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## New Signs Fine Improvement

"So this is West Willow!" exclaimed a businessman when he stopped to watch Jaycees putting up new street signs Saturday. This man has been here probably three years and didn't know for sure just where Willow street was located.

This could be just as true with many of us living here. Quite a few of our people have paid little attention to street designations, probably due to the fact that most of them have been poorly marked.

Ask a person where someone else lives, and he might reply, "Oh, he lives in the old Joe Doakes house down by the depot."

The Morrow county Jaycees, active group that they are, decided that something should be done about street signs, and they approached the city council on the matter. The agreement was reached that the city would buy the signs and the Jaycees would install them.

By this weekend the project will be about completed. Some two-thirds of the signs are in place now, and the rest will be installed this weekend. This should help residents learn to know where they live by street and house number and should facilitate finding of residences or business houses by visitors.

There would be more emphasis on house and street numbers, of course, if the city had house-to-house mail delivery. In this case it would become essential for residents to become more specific with their addresses.

Some may pooh-pooh the need for the signs and numbers in a small town, but the newspaper, the city hall and other information points have many, many inquiries about locating various residents for all number of reasons. In quite a number of cases, it is hard to direct them adequately. It leaves a newcomer at a loss to say to himself, "Oh, he lives in the old Joe Doakes house."

This step on signing will tie in nicely with the city's planning and zoning program, and the Jaycees are to be congratulated first for their recognition of the need, and second for doing something about it.

The city has a map with streets marked on it. These maps could be produced in quantity so that inexpensive copies could be made available to the public.

Some enterprising business, looking for an advertising idea or some token to give to the public, might sponsor the reproduction of this map in quantity to give away to those coming to town seeking directions.

## The Old Organ Brought \$100

The old pedal organ brought \$100 at the lone community auction Saturday, and this gives rise to some interesting reflections.

It wasn't long ago that every church and many homes boasted one of these organs. We recall what a workout the young people's organization in our church in Forest Grove gave just such an organ at hymn sings on Sunday nights: "Oh, Beulah Land, sweet Beulah Land, As on the highest mount I stand..."

Young men and women crowded around the old pumper, and young organists would take turns at the job of playing as legs gave out in turn from the pedalling.

But electric organs arrived on the scene, and the ornate pump organs were cast out. Not so long ago, one could buy one for \$250 or pick one off a trash heap. This was an undeserved fate for the musical instrument that served so well.

Now, from a perspective and with the supply running low, the organs are coming into their respected place as antiques. We'd say the lady who was willing to give \$100 for the organ made a good buy. It won't be long until this old organ will be valued at several times that sum.

Sale of the organ was just one incident at the day of festivities at Lone. It must be called a festival day even though it is designed to raise money for lone United Church of Christ projects. For everyone has fun, there is an abundance of good things to eat, everyone gets a chance to visit with friends and neighbors, and there are a lot of laughs in the course of the day.

This year's auction was a record - setter with the crowd and the proceeds the greatest ever. With the unique flavor this event offers, it will continue to grow.

That dinner, featuring barbecued beef, was superb, and those serving the portions of meat were truly generous.

Lone has several outstanding community events during the year, and this is one of them. If you didn't get there this year, plan on going next year. You'll be glad you did.

## 'Golden Passport' to Recreation

(From Redmond Spokesman)

Last year for the first time an entry fee was required at 7000 federally operated recreation areas. Purpose was to support land and water conservation fund recreational programs. However sale of the bumper stickers was somewhat disappointing, only about 300,000.

This year it is hoped to do a lot better under "Operation Golden Eagle." The "Golden Passport," which costs \$7, admits the purchaser and members of his party to any of the areas for the entire season, being valid through March 31, 1967.

Many people do not realize that the entire \$7 they contribute is earmarked specifically for the recreational facilities so much in demand. Sixty per cent, or \$4.20, goes for improved recreational opportunities in the states, with the remaining 40 per cent used for bolstering and expanding federal recreational programs.

The bumper sticker is being eliminated this year. Instead, a wallet-sized card printed in gold ink will admit a carload of people to more than 7000 government recreation areas an unlimited number of times for a full year. These "Golden Passports" are on sale at entrance gates and other federal areas where valid for admission, at most offices of the Corps of Engineers, Forest Service, various agencies of the Department of the Interior, certain national conservation organizations, American Automobile Association offices or by mail from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Washington.

Those who do not wish to buy the full-year permit may get either a temporary one (not to exceed 30 days) or a daily use permit. The temporary permits are blue and those for one day only are green.

It is a well-known fact that many federal and state camping areas are badly crowded and in need of enlargement. Buying a "Golden Passport" will help make them better.

## Gayle Cox to Get Bachelor Degree

A Heppner man who has been working his way through college for seven years will receive a Bachelor of Science degree from Portland State College Sunday, June 12, in the Memorial Coliseum in Portland. He is Gayle J. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox.

Gayle has worked for the Multnomah County Road Department and for United Airlines during his college career and plans to go to work full time

with United Airlines after graduation. His college major is in Business Administration.

Four months of the school year just past were devoted to active duty with the United States Coast Guard. He is now in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox and son Todd will drive to Portland to attend the graduation.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.



HERE ARE two of the performers who are scheduled to be with the Birnam Bros. Circus when it comes to Heppner for Wednesday night performances on June 22 under sponsorship of the Morrow county Jaycees. Neither the horse nor the attractive rider were identified by the circus advance man.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE 63rd anniversary of the great Heppner flood will be Tuesday, June 14, and residents still living here who are able to remember that catastrophic day are fewer and fewer in number. But there are still some, and while the specific details may be getting a little more vague with each passing year, the memory of it is as vivid to them as if it were just a few months ago.

The flood continues to be a popular subject for writers. Most recent article we've seen on it is that done by Joe Frazier for the Sunday magazine of the Eugene Register-Guard.

Joe visited Heppner a few months ago to do some research on the flood, and his article was printed in the Eugene paper of March 20, under the title "Flash Flood!"

Frazier interviewed Frank Turner and Mrs. Frank Parker to get some of his material and obtained pictures from the Gazette-Times.

He quotes Frank as saying, "I've forgotten a few names and dates, but I can't ever exaggerate about the flood. It was much more terrible than I could ever tell you about."

And he quotes Mrs. Parker as saying, "People seem to think it couldn't happen again, but it could."

The article and pictures cover four tabloid pages in the section.

Frazier makes an interesting point when he says that it is now difficult to determine which is fact and which is legend in connection with the flood. This is to be expected as time goes on, but enough factual material was written on it at the time it happened so that the most important details are fairly well established.

As we sit here and look out at the gathering dark clouds on a warm muggy day, we might muse that the Sunday of June 14, 1903, might have been a quite similar day to this one.

HAVE YOU had any shocking experiences lately? We have, and we blame it on the weather. When conditions are as they are now, they give rise to a physical phenomenon, a prevalence of static electricity. When you slide across the seat of your car and get out, you get a shock on the door.

Static electricity is an arch enemy of newspaper and commercial printing plants. It makes it hard to handle paper, and it is especially bad in this type of weather. In feeding a press, the top sheet of a stock will cling and almost refuse to break free. Sometimes when the sheets go through the press they will become stubborn because of the static, go askew and tear. Printers have been known to say such words as "Doggonit!" for this reason, we understand.

We have a static eliminator on our newspaper press, an electronic device, that seems to do a pretty good job. But if you touch it, you get a worse "bite" than you ever get from static.

We've heard it reported, from those who know a great deal more about physics than we do, that some people are more prone to carry and conduct static electricity than others. There have been cases where a spark from such a person has set off a fire in a gasoline refinery.

Ben Padrow at commencement here the other night advised the seniors to "catch fire" but we doubt if he wants them to get that hot.

ARNOLD RAYMOND, our shop foreman, and his wife took a

hike up Eagle Creek trail, just off the Columbia River highway on a recent weekend and came back to report that "Nothing could be more beautiful."

We've been by there hundreds of times but have never taken the time to walk in and explore the area. Eagle Creek flows into the Columbia near Bonneville.

Arnold's statement brings the thought that we're living adjacent to some of the world's most beautiful scenery and often don't realize it.

A new color brochure, "Oregon Cool, Green Vacationland," just out, emphasizes the point. This 32-page brochure is about the best piece of color printing we've ever seen. If we lived in New York and got one, we'd hop in the family car right now and come to Oregon.

Among the scenic attractions shown in the folder are those of the Columbia Gorge, in which our residents routinely travel en route to Portland.

If you haven't seen a copy of this booklet, you may want one to show or send to your friends in other states. You can get a free copy by writing the Oregon State Highway Department, Travel Information Division, 101 State Highway Building, Salem, Oregon 97330.

WE'RE HAPPY to have Dave Magruder of Colville, Wn., helping us over the hump at the G-T while the boys in the plant get some time off from the long hours they have been putting in.

Dave has had some 24 years of experience in this business, but he's not an old man. He got his first taste of printer's ink when he was just a kid, apparently.

He has quite a history of newspaper work - some with good-sized dailies - and he does considerable free lance work, at the same time editing some periodicals.

During this summer he has a busy schedule going around to various newspapers to to tide them over while staffs take vacations. It's good to find a man of his ability to help out.

## 4 Courses Added At Blue Mountain

Four more courses have been added to the Blue Mountain Community College summer session. Two mathematics courses will be offered during the evening program and two typing classes are scheduled for the day program.

Two college transfer courses, intermediate algebra and college algebra, will be offered starting at 7 p.m. Monday, June 20. First meeting will be in Room 101 on the campus.

Meeting dates and locations have not been set for the two classes. Persons interested in beginning typing or second year typing should phone the admissions office at the college (276-1291).

Six other courses are being offered this summer under BMCC's college preparatory program. They are: effective reading, effective study, basic mathematics, basic communications, introduction to psychology, and physical education. All will be offered during week days starting June 20. Persons interested should phone the college admissions office or register at the college June 20.

## Vacation Time Here; Cooperation Asked On Early Copy; Office to Close Saturday

Since vacation time is here for employees of the Gazette-Times, cooperation of the public is asked in getting news, publicity and advertising copy to the paper early for the next three weeks.

Reggie Pascal, linotype operator, is on vacation this week, and Arnold Raymond, shop foreman, will be on vacation next week.

Dave Magruder of Colville, Wn., who has had some 24 years experience in the newspaper business, is here to fill in for the vacationing employees. He is associate editor of Intermountain Forest Products News, recently edited a new series of University of Wyoming catalogues, does feature work for Spokane newspapers and also works as a free lance writer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman,

do not contemplate a vacation at this time but will be gone June 23-26 to attend the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association convention at Salishan, near Waldport. Sherman will be moderator of a panel discussion on newspapers' role in community service as a part of the program.

The paper office will be closed this Saturday but will be open until noon on most Saturdays through the summer.

While regular members of the staff are gone, it is necessary to have material early in order to meet deadlines and get the paper out on schedule. Material should be submitted as early as possible, and any except the most important that comes in on Wednesdays probably will not be printed in that week's paper.

## School Bells



By DAVID R. POTTER  
Superintendent,  
Morrow County Schools

In the past several months we have heard and read much about federal aid to education. During this period of time your school administrators have been asked many specific questions pertaining to this law.

At the last session of our Congress, Public Law 89-10 was enacted. This law includes five titles, or parts.

Title I provides money, upon proper application, to local school districts for programs to assist the educationally deprived student. The amount allocated for each district was determined by figures taken from the 1960 census.

Morrow County School District was eligible for \$18,004.80. The district school board approved a summer remedial program. For this program we were granted \$13,469.50. This amount will be used for teacher salaries, equipment, supplies, transportation and custodial salaries. No portion of this can be used for administration or other regular functions of the school district.

This program will start June 20 and will continue for six weeks. The administrators are now arranging for teachers, purchasing equipment and working on the problem of transportation.

Title II of Public Law 89-10 sets aside money for additional library books, reference books, periodicals, and audio-visual materials. We in Morrow county, submitted an application under this title and received a grant of \$2,013. We are currently ordering library materials which will meet the requirements set up under this project.

As soon as the books start to arrive, a tremendous amount of work will be required to classify, inventory, and prepare the

books for use. Title III is generally reserved for regional projects, or projects that are of the explanatory nature.

We are very fortunate to have received approval on a joint Morrow-Umatilla county project. This joint project calls for educational television and a large instructional center, to be housed in Pendleton, but to serve all of the schools in our region.

Titles IV and V are set aside for state departments of education and for educational research. No individual school district is eligible for a project under these last two titles.

## One of Every Nine In Morrow County Gets Security Check

In Morrow county 543 people received a total of \$495,108 in social security benefits in 1965. Vernon A. Welo, social security district manager in LaGrande, revealed today. This is an increase of \$36,948 and 2 people less than the year before.

A large part of the increase in payments resulted from changes made by the social security amendments of 1965. Welo said. Those changes which were in addition to the new program of health insurance for the aged, included a 7 per cent increase in monthly benefits retroactive to January 1965; benefits for widows as early as 60; benefits for full-time students between 18 and 22; benefits for some divorced women; benefits for some people over 72 who hadn't worked long enough to get social security before; and the payment of disability insurance benefits to workers who are unable to work because of a disability that lasts 12 months or more.

"In addition to the people who began getting benefits in 1965 because of these changes," Welo continued, "a good many older people who, upon applying for medicare, found they were eligible for regular social security benefits, too. All in all, the 1965 figures for Morrow county include 339 retired workers, 12 disabled workers and their families, and 124 wives and children of retired, disabled, or deceased workers. The average monthly social security benefit of these beneficiaries amounted to \$76 in 1965. One of every nine people in Morrow county receives a monthly Social Security check."

## George Medlock Dies in Accident

George Loyd Medlock, 58, of Ukiah was found dead under his overturned pickup near Battle Mountain off U. S. Highway 395 early Monday morning.

He was born on Rhea Creek near Ruggs and had lived much of his life in Morrow county.

The overturned pickup was found about 75 feet off the highway some 19 miles east of Pilot Rock just after 6 a.m. Monday. It was not known when the accident happened, but it apparently occurred Sunday night. The pickup had rolled down a bank. Medlock evidently was heading for Ukiah when the vehicle left the highway.

Funeral services were today (Thursday), June 9, at 2 p.m. in Sweeney Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Interment was in the I.O.O.F. cemetery, Hardman.

He was born on a ranch on Rhea Creek on January 14, 1908, and devoted most of his life to ranch work in Morrow and Umatilla counties. Medlock had visited in Heppner Sunday, according to friends here.

Surviving are one son, Loyd Medlock of Ukiah and a brother, Ruben Medlock of Hermiston.

## Linton Accepts New Teaching Position; Gets Summer Grant

Gary Linton has accepted a teaching position in the newly completed Gladstone High school near West Linn, according to word received from his wife, the former Connie Anderson. The Lintons are moving from Bandon, where he has been teaching the past two years.

The couple and small daughter Lori will be in La Grande during the summer months, while Mr. Linton will study under an NDEA grant to the geography institute at the college. At Gladstone he will teach geography and history, coach baseball and assist in football.

Mrs. Linton plans to have her brother, Kit Anderson, with them next fall after his return from Africa, and he will probably attend the West Linn High school, as Gladstone will start as a freshman and sophomore school.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

I wonder why our tax assessor doesn't get on the ball and re-assess the Boeing lease lands here in Morrow county? Our homes and farm lands are re-appraised according to the most recent sales to ascertain their true cash value.

There are lands not as good as Boeing's selling for \$100 per acre in the North End, and since Boeing pays all local taxes out of the State of Oregon's lease funds of \$60,000, why not raise our appraisal of these lands and keep all of the \$60,000 here. The assessor would do just that if one of we farmers owned it.

O. W. Cutsforth

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Driscoll and Jeff of Portland were in Heppner to attend the graduation of his brother Tim Driscoll on June 2. They stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll Wednesday night and also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmidt, Jill and David. This summer Tom will be working on his Master's Degree at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth. They have purchased a home in Gresham.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schmidt and David traveled to Lewiston, Idaho, over the Memorial Day week end to visit his brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Les Belden in their new home.

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

**PUBLIC CARD PARTY**  
Episcopal Parish Hall  
Saturday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.  
Episcopal Church Women's Guild  
Bridge and pinocle  
Public Invited.

**PANCAKE DINNER**  
Saturday, June 11  
St. Patrick's Parish Hall,  
4 to 8 p.m.  
By Boy Scout Troop No. 661  
Family Ticket \$3; adults, \$1;  
children 50c.  
Everyone Welcome!

**BIRNAM CIRCUS**  
Wednesday, June 22  
Bodeo Grounds, Heppner  
Two Shows, 6 and 8 p.m.  
Sponsored by Heppner Jaycees.  
Admission 75c person

**ELKS' PICNIC**  
Cutsforth Park,  
Sunday, June 26, Elks members and families

**COWBELLE BARBECUE**  
Honoring Father of Year  
Sunday, June 26, 4 to 6 p.m.  
Heppner Fairgrounds

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