. She says, "young Pat Kilkenny can surely chip 'em in close." This was a real fun game, went quickly, then we all ate.

Supper was followed by a game of golf, as it had cooled down by then. Morrow county has the best cooks, and this was proven by co-chairmen, Janet and Don Turner, and Shirley and Jack Loyd. Our next potluck is scheduled

for July 18, so try and be out, and get the most out of our activities. They are sometimes hard to figure out, interest-wise.

On Tuesday seven gals turned out for a hot round. This golfer had to take cheerleaders for Heppner High to the clinic held at Lewis and Clark, but I was just at hot, as construction on the freeway at The Dalles held us up one hour.

No prizes were awarded as all seven felt they should win, just for being there.

Echo golf course is something to talk about—it's long, hilly and difficult, but the hospitality is really warm. Thirty-six gals played, as invitations had been issued to Arlington, Hemmiston, McNary and Heppner. Our winners were Haze Mahoney, low gross, and Lois Hunt, low net and also long drive.

Tee-off time now for ladies is 8 o'clock a.m. Winner of electa will be announced next week and handicaps will be posted. Check the bulletin board.

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WATCH FOR THE OREGON ROAD RAT



THE OREGON Road Rat is a nice guy off-road. It's only when motorized that he becomes obnoxious. A typical act: he uses his horn if the car ahead fails to move the instant a light turns green. (Oregon Traffic Safety Commission)

IFYE Experience Is Gratifying; Applicants Urged

By GORDON COOK
COUNTY EXTENSION
AGENT-AT-LARGE

An experience that I will never forget—helping to create better world understanding, living the way of life of people in a far away land—these and many others are part of the experience and responsibility of being an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate.

I was an IFYE to Korea this past year and can truly say that it is an experience that I will never forget and thoroughly enjoyed.

An IFYE must have certain qualifications of which the following are a few. One has to be between the ages of 20 and 30 years old, be single, and have a farm or rural background.

Applications are available at our office and must be filled out in the state 4-H office by July 23.

There is also a chance for any family to have an experience equally as great as many of the IFYEs. This is as a host family.

Each year Oregon has approximately eight IFYE exchanges staying in Oregon for two to three months.

If you are interested in becoming a host family, applications are available at our office.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Eulena Corley) Vaughn of Hayfork, Calif., visited in the Heppner, Ore. and Boardman areas over the week-end, and with Mrs. Vaughn's daughter in Pendleton. They visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Seehafer in Boardman, who had also had two other daughters as recent houseguests, Mrs. Duane Essex (the former Mildred Seehafer) and three daughters of Fair Oaks, Calif., and Mrs. B. T. Ballweg (the former Billie Seehafer) of Ft. Worth, Tex., accompanied by her husband and son.

House guests of Mrs. Ada Piper over the holiday week-end were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Piper, and two-year-old son, John II, of Oakland, Calif. While here, family members picnicked at the mountain cabin of Mr. and Mrs. Del Piper, and enjoyed a reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Piper on Monday. They also visited Piper's father, Rufus Piper, in Lexington.

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Oregon Sets Mark In Timber Harvest

As the nation's leading wood producer for over 25 years, the State of Oregon topped its log production of the past five years with a harvest in 1964 of nearly 8.78 billion board feet of timber, according to figures just released by State Forester Dwight L. Phipps, Oregon State Forestry Department, Salem. This was one of six highest log-producing years in its history, having been greater only one time since 1957, by about 137 million in 1959.

Of the 8,779,226,000 board feet harvested by the forest industry in Oregon this past year, some 4,013,052,000 board feet or about 46 percent was logged from their own lands; 2,793,546,000 board feet or about 32 percent from National Forests; 1,637,656,000 board feet or about 19 percent from Bureau of Land Management forests; 244,475,000 from State and Municipal managed forest lands and 90,517,000 board feet from Indian lands.

Volume harvested from private lands increased some 982,920,000 board feet over last year, while a decrease of 132,361,000 was reported from government-managed forest lands. This was a complete turnaround from last year when effects of the 1962 Columbus Day storm were still a dominant factor in log production by ownership.

Morrow county harvested 25,070 thousand board feet.

Cheerleaders at Clinic

Four Heppner High school girls, Barbara Gribble, Pam McCabe, Peggy Snyder and Verina French, are attending a cheerleader's clinic at Lewis and Clark College in Portland this week. They will be on the pep staff at the high school next year.

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"HERE'S YOUR PURSE," said the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Flint (Beverly Davidson) to Mrs. Charles C. (Delpha) Jones, who had answered the door at her home to be greeted by the couple.

Delpha was flabbergasted. She couldn't figure out how the newlyweds got her big white plastic purse.

They explained that they had found it on the Willow Creek highway about a mile from the Jones place and the contents were scattered over a considerable area.

The newlyweds had stopped and spent some time meticulously gathering up the contents. (Any husband knows what a woman carries in her purse and will realize what a job that is!)

Well, later Delpha figured out what had happened. She had left the purse at her mother's house. The mother, Mrs. Florence McMillan, came by and left it on the back of the Jones car, knowing that Delpha would be sure to see it when she came out of the house to go to town.

But Kenny Jones came up from another part of the place to use the car. Delpha didn't spot the purse on the back, and took off down the highway. It rode there for about a mile before bouncing off.

The Flints, who were just pulling out for Beaverton where they will make their home, found everything that Delpha had in the purse except for one credit card, and that is some achievement! There was just a little money in a billfold inside the purse and that was retrieved safely, too.

Delpha thought it was wonderful that a newlywed couple would take the time to be so considerate. Their thoughtfulness truly is a fine way to start a long and happy married life.

THERE DOESN'T seem to be any bulls at Bull Prairie, but there are plenty of bullfrogs. As darkness settles over the campground there at night, their croaking makes one feel that he is truly out in the wilds and lulls a fellow to sleep while he looks up at the bright stars in a clear sky.

Well, we'll have to confess we didn't look at the stars from our sleeping bag over the week-end, except through the trailer house window (That's the way we like to rough it).

But Bull Prairie is developing into a wonderful place, and our family had a great time over the Fourth week-end there.

The boys and daughter went fishing and swimming, but we just couldn't find the time. We were as busy as we could be sitting in the shade on one of those folding chairs, looking out over the lake. Elmer Schmidt and his relatives from as far away as Spokane were camped across the way. They had an aluminum boat that they generously loaned the Sherman boys, and it got so that Elmer almost had to ask them if he could use it. If we didn't have so golderned much sittin' to do, it might have been kinda nice to go out and paddle around the pond.

IT'S INTERESTING just to sit real still and watch the wee wildlife—to get acquainted with Old Mother Earth again as contrasted with sittin' at a typewriter in the newspaper office

and watching the moths fly by on a summer evening.

A robin comes hop, hopping along, cocking its head as it listens for worms. We sit in stillness and wonder what this old Bull Prairie robin does without floyal Ann cherries that the Willamette Valley robins enjoy so much.

Suddenly a little old squirrel comes dashing by, sits on its haunches and looks at us, right in the eye, as if to say, "Whatcha doin', mister?"

We spend considerable time watching the weird antics of the dragon flies and wonder how they can scoot so low on the lake's water without making a mistake and plunging in.

A puffy old bullfrog regards us solemnly, wondering no doubt, what use such a homely creature could be on this earth; then, tring of the thought, plops into the scum at the lake's edge.

Up in the sky a bold little bird (maybe a sparrow?) heckles a hawk, and the big bird tries to loop and roll but the little fighter stays at twelve o'clock high.

The inevitable flies come buzzing by, and we muse how Clayton Ayres and John Jensen might make a pretty penny with their insect exterminators at these camp grounds.

Even the fish in Bull Prairie contribute to a person's enjoyment. We note that the multitude of anglers who scatter around the lake's edge can sit and drowse for an hour at a time without being disturbed by a tug on the line. But generally when the tug comes, it is from a pretty substantial trout. The fisherman who is wily enough to think from a Rainbow's point of view can come up with some pretty good catches.

We watched the boys just after the sun went down one evening as they cast their lines into the lake from the east shore. Fish started jumping all over the lake, most of them little ones. This is a pretty maddenng thing, you know. They're doing a regular ballet all over the reservoir, and the kids don't get a nibble. I will solemnly swear that one trout jumped right over one of the boy's bobbers. But they managed to get three nice ones while at the lake and weren't too dissatisfied.

THE FOREST SERVICE has done a great job at Bull Prairie. It's a great place to camp. We noticed several cars from Washington there, but surprisingly at no time over the week-end was every place taken. Maybe they figured the road in was too bad.

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but it is now rapidly getting in to good shape, although thick with dust currently. There's a real good boat ramp at the reservoir (no motors, of course, are allowed). They have constructed a good trail all the way around the lake, and it is a great hike (all of a mile) for we souls who like to fool ourselves into believing that we are as fit as we once were.

There are plenty of picnic tables, good water, good roads around the park area. The area is well maintained. Garbage cans are kept clean and emptied daily; rest rooms are also clean and well serviced.

Yep, it's a beautiful spot. We came home to go back to work feeling that this new Conservation Sticker is well worth the price, although they were not yet charging at Bull Prairie over the week-end.

Wayne Lamb was back on duty at the First National Bank Tuesday after returning from a vacation trip through Nevada and California. He went to Reno and coincidentally met his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lamb of Irri-gon, there without realizing that they would be there. Wayne continued to Los Angeles and San Francisco, visiting en route, and came home via Klamath Falls where he stopped to visit Bert Huff and family, formerly of Heppner.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

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Open Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4, 7:00-8:30; 2-6 on Sundays.
Closed Mondays.
Season tickets and daily tickets available.
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KICKOFF DANCE
Meet Queen Judy and Rodeo Princesses.
Saturday, July 10, 10 p.m.
Fair Pavilion, Heppner.
Music by Road Runners, La Grande.

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Thoughts

for THINKERS

Keeping the law of Ten Commandments won't get you into heaven. But breaking them may keep you out! Here is a nice distinction! How can this be?

The answer is that heaven is a gift, not something to be earned. It is the gift of God made at the price of His Son's life. In Christ the simplest or vilest sinner may find salvation from the death decree. He has only to believe, in faith to lay hold of the gift.

But in order to believe, the sinner must first know the Saviour. To know Him is to love Him. To love Him is to follow Him, to observe His precepts. Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

The keeping of God's commandments when we love Him becomes a pleasure, a natural act rather than a process of attempting to earn salvation by works. It becomes something we want to do in order to demonstrate our love, in order to avoid wounding Him further. "He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him." 1 John 2:4.

This is where faith becomes inextricably linked with works, for here works become the outgrowth, the fruit of loving, of knowing Jesus. Even as we demonstrate our love through deeds to our fellowmen, so through deeds we demonstrate our love to God.

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