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Our Opportunity to Work Together

A rancher whom we respect dropped in for a visit Tuesday, and the conversation got around to the Willow Creek project.

This man said that farmers along the creek still need to have the answers to a number of important questions before they can give wholehearted support to the plan for irrigation from the waters from the proposed dam.

In the preliminary discussions here some of the statements made by representatives of different groups seemed to be a bit contradictory, he said, and it is important that accurate and reliable information be presented.

Certainly this point is well taken, and it is something that the most ardent proponents of the dam will concede. Steps are being taken in this direction. County Judge Paul Jones has compiled a list of 31 questions that he has collected from ranchers and others interested in the project. He has submitted these to the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation, the State Water Resources Board and others for answers. At this time they are working on the replies, and the answers undoubtedly will be given at an open informational meeting scheduled sometime in January to bring accurate data to the people.

The rancher who chatted with us pointed out that he believes there is no town as good as Heppner. He has lived all his life in the area, has supported Heppner, believes in it, and likes this way of life.

While the irrigation is important to him, he made it quite clear that he is also vitally concerned with any project that is going to be for the good of the county. He emphasized that if it is for the good of the county, it is good for him.

He expressed it very well. Looking at it from the other side, business people and non-farming residents must also say, "What is good for the rancher is good for us."

This county is built largely on wheat and cattle. The forest industry has a share of the fundamental economy, too, but without ranching, and nothing apparent to take its place, there would be few businesses in the county and some pretty dilapidated ghost towns.

It is difficult, therefore, to think that any business person would do anything that would be of detriment to the rancher. For to do so, he would be cutting his own throat.

Through the proceedings on the Willow Creek dam, proponents have become convinced that this will be a vitally important factor in development and progress of the county. There is no need to re-emphasize the flood control feature in a town that was devastated by a flood in 1903. As to the recreational aspects, thinking is becoming pretty well crystallized here that this is one of our most important areas for development with the resources at our command. It is an area that needs developing and one that will bring people here.

The wildlife feature, pollution abatement, and proposed water supply for possible future municipal and industrial needs bring no debate or opposition. They are all good.

The most complicated feature—the one most difficult to work out—is that of irrigation. The Army Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation people have stated that they believe farmers along the creek will benefit from such irrigation and give their estimates on figures of costs.

But in this area there is considerable work to be done in ironing out problems, getting documented information, setting up the district that would be needed, working out operational details and other matters.

No one can blame the ranchers in wanting to see the matter spelled out. As the one who visited us the other day said, "Their ranches are their domains, they have worked hard to build them, and all that they have in them."

Again his point is well taken. At this stage in the proceedings, when it has been pretty well emphasized that the irrigation feature is the big hurdle yet to be cleared before the dam becomes a reality, every effort should be turned towards getting the answers to needed questions (as Judge Jones and the county court are now doing) and proponents of the project should do everything they can to see that ranchers' rights are safeguarded.

There are many who ardently believe that the dam, which has been in the talking and surveying stages for many years, is the most important thing ever conceived for southern Morrow county. Although relatively new to the county, we share this view. They earnestly hope that its water, released at times of low flow, will bring good economic returns to the ranchers participating. At this time all those supporting the project should dedicate themselves to do all in their power to see that this irrigation feature is planned on a realistic and workable basis, and as much as possible, to everyone's satisfaction.

This presents a great opportunity for rancher and businessman to work together with the knowledge that each needs the other, and as the rancher so aptly put it, "What's good for the county is good for all of us."

Need for CARE at Christmas Time

Herman Winter, a Marine reserve officer, brought some motion picture films to show to the Chamber of Commerce Monday and the Lions club Monday night. These were on the Viet Nam conflict, and one was entitled, "The War Within a War."

The Vietcong has so terrorized the people in Viet Nam that the citizenry is afraid to show much sympathy or cooperation with the Americans, in many instances, the film said. Thus, the "war within a war" is to win their friendship by acts of kindness. Having done so, the troops can prevail upon them to move to safe places outside the zones of conflicts and the communists can then no longer sustain themselves in those areas by using the natives and living off the supplies they can take from them.

Winter pointed out that one of the best things that the American people can do to help in winning this "war within a war" is to send money for CARE packages. This organization knows the needs, knows how the money can be used to best advantage to supply the real wants of the people. Quite a few persons of good intent gather clothing and other materials for which there is no real need.

Coincidentally, we have received material from CARE pointing out that every dollar given to the holiday-season CARE Food Crusade sends a food package, averaging 27 pounds. CARE uses the money it receives to deliver U. S. donations of farm abundance or to buy special foods, such as rice for Vietnamese war victims.

"CARE seeks to deliver 6,000,000 food packages in the names of Americans, as part of a year-long plan to help

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

GEMINI CRICKETS, we're flying high this Christmas. The boys aloft have just made their rendezvous, according to the television reports just coming through, and down below we ordinary mortals are in the clouds with preparations for Christmas. Let's hope we all get our feet on the ground before the holiday actually arrives.

ONE OF the interesting things about the pre-Christmas time is the novel decorations that one sees around. Some of these clever women can make beautiful ornaments out of the most insignificant articles.

For instance, we noticed Mrs. Bill (Ida) Farra has made a neat door piece out of the rims of tops of tin cans. She has soldered the circular rims to form the shape of a Christmas tree and has a colored light mounted in the center of each circle.

At the office of Winter and Balfe, attorneys, a very symmetrical and bushy little Christmas tree stands on a table there with colored lights. Closer examination reveals that this is made of the often-shunned teal—the work of Mrs. Matt (Joan) Hughes. She said it takes a couple hours to make the "tree" and it will keep approximately forever. She just puts a plastic bag over it and stores it in the basement in off season.

ONE ALSO has to marvel at Marvel Hebert at the Heppner Grill. Last year, you may recall, she and husband, Bud, had a tree in their place of business that was so symmetrical it almost looked artificial. They have come up with another this year. It looks more like one that one might see on a picture postcard at Christmas.

The odd thing is that the Heberts got this tree in the Forest Service tree cutting area, across from the Bull Prairie turnoff. Those who have scouted for such a beautiful tree know that they aren't easy to find. Marvel said it took them about four hours to find it, and she wouldn't settle for anything less, although Bud was all for settling for one that was "good enough."

HEPPNER HAS a "Star of the East" to call attention to the Christmas season. It looms brightly from its lofty perch on the chimney of Pioneer Memorial hospital. But it didn't just drift there out of some galaxy. Bob Lowe, the hospital's general handyman, places it there from year to year and has made some additions to it this year. Bob says that he finds it a little harder each year to make the ascent and install the star, but it is a good job—looks like a real star in the sky. We'd have to remark that it is a pretty Wise Man that placed it there, too.

MOST MERCHANTS now gift wrap the merchandise they sell for Christmas, and, as we say every Christmas, this is the nicest thing imaginable for us guys who are all thumbs when it comes to wrapping and tying and making the bows.

We have to have a little sympathy for some of our merchants, though.

Take Case Furniture Company. Did you ever try gift wrapping a reclining chair? Or a pole lamp? Or a bedroom set? At Randy Lott's Electric it is the same thing. Did you ever apply gift papers and ribbons to a color TV set or an electric dishwasher? In each case, they have a small mountain of inviting looking parcels ready to go out on the "night before Christmas."

That takes kindness, patience and a personal interest in the customer's particular problem, friends.

SO MANY PERSONS have inquired about Nels and Esther Anderson and family, now in Africa, as Christmas approaches. We have several more letters from them to go into print, but we don't know if we can get any part of them in this paper or not at this late time.

Esther writes in the last letter that they will surely miss Christmas as they have known it. From the thoughts being beamed their way, however, and the interest in remembering them, it appears from this end that they should have quite a Christmas.

At the same time another letter comes from Kit, once our budding sports reporter and printer's devil. He and brothers, Doug and Dave, will be with their folks for Christmas at Niamey, expecting to fly there for the holidays.

Many have been afraid that

cards and remembrances would not reach the Andersons in time. However, information from them is that some material has been going through as quickly as five days when routed through Washington, D. C.

Address your cards and parcels (if you have not already gone) to the Andersons, Niamey, Niger, Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20321.

This just takes regular U. S. postage, and the items go into the government pouch at Washington, D. C., and they are dispatched quickly to Niamey.

Kit remarked that Doug got his Heppner High school annual on Wednesday, December 1, through the mail. It was addressed merely "Doug Anderson, International School, University of Ibadan," Kit said. "No Niger, is or Africa. Pretty lucky the papers were with it, or it probably wouldn't have gotten here."

He was referring to some copies of the Gazette-Times which arrived at the same time.

Everyone joins in wishing these Morrow countians, Niger branch, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CLAUDE BUSCHKE looked a little lonesome in the rather empty space of Gilliam and Bisbee's Wednesday when he unlocked the door and let us in for a little chat. The hustle and bustle and the strain and pressure of the auction sale was over. Good crowds attended, and the bidders got some bargains. There is still quite a bit of merchandise left since the job just couldn't be completed in the two days allotted. The Buschkes are still working on plans on what to do with it.

As soon as they can get squared away, Claude and Margaret expect to get in the camper that he built and take a trip somewhere, maybe California and points south.

This camper is a beautiful job. Claude examined many campers before he built it, and he planned features that he liked best in each. He has utilized every bit of space in it, and did all the work himself, although he declares he never was much of a carpenter. (The finished product looks otherwise.) It's a comfortable home on wheels.

18 from Morrow Attending OSU

Eighteen students from Morrow County are enrolled at Oregon State University this fall, a report released by the university shows.

Eighty-two percent, or 9,729 of the 11,906 students attending OSU are Oregon residents. There are 1,877 from 46 other states and 30 students from 60 foreign countries.

Students enrolled from the county include:

- Boardman—Tyra A. Nordstrom and Richard K. Skoubo.
- Cecil—Richard L. Hynd.
- Heppner—Eric Anderson, Ronnie Belsma, Chris E. Brown, John A. Cason, Kenneth A. Daggett, Lee Patrick Daggett, Donald Wayne Evans, Shannon Mahoney, and Michael R. Sweek.
- Ilwaco—Cheryl A. Morrison and Kenneth L. Smouse.
- Irrigon—Howard L. Keith, Susan Lorraine McCoy, and Terry Lynn McCoy.
- Lexington—John E. Wagenblast.

Ayres Takes Course At Ford Institute

Earl P. Ayres, dealer for Heppner Auto Sales, Inc., Ford and Lincoln-Mercury dealership in Heppner, was recently graduated from the fundamentals of leasing course conducted by the San Francisco Ford Marketing Institute.

The San Francisco Ford Marketing Institute at Burlingame, Calif., serves eleven western states as part of a nationwide Ford program to offer training in dealership management and selling and in car and truck technology.

The San Francisco Institute is staffed by eight full-time instructors, each a specialist in some area of retail selling and dealership management. Outstanding men from dealerships also take part in panel discussions.

In addition, the Institute conducts field courses in car and truck selling for salesmen in cities away from the Institute where necessary.

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TO THE EDITOR...

December 8, 1965

To the Editor: "We Have It, Will Get It, or It Is Not Made."

Old-timers will recognize this slogan used for so many years by the venerable hardware company of Gilliam and Bisbee.

Nostalgia sets in as I read with regret that the good Buschkes are retiring from business and with that retirement will go the firm name of Gilliam and Bisbee.

And of course we old timers know full well that G & B was far more than a hardware store—it was an institution for many years—how many I do not know, for through life up to my present day there has always been a Gilliam and Bisbee. Lou or Len perhaps know the year of the firm's founding by the late Frank Gilliam and T. E. (Tim) Bisbee. Could be they were in business before the next family generation came along.

At any rate not many Morrow county people are still living who were alive when the store opened its doors for business. No doubt it was the oldest firm continuously in business in the entire county. The complete history of G and B would make a volume, at the same time conveying a very worthwhile history of the entire county.

Respectfully yours, Art Crawford, San Jose, Calif.

(Editor's Note: Earl Gilliam has brought in the firm's early record books. First entry in the books, at that time Gilliam and Coffey, was on Saturday, December 4, 1888. These books in themselves would make a good feature story that we hope to find time to write.)

December 9, 1965

To the Editor: I am enclosing an article similar to the one I sent to the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin, since my great aunt, Mrs. Forquer, grew up in Heppner. (Ed. Note: Obituary elsewhere in this paper.)

My family and I so enjoyed our trip there last summer when we were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam (I had attended Whitman college with their son Jackson). We worked on our old family cemetery out near the homestead mentioned in the article. Whereas ours is now in good condition, we could not help but be saddened by the neglected state of those nearby—toppled headstones, burned remnants of fences. We

Jordan Elevator Pays \$5 Dividend

Directors of the Jordan Elevator Company voted at the board's most recent meeting to pay a dividend of \$5 per share to all stockholders of the company. Paul Pettijohn of the company announced.

The firm has been able to pay a dividend in virtually every year with the exception of the time that it remodeled the plant a few years ago, he said.

Jordan Elevator Company also recently installed a new load-out spout to load the new hopper-bottom railroad cars. This makes the elevator one of the most modern in the country, he said.

Mrs. Marcel Jones Undergoes Surgery

Mrs. Marcel Jones underwent surgery in St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton, Monday, and her husband reported Wednesday that she is improving nicely following the operation.

She entered last Thursday and expected to be there for several days. She probably will be home early next week, Jones said.

Mrs. Jones is in room 407 at the hospital.

Pfeiffer Reelected

John Pfeiffer was reelected as a director of the Heppner Cemetery Maintenance district at the election in the city hall building Monday, December 6, Mrs. Elaine George, secretary for the district, said. The term is for three years.

wished something might be done to maintain these historical spots.

Sincerely,
Mary Koch
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Walla Walla, Wash.

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Henchmen Schedule New Years Dance

The Henchmen, a combo composed of four young men of the community, have scheduled a dance New Years eve in the fair pavilion, and the public is invited.

In the group are Roger Leonig, drums; Tim Smith, bass guitar; Gene Najar lead guitar; Jim Sherman, rhythm guitar. They have played for high school dances this season and have been practicing regularly.

The dance will feature popular hit tunes. Admission will be \$1.50 per person, and the dance will be from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m. D. E. (Shorty) Hudson will be in charge of concessions.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
Saturday, Dec. 18, DeSales of Walla Walla, here Tuesday, Dec. 21, Heppner at Ione.
Support the Mustangs!

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
Sponsored by Ruth Assembly Rainbow Girls
Sat. Dec. 18, 2-5 p.m.
Masonic Hall
Bridge and pinocle.

CHURCH CANTATA
"The Prince of Peace"
Sunday, Dec. 19
Lexington Christian church, 5:00 p.m.
Heppner Christian church, 7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS
High School Multipurpose Room
Friday, December 17, 7:30 p.m.
Band, chorus music, "black light" skit
Grade School Band and Chorus program
Tues. Dec. 22, 7:30 p.m.
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