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Students Discuss Drinking Policy

It was almost without precedent when the Morrow county school board requested student councils of the county's three high schools to help form a policy on the matter of disciplining students who appear at school functions under the influence of alcohol.

The matter came up following an incident at Heppner High school a number of weeks ago. Five students, two of whom were from out of the county, appeared at a basketball game in various states of intoxication. One was taken into custody by police.

Probably because of the infrequency of such an occurrence, the school board found itself without a policy on the matter. Principal Dick Carpenter requested that one be formed in order that proper steps for disciplinary action might be taken in the future.

The board at its next meeting formed such a policy—immediate suspension for students involved until the time they could come to a board meeting with their parents and discuss the matter.

In taking this action, the board requested student councils to discuss the problem and to form recommendations on second offenses to present to the county school directors for consideration.

The three student body presidents appeared at the regular board meeting Monday night and presented the results of the deliberations of their respective student councils. Riverside and Ione presented prepared statements, and Heppner High will prepare such a statement for consideration. Jim Jacobs, student body president at Heppner High, told of the student council's position orally, while Mike Partlow of Riverside and Karen Nelson of Ione High read the statements from their student governments.

Riverside's position is as follows: "We recommend that a student who is guilty, for the second time, of appearing at a school-sponsored activity while under the influence of alcohol be automatically expelled from school."

The expelled student may request a hearing with the Morrow County School Board if he or she feels that they are innocent of the charge. If the School Board feels that the student is innocent, they should readmit the student to school immediately. If, however, the board feels that the student is guilty the expulsion is to remain in effect.

"We further recommend that the student be expelled for an indefinite period of time but that the door for readmittance be left open. In this connection, we feel that a student who exhibits a real desire to return to school and complete his education should not be denied this opportunity. We feel that when a student has shown that he is interested in returning to school for the express purpose of continuing the academic portion of his education, the School Board on the recommendation of the local school administrator, should hold another hearing, and if they feel the evidence warrants another chance, they should readmit the student on a probationary status. During the probationary period the student should not be permitted to hold a school office or engage in any form of extra-curricular activity. We also feel that the probationary period should be in effect until such time as the local school faculty and administration feel that the student has exhibited satisfactory evidence that the violation would not occur again.

"We feel that this recommendation takes into account the seriousness of the offense, but still does not permanently exclude a student who might really wish to return to school strictly for the education and not for the social aspects."

The Ione student council offered this recommendation on second offenses: "The offender should not be allowed to attend any extra-curricular activities for the remainder of the year. This would be subject to pardon by the advisory board and the principal of the school. If pardoned, the offender would also be required to make a full public apology to the entire student body."

Heppner High's position, as outlined by Jacobs, is as follows: 1. On the first offense, the student or students and parents appear at the principal's office. 2. On the second offense, following automatic suspension, the students appear with parents before the school board. 3. On the third offense, expulsion from school.

Some in the community may feel that the students' positions in some instances are too lenient, and others may take an opposite view. But these reflect the thinking of the students themselves. One principal said that he did not agree with the stand of the student council in his school since he thought the position too lenient, but he did not participate in the student discussion because he realized the value in the students making their own recommendations.

Out of the students' statements and from the board's deliberation will come a policy on the matter.

It is fair and wise for the students to have a voice in the matter, and their statements will undoubtedly be carefully weighed by the board.

Reports of student drinking crop up frequently here, as they do in most every town or city we know of. It is always difficult to tell how widespread a problem it is because it is a rare instance when most adults see direct evidence of students drinking. If even a small percentage of the reports and rumors are true, however, there is too much of it going on.

Jacobs said that Heppner High's student council suggests that both parents and students appear before the principal on first offense because very often the parents don't realize what their child is doing, and this would give them an opportunity to bring the situation under control at home.

Certainly parental responsibility is involved. Perhaps considerable parental irresponsibility is at the root of the student drinking problem.

Electronics Added As College Course

A new two-year course in electronic technology was added this week to the Blue Mountain Community College vocational-technical curriculum.

The new program is designed for students lacking the strong mathematical background needed for the existing Electronic Engineering Technology program. Completion of the new course will qualify the student for an Associate of Science degree in Electronic Technology.

The new course will emphasize application of electronic skills, size proficiency in the practical with an applied approach to mathematics. Students completing the program will be qualified for positions as communication technicians, instrumentation technicians, broadcast engineers, electronic instrument repairmen, electronic production technicians, and TV-radio servicers.

Persons interested in the program are asked to contact Tom Sutherland or Charles Calkins of the Blue Mountain College electronics department.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

EASTERN OREGON won a good friend through the kind act of someone, apparently from Heppner, after dove hunting season last fall.

The friend is Representative Roger Martin of Lake Oswego, who told his story in a letter to the editor dated January 12. It follows:

"Last September while dove hunting on the John Day River between Kimberly and Monument, I lost my wallet. After waiting several weeks, I gave up hope of someone finding it and began to gather new cards and other items one carries in their wallet.

"Within a week I received the following letter, unsigned, and postmarked, Heppner, Oregon: 'I was hunting bucks between Monument and Kimberly, Oregon and I got 13 in one pile without firing a shot. How about that for pure luck? 'I fixed the billfold for you so you won't lose it again... we used to do the kids' mittens that way, and it worked until they got bigger... then they were embarrassed about it. You will be, too, for a while, but you'll get used to it.'

"I see by the liquor license that you are a user of the grape and the Elks' membership card indicates that you drink with all the best people... so someday I'll collect my reward... the best drink in the house."

"It is very gratifying to know that at least in Eastern Oregon honest, forthright people with a good sense of humor are still around. The Eastern Oregon delegation may not be as large as you would like, but I can assure you that there is one Western Oregon Representative who will remember this favor."

Roger E. Martin, State Representative Clackamas County. So that's what a little kindness will do. It was just a couple of years ago that another of our citizens found a Portland hunter's billfold that contained a large sum in checks and cash. This was promptly returned, too, and received the gratitude of the owner.

Maybe our local residents can do more good in hunting for western Oregonians' billfolds than they can seeking game.

ONE SPORTS poll, the Oregon Journal, has Heppner in a tie for eighth place in A-2 basketball standings. Another, the Oregonian, has the team in 10th spot. A third, the Associated Press, lists the Mustangs 12th, among the also rans.

So you can place your money and take your choice. But even on the heels of three league victories, it is still too early to be concerned about ratings. We like to see the boys play good ball and take each game as it comes. (They almost overlooked Burns apparently in thinking of Grant Union, and the Hilliers tilt was a close shave).

IT SURELY is good to see the lot behind the First National Bank all cleaned off of the old cars that have been parked there. Apparently the bank has been dealing with Roice Fullerton on the purchase of the lot, and Roice has carted all the old cars away. It's good to have them out of there and the cleaned up lot enhances the appearance of this part of the town.

SPEAKING of banks: An immigrant walked into a New York bank and approached the guard.

"Pardon—I'd like to talk with the fellow who arranges loans." "I'm sorry," the guard replied, "but the loan arranger's out."

"Maybe then," said the immigrant.

Progress on the Health Front

Hopefully, we can look forward to a year of good health in 1967.

As the American Medical association points out, the past year was one of encouraging developments that may help insure many of us a longer, more comfortable life.

Here's some of the medical progress of 1966: —The first successful implantation of artificial devices, popularly but incorrectly called "artificial hearts," into the chests of human beings to aid failing hearts.

—A drug that preliminary investigation indicated may improve memory.

—A dignified scientific study that gives a clearer understanding of the mysteries of human sexual response.

—Adaptation and improvement of Russian-built artificial limbs by Canadian physicians. These devices derive motive power from the electric potential of muscle, eliminating the need for straps and springs.

The past year saw many American physicians volunteer their skills to help fill the immense need of the South Vietnamese people for medical care. The program through which they volunteer for 60 days of service in Vietnamese hospitals is known as AMA Volunteer Physicians for Viet Nam.

This past year was one in which American medicine made solid proposals for the kind of medical education required to provide communities with family physicians—a new kind of physician, broadly educated in continuous comprehensive health care.

Finally, 1966 might be characterized as the year of vaccines. A mumps vaccine proved nearly 100 per cent effective in clinical trials. A prophylactic vaccine showed nearly total effectiveness in protecting unborn infants against the deadly "Rh factor" in some mothers' blood. Work continued on German measles vaccines, with great success reported in human trials. Wide use of existing vaccines was urged in a campaign to stamp out measles.

We are not yet at the end of the road to perfect health. Medicine makes no promise that we will ever get there—certainly not in the near future. Physicians still lose battles against such old killers as heart disease, stroke and cancer.

But our prospects continue to improve for a rich, full life and a meaningful old age.

One of the people we can thank for this is the American doctor

grant, "I could talk to Tonto." The story comes courtesy of the Industrial News Review.

THEN there was the drunk who fell from the second story and hit the pavement with a thud. A crowd gathered and as the drunk staggered to his feet, someone grabbed him by the arm and asked, "What happened?"

"I dunno," he replied. "I just got here."

IT'S SURPRISING what these ski enthusiasts will do to get another skier on Arbutuck Mountain.

They were after Randall Peterson to become engrossed in the sport. He had a ski outfit, they found out, but no ski boots. Someone thought of Ken Peck and tried to arrange for boots through him. At this juncture it came to light that Randall was asking for size 13's, and Ken didn't have them that big.

Later, one member of the ski corps (they must have a Central Intelligence Agency all their own), found out that Peterson was saving green stamps to exchange for a pair of boots, but was one book short with the ski season now in full swing.

This didn't lick Bob Henry, the most enthusiastic of all ski enthusiasts. He dug up a book of green stamps, and now Randall can get his boots.

(Hope Bob didn't snitch it from wife Peggy's green stamp collection without telling her. This could let the cat out of the bag and cause trouble).

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The Morrow County School Board and the Corps of Army Engineers have been negotiating for replacement of Riverside High School at Boardman for some seven to eight years. During this time there have been arguments of every description in regard to location, design, cost, etc.

At the very beginning of this controversy, it was discovered that the land on which the building stood did not even belong to the school district. After many years of delays, postponements and concessions on the part of numerous agencies and persons involved, we now are asking for a building that will cost in excess of \$1,700,000.

Heppner High School, built in several stages in the years 1961-63, containing approximately 60,000 square feet, cost under \$800,000, including architect's fee. Approximate architect's fee for the Heppner building was \$44,750.

The Corps has stated that they will pay up to 92% of the construction cost of the Boardman building. This would mean, based on the cost of the building at the bid price proposed, Morrow County would have to pay approximately \$136,000 of the construction cost. If the Corps does mean construction cost only, then what of the architect fee of approximately \$141,000? Morrow County School District has set aside, from earlier Serial Levies, an amount of \$130,000.

Heppner High School was built to house approximately 300 students at a cost of about 13¢ to 14 dollars per square foot. The Riverside building will house approximately 150 students at the present time, and if the present bid is accepted, will cost around \$34 per square foot. The building contains approximately 55,000 sq. ft.

Also, included in the bid price is a mixer and a number of study areas that are not designed by the architect, but his fee will include a percentage of the cost of this equipment, since his fee is based on cost of the building.

The school district will have to equip the building in addition to the bid price.

I know there are numerous citizens in all communities of Morrow County who are not at all satisfied with the design or cost of the Riverside High School, including patrons of that particular school, so why do we, as taxpayers, complacently sit back and finance a trip to Washington, D. C., so arguments can be presented at a National level, particularly since the bids have been rejected by the Corps at Walla Walla and the Northwest Regional area.

One of the arguments for asking for such a large amount of money has been that if we don't get it, someone else will, which is one of the main things wrong with federal programs. We are like it is a gift from some unknown benefactor when it is, in fact, our own money we are discussing.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Jr.

Pfc. Pierce Makes Jump in Vietnam

Pfc. Greg Pierce, son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Pierce of Heppner, has made his first parachute jump in Vietnam, he writes in a letter to the Gazette-Times.

Pfc. Pierce, who was employed by the paper as an apprentice while attending high school, is with the 101st Airborne Division.

"At the present, we are in Kontum, about 400 miles north of Saigon and close to the Cambodian border but should be moving again real soon," he said.

"A couple of days ago we made a jump—my first in Nam and the first with my unit. I loved it and am looking forward to the next one. We've been doing a lot of firing lately, and by all reports we're keeping Charlie on the go."

Pfc. Pierce, whose letter was postmarked January 11, extended thanks for the hometown paper, which is sent by the Gazette-Times publisher without charge to those serving in Vietnam when the request is made to the paper.

"As far as Christmas goes, I guess I had a good one, and thanks to the people at home and your newspaper it was a lot more enjoyable than I expected. Tell everyone 'Hi' and thanks."

The Heppner soldier went to Vietnam late last year.

Students Unhurt In Two Accidents

By coincidence, three members of the Henchmen, popular four-piece musical combo, were involved in two separate one-car accidents nearly 50 miles apart Saturday night. None was hurt.

Kathy Melby, 18, who plays the organ in the band, lost control of her car on a curve two miles south of Hermiston. Passenger in the car was Roger Leonnig, drummer for the Henchmen. The car skidded across the road and landed on its side in a ditch. They suffered only minor bruises and lacerations.

The second accident occurred on the Hinton Creek highway about five miles from Heppner. Jerry Stefani, 17, lost control of his car on a curve, and it rolled over, landing on its wheels. Jim Sherman, 16, lead guitarist for the Henchmen, was a passenger.

They also emerged unhurt. All four involved are students at Heppner High school.

Windshields of both cars were broken and other damage was sustained.

Riding Club Meets

The second meeting of the South Springs 4-H Riding club was called to order by Gwen Drake on January 10 at the home of Becky Doherty. Becky gave an interesting report on ringbone. We played a game and had refreshments of cocoa, cookies and ice cream. Our next meeting will be February 14 at the home of Sherry Kemp.

Sherry Kemp, reporter

Traffic Deaths Up In This Section

A 36 per cent increase in yearly traffic fatalities was recorded by Oregon's north central counties, according to tentative year-end figures from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

During 1966, 41 persons lost their lives on streets and highways in Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties. During 1965, 30 were killed.

The five counties accounted for about six per cent of the 679 total victims in all Oregon counties.

Hood River noted the largest yearly increase in traffic fatalities of the five north central counties by jumping from five deaths in 1965 to 15 deaths in 1966. Two more persons were killed in Wasco county during 1966 than 1965; in 1966, 12 fatalities were recorded and 10 were recorded in 1965.

More traffic deaths were counted in Sherman county also. Six persons were killed during 1966 as opposed to two deaths in 1965.

Two of the five north central counties noted a decrease in lives lost on highways. Gilliam reduced its death toll from eight in 1965 to six in 1966. Morrow came down to two fatalities in 1966 from five killed in traffic during 1965.

Although Morrow and Gilliam counties recorded decreased fatality tolls, the total deaths in north central counties jumped upward due to greater increases in traffic deaths in Hood River, Wasco and Sherman counties.

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:

I am glad to read the articles you publish almost every week about my "History of Morrow County," and I am very grateful to the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce for the interest they are taking in the project. I hope to see it published some day soon. I think it is a great idea about every one giving at least \$25.00, then receiving a book.

But this is not the reason I am writing this letter. I have been reading so much lately in the papers about the salmon runs. My home is just one block from one of the greatest salmon rivers in the world, the Cowlitz river. With so many big salmon running in the river this month and the next, we have to pay up to \$1.00 per pound for fresh salmon, which brings back to my memory when I was a small boy running around the streets of Heppner, the big salmon runs that used to leave the Columbia river and come up Willow creek until they reached Hinton creek, which used to empty into Willow down across from the stock yards or the depot. I have seen my father and the other men spear all their winter salmon in Hinton creek about where the fair grounds are now located. I remember when the fair grounds used to be about where the library is now located.

Many years ago, my sister Myra (Mrs. B. H. Peck) and I used to spend a week at the old Davis home in Lexington. Mr. Davis was the local carpenter and builder and had a carpenter shop in the rear of his home. The salmon were so thick we could easily catch them with our hands. This year here in Cowlitz county there are no big runs, and there are very few smelts coming up the river to spawn. Seems like every seven years the smelt do not come. Never again will the salmon run up Willow creek as in the old days. Well, I hope to see most of you this spring or summer, but it will have to be when it is not too hot.

Sincerely yours,
O. M. Yeager
Box 476
Castle Rock, Wash.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events
HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
Heppner vs. Sherman County, Friday, Jan. 20, at Moro
Heppner vs. Madras, Saturday, Jan. 21, Heppner High Gym
Heppner vs. Wahtonka, Friday, Jan. 27, at The Dalles
Support the Mustangs!

MARCH OF DIMES
Mothers' March for March of Dimes, Thurs., Feb. 26
House to House March in Heppner, Ione, Lexington Support the March of Dimes Campaign.

FOOD SALE
Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10:00 a.m.
Sans Souci Triple Links Club, benefit for IOOF Eye Bank
Next door to Gardner's Men's Wear.

CHOIR CONCERT
Public Concert by Pacific Lutheran University's "Choir of the West"
Saturday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m.
Junior High Auditorium

ANYONE FOR BASKETBALL?
OSU BASKETBALL, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, OSU vs. UCLA, KATU Channel 2.
OSU BASKETBALL, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12, OSU vs. OREGON, KATU Channel 2.

Meet the man from NORTH-WESTERN during breaks in the games.
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