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## School Proposal Looks Good

Sound thinking is evidenced in the plan being proposed by Principal Dick Carpenter of Heppner High School and Principal Al Martin of Heppner Elementary School to make sixyear schools at each plant.

Under their proposal, the seventh and eighth grades would go to the high school, and with the ninth grade, would form a junior high school in the same building but operating as a separate entity from the senior high school, which would be composed of sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The elementary school would be composed of grades one through six.

There are a number of excellent advantages for such a plan, all of which add up to offering a better education for the students involved and to giving the taxpayers better value for the money spent on education.

The proposed division would more nearly balance the student load between the two schools. The elementary school now, in grades one through eight, has approximately 460 students. The high school started the year with 184 students. Under the six-year plan, the junior-senior high would have

a total of about 300 to 310 students, and the elementary would have some 340 students. The principals explain that the change would give fuller

use of the facilities at the high school plant, where from four to six classrooms are currently not in use during various periods of the day. At the same time it would relieve congestion being experienced in the old building (former high school) at the elementary plant.

Perhaps more important, though, is the fact that students

would gain better educational opportunities because the expanded enrollment at the junior-senior high level would make it possible for teachers to spread themselves in their own fields. For instance, an English teacher who now also teaches social science to fill out his day would be able to spend all his time in his special field by dropping down to teach also in the seventh and eighth grades.

There could be more possibility for ability-interest grouping of students, and more attention to individual differences. Students who need more help in a subject would have more chance of getting this help, and those with special abilities could receive more challenges through homogeneous group-

Under the proposal, the junior high that would be a "school within a school" would be in the same building as the senior high school but would have no connection with the upper students, except their contact in passing in the halls or in riding to school on buses. Classes would be kept separately between the schools, although some teachers would give instruction on both levels. Lunch periods would be given at different times.

While the thought comes that it may not be good to have the younger students "exposed" to the older high school students, there is probably more common interest between a seventh grader and a high school senior, for instance, than there is between a first grader and an eighth grader-which is the situation now in the elementary school. And while the seventh grader and 12th grader would go to school in the same building, they actually would have little more contact than they have at present, since rural children of all ages now ride the buses

The junior high age youngsters would benefit from the new high school plant and its facilities. They would have opportunity for home economics courses, industrial arts, and for students of special abilities, an earlier exposure subjects as algebra, geometry, foreign languages, biology and typing.

Congestion is now being experienced in the old high school building (referred to as the junior high). The narrow hallway, particularly on the upper level, poses a problem with more than 200 students using the building. This building would continue to be used, but some of the upper rooms could be converted to study halls, reading rooms, audio-visual room, storage of equipment and so on. Principal Martin reports, too, that the stage of the multipurpose room of the primary building has been closed off and is used as a classroom, though unheated. Under the six-year system, the stage could be opened again for use in school presentations as it was originally intended.

As presented, the change could be made with no additional staff, with no additional facilities, and without a change in the school budget. It would require that a few teachers be moved from the elementary school to the high school building.

It is envisioned that the system would bring more effective use of resources and talents available. It would mean putting the modern high school building to better use while lessening the use on the less efficient plant (present junior high building).

When the Riverside High School building is completed at Boardman, the north end of the county will go on such a six-year system, with all the lower grades going to school at Irrigon, while grades 7 through 12 go to Riverside. The same system could well bring benefits in a stronger educational program here.

The matter will come before the school board at the meeting Monday night in Heppner High School library at 7:30, and school patrons interested are invited to attend the meeting. It has been discussed and unanimously approved by the Heppner advisory board and was to be brought to the attention of parents at the elementary PTA meeting Wednesday night.

It is a proposal that merits serious consideration. If it meets with favor, it could be implemented for the school year 1967-68. At first glance it appears that there are many benefits to be gained with few disadvantages apparent.

#### Smiths Enjoy Plane Trip During Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith flew to Ventura, Calif., Decem-

They then continued on to Las Vegas, to visit Earl Wilson in that city, returning to Ione by plane last week.

flew to Ventura, Calif., December 23, to visit his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Smith and daughter Barbara. Also visiting with the Dick Smith family were another brother, Ted Smith, of Heppner and his wife, Ella.

While they were in California the Harvey Smiths also visited Frances Wilson, in Sunicided Frances Wilson, in Sunicided Frank Engkraft, formerly of Heppner, in Ontario.

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## The Tail Wags the Dog

We see by the morning paper that football coaches are now grumbling because enforced television time outs for commercials may come just at the time their teams are making sustained drives or at other inopportune moments.

The commercial becomes the Big Thing and cannot be denied, whether it be for cigarettes, deodorant, an automobile or some kind of hair goop. Even the most super of Super Bowls must stop on cue for The Commercial. Thus the tail on television wags the dog.

A Portland TV station came out with a special hour-long telecast on Oregon Inauguration's day. There was a rather elaborate title introduction with pictures of the Capitol grounds and so on, and the viewer waited with some anticipation to see the opening scenes of the production. But when the camera shifted, what came into view?

One woman jawing another, "You've got bad breath!" That was a rather lowly start for the 1967 legislative

We don't know just where this is going to lead to eventually, since commercials are vital to the support of television, but we are thankful that in our medium-newspapersthe "commercials" (advertisements) are not the obnoxiously intruding things that they are on TV. Short of getting up and turning off his set, the TV viewer must sit through the commercials, whether he wants to or not. Newspapers give the reader a freedom of choice. He can read the ads or leave

### That's the Spirit!

Because not many students signed up for band at Hepp-ner High school this year, there has been no pep band for the early basketball games.

But apparently the students decided that this was a situa tion that could not continue. They got together, apparently on their own volition and sparked by an editorial in the

high school paper, came up with a volunteer pep band.

There is plenty of fine talent in the schools, and we un derstand 30 turned out for some of the practices. Those who went to the Enterprise game Saturday night

saw and heard the result. The kids were good. Their effect on school spirit and morale cannot be underestimated. This sort of spirit helps restore faith of some of those dis

illusioned adults who are prone to think that the modern younger generation will do nothing without ample pay or credit.

These kids saw the need and met it. That's the spirit!

# TO THE EDITOR ...



TUMBLEWEEDS IN ALL THEIR GLORY: Mesa, Ariz., decided to have a tumbleweed tree instead of a pine Christmas tree this year, with the beautiful results shown above. Garnet Barratt, former Morrow county judge and now living in Arizona, sent this clipping of the tumbleweed Christmas tree from a Mesa newspaper. He referred to a recent Chaff and Chatter item about a road being clogged with tumbleweed (See Letters to the Editor).

(SPUR Photo by Dale Welker).

#### Arizona Tumbleweed

Dear Wes & Helen:

the new year be a progressive and prosperous one for you and and prosperous of Morrow County Sincerely, Greetings & Best Wishes. May citizens of Morrow County coming year. I trust the new office and enlarged shop area will inspire you to even greater achievement with each weekly issue. To insure our receipt of each issue I am en-closing our check for a yearly subscription. I look forward to each issue even if some weeks It is interesting to note that

ing here. fences as the roads were nar-row and the ruts were deep.

When I travel the roads and highways of Morrow County these days every mile is a bad memory of the past. During the past 20 years the citizens of Morrow County with foresight, perseverance and tax money, in cooperation with the county courts, have eliminated many of these inconveniences and the

Hart. ways remember and owe a deep debt of gratitude. I am also en-closing a copy of a picture to show how they use tumble weeds down this way. Yes, they

Garnet Barratt

### Warp's Museum

it is a week or more in arriv-ing here. this fine old western company had built in Minden, Neb., what Your experience with the road full of "tumble weed" as reported in the December 8th issue surely brought back memory. sue surely brought back memories of many such incidents traveling the back roads of Morrow County. In the days before all the farming interests believed in "clean cultivation" and the county was limited to a meager maintenance of county roads by restricted funds, the narrow, deep rutted rights-ofway would fill up with either tumble weed or deep snow. The snow filled roads were usually insurmountable. If one couldn't go around then he just had to go back. However, the tumble weed would burn and a lighted match would soon clear the way without danger to the farm fences as the roads were narsmithsonian of DC. When on any cross country forays to pass this wonderful show up is to rob one's self of great genuine enjoyment in American lore. oyment in American lore. Clair Hampton Cox, Realtor

127 N. 4th Corvallis, Oregon

Doug Gunderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gunderson is re-covering from corrective leg performed December 28 Emanuel hospital in Portcounty is blessed with one of land. His family took him to the best county road systems in Portland December 27 and re-the state. To them I will al-turned January 2.

# Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

WHEN WE READ last week of the two robbers who abducted a Safeway manager and his wife in Baker and took them to the store where the culprits made off with several thousand dollars, we were thousand dollars, we were struck with the similarity of a case that happened perhaps 12 years ago in Dallas. The modus operandi was almost identical. In the Baker case, the two came to the home of the Safe way manages and forced him and his wife to go to the store.

and his wife to go to the store in downtown Baker, using the manager's car. After robbing the store, the men returned the couple to the home, tied them couple to the 'borrowed' can be stored in the 'borrowed' can be safe. Henry wasn't about to dissolve the order with his family in leopardy. He scooped out all the cash—and it was a goodly sum—then brought it back to the robber. and fled in the "borrowed" car It later was found abandoned.
We recall the Dallas case quite vividly because of its dra-

matic circumstances and be it involved some good Mr and Mrs. Henry friends. The writer had just returned

home from teaching an even-ing class at OCE in Monmouth and had settled down to watching Playhouse 90 on television. Oddly enough the TV program

Oddly enough the TV program concerned a kidnapping case. It was sometime after 10 p.m. when the telephone rang with someone giving us the news break that the Dalpez family had been abducted and the Scheman store robbed. the Safeway store robbed.

We grabbed the camera and went to the Dalpez home. By this time, Henry and his wife were back intact but still shud dering from the dering from the experience.

Dalpez said that he had come home from the store after working late and drove his car in-to the darkness of the garage. As he got out of the car, he felt what appeared to be a gun poking him in the ribs, and a husky voice demanded that

Dalpez go into the house.

Now, the Safeway manager
was a great practical joker. His
neighbor across the street, Bob

neighbor across the street, Bob Stever, J. C. Penney manager, was also a practical joker. When Dalpez felt this "gun" in his ribs, he knew, of course, that it was held by Stever, and played along with the gag. When the two got into the living room of the home, living though, though, it took no second look for Dalpez to realize that this was no joke. (We've always wished that we had a picture

of his face at that moment!)
The fellow who held the revolver was dead serious. He asked if there were any child-

#### TO THE EDITOR

#### Died in Flood

To the Editor: In my last letter to you, I made a mistake in saying Mr. Hart was the station master at the old OR & N depot Mr Hart had either died at the time of the big flood or retired. His oldest son, Fred Hart, was still working there, The new agent's name was J. M. Kernan, Mr. and Mrs. Kernan had two teenage

es were called to undergo another ordeal. They had to come for identification. The couple stood in a hallway of the sheriff's office when the man was brought down from Mrs. Kernan had two teenage sons. When the big flood came sweeping down on the south side of the old depot, Mr. and Mrs. Kernan became excited and ran around the platform and were sweet away and drowned. Fred Hart grabbed the two Kernan boys and escaped to the hill to the north.

Via Hart, sister of Fred, was seeming town from the second-story jail.

When Mrs. Dalpez looked through the window separating the hall and the office, she did not need to say anything. Her expression told clearly enough that this was the man who had

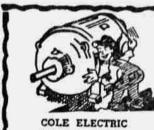
coming home from Europe in 1912 (nine years after the flood) and was on the big new "Ti-tanie" ship that struck a big iceberg on April 14 at about 10:30 on Sunday night and sank to the bottom at about 2:20 the next morning. The ship Carpathia reached there in time to save 703 of the survivors. One of these survivors was Miss

In the old days at Heppner the Baker case was striking. and Lexington, the depot agent had fine living quarters on the second story. I have been up there many times when I was a small boy in Heppner. I do not know if the old water tank is still standing there, but it was a big wooden water tank where the engine filled her boilers with water. (Ed. Note: It's gone now). We boys and some girls used to get up some girls used to get up enough courage to climb the tall ladder and get to the roof. We thought we were almost to sky then. O, what wonder ful days we used to have there. automobiles then. You can ask Lou Bisbee about this. My father had his furniture store right next to Gilliam and Bis-bee's hardware store where Ed Gonty's store is.

I hope everyone in Morrow county had a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.
I have just been reading

special edition of the Heppner Times, dated Thursday, June 16, 1903. Just two days after the big flood. Sometimes it seems like this was only yesterday. O. M. Yeager

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Then the man told Dalpez to

ment to question the occupants, he learned that the husband

was gone to parts unknown.

The sheriff immediately set

a stakeout. A man was planted in the upstairs of a build-

ing adjoining the apartment house to keep it under surveil-

As we recall, it was a coup-le weeks before anything hap-pened. Then one night, a city

officer's suspicions were arous ed by a car that drove slowly

distance behind. The suspect's car went through the downtown

district and out Washington Street Then it pulled to a curb

and the lone occupant got out, walking back towards the cen-

ter of town but cutting across lawns and through alleys.

Immediately the sheriff was alerted. He was ready. Several

officers were posted around the apartment house. When the man started to climb the stairs to the second floor apartment,

the story unfolded as dramatic ally as the production on Play

house 90.
The sheriff commanded the

man to halt. Floodlights were

turned on him, as the officers advanced with pointed rifles

and drawn pistols. He surren-dered without a fight. The fellow was taken to the sheriff's office, and the Dalpez-

was the man who had

abducted them.

The robber was duly proces-

sed by law and was sentenced to a long term in the peniten-

tiary. It came to light that he had gone to California after the

custody or is on parole, we don't know. But the similarity of

nac, we glanced through it and turned to the page on the Prin-cipal World Floods. We were a bit chagrined to find that

the Heppner flood of 1903 was

not listed, and wrote a letter to

the editors to tell them so. Then

we looked up in our copy of the World Almanac and find

JUST HAVING received a

1967 Reader's Digest

into town in the prowl the policeman followed at some

sandwich, stewed tomatoes, up side down fruit cake, milk, cole

January 16 Sloppy Joe, spin-ach, pears and cottage cheese

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS Heppner Elementary School of

School

Heppner High Sch January 13-19

January 17—Chili, corn bread Jell-O salad, milk, cobbler or applesauce cake.

January 13-Toasted cheese

January 18—Beef stew, bread and butter, tomatoes, prince cake and milk.

January 19-Mor, peas, milk quick bread, fresh fruit.

Mattie Green, who spent some wife that time before Christmas visiting her daughters, Mrs. Les Lundblad and Mrs. Omer McCaleb in Portland, entered Portland Sanitarium Tuesday, December to for a back ailment. Her address at the hospital is Room No. 303. Portland Sanitarium, 6040 S. W. Bel m o n t. Portland, Oregon 97215.

Then the man told Dalpez to drive the car home. There he permitted the children and Mrs. Dalpez to go free, but kept the manager in the car to assure the getaway. This was a tough time for the wife, as she saw her husband drive off with the man holding the gun on him. She could well picture what might happen to him.

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We don't know by what measure the editors decide on the magnitude of a disaster. How ever, some floods are listed where as few as 37 died. Reports on the Heppner flood of the ports of the provided that it is not included there exists the ports of the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists the provided that it is not included there exists man holding the gun on him.
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country. Dalpez was turned But a short distance in the country. Dalpez was turned loose and he got home unharmed. The couple was still stunned by the experience when twe got there 15 or 20 minutes later.

Sheriff Tony Neufeldt, now deceased, did an admirable job as a law enforcement officer. He got to work on the case and through a process of deduction decided that the country of the country with other estimates going higher.

But on the world scene, there have been some terrible, terrible floods. One in China in 1939 claimed more than a million claimed through a process of deduction decided that the country with the case and through a process of deduction decided that the country was turned as few as 37 died. Reports on the Heppner flood of 1903 are still in some dispute. But accounts we hear range generally from 247 to 252 deaths with other estimates going higher.

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was not an outsider but a man who lived with his family right in the middle of town. When Neufeldt went to the apartton. Texas, in 1900. In Ohio and Indiana in 1913 a total of 730 lives were lost when the Ohio and Indiana rivers flooded, and in 1928, 450 died at St. Paula, Calif., when the St. Francis dam collapsed.

Flooding in Oregon and northem California in 1955 when 74 died was listed in the almanac. Property damage was at \$150 million.

Maybe the Heppner flood wasn't listed because property damage wasn't as heavy as many of these. If the editors respond, we'll find out.



#### Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL

leppner vs. Burns, Friday, Jan. 13, Heppner High gym leppner vs. Grant Union, eppner vs. Grant Union, Sat., Jan. 14, Heppner High gym

Heppner vs. Sherman, Friday. Jan. 20, Moro High gym. Support the Mustangs!

CHRISTIAN CHURCH DINNER

unday, January 15, 6:00 p.m. Heppner Christian Church host to Lexington Christ ian Church Church basement.

LODGE INSTALLATION ans Souci Rebekahs, Will lows IOOF, joint installa Saturday, Jan. 14, dinner, 6:30 installation 8 p.m. Heppner IOOF Hall.

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