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## An Early Start on the Rodeo

Under the chairmanship of E. H. (Tad) Miller, Jr., the Morrow county rodeo committee, like the fair board, has been working the year around with meetings being held every month.

As a consequence, planning for the coming summer events is probably farther ahead in several aspects than it usually is at this time of year. Chairman Miller, together with Charley Daly, vice chairman of the rodeo committee, and other directors, has shown a determined zeal to leave no stone unturned to make the Morrow county show the best possible.

He made this clear at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce here Monday when he said with sincerity, "It is the committee's intention to put on as fine a rodeo as there is in the country. I think it can be done."

Miller and Daly told the Chamber of some of the things the committee is doing in the way of making improvements to the rodeo and things contemplated for the future.

This stimulated interested discussion from the Chamber members, and so at this early date there was considerable interchange of ideas on how to improve parking, how to draw more people to the show, how to handle the crowds better, and how to make the event more enjoyable for them.

All rodeo supporters look to the day when the old grandstand will be replaced, and the fairboard now is planning in that direction, although because of the costs involved, it is some time away as yet. A new grandstand with more comfortable seating would be a fine thing for all the outdoor events held there.

The rodeo leaders are trying to stimulate more interest and more support in the rodeo, which Daly points out is Morrow county's main celebration.

Now, with the work that the directors are putting into this event, and the interest they have in making it a fine thing for the county, the public should not procrastinate but join now in helping to boost the 1966 rodeo.

Randall Peterson pointed out at the Monday meeting that more local firms and organizations should get busy and have entries in the rodeo parade (—and this includes the Chamber of Commerce itself!).

Now—at the first of April—is the time to start thinking about this. Remember our parade last year? Probably two-thirds of it was from outside groups. Peterson declared Monday that some of these outsiders will start refusing to come unless we show a bit more interest ourselves and get up some floats that we can send their way, too.

If an organization or business will start thinking now about a float and get planning underway, there is no reason why we shouldn't have a good representative group of entries in the parade. But if we wait until we usually get around to thinking about rodeo—say sometime in July—it is almost too late to get the job done.

As Daly says, the rodeo here is more than just another rodeo. It is one of the better rodeos, in the first place, and it is a countywide celebration.

Interest that the Chamber of Commerce is taking in the rodeo is a fine thing. A pleasant cooperative relationship is developing between the Chamber and the rodeo board—they're working hand in hand.

There still needs to be more interest from the public at large to build the event into a time when Morrow county people proudly "strut their stuff."

Chairman Miller, who is as earnest and hard-working a leader as the committee could have, will welcome suggestions from the public, for he is certainly sincere in trying to make the rodeo a first class event.

If anyone has such comments, he'd like to hear them. All the directors would appreciate the public's planning now for the event that is still approximately five months away.

If the 1966 rodeo is to be a memorable event, this is the time to start making it so, instead of waiting until mid-July to become active.

## Improving the Ballot

(From Wallowa County Chieftain, Enterprise, Gwen Coffin, Editor)

Now that the candidates for county commissioner, district attorney and other elective offices on the local, state and national scene are all officially filed on the records it is time for these aspirants to political stardom to begin thinking seriously about their slogans to go underneath their names on the primary ballots. Usually candidates succumb to such bias, or self-laudatory phrases as "Throw the rascals out", or "Pledges integrity, intelligence, industry and independence", or "Supports the Constitution and opposes communism", or "Able conscientious, and equal service for everyone".

These ballot slogans may be all right, but a little imagination could produce something with a little more zip such as:

- "All the way with LBJ"
- "Take Uncle Sam out of Viet Nam"
- "Apply the axe to the property tax"
- "Vote for the man who favors Mountain Sheep Dam"
- "For warning tags on tailor-made fags"
- "Lower taxes on dogs, logs and hogs"

It might also be enlightening to provide a space after or below the name of each candidate in which the voter could write whatever slogan or remarks about a candidate he deemed most appropriate. A provision for an "X" to indicate the voter's approval or disapproval is hardly sufficient. Voters would feel a lot better if they could write: "This guy is a fraud and should be given the heave-ho" or words of similar import. Then at the bottom of the ballot there might be a few blank lines on which the voter could write his suggestions for the improvement of the whole political situation.

A trial witness would like to explain his answers to counsel's questions and not merely answer "Yes" or "No", and a voter would like to say more than "For" or "Against".

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE NEVER gave it a thought until we went behind the meat counter at the usual place in Central Market Tuesday to pick up Ernie McCabe's meat items for this week's ad.

Then we noticed that Ernie was advertising such things as "Fresh Horses' Hoofs," "Old Cows' Tails," and such. Being a bit rum-dum from the rush week, we didn't even tumble when we read the items, thinking Ernie just had some new products in stock.

But when we looked on the second sheet of the pad, then we knew! It said, "April Fool," in big letters.

Of course, Ernie was a bit ahead of time, but here it is right on us. Friday is April Fool's day.

So it is time to be on guard. We tried to get Ernie to run his April Fool items in the ad, but he couldn't see it thataway. He thought the last laugh might be on him when Clint read it.

BUT THE bargains offered by merchants in Heppner and their new spring merchandise are no April Fool's joke. It's a good time to get out and be a buyin'.

SPEAKING of Bro. Clint McQuarrie, he came running in today to get in an announcement about a work day at the golf course Sunday. That's the way it goes, get a couple days of good weather, and he and his cohorts get itching to swing a stick again.

But we don't know why they want to work in the rain. According to the weather prognosticators, it's supposed to rain this week-end.

BY THE WAY, you old timers, is it safe for us to take off those snow tires yet?

OCCASIONALLY some ex-Morrow county person will write to us and say he wants us to keep our readers better informed on how the crops are coming. We've been intending to write a story on this year's crop outlook, but haven't got to it, but we have heard it reported by some of the long standing Morrow county ranchers that they have

seem to see the crop so good at this time of year.

The country is greening up, and it sure looks good. Now if it isn't drought, bugs, rust or something else, it might be a real good harvest this summer. We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Now if that rain comes to drench the golfers Sunday, it should be just right for the ranchers on the heels of this nice warm growing weather.

LARRY COOK said that while

## TO THE EDITOR.

### Things of Interest

Dear Wes and Helen Sherman: Just finished reading this week's edition of my favorite newspaper, the Gazette-Times. There were many things that interested me very much. I see my old friend Frank S. Parker is still pretty well alive. Frank and I used to work at the carpenter work together in Heppner and Pendleton, and of course, that was before he and Gertrude Crawford were married. Frank, I hope to see you some time in May when I am planning on being there for my birthday. I wonder who is the next in line for being the oldest living person actually born in the city of Heppner. I think maybe it is Charley Jenkins, born three months later and a lifelong

friend of mine. I am glad to hear that Oscar E. Peterson is still working on the dam project there. He is a good man for that. Several years ago the army engineers stationed at Walla Walla wrote asking me to loan him my manuscript of the History of Morrow County. He kept it for six months then wrote saying he received more good from reading the trips to Heppner. I have always been in favor of building that dam. Any old-timer like me who went through the great flood of 1903 and came out of that alive, ought to put all of his or her weight into seeing the project go through.

I am trying to locate some of my old friends of Heppner, and I would like to know of anyone knowing if Stella Hockett, daughter of my first carpenter boss, Joseph Hockett, is still alive. All the Hockett family were drowned except Stella. She was visiting someone on higher ground. I have never seen her since the day before the flood. Mrs. Hockett had a little book store and gift items on the saloon side of Main Street. We had just finished a new hospital for Mrs. Will Kirk. It was never used because it stood on the very bank of Willow Creek going across the bridge there.

I also received a letter from E. R. Jackman requesting me to give or will my collection of letters, clippings, etc., to the Oregon State library. If some of the members of the committee will drop me a line I think maybe I could furnish some of the things they want. I will also donate my first copy of about 500 pages. This is not only a history but a lot of reminiscence lore about Morrow county and the City of Heppner. Ione, Lexington and Hardman. (O, yes, this includes a story of the town site of Strawberry Flats).

I plan on being in Heppner sometime in May. Someone wrote me that there will be no Pioneer day celebration this year. Is that true? Good wishes to everyone in Morrow county.

O. M. Yeager  
P. O. Box 476  
Castle Rock, Wash.

## Legion Meets Monday

Regular meetings of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held at the Legion hall Monday evening, April 4. Members will meet at 6:30 p.m. for a no-host potluck dinner, with business meetings following. All members are urged to attend.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

EASTER FOOD SALE  
By Triple Links Club, Heppner  
Friday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.  
Next door to Turner, Van Marter and Bryant Inns.

WRANGLER PLAY DAY  
Sunday, April 3  
Wrangler grounds  
Potluck lunch, noon, riding events following.

### SPRING OPENING

Pre-Easter specials  
Friday, Saturday  
Downtown Heppner  
Free parking Saturday.

### EASTER GOODIES SALE

By Lexington HEC  
Friday, April 8, 3 p.m.  
Western Auto Store

TRAVELING FOOD SALE  
Saturday, April 9  
Beta Omega Sorority  
Benefit for Crippled Children Campaign.

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# LEXINGTON AND HEPPNER CHRISTIAN CHURCHES HOLY WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 3 - 10

All Evening Services, 7:30 to 8:30 P.M.

THEME FOR THE WEEK:

## "WERE YOU THERE?"

By Al Boschee, Pastor

And Choirs

Of the Two Churches



AL BOSCHEE

PALM SUNDAY, April 3 (Heppner)—Easter Cantata, "The Gospel Song of Easter"  
Combined Choirs Heppner, Lexington Churches

MONDAY, April 4 (Lexington)—"The Bypassers"  
(Matt. 27:39-40)

TUESDAY, April 5 (Heppner)—"Too Calloused To Care"  
(Matt. 27:41-43; Luke 23:36-38)

WEDNESDAY, April 6 (Lexington)—"Two Different Views"  
(Luke 23:39-43)

THURSDAY, April 7 (Heppner)—Candlelight Communion Service

FRIDAY, April 8 (Lexington)—"The Centurion"  
(Luke 23:44-47)

EASTER SUNDAY, April 10 (Lexington)—Easter Cantata, "The Gospel Song of Easter",  
Combined Choirs

SPECIAL MUSIC EACH NIGHT

EASTER SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES:

9:00 A.M., Heppner

11:00 A.M., Lexington

Sermon Topic for Both, "He Is Risen."

## TO THE EDITOR

### Wants New Man

To the Editor:

I wonder if our present representative hasn't exhausted his usefulness?

He recently, at Milton-Free-water, made the statement that state emergency funds could be used to build the Jubilee dam at Tollgate. I can't see that dam as an emergency, can you?

Thank goodness, they found the funds elsewhere, probably saving him some embarrassment.

Then I recall when he was asked at a Chamber meeting here at Heppner last fall about the demand of the southern states for Columbia water, he replied that the state highway engineers had developed a plan to reverse the John Day flow so as to take Columbia waters via that route to Nevada. I wonder, did the governor use part of the funds given him by the legislature "to develop new uses for the Columbia" for this purpose?

Let us elect a quiet unassuming man such as our late mayor who will get the job done.

O. W. Cutsforth, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones and son Ray traveled to Portland over the week-end. While there they were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Creswick, former Heppner residents who now reside at 9106 S. E. Foster Road.

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