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EASTER

Perspectives of the Resurrection

By the REV. MELVIN DIXON, Pastor
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The Christian calendar once more announces to mankind that Easter bids our attention to the Risen Christ to receive our sincere worship.

This magnificent observance along with the advent of spring verifies as well the hopes and aspirations of those whose faith and obedience are given to the Savior. As renewed living things break forth in shoot and bud, the human heart is somehow brightened by the persistence of nature's life emerging from nature's death. This reflects also the prospect of the soul; which leads one to ponder the perspectives of this greatest of historical events.

Of the three resurrection perspectives, the historical forces itself upon us as the first. Although there was no epitaph on His grave, nor witnesses to His immediate rising again, there is no better attested fact than this momentous occasion.

The angelic announcement was made to stunned and griefed followers: "He is Risen! He is not here!" "I have seen the Lord!" said another, as witness upon witness was added to the company of those who saw the empty tomb, knew His presence and person during his post-resurrection appearances. Here is evidence that no honest mind can hardly deny or refute.

Furthermore, the historical fact of that first Easter gives credence to an ever-contemporary reality, which is the resurrection's second perspective. Easter is not only history and retrospect; it is also present and introspect. This lends to Easter its continuity. From the time that the Apostles from Tarsus capitulated to the Risen Lord on the Damascus Road to the very present time, there have been countless millions who have known the Lord in Living Reality.

We, too, know Him who can say, "I have seen the Lord!" through salvation and forgiveness of sins by faith in Him. Our personal, experiential resurrection from sin's death to spiritual newness in Christ is affected by His transforming power and love; and this is nothing less than being a new creature, where old things have passed away and all things are new. For the establishment of the historical perspective gives the dynamic to our own experience where the estrangement between God and ourselves is nullified. We are raised from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light; from spiritual death to abundant living.

Now these two dimensions of fact are the guarantee of our positive future resurrection, which is the third perspective; one of bright prospect. Christ has conquered death and hell and the grave. He is Victor! Our faith and expectation, however, must remain strong in Him. The message of God through the holy Apostle (Romans 8:18) speaks of the magnificent future that has been planned for us. As Phillips' Translation has it, "The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the Sons of God coming into their own!" For when Christ, who is our Life shall appear, then shall we also appear with Him in glory.

This does not sound like God is dead! He is very much alive and will continue as the ever-living Lord. Little wonder that men of faith have an inner awareness of the living Jesus and a glorious hope of the future!

A Home for the Retired

Announcement of the plan to construct Willow View Manor as a home for the retired should be greeted with enthusiasm by many.

Heppner has lost many of its senior citizens who were reluctant to leave. They had spent their lifetimes here, and they were adjusted to the quiet life of this rural eastern Oregon area with its peace and tranquility.

So many have come into this newspaper office in the past five years to tell us with sadness that they were moving from Heppner after being here for a lifetime. The husband or wife had died, perhaps, and there was no suitable place to live in the golden years.

On the other hand, the community is always sorry to see these good people leave. They are the ones who helped build the county, the ones who have had an active interest in it, and the ones who have given it substance.

As planned by the investors group, Willow View Manor will be a fine attractive structure to offer comforts and conveniences at a minimum of responsibility for the senior citizens. It would be a development that would be a source of pride to the community.

The apartments in the manor will be suitable for couples

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IF WEATHER continues as it is this day—with the office door wide open to let in the fresh air and sunshine — it should be one of the nicest Easters on record.

John Pfeiffer, Western Auto neighbor across the street, had a big display of lawn sprinklers out this week.

"I've been getting calls for them earlier than ever," said John. "Usually they are an item for June."

And farmers are getting a bit anxious about moisture. It would have been nice if the rain that seemed impending last week-end had materialized, but it didn't.

ONE OF THE nice day-brighteners that occurred a few minutes ago was a visit to the G-T by Mrs. Annie Douglass Payne and her son, both of Ithaca, N. Y.

Mrs. Payne, it may be recalled, is the one who wrote sometime ago and asked how Butter Creek got its name. She had lived there in girlhood but left around 1900.

We wrote a little item in this column about her request. She had a number of responses, and renewed acquaintance with Mrs. Phebe Bartholomew of Butter Creek by mail as a result.

Mrs. Payne was thrilled with this interest. She and her son, accompanied by the son's wife and their son, are now on a tour of Texas, Arizona and other points. They especially wanted to visit Morrow county and spent some time this Wednesday morning visiting with Mrs. Bartholomew.

For Douglass, this was his first trip to Morrow county, and it is quite a change from New York but a thoroughly delightful experience. How nice it was to have them drop in!

THE REV. WILMER BRIGGS, pastor of the Methodist church at Arlington, has quite a sense of humor. We have known him for many years and have enjoyed the occasional visit with him. The Rev. Briggs is due for retirement soon, but he came Friday morning to speak at a Methodist Men's breakfast.

In looking back over his career, he said that when he was married 46 years ago, he thought his wife was an angel. "Now, after all this time, I still think she is," he said. "She is always up in the air, is always harping on things and has 'nothing on earth' to wear."

He quickly made it clear that he was only joking, that he really does think Mrs. Briggs is an angel. And should she read this, we can vouch that he meant it by the look of love in his eyes.

OFTEN THINGS occur to illustrate the little points emphasizing the benefits of trading at home where merchants give exceptional personal service.

Mrs. Lucy Peterson called to tell us about this one: She bought a necklace from Peterson's Jewellers, but when she got it home, the clasp didn't seem to work. After tedious and tiring efforts, and afraid she would break it, she called Randall.

The congenial Heppner jeweler didn't wait for her to bring it in. He took pliers and his assortment of jeweler's tools to her home and fixed it in a wink.

Now in what big city would you get that kind of service?

OUR CONGRATULATIONS go to Harlan McCurdy who has been promoted to manager of Morrow County Grain Growers by the board of directors. Harlan has worked with the late Al Lamb ever since Al came here as manager in 1952, and he has felt the loss deeply.

In a way, we feel that we grew up with Harlan since we enjoyed going to college with him at Pacific University. We think that he will do a fine job as manager of the grain growers. Riley Munkers, who has been with MCGG since 1951, will step into the position of assistant manager, and this is a place that he deserves from his long and faithful service.

IN THE MARCH 28 column of Doug Baker, "Baker's Dozen," in the Oregon Journal was a letter from Grant S. Carter, OA Division, USS Yorktown CVS 10, c/o FPO, San Francisco, Calif.

Carter is son of Mrs. Ola Mae Groshens and has visited here rather frequently.

His letter concerned the "staggering average of mail" received on the Yorktown — some one-half of one mail bag every other day. This is on a ship of 3,000 men, some twice the population of Heppner.

What if Heppner got only a half a sack of mail every other day? We'd probably be lonesome, too.

Carter's appeal was for folks

or individuals and will provide a maximum of privacy. In the central area a dayroom would provide for social activities and recreation.

It is conceded that there are some individuals who might not enjoy spending their retired years in such an area as this. Those who have been oriented to the busy activity of city life may prefer a big apartment development in a metropolis.

But there are those who prefer the spaciousness of a vast area such as ours, with its smog-free air, its pure water, its opportunities for recreation, and its lack of confusion.

When a person goes for a walk here, he doesn't have to worry about heavy traffic or getting hit by an errant auto. It occurred to us the other day, too, that there hasn't been a major crime in Heppner, and probably all of Morrow county, in at least the past five years.

There are probably quite a few retiring persons living in cities who would like to get away from the hustle and bustle. Willow View Manor should have an appeal for them, too.

Although our area is essentially one of quiet and peace, there is an abundance of activity here for those in retirement. Recreation possibilities are unlimited. There is golf (with no need to phone for a starting time!), bowling, fishing, hunting, camping, and others. There are many denominations of churches and a number of excellent lodges.

Hospital facilities are among the best, and there is a fine corps of professional people—doctors, dentists and others.

Probably best of all is that this is a community that takes to others with open friendliness and genuine interest. That's a big reason why some have found it so hard to leave.

There is every hope that this venture will meet with success. The men promoting it are to be congratulated for getting it underway. We look forward to the time that this bright new building blossoms on the hill to the east of town.

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TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
I wonder how many folks took the time to write Life Magazine and inquire just why the February 4th issue carried the story and pictures, "Your Dog is in Cruel Danger." All humane people with their hearts for God's creatures will be interested to know what the editor told me.

He wrote, "Our purpose was to expose the conditions we described in the article, with the thought that our readers could keep a closer watch on their pets. Inquire further with their congressmen, or support efforts of their local humane society."

January 30, 1966, the Sunday Oregonian printed an article that stated one hospital in New York uses up an average of 40 dogs a day. It also mentioned one dealer in Pennsylvania who sells 700 to 1,000 dogs a week. What a waste of life and a racket in dollars.

Urge you to do the decent thing and write your representatives and ask them to enter an identical bill as the Helstoski legislation H.R. 10743 and support it. This is the best bill at the present time to protect the animals.

Lois Winchester

to write to the men serving in the Vietnam area. He said that he has heard too many mumbly-isms from those who have the idea that no one cares, "whether we're here or sailing down the Nile eating grapes."

The Yorktown is currently in the South China Sea and is doing what Carter calls "routine and fairly inglorious service for the 7th Fleet."

"Morale is very important over here and most of the time mail is our only source of that rare commodity."

RECENTLY we wrote an item about Columbia Basin Electric Co-op's safety program, which involves a knowledge of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

We ran across this little anecdote the other day which we thought might be appropriate:

A young woman had just finished her first aid course and upon leaving the instructional center, spied a man looking face down over a flooded gutter. She ran to him, flipped him on his back and began to apply mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

The man suddenly sat up, pushed the woman away.

"I don't know what you have in mind lady," he said, "but I'm supposed to be opening this

Harry Munkers, Life Resident, Dies in Hospital

Harry Edward Munkers, 72, born and raised in the Lexington area, and a lifetime resident of Morrow county, died in a Pendleton hospital Friday, April 1. He has been in failing health for some time.

The son of Riley and Maria Munkers, he was born at the family ranch near Eightmile on August 1, 1893. He attended Lexington schools and grew to manhood in the Lexington community. On June 17, 1947, he was united in marriage to Effie Leona Culick at College Place, Washington.

For several years, since his retirement from farming, Mr. Munkers had served as caretaker and maintenance man at the Morrow County Fairgrounds, and had made his home in Heppner.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 4, at 2:00 p.m. at the First Methodist church, Heppner, with the Rev. Melvin Dixon officiating. Interment was in the Lexington IOOF cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include his widow, Effie; two sons, Riley and Don, both of Heppner; two step-sons, Harold Sherer and Glen Sherer, both of Ione; nine grandchildren; a brother, Roy of Yachats, and two sisters, Lula Wright of The Dalles and Myrtle Gentry of Yachats.

Padberg Schedules School on Combine

Padberg Machinery Company will hold a school on the Gleason Hillside combine Tuesday evening, April 12, at Lexington, the company announces. The evening will start with a free dinner to farmers served by the Rebekah women in their lodge hall at 7 p.m.

After the meeting the school will be conducted at the Padberg building. Moving pictures will be shown and representatives will discuss the farm equipment, answering questions and giving information. All farmers are invited.

Moyer Gets Honors

Bruce Moyer, senior at Eastern Oregon College, has achieved the honor roll at the college for the winter term by attaining a grade point average of 3.50 or above, the college announces. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham of Heppner. A business administration major, Moyer graduated from Heppner High in 1962.

Attains Honors

Alice Jean Stockard, freshman at the University of Oregon and daughter of Mrs. Anita J. Stockard of Heppner, has attained the honor roll for the winter term, the University News Bureau announces. A total of 584 students were on the honor roll, largest in the University's history.

Meeting Postponed

Second meeting of the PTA study group on teacher relations, scheduled for Monday evening at the elementary school, has been rescheduled for one week later, April 18, according to the committee. Topic for discussion on that evening will be "Improvement of Public Relations through Newspapers and Other Media," with all interested persons in the community 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 Ins.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
Heppner Christian Church
Friday, April 8, 12:30-3:00 p.m.
"Seven Last Words"

ELKS' EGG HUNT
Pre-school, City Park
1st, 2nd Grades, Courthouse
3rd, 4th Grades, Lower Field,
Grade School.

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

TRAVELING FOOD SALE
Saturday, April 9, in Ione
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