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## College Tour Revealing

A tour of the new campus of Blue Mountain College, after not having visited the school since it was in its old location, is quite a revealing experience.

It is surprising to see the progress that has been made, and one begins to wonder how the area ever did without such a college.

Educational structures are never cheap, but in the two buildings that grace the growing campus, Blue Mountain has two functional, yet attractive, units that were procured at a minimum of cost, and all space is fully utilized. Even classrooms that have not been completely finished are in use.

The phase II building—the vocational-technical unit—was constructed at a total cost of \$550,000. Just for sake of comparison, that sum is considerably less than the cost of Heppner High school.

The two-county college district paid only about 33% of the cost with the rest coming from state and federal funds. Some taxpayers may feel that it doesn't matter much which governmental agency pays the bill since it all has to come from some form of taxes ultimately, and this is true. But at least two-thirds of the burden is lifted from the property tax and that is one of the major items to consider today when too much of the taxing load is carried on property.

President Wallace McCrae has been doing an admirable job in the development of Blue Mountain, and much of the fast progress of the school, including construction of its facilities, is due to his zeal and dedication to the institution. Some of the directors say that he managed to obtain federal assistance when it didn't seem likely that it could be procured—at least not so quickly.

Another big boost to the college on the administration level has been the work of the directors. Every one of them has served well, and when one attends a directors' meeting, it isn't hard to see that they really believe in the college and its future. Among them is Bob Abrams of Heppner who has served since the college was formed.

Most amazing in the short life of the school, though, is the manner in which it has been accepted, both by patrons and students. Enrollment has grown sharply so that this year finds the "head count" at 894 students. This is not to be confused with full time equivalent students, since quite a number go only part time to get training that they seek in some particular field.

One of the beauties of the college is its versatility. It can take students who have no desire to go on to higher education institutions or whose scholastic records show that they are not suited for such advanced academic work. Through a good counseling program, the community college seeks to find a place for such students consistent with their interests and then, through the vocational program, seeks to train them for a worthwhile place in society in an occupation geared to their abilities.

But it can also take the students who do have academic ambitions but perhaps do not have the funds to go to higher institutions at distant points. It can give them liberal arts training in lower division, and then they may continue, if they desire to do so, by transferring to a college for upper division.

It is clear that community colleges in the state are filling the role expected of them. Eastern Oregon College is down in enrollment in the freshman class this year but the upper division enrollment has gained. This means that community colleges are siphoning off the lower division students but turn them over to the other institutions for upper division, and this is the area that the 4-year colleges are well prepared to fill.

Blue Mountain also offers training for those needing special skills to help them in jobs that they are presently holding, and because of the training helps them further their careers. It offers help in adult classes, and in special areas where other institutions and organizations do not fill the need.

The little things that one notices on a tour of the campus indicate that students at Blue Mountain have a real pride in their college. For instance, they have their own court system for the campus and assess traffic fines. The bulletin board notices show that they are serious about it, and ignoring charges can result in serious punishment.

The spirit of the school can be seen in progress made by their school paper, which once was a mimeograph sheet but now has blossomed into a creditable printed journalistic endeavor.

Morrow county people, like those in Umatilla county, should consider Blue Mountain as their college. All property taxpayers in the two counties are helping to support it.

Those who have been close to the college or in any manner associated with its work know of the progress that has been made, but others who never had the opportunity, or who have never taken the opportunity, to visit the college, should find time to go up and look over the maturing school.

It is an enjoyable and revealing experience for anyone interested in education and the future of our youth.

## County School Calendar

### MONDAY, October 24

Umatilla JV Team at Heppner High  
Morrow County School Committees meet at Lexington Office—7:30

### TUESDAY, October 25

Iowa Tests of Educational Development at Lone High for Grades 9-12  
Senior Pictures at Heppner High  
Professional Negotiating Committee at Boardman—1:30

### WEDNESDAY, October 26

Iowa Tests continue at Lone High  
Social Studies Textbook Committee—Pendleton  
Heppner Elementary at Echo—Football

### THURSDAY, October 27

Social Studies Committee Meeting—Pendleton

### FRIDAY, October 28

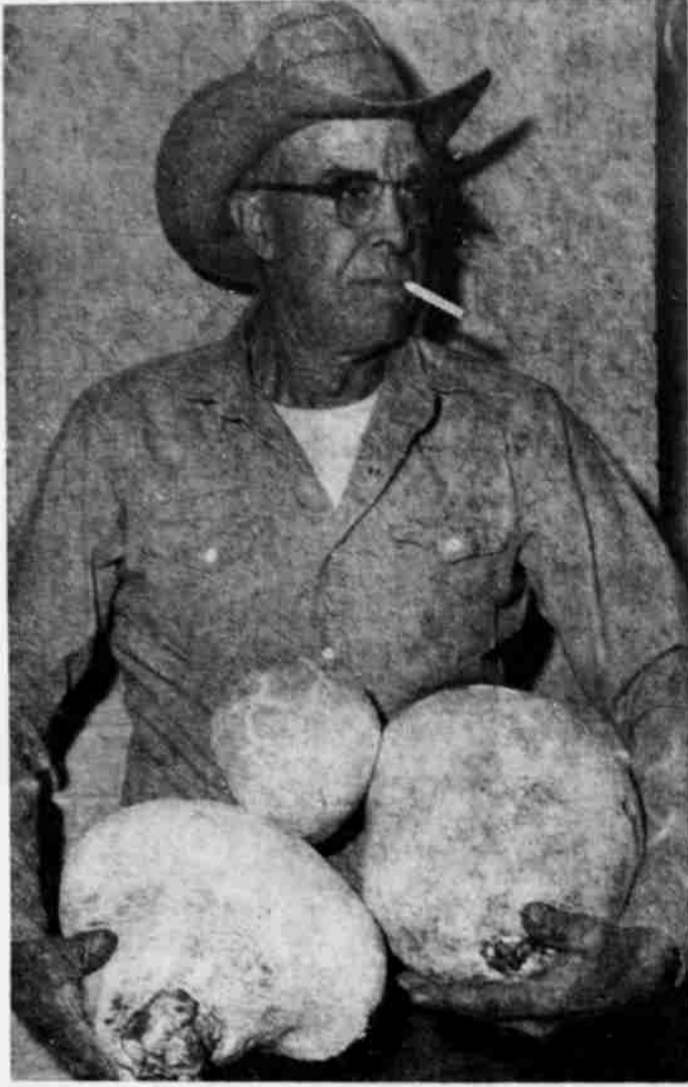
7th and 8th Grade Party at Lone  
Wahtonka High at Heppner—Football—Homecoming  
F. F. A. Spaghetti Dinner at Heppner Elementary

### SATURDAY, October 29

Lyle High at Riverside High—Football  
Professional Negotiating Conference—Portland

### MONDAY, October 31

Pilot Rock Frosh at Heppner—6:30



**TOADSTOOLS?** "No, siree," says Howard Keithley. "These are mushrooms." He picked them up Willow Creek over the weekend and declares that they are big "puffball" mushrooms. He apparently is right, because he had some mushrooms for dinner sometime before the photo was taken and was still hale and hearty. The one to the right was about the size of a basketball and must have weighed five pounds. Keithley says he knows of one instance where a mushroom was found that weighed 33 pounds. (G-T Photo).

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HAVE YOU noticed that it seems harder and harder to get up in the mornings? Besides old age creeping on, this is due to the fact that it is time to revert to standard time (if you are among those who will allow that there was ever a good reason to go off it). Cheer up. Clocks are to be turned back an hour on Sunday, October 30, and that will give the sun an hour's advantage before we have to get up in the mornings.

But the afternoons are going to get short awfully quick.

WE'VE NEVER been much of a botanist, and so when Howard Keithley knocked at our door Sunday to show us his big find in mushrooms, we didn't know if he was pulling our leg or not. They looked like great big toadstools to us. (See picture elsewhere). But Howard said that he had eaten some previously on the week-end and they were delicious. We'll certainly concede that he is more of an expert on mushrooms than we will ever be.

Somehow, we've never had the courage to take a chance on picking mushrooms because they resemble too closely some of their poisonous cousins.

BOB STRAUB has a sense of humor equal to his zeal and energy. At his visit here Monday night, he told of the problem of developing name familiarity, an advantage that he concedes to Tom McCall.

Bob's wife, Pat, went to Meier and Frank in Salem to make a purchase recently, he said. When she handed the clerk her credit card, the woman looked at it.

"Straub?" she asked rhetorically. "Straub? That name seems familiar."

With a puzzled look on her face she continued to fill out the sales slip and wrap the package.

Suddenly, her face lit up. "Oh, now I know!" she told Pat. "That's the Bird Man in Alcatraz!" (Stroud).

But the Democratic candidate for governor makes it clear that he has never been in Alcatraz.

SMORGASBORD of St. Patrick's church, given by the Altar society, is just a little less than a year off, the 1966 event having been held Sunday.

If you're one of the few in the community who has never gone to the Smorgasbord, we're advising you now to plan on it for next year. Unfortunately, it's too late to tell you to go this year.

But apparently most people know about the goodies they put out, because they had a whale of a crowd Sunday afternoon. What good food!

The parish hall was pretty well packed throughout the afternoon.

Eight hams and six turkeys were consumed during the course of the afternoon, not to mention an abundance of other fine foods. We have to marvel at the organization and work that goes into such a function, all done on a volunteer basis. The food is wonderful and the service is great.

Decorations at the smorgasbord deserve special praise. They centered around the harvest theme and were beautiful. Mrs. Bob (Judy) Laughlin painted

ed pictures of scarecrows and elves (I guess that is the proper designation), and her work looks like that of a professional. She had also made a huge turkey that graced the room.

THERE OUGHT to be a real big crowd at the Farm-City banquet on Wednesday, November 2. Certainly the program will be about the best that could be obtained with Reub Long, desert rancher, and co-author of "The Oregon Desert" as the principal speaker. Reub's wit and wisdom, developed from his years of ranching in desert country, make him one of the most colorful personalities in eastern Oregon. We've heard some pretty good stories about him, but the best thing to do is to buy a ticket to the banquet and plan to go and hear him yourself.

Stewart Patty, an assistant vice president of the First National Bank of Oregon, who is new in Eugene, will be master of ceremonies. He is in demand all over to serve as a toastmaster, and so the pair—Long and Patty—will make a fine combination.

And some lucky person will win a \$100 diamond as a gift from Peterson's Jewelers. It will be given away in the course of the evening. As Randall explains it, everyone who attends will get a little envelope. In all but one, a rhinestone will be included, but in just one will be a diamond. We'd advise those getting packets not to throw away their rhinestone until they try hitting it with a nutcracker!

I don't suppose I'd know a diamond from a rhinestone any more than I would a mushroom from a toadstool.

Livestock Man of the Year will be announced and complimented at the meeting and the Conservation Man of the Year will be honored. The Chamber of Commerce, one of the co-sponsors of the banquet, will have some awards to make, too.

We're making this pitch early in order that all can save the date. Let's fill that multipurpose room at the high school this year!

Beginning Monday, October 24, phone users in the Heppner area will hear a new response when calling telephone information operators, according to Dale Slusher, local manager for Pacific Northwest Bell.

PNB information operators in this area will answer calls by saying "directory assistance" rather than "information." The main purpose of the new phrase is to provide a more accurate description of the information service provided by PNB. The company's operators offer assistance only in obtaining phone numbers, Slusher pointed out, and the new phrase "directory assistance" is more appropriate.

Mrs. Clint McQuarrie has returned to Heppner after a hospital stay in Pendleton and is much improved. Her mother, Mrs. Lehner, came from Missoula, Mont., to meet Mrs. McQuarrie in Pendleton and accompany her home. Mrs. Lehner will remain for a visit at the McQuarrie home.

## TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Oregon Homeowners Association feel that the public is entitled to know all of the facts about the formula used to establish the number of signatures required and who is responsible for it not being on the ballot. Tom McCall's office is not responsible and can in no way be held accountable for the legal technicalities that robbed you of your right to vote on the 1% Initiative Petition to Limit Taxes on property, for the following reasons:

1. In 1961 the base was established by the elections division of Secretary of State, Howell Appling Jr., after competent legal advice and published in 1961, 1963, and 1965, stating the base for Initiative Petition was 10% of the vote cast in the state for the candidate for Justice of the Supreme Court who received the highest vote at the last general election. No one challenged its correctness, until our petition was presented.

2. In 1961, the legislature passed ORS 252.210 dealing with nomination petitions stating in part: "Per cent of the vote cast in the state for the candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court who received the highest vote in the last general election." This shows that the legislature was in full agreement with the formula used by the elections division of the Secretary of State's office.

3. In 1961, the legislature created a Legislative Interim Committee to Study Revision of the Constitution. This committee consisted of Justice Goodwin and O'Connell of the Oregon Supreme Court, Judge Schwab of the Multnomah County Circuit Court, former Governors Holmes and Sprague, attorney members of the legislature and other attorneys. Secretary of State Howell Appling, Jr., in his testimony, gave detailed explanation of the methods used by his office to establish the requirements necessary to file the various petitions, which included the 10% requirement for Initiative Petition to Amend the Constitution. Not one word of criticism can be found in the report of this committee filed December, 1962, that this formula was wrong.

All of this took place four years before Tom McCall took office, these requirements were published by his predecessor in office and again by Tom McCall, though challenge as to their correctness.

In 1965, when Tom McCall

took office, his predecessor, Howell Appling Jr., submitted certain bills dealing with those petitions of the Constitution which he felt were vague and needed clarification of election procedures. One of them, HB 1078 dealing with certification of signatures, however, the House Elections Committee tabled the bill, after requesting and receiving an opinion from Attorney General Thornton, dated February 11, 1965, which said, in part: "It is our opinion that Article 4, Section 1, Oregon Constitution does not require for filing such petitions." Obviously the committee felt the bill was redundant, nevertheless, the elections division informed us that they had doubts about the correctness of this opinion and advised us to get all names on the petitions certified before submitting them on July 7, 1966. John Weldon, Registrar of Elections of Multnomah County stated: "They can be certified after, all you have to do is file them, that is why I am sending all of these that have not been counted under the seal of my office to Salem."

You will agree with us that it is MOST UNFAIR to penalize a competent, dedicated and honest public official because the rules were changed, rules that came into office and had never been challenged as to their correctness.

A. F. GILDEMEISTER,  
President  
OREGON HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

To the Editor:

Bob Duncan voted against the Blind Commission having the concessions in state buildings, against the 4-H and Future Farmer Building at the State Fair, against the obscene literature bill, against tightening up on shoplifting, against making parents responsible for willful vandalism by their children, and he let bills like those relating to maximum speed, uninsured motorists, drunken driving die in committee when he was Speaker of the House.

Every editor should examine his legislative record at the state level before making his endorsement and then look at the big spending votes he made in 1963, 1964 and 1965, before he decided to be a thrifty Scot. The ADA said 95 per cent perfect and labor said even better.

Sincerely,  
Henry Peterson, Ione

## School Bells



By DAVID POTTER  
Superintendent,  
Morrow County Schools

### MULTI-USE OF FACILITIES

For many years the school district has used, on a lease arrangement, the fair grounds for physical education classes and for sport events. The school district, in turn, has urged and will continue to urge the various community groups to make use of the school facilities when they are not in use by school groups.

In our organizational setup, the local school committees govern the use of our school buildings for activities other than school activities. In keeping with this, the school board set up a series of suggested guidelines for the various local committees. The guidelines list the type of groups that might use the school facilities at no charge. Examples are Scout groups and 4-H clubs.

The document suggests token charges for community groups that have the financial resources available to them. It should be pointed out that these charges are very low and barely cover the cost of electricity, water, etc. By keeping the charge to a minimum, the board hopes to encourage use of the facilities to fullest extent.

Another facility that has been used jointly is the "George" property. During the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, the school administration worked with the Fair and Rodeo Boards to arrange for parking of vehicles, trailers, and campers on this property. We are now working towards year

around joint use of this property. At the last board meeting permission was granted to set up a representative community group to develop the "George" property for greater community uses.

### Tim Driscoll III

Tim Driscoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll of Heppner, is ill and confined to the infirmary at the University of Oregon, where he is a freshman this year. His ailment is diagnosed as mononucleosis. Mr. and Mrs. Driscoll went to Eugene over the week-end to visit him. Tim has been going out for cross country at the university, but has not been feeling good since going to Eugene and has been unable to participate recently. Tim graduated with the Heppner High school class of 1965 and was an outstanding athlete at the school where he particularly starred in football and track. Tim's university address is room 207, Dymert Hall.

## T. Texas Tyler To Appear Here

T. Texas Tyler, known as "The Man with a Million Friends," will be featured at a service in the junior high school gymnasium Tuesday night, October 25, at 7:30, the Rev. Billie Alsop, pastor of the Assembly of God church, announces.

Tyler is acclaimed as one of the foremost country and western artists in the nation. It will be his first appearance here and one of the first in this area. For many years, he spent his time touring throughout the United States and Canada, headlining "Grand Ole Opry" shows, appearing with his large bands in ballrooms, clubs and on TV and other forms of entertainment.

He will tell in this service the story of how he decided to quit the entertainment life to become a preacher. Since 1968, he has devoted full time to Gospel work.

One of the few country and western artists ever to appear in concert at New York's famed Carnegie Hall, Tyler will play his guitar and sing gospel songs in his appearance here. An offering will be taken during the service.

The service is open to the public and admission is free.

## Rock Club to Meet

October meeting of the Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society has been announced for Saturday, October 22, at 8:00 p.m. in the former library building. A special program of slides on fascinating gems is planned. All interested persons are welcome to attend, and enjoy the refreshments and social hour after the meeting.

See us for envelopes of all kinds. The Gazette-Times.

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

## Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL  
Friday, October 21, 8 p.m.  
Heppner vs. Grant Union  
Heppner Rodeo Grounds

POPCORN BALL SALE  
By Heppner Rainbow Girls  
Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Front of J. C. Penney store  
Candy sale starts November 1

BENEFIT CARD PARTY  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Monday, Oct. 31, 8:00 p.m.  
Bridge and pinocle, prizes, dessert  
Public welcome.

ROCKHOUND MEETING  
Saturday, Oct. 22, 8 p.m.  
Old library building, special program planned  
Everyone welcome

RUMMAGE SALE  
Friday, Saturday, October 28-29  
By Heppner Civic League.  
Benefit for Heppner Kindergarten  
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