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They Studied and Liked It

One of the happiest days of the year in the life of a child, so we have been led to believe, is the last day of school in the spring. He then looks forward to a nice long summer, free from swimming and other pursuits, without being bothered with the tolls and discipline of school.

But this year in Morrow county quite a number of children returned to elementary school for some six weeks of additional work to help them with difficulties they had been having in various subjects.

Every indication points to the fact that the summer school, which ends this week, was a fine success. The youngsters studied, and they liked it.

Since the school sessions were only a half day — five days a week — the children had plenty of time for most normal summer activities. They were in a situation in the classroom that was devoid of the more competitive pressure of winter classes.

Teachers, who had a smaller number of children than in regular school, had time to work with the particular needs of each pupil. As a result, when school convenes in the fall, many of the youngsters will probably show rather remarkable progress.

Their work was carefully evaluated and graded. Some of the children began to achieve good grades and success in subjects that had brought discouragement in their winter classes. Their interest was heightened because of their success.

Field trips, one for each class, not only provided additional educational experiences but also a happy reward for the summer labors. The upper four grades here will go to Mary Hill museum Thursday as a conclusion to the summer session.

One of the teachers remarked that she worked even harder in the summer than she did with classes in the winter. It can be seen that with attention focused on specific needs of the children and with the good attitude they showed, there would be some added inducement on the part of a dedicated teacher to work even harder.

Michael Tolair, administrator of A. C. Houghton school, Irigon, was in charge of the summer session, and he and his staff deserve credit for an excellent job. They conducted the session in such a manner that it brought no taint of "being slow" to the pupils. Rather, it heightened their self-respect.

Parents are surprised at the manner in which their children pitched into the summer work — and enjoyed it. This shows that the staff did a creditable job of furnishing incentives for the children. The pupils, having made gains on their specific problems, should be able to face the next school year with greater eagerness.

Full scholastic evaluation of the program will not be made until results of achievement tests have been compiled.

"We can't work miracles in six weeks," one of the teachers remarked. But all indications are that the results will be good. "At least some of the pupils won't slip back through the summer," the same teacher said.

Excellent cooperation by parents has been a factor in the success of summer school, the teacher pointed out.

This is the first year that the program has been conducted in Heppner, although summer remedial work has been in progress for a number of years in the north end of the county.

Since cost of the program was borne by the federal government, it is not known at this time whether it will be continued next summer. It is to be hoped that it will, for it is a step in rounding out the educational program here, giving an additional boost to children who can well use the help.

It could be predicted that if the summer school program continues in 1967, there may be more applicants than the staff can accommodate, not that there is a large number of backward pupils here, but because many parents will feel that their children, too, can profit from the added work.

A NEIGHBORING EDITOR SAYS Get Convicted and Win Votes

(By CONNIE JOHNSON, Editor, Blue Mountain Eagle)

How many Americans would support or vote for a President who was facing a 13-year prison term? Very, very few most likely. Yet it happened recently. The Teamsters union re-elected Jimmy Hoffa as their leader for another five years, although he may be spending it in the clink.

This is something we can't understand. We don't see how any self-respecting truck driver can keep this on his conscience. We'd rather think that this fiasco is not the honest attitude of the truck drivers, but the workings of bureaucratic officials high up in the union.

Hoffa has the union sewed up with his manipulations of the recent national Teamsters convention. That's where he made the statement, "To hell with our enemies." Where Hoffa gets the word, "our", is beyond us. The drivers we meet every day on the road have no "enemies". Hoffa himself is the one with the enemies, and he has only himself to blame.

No respectable organization can gain the public's favor when some of its officials appear in the news every now and then on criminal charges. This is why we'd like to see the "knights of the road" band together to clean the trash from their organization.

They might claim that the present Teamster leadership has brought them higher wages and benefits, but a more ethical group of officers could do the same thing without creating so much public opinion against the union.

Heppner Class of '59 Has Operation Plans for Reunion

A reunion picnic for the Heppner High school class of 1959 is being planned for noon on Sunday, August 14, on the Morrow County Courthouse lawn.

Mrs. Dick Ruhl reports that information is being sent out inviting classmates, teachers and their families to attend.

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Cal Sumner, formerly of Heppner, underwent an operation for hernia Tuesday in the Pioneer Memorial hospital of Prineville. His daughter, Mrs. Jim Lovgren, and son, Jack Sumner, flew to Prineville in Jack's plane Monday evening and returned Tuesday evening following the operation. They reported that he is recovering fine from the surgery. The Cal Sumners now live in Prineville.

Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

WE MAY BE worse procrastinators than Fibber McGee in cleaning his closet (as old radio fans will recall), but we hope to move the G-T office into the building next door that we acquired from the Conley Lanham before the snow flies.

In doing so, we expect to eliminate some of the confusion of papers that threaten to slide off the heaped-high shelves and suffocate us one day.

When Marion Abrams came to work here and we scooped out a small space for her to call her own, we warned her about this exposure to possible catastrophe. At her right is the heap of exchange papers that come in at the rate of about 30 per week, towering above her are sales and trade catalogs, price books, telephone directories, and a stack of reports and documents from almost every conceivable government agency. And a display of radiant signs blocks her view to the window and the outside world.

To date we have been lured into a false sense of indifference about our clutter for two reasons:

1. Everyone tells us it was worse when Bob Penland was editor. It has been said that the wallside shelves of the office were heaped so high when he was here that nothing else could be made to stick on them. At the same time, it is reported he had an uncanny sense of thrusting a hand into the pile and coming up with the paper or document he wanted. (If you read this at Tillamook, Bob, we'll give equal space for rebuttal).

2. Governor Mark Hatfield dropped in for a short visit a year or two ago. When he came, we told him that if we knew he were coming, we'd have cleaned up the place. Whereupon, he said in very kind tones that he thought the G-T office looked fairly neat for a weekly newspaper office. So, although there are Democrats who believe that the governor is never right about anything, we have rationalized that what is good enough for the governor should be all right with us.

Maybe we will be like the "lifters" we once saw on a tour of the state penitentiary. Some were living in an old brick portion of the ancient structure with ragged and dirty burlap hanging for privacy on the inside of the bars. When a new modern cellblock was built, the warden had a time getting them to move. The old brick hide-away was home to them.

WE HAVE one feature in the old office that we'll have to move to the new quarters. This is our gravity-nullifying perpendicular newspaper file fastener. It holds the file of printed G-T's on display for reference.

This is an ingenious device that has attracted the admiration of salesmen (who come to check the ads) from far and wide. It is so delicately balanced and precisely designed that it would try the skill of moon-shot electronic technicians to duplicate.

—And it is made of the simplest materials. An eight penny nail is stuck in the fiberboard that covers the wall. Through constant usage, the nail hole has become several times too large, allowing the nail to hang at about a 45 degree angle. The binder twine connected to file exerts enough pressure, through the weight of the papers, to hold the file in place.

It'll sure take some doing to set it up in the new office, but if we didn't have this, people might never know that this is a bit of country weekly when we get all gussied up.

But don't hold your breath till we move. Remember Fibber McGee's closet.

IT'S JUST a little hard to believe the contributed comment in "Personality Parade" of one of the Sunday supplements that Mia Farrow has measurements of 20-20-20. If so, though, this may make her marriage to Frank Sinatra a little more credible. He must have 20-20 vision.

INCONGRUITIES of our beneficent government:

1. When negotiating officials of unions which had caused the airlines strike said they couldn't get to a meeting on arbitration because of lack of commercial air transportation, the federal government furnished them transportation in military aircraft.

2. Russians in their fleet of trawlers come to gobble up the salmon and other fish in the ocean just off the Oregon coast oblivious to the protests and anxious observations by those concerned about losing this resource. Some of the Russians get sick, so our humane Coast Guard takes them off their ships, haul them to the hospital, so they can get well and poach some more. That's turning the other cheek!

THE NEW Undersea Garden at Newport is one of the most interesting things that Nona Sowell has ever seen, she said upon return from her vacation. The marine attraction has a huge underwater viewing room that gives an unobscured view of life in Yaquina Bay. Governor Hatfield dedicated the Undersea Garden last week-end and it is now open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. through the summer.

By the way, Nona was on that vacation with six or seven high school girls and they "roughed" it in a nicely furnished loaned

'Fantastic Potential'

Sometimes it takes the fresh perspective of a newcomer to an area to see advantages and possibilities that long time residents tend to overlook. The natives may be prone to take their resources for granted. Since they have spent little time elsewhere, they have little concrete way of comparing how much more fortunate they may be than those who live in other places.

Tom Harper, city manager of Hermiston, who came to Oregon 5 1/2 years ago from Kansas, illustrates the point of the fresh perspective.

In a talk to the Chamber of Commerce here Monday, he said, "There is so much potential in this entire area it's fantastic."

Now perhaps there are quite a number of Heppnerites who love their town and Morrow county who look around the rolling wheat and cattle lands and see no "fantastic" possibilities at all.

Harper continued: "You have all the water you need. You have all the power you need. You have the wide open spaces. Your weather is a real good factor on your side. Industry is looking for such areas." Hmmm. Think a minute. Do New York or Los Angeles have all the water they need? Does any big city in the east have all the power it needs? Who has more wide open space than we? And where is the weather better?

Harper believes that one of the reasons that more industry does not come to this part of the northwest is that it just hasn't "discovered" it.

In the early negotiations for the Marlette mobile homes factory, an official of the company was aloof on the idea because of the "severe winters" he'd heard about. Statistics are available to show this to be in error.

In the end, one of the reasons Marlette selected Hermiston was the climate. The company liked the dryness. They could store their wooden materials outside without damage. And it could be added, there are no hurricanes, have been no earthquakes, and no tornadoes.

Harper left a position as assistant city manager of the City of Hutchinson, Kansas, which lists a population of 37,574 by the 1960 census, to accept the city managership in Hermiston, population only 4,402 in the 1960 census.

Why? He had quite a future ahead of him in Kansas. Merely because he could see the great possibilities for development here, where the water is, where the power is, where the climate is good, where the air is clean, and where there is room. And 5 1/2 years later, he's happy he made the decision. He envisions the entire area from Hermiston to Tri-Cities as an industrial complex some day.

Everyone who heard Harper get a zestful lift from the perspective he presented.

The time is not far off when the Willow Creek dam will be a reality; when the Bureau of Land Management lands and private lands will be irrigated to the north of us; when industry springs up along the Columbia river with the John Day dam reservoir providing new possibilities, and when new unforeseen development comes to southern Morrow county.

Ten years from now there will be many who will begin to realize that the Tom Harpers were right. The development will bring added prosperity; it will also bring some problems and some sacrifices, particularly for those who would rather keep the area "as it is now."

But it's coming. There are too many advantages here to deny it.

home at Wecoma Beach. We suggested that their influence must have restored some youthful energy in her.

"Yes," grumbled Nona, "if you like to cook and keep house all day for a bunch of high school girls."

BETTY ROOD called to say that her husband, Gerald, field assistant with the U. S. Wildlife Service, saw a doe antelope in the Sugar Bowl area between here and Ukiah. He was near enough to see such details as the small horns that a doe antelope carries. She did not have a kid with her as far as he could see. A herder in the area had seen her before, but didn't tell anyone because he didn't think they would believe him. Rood has been trapping half-time in Umatilla county and half-time in Morrow county for five years and has never before seen an antelope in his territory. He is hoping that some might be drifting to this area.

WED SAY that daily papers completely flubbed on the story about Ken Jones winning the world's championship trap shooting championship. He wasn't identified in the AP stories as an Oregon boy, and so sports editors probably missed the fact, and didn't give it the play it merited.

We think it is a great feat, and we're mighty happy to have the world's champion from Morrow county. We congratulate him, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones.

SOMEHOW, in whiling away a few moments at the white-away parlor of Turner, Van Marter and Bryant, Insurance, Monday evening, we got to talking with Cornett Green about getting up in the morning. He started telling about early risers he knows, mentioning Ralph Beamer as one. He may go to bed at 7:30 p.m., but he gets up about 4 a.m. or thereabouts. Ralph, says Cornett, may work a while and then call someone on business about 5:30 or 6:00, unable to realize why they should sleep all day. The late Frank Wilkinson was another who used to get up before dawn. He occasionally would telephone his daughter, Shirley Rugg, before the sun yawned over the hills. Shirley says Cornett, would answer the phone sleepily, listen to her dad's query, and then reply, "I don't know dad. Call me tomorrow." Apparently Wavel Wilkinson is just like her late husband. The Scroopist gals who took a trip with her to a convention recently said that she arose before the rest of them had hardly gone to sleep. Then she would sit quietly on the edge of the bed and knit until the

School Bells



By DAVID R. POTTER
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In the Heppner Gazette Times last week the following article appeared: "G-T Rated Among Nation's Top Five Small Papers in Agriculture Service."

The article goes on to say: "Official results of the 1966 National Newspaper Association contest places the Heppner Gazette-Times among the top five small weekly papers in the nation in the Service to Agriculture category."

In behalf of the schools and the people of Morrow County, congratulations.

I feel that we should point out also that Wes and Mrs. Sherman do an excellent job in many other areas of reporting. In reporting school events, no one could ask for a more complete and fair job of presenting the events to the public. The paper constantly strives to promote education. The reporting is factual, interesting and informative. The editors are willing

sleepy peepers were opened around her.

Forsyth, if some such rancher as Beamer should call the G-T when he gets up on a Thursday morning, he might catch us before we get to bed.

TO KEEP the record straight, we must report that we didn't quote Orville Cutsforth properly when we wrote that he would vote against the 1 1/2 limitation measure in November. We had a phone call or two about it, but not from Orville. But he was in today, and we asked him to vote for it even though it is a poorly written bill because he thinks something must be done about the property tax load. Orville said he noticed that we didn't have it right in the paper, but said that he figured he had kind of confused everyone in his talk, and didn't think it would make any difference to anyone how he felt anyway.

He's wrong about that. Those who called it to our attention were quite interested.

Being on the other side, we hope he changes his mind before November but as of now he doesn't intend to.

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to promote new school programs; however, they are also keenly aware of costs, taxation and other problems that face the individuals, businesses and groups within our area.

Mr. Sherman feels strongly that a school district needs local control. He has pointed out time and again proposed legislation that might destroy part of our local control. In summary, I feel that if the G-T was rated for its contribution to education, it would rate in the "top five" also.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

ELKS DANCE
Saturday, July 30
Western Style, live music in lounge, 9:30 p.m. — 1:30 a.m.

PRINCESS DANCE
For Princess Barbara Bloods-worth of Lexington
Saturday, July 30, 9:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Music by The Dantes of Heppner
Lunch served by Lexington Grange.

POMONA GRANGE
Saturday, July 30, dinner at 7 p.m., meeting at 8 p.m.
Special film and memorial service.

MORROW COUNTY PICNIC
Annual Picnic, former Morrow County residents and friends
Laurelhurst Park, Portland
Sunday, July 31, Potluck dinner, noon.

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