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## A Lesson on the BLM Lands

Residents of Morrow county who are concerned with the progress and development of the county to serve the best interests of its people may learn a lesson from the recent filings on Bureau of Land Management lands in the northern part of the county.

In essence, the lesson is that opportunity is where you find it. Progress will not wait, and development is inevitable. If local persons who are interested in developing the lands do not act, someone else will come in and do it.

It has been said that our people did not know these lands were open, but there have been previous filings under the Desert Entry act in the northern part of the county. At least one family homesteaded there. For those who want to make opportunity, it is incumbent upon them to search and seek. Some in the county have long talked about irrigating the desert lands in order to make a truck garden of these now desolate acres, but none had made the move until last month.

When the north end of the county was opened to the Boeing Co., it was done so with the idea that other outside industries would be attracted. The Port of Morrow has been working towards development along the riverfront for years. It was organized for that purpose. Governor Mark Hatfield, Rupert Kennedy and others have said time and again that with the advent of the John Day dam and the coming of the space age to Morrow county, this is one of the sites with the greatest potential in the state.

Having broadcast such a widespread invitation, Morrow county people could hardly expect those with capital to invest to pass by any opportunity they see here.

There are too many things on the move in this county to prevent its development even by those who would like to see it stay just as it is.

There are no boundary guards at the Morrow county line; there are no inter-county immigration laws to prevent any citizen of the nation from moving here or from investing here.

We can't tell those seeking opportunity in the county that we want them to broaden our tax base, to furnish employment, and bring other economic advantages but we don't want them to profit from their ventures.

Progress is coming to Morrow county. Those of our local people who are in a position to join in the development to the north should be getting in on the ground floor and be alert to opportunities without moaning when someone else comes along to do the things we have been in essence, inviting them to do.

Through the county court, planning commission and the port commission, ground rules of policy and zoning may be set up—as they should be—but the progress is coming and it cannot be stopped.

It could be that some of our local people are too close to the situation to get a perspective on the possibilities here. The filings by the group of Portlanders at least will give some impetus to a closer evaluation of agricultural and industrial possibilities in the county.

## Merchants Suffer Shoplifting in Silence

A recent magazine article points out that shoplifters cost merchants across the country an estimated \$2 billion per year. No community is immune from these persons with "sticky hands," although small towns usually aren't beset with the professional shoplifter.

Heppner merchants have pretty much preferred to suffer in silence with their shoplifting problems. Most of them have had trouble in varying degree, both with young people and adults, but probably most of the trouble comes from youngsters whose eyes are too big for their pocketbooks or who "swipe" some articles as a prank. Cases of shoplifting seldom reach the papers, but they are going on.

Probably in relatively few instances does the merchant even go to the police when he notices a case of shoplifting. He prefers to handle it himself. Often times he cannot be sure and would rather absorb a loss than to accuse someone falsely.

In the case of youngsters, the store owner is often reluctant to tell parents because of the fear of losing a good customer who cannot believe his child "would do such a thing." It isn't particularly uncommon for young children even from the best of backgrounds, to pick up things from a store. After all, some of them have watched mother take things off the grocery shelves and put them in a shopping cart time after time, and the immature minds may miss the point that it is necessary to stop at the counter and settle the bill.

It is our feeling that a merchant who catches a child shoplifting can do him a favor by giving him a stern reprimand so that he understands the seriousness of his act. The matter should be called to the attention of the parents, and if they are really interested in the welfare of their children, they should not take the attitude of "my child can do no wrong."

The magazine article tells how a professional, clad in a large coat, walks to a counter where scarves are displayed. He lays his hands on the counter. Almost imperceptibly, he clips a hook to one of the scarves. As he releases the hook, the scarf, pulled by a rubber band, disappears up his sleeve.

Fortunately, that kind of shoplifter doesn't frequent small towns as a rule, but it is nevertheless a problem. A banner headline in another eastern Oregon weekly newspaper recently proclaimed, "Merchants Battle Shoplifters."

Regardless of what the merchant does to prevent it, shoplifting will continue. One person, who may pick up something on impulse, may have it on his conscience for years. Another may do it without any qualms at all, and do it time and again. Some time, the repeater will get caught, and he does face the prospect of paying the penalty for breaking the law.

In many instances, a merchant will have knowledge that a certain person is a shoplifter but say nothing about it. One would think that such a thief—and regardless of his reason or motive, he is a thief—would develop a furtive feeling that would haunt him every time he came into a store.

An honest person would reason that such a feeling of guilt would be too high a price to pay for an article.

He might grumble about the price, but when he leaves the store with an item, he knows that he paid for it. If he can't afford it, he doesn't get it, and there's nothing wrong with that, either.

## In Abbey School

John McElligott, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. McElligott of Ione, is enrolled as a member of the junior class in The Abbey School at Canon City, Colo., this

year. The school is a residential college preparatory school for boys conducted by the priests and brothers of the Order of St. Benedict. Enrollment is restricted to 250 boys for the 4-year course. They represent 20 states and four foreign countries.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WINTER MAY BE coming on, but this Wednesday must be the longest day of the year for at least one man—Don Drysdale of the Los Angeles Dodgers who has just left the opening World Series game with the score 7-1 against him. We "spect the Dodgers will bounce back.

THERE WAS some feeling of exultation Saturday morning after the shootin' army had headed for the hills, to come across a magnificent buck out in the open wheat lands southwest of Ione.

We were headed out to take a picture, got on a wrong road and were traveling towards Lloyd Morgan's when the state-ly buck came out of a small canyon and ran along the roadside just ahead of our car and not more than 30 feet from it. He kicked up a dust that held close to the ground in the moist, heavy air of the early morning. His sleek coat shimmered in the bright sunlight.

He seemed to consider it a challenge and held to the roadside for perhaps a half-mile. The speedometer registered up to 35 mph, but he kept the pace. Suddenly he veered into the road ahead of the car and bounded along for another quarter mile until he suddenly decided to take off to the other side and disappear over a rolling hill.

We had a strong hankering to shoot this magnificent animal—but with a movie camera and not a gun. We had the Rolleicord beside us but didn't even manage to get a shot with it.

While getting our directions from Lloyd a few minutes later, we visited with him about the buck. He was aware it was around all right but was more interested in his farm work than in going after it. We hope the animal makes it through the season.

MRS. VIDA HELIKER brought in the first copy of the Ione Independent we'd ever seen the other day. It is dated January 25, 1924, and contains many interesting items.

One item points out that the garage of E. R. Lundell has developed a volume of business unmatched by few towns of similar size in eastern Oregon with 47,652 gallons of gas pumped in 1923 and sales of 18 new Fords, Stars, Studebakers and trucks.

Jone high had just defeated Heppner high in basketball, 14 to 13. "The Heppner high basketball team came to Ione last night with the intention of taking home the bacon, but after all is said and done, it appears very much as if all they took back was the rind," the story said. For Ione were Carl Linn 9, Colvin 2, Ray, Bristow 2, Linn 1. For Heppner were Lee 2, Doherty 10, Aiken 1, Moore and Hall. (First names were not included). Bank of Ione advertised cap-

ital and surplus of \$35,000, and Bert Mason offered regular \$35 Howard coal heaters at \$29. Cohn Auto Co. of Heppner advertised the Overland touring car at \$495 "with the bigger power of its bigger new engine," while Maurice A. Frye of Heppner ("Everything Electrical") in his ad said, "Radio on the Farm Keeps You in Touch with the World."

Ione Hotel announced that it was under new management with "best meals in Central Oregon," Sam Ganger was proprietor.

A legal notice announced a forthcoming bond election seeking \$40,000 for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a school building in Ione. M. R. Morgan was chairman of the board.

P. P. Hassler was editor and publisher of the Independent at that time and offered a year's subscription for \$1.50.

FROM JUNEAU, ALASKA, comes a letter from Bob Van Houte, former Morrow county school superintendent, giving a humorous insight of some of the problems that he is finding in his new home. He is executive secretary of the Alaska Education association.

"I take a few moments to bring you up to date on life in the Last Frontier State," he writes. "My family came up in the late spring. The mountains around were loaded with snow. Now, in September, all but the higher elevations are bare, but green.

"One pleasure was watching a black bear family feed on fresh green shoots and shrubs, two cubs and parents. By June the bears had moved to higher ground. This action was on a mountainside about 350 yards from our trailer court.

"We purchased a large trailer unit in Portland late in March and had it shipped up by boat to Juneau; two units, each 10x45, which made a 20x45 3-bedroom home. To Van Houte and teacher friends fell the enviable task of putting this monster together—bolting the bottoms and tops through so-called matching holes, placing the whole unit on blocks and making everything level. This was done in early April when temperatures might be 40 degrees. Connecting water, gas, oil and electricity was also a comedy. The 'electrician' managed to ground one side of the power to the frame of the trailer; when I started connecting water lines I learned that 110 volts is the same all over. Being completely under the trailer, I got three shocking experiences before I got out from under. In addition, I was warm all over.

"For insulation, when you bolted these two units together, a fat strip of fiberglass was supposed to go in between so you had a seal at top-bottom-front and back end. You attempted to

## Services Held Monday For Minnie Payne

Mrs. Minnie Mae Payne, who resided here with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hale, the past three years, died Friday, October 1, in a nursing home in The Dalles, where she had been a patient for several months.

Mrs. Payne, 51, was born April 10, 1884, in Missouri and spent most of her life in Sherman county, Oregon.

She is survived by nine children, including Mrs. Hale and Frank Payne, formerly of Heppner and now of Condon; also numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Darrell McLachlan, Heppner, is a grandson.

Afternoon services were held Monday at the Baptist church in Grass Valley with the Rev. Arthur H. Brown officiating. Interment was at the Odd Fellows cemetery in Grass Valley.

tack this with 1/4" copper tacks which when the wind blew, promptly blew out. According to the instructions—on page 7, footnote 2—when all is level, insulation in place, you gently pull these two 45" units together, bolt and fasten, and you're all set. Ha! Ha! Did you ever try to slip two 9,000 lb. units of anything together? Then find that the insulation up on the roof had slipped out of place, or that the 'matched bolt holes' at the bottom of the units matched in front but were 1/4-inch off at the back and the bolts could not go through? Language, which I thought I had forgotten, learned while working on the waterfront in Portland, cleared the air for miles around. "Believe it or not, finally, all insulation was where it should be, new longer bolts fastened the thing together. The lights went on, the oil furnace gave off heat, hot water arrived from the correct faucet—we were in."

Bob says that while 50 days of rain is normal the summer has brought only five or six such days. He reports excellent fishing and tells of a week spent in a remote lake, 20 minutes by air from Juneau, where they had a Forest Service cabin and the entire lake to themselves.

"The lake, in size and grandeur like Wallowa Lake, sheer rock walls that went up 1000-1500 feet with waterfalls like Yosemite, dropping 200-500 feet," was the way he described it.

"Friendly people and eager young teachers make you laugh at your trials and strive to meet the many challenges that educators face in this large, sparsely populated state," he concluded.

Bob says they read the G-T "faithfully". His position sends him all over the state. The State Department in Alaska operates a 700-teacher school system.

OBSERVATION of the week: From Jack Loyd as he came to the Sherman household to pick up the assortment of drums of son, Tim, who was ill (no inference intended) after a jam session with Sherman son Jim. "Why couldn't he have taken up the piccolo or flute?"

## TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor:

I wonder who's straining at a knot and swallowing a camel. Our governor protesting a 1500-acre land trade of Douglas fir for a redwood park in California. We'll all go to see it when we are down there, and the fir stumps stay here to be logged and processed. It really doesn't matter who owns the stumpage.

Now a great to do over a 17-section land grab.

The governor and the former county court gave the State of Washington 10,000 acres of our county, some of the best irriga-

ble land anywhere, and he is frantically looking for water use to head off California getting it. Let's set aside the 17 section land grab and take water out of McNary dam, irrigate the whole shebang, and apportion the land by drawings as they did in Washington.

O. W. Cutsforth

## Guest Night Planned

The Degree of Honor Protective Association will observe guest night at its next regular meeting Tuesday, October 12. Members are asked to invite guests and meet at the Christian church at 8 p.m.



## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL Heppner vs. Grant Union Friday, October 8, 8 p.m. John Day Field Support the Mustangs!

OES SOCIAL CLUB Saturday, Oct. 9, 2 p.m. Heppner Masonic Hall.

REBEKAH BANQUET Thursday, Oct. 14, 6:30 p.m. Hotel Dining Room, no-host Official Visit State President.

MORROW CO. ROLLER RINK Open for skating Friday, Saturday, 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m. Shoe skate rentals, concessions.

FAMILY MOVIE "Eye, Bye Birdie," starring Dick Van Dyck, Janet Leigh Sunday, Oct. 10, 6:30 p.m. Ione Cafeteria. Benefit for Ione Public Library.

TEACHERS RECEPTION Heppner High School Multipurpose room. Wednesday, Oct. 13, 8 p.m.

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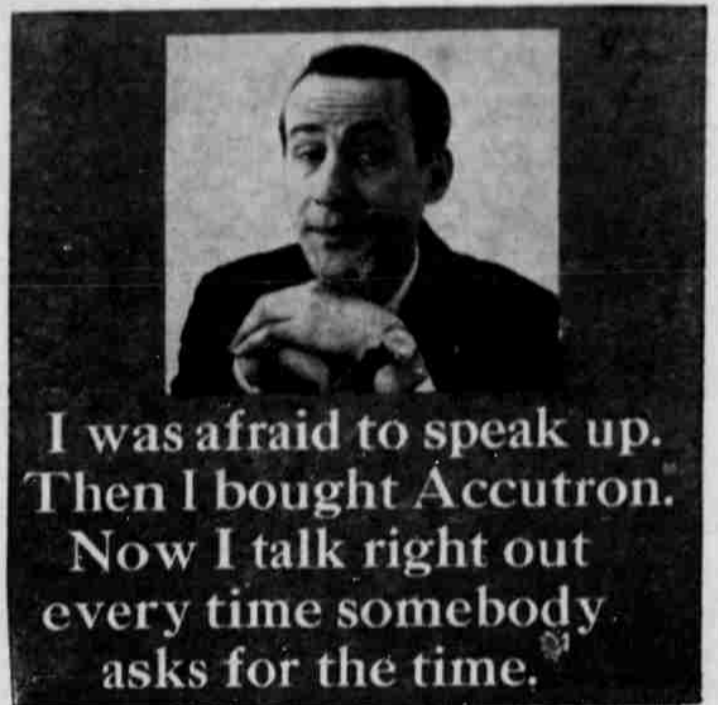
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