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Advisory Meetings Open

Through some misunderstanding there are apparently some in the county who believe that advisory board meetings in the Morrow county school district are closed meetings and are not open to the public.

This is not the case, and any parent or interested person is invited to attend any or all of the meetings. The Heppner committee meets the first Wednesday evening of every month with the meetings alternating between the grade school or high school buildings. The Ione committee meets the first Monday evening of each month in the Ione High school library. The Irrigon-Boardman committee meets the first Tuesday of each month alternating between A. C. Houghton school at Irrigon and Riverside High at Boardman.

Another matter that might well be called to the attention of the public in this connection is that time is coming soon for the district board to consider teacher contracts. Any parents who wish to express themselves pro or con on any of the teachers should do so now to members of the advisory committees, to the district school board members, or to the administrators.

If the parent does not know names of members of the committees, he may learn them by calling the district school office (Ph. 989-8123).

Shall We Tax to Cut a Tax?

Most important matter facing the 1967 legislature—at least the one getting most of the attention—is the matter of developing a tax plan that will cut property taxes around the state.

The situation comes about from the cries for help for many years from property taxpayers who feel that they are paying a disproportionate share in supporting public agencies and local government.

Dramatic attention was focused on the matter by the endeavor of Portland homeowners to get the 1½% property tax limitation measure on the ballot last year. Through technicality, the measure wasn't on the ballot, but because of the support of this measure, some sort of relief on property tax appeared to be a mandate to the legislature.

Now that the legislature is in session, it appears that there will be considerable controversy before agreement is reached on the way to go.

Republicans in the House are lining up for a sales tax and expect to put it before the voters in April, although the plan may hit tough going in the Senate.

Governor Tom McCall favors a broader-based income tax instead of a sales tax.

There is a good chance that deadlocks, confusion and compromises will nullify the good intentions of the various legislators.

This paper has expressed itself opposed to a sales tax.

Ultimate decision lies with the voters, and the Gazette-Times would like to give its readers a chance to express their feelings. We noted that the Hood River News has started a straw ballot and we think it a good idea.

To this end a short questionnaire is printed in this paper. The reader is invited to fill it out and send it back to the Gazette-Times. Results will be compiled, published and sent to Rep. Irvin Mann in the House.

What do you think?

Do you favor a state tax of some sort to reduce a property tax?

If so, do you prefer a sales tax? A broader base state income tax?

If you favor neither, what do you propose?

We invite you to fill out the questionnaire.

WHAT KIND OF TAXES?

What is your recommendation to the Oregon legislature in its efforts to ease the property tax load?

Do You Favor:	yes	no
1. Some sort of state tax to reduce the property tax?	☐	☐
2. If so, do you favor a state sales tax?	☐	☐
3. Or do you favor a broader base income tax?	☐	☐

Othe proposals or comments: .....

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Sign your name only if you wish to do so:

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Clip this out, and send in your recommendation to The Gazette-Times, P. O. Box 337, Heppner. We'll pass your thoughts along to Irvin Mann, State Representative, 28th district.

About Those Parking Meters . . .

Just about the time comparative peace seems to reign in regard to the perennial problem about pestiferous parking meters, something comes along to focus attention on them again and re-open an old controversy.

Even though shoppers may be conditioned to regard the meters as a necessary nuisance, their subconscious opinion is that the "nickel grabbers" were designed as instruments of irritation for them and the price they have to pay for the privilege of shopping in a town.

Officers, who have to write the tickets for violations and hold their peace during the harangue of harassed humans in Heppner who are caught, must feel that sadness is a parking meter.

Well, sir, the matter came up again at the city council meeting Monday night. Chief of Police Dean Gilman said that many of the parking meters are haywire. They are erratic. Put a dime in the slot, and one may get no time on the meter. Put in another dime, and he may get too much. There appears to be no rhyme or reason, and two appeals to the company from whence they came have not helped.

Gilman "laid down the law" and said that he and other officers cannot enforce the parking ordinance in the face of such erratic treatment. In fact, it appears that tickets have not been written for some time now.

This discussion opened oher avenues of thought, one being that the two-bits charged for a violation is not enough—that it should be a dollar or a dollar and a half on the theory that if the violator is going to be mad, he might as well be good and mad.

It didn't appear that anything constructive came out of the council's deliberations, and whether the meters are fixed—or can be fixed—in the near future remains to be seen. (Maybe the problem lies with the new copper-centered dimes).

Now, this whole thing was fully chewed over about three years ago. This paper took the position that the "one-armed bandits" should be tossed on the scrap heap. But when it came before the Chamber of Commerce, most of the business population took an opposite view. This wasn't so much because they felt the modest revenue the meters bring to the city is of uppermost importance, but appeared to be because they didn't trust themselves and their neighbors to keep their cars off the street. Of course, if the business people use all the space, there is no place for the shoppers to park their vehicles.

It would seem, though, that in a community of intelligent people, businessmen should be able to work out a voluntary plan of cooperation that would keep their cars off main streets. There is quite a bit of space in the rear of buildings where many cars can be parked—about the same as they are now.

It seems strange that Heppner, miles away from the nearest town and surrounded by wide open spaces, has to endure these iron monsters. Other towns have seen the light and junked them. Meters tend to discourage shoppers, we contend. Communities which do not have them can capitalize on the fact that shoppers can come without pungling up nickels and dimes.

In a sense, too, the meters are discriminatory. The conscientious parker puts his nickel in the slot every time. The guy who wants to "beat the rap" seldom parts with a nickel. He knows the odds are in his favor, and in the majority of instances here, he gets by without a ticket.

One thing that the city might consider, now that many of the meters are on the fritz, is to have a trial period of a couple months where the meters are disregarded. The matter could be well publicized and signs could be posted on each meter. During that time it could be observed how prone business people are to commit economic suicide by monopolizing the city's parking space.

It just might be that Heppner, with a little conscientious effort by downtown denizens, could achieve new parking peace and serenity.

If the city decided to get rid of them maybe they could be sold to Bliss, Idaho; or Mampawah, Borneo; or Reykjavik, Iceland. These cities may be looking for a new source of revenue.

Ag Committee Without Farmers

National Association of Wheat Growers' report from Washington of January 27 points out an interesting fact about the new members of the full House of Representatives agriculture committee. There is only one man in the group who qualifies as a farmer, and he is a fruit grower, George A. Goodling, of Pennsylvania.

New Democrats on the committee are: John Rarick, lawyer, Louisiana; W. S. (Bill) Stuckey, Jr., candy manufacturer, Georgia; G. V. Montgomery, insurance man, Mississippi; Bill Nichols president of Parker Fertilizer Co., and Parker Gin Co., Alabama; Frank Brasco, attorney, New York; and John Dow, systems analyst, New York.

New Republicans are: Wm. C. Wampler, carpet merchant, Virginia; Goodling, fruit grower, Pennsylvania; Clarence Miller, electrical engineer, Ohio; J. Herbert Burke, attorney, Florida; Robert B. Mathias, owner of a boys' camp, California; Wiley Mayne, lawer, Iowa; John Zwach, teacher, Minnesota; Tom Kleppe, retired investment banker, North Dakota; Robert D. Price, farmer-banker, Texas; and John T. Meyers, banker, Indiana.

Al Quie, a farmer from Minnesota, a Republican, was removed from the committee when his party adopted rules which prevent members from serving on more than one major committee.

"It is self-evident that the wheatgrowers have a lot of missionary work to do in the committee to develop understanding of wheatgrower problems," the report said.

Honor Students Named at Ione

The junior class of Ione High school placed the largest number of honor students on the honor roll of the past term, released by Harold Beggs, principal. Students must average a g.p.a. of 3.0 or better to be listed on the school's honor roll.

Those named from the senior class are Berniece Matthews, Deniece Matthews, Karen Nelson and Mary Nichols.

Seven were named from the junior class. These were Willa Johnson, Kathy Keene, Maureen McElligott, Chuck Nelson, Terrie O'Connor, Janet Palmateer and Janice Snider.

Sophomore honor students are Bonnie Akers, Charity Beggs, Linda Nichols, Earl Pettyjohn and Jodi Snow.

Listed from the freshmen class are Joy Beggs, Ron Christopherson, Kristin Nelson, Linda Pettyjohn and Deborah Warren.

Meetings Changed

Members of the Episcopal Church Women of All Saints' Episcopal church are meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. following the service of Evensong. Meetings were changed from the second Wednesday to avoid conflicts with other organizations, according to Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, president.

High School Boys Undergo Operations

Frank Lovgren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lovgren, and Bob Dobbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dobbs, Sr., both underwent knee operations in St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton, Friday.

They were reported to be recovering satisfactorily this week and were expected to be out of the hospital by mid-week. The two are juniors at Heppner High school.

The operations were as a result of injuries sustained during football season and involved torn cartilages. They entered the hospital last Thursday.

Friends who visited them Sunday reported that they were feeling pretty frisky and were able to be about in wheel chairs.

Methodists Slate Special Services

A week of special evening services is scheduled in the First Methodist Church from February 27 through March 5, the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor, announces.

The Rev. Walter Gilliland of Corry, Pa., will be here to speak at the special services. He is the pastor of the Methodist church at Corry.

Arrangements for the services are being made by the evangelism commission of the church of which Jay Wheelhouse is the chairman.

Charles Gilliland, son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. Dixon, is son of the Rev. Walter Gilliland.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THERE'S NOTHING like the logic of a woman. Marion Abrams read our editorial suggesting removal of the parking meters.

". . . And leave all those holes in the sidewalk?" she exclaimed in consternation.

Well, maybe some of them could be used for flagpoles and encourage display of the flag on appropriate occasions.

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SOMETIMES we wonder how there can be so many controversial problems when the weather is so bright and sunny outside. Maybe it has to do with sunspots or something. Perhaps some advanced student some day can do some research to determine the effect of atmospheric conditions on human behavior.

Today, many of the people who came in the office had some problem irritating them, either to do with schools, the city, taxes, or something else.

You'd think everyone would have broad smiles when the weather is so nice—like Cattleman Larry Lindsay who was beaming the other day. The grass was coming on nicely, prompted by good moisture and sunshine.

"It's the first time I've smiled in three years," said he, falsifying.

At the close of the day, Principal Al Martin of Heppner Elementary school dropped in. We waited to hear of his problem after a full day of others.

"What's your controversy?" we asked.

"Well," said he soberly. "I can't decide whether I should walk to the post office and pick up the mail and leave the car here, or whether I should drive it around there and park in front of the post office."

Now, that's the serious sort of problem we like to consider.

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WE ALSO noticed a smile yesterday on the face of Claude Cox who observed his birthday Tuesday. We wouldn't want to give away his age but he was born in the year the Statue of Liberty was dedicated, and that was long enough ago to total the age of two Jack Bennys plus three years.

Congratulations to one of the best Oregonians that Virginia ever produced!

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YEP, this spring weather does strange things. Spike Pardee, who has been getting quite an exposure to it buzzing in and out as legman for the G-T, dropped in to demand that we write something about the trees budding and the flowers stirring.

Well, what do we say? The pansies are panting? The daffodils are going daffy? The trees are trembling? The dogwoods are barking? The petunias are petting?

Heck, it isn't time to get spring fever yet.

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MAYE this weather phenomenon manifests itself in other ways, too. Mary Ulrich appeared at the city council Monday night to seek action on a dog problem, about which she was quite indignant.

She got a sympathetic ear from the city dads, and after some discussion they decided on a course to pursue.

Mrs. Ulrich was apparently satisfied, but stayed on a while longer to listen to proceedings.

Then she got up, and as she left the city hall, she turned to the councilmen and admonished, "Take some action!"

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IT TAKES sturdy stuff to be a councilman. When every member of the council attends a city meeting on the night of a world's heavyweight championship fight, that's real dedication. They had a full council here Monday night and they stayed a long time to ponder perplexing points.

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THE PRE-FAB Union Pacific Railway depot that is supposed to be erected here eventually is still in the railroad car down by the station, Ron Bishop, agent, says.

We suggested to him today that if they don't get it out and up pretty soon, the railroad will have to start paying demurrage to itself on the car. But he didn't think so.

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HEPPNER'S School Reunion Books have been going out fast, but there still are quite a few left for those who want to get copies. A good many have been sold at the G-T office, but there is still a supply here. We expect to have them available, as an accommodation to Carl and Betty Marquardt, editors of the book, until the supply is exhausted.

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WE NOTICE in the new Oregon Blue Book that Heppner's population is now listed at a nice, round 1700. In the previous edition, it was set at 1691. Don't know just how the new figure was arrived at, but it is much easier to remember anyway. If you want to get right up to date on Oregon, you can get a copy of the new Blue Book. This edition even has the state rock in it. Do you know what it is?

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. . . AND THE sun sinks slowly in the West while the permeating odor of printer's ink beckons from the back shop.

Pioneer Resident Bert P. Bleakman Taken by Death

Bertram Percy (Bert) Bleakman, 84, who came to Oregon as an 11-day-old baby in 1882, died in Good Shepherd hospital, Hermiston, on Thursday, February 2.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 5, at the First Christian church in Heppner at 2 p.m. with Al Boschee, pastor, officiating. Interment was in the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Bleakman was a rancher in the Hardman area until 1928, and for the next 24 years he was with the U. S. Forest Service in the Heppner Ranger district, Umatilla National Forest. In 1952 he retired and moved to Hermiston where he lived since.

He was married to Hattie Emry on November 2, 1903, in Heppner, and they observed their 63rd wedding anniverary last November.

Born July 27, 1882, in Boise, Idaho, he was the son of George and Elvira Bleakman.

He was a charter member of the Golden Age club in Hermiston.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Hattie Bleakman of Hermiston; a daughter, Mrs. Art Schlief of Portland; three sons, Kenneth Bleakman of Rufus, Owen Bleakman of Baker, and P. B. Bleakman of Denver, Colo.; three grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild, as well as a number of nieces and nephews.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston was in charge of arrangements.

Klinger Service Set at Mortuary Chapel Thursday

Charles Klinger, 78, Lexington, a retired wheat farmer and turkey rancher, died Monday, February 6, in Heppner. He had been a resident of this area for 43 years.

A veteran of World War I, he was born October 23, 1888, at Tonawanda, N. Y. His wife, Hilda, preceded him in death in 1939.

Services will be today (Thursday, February 9, at 2:30 p.m. at Sweeney Mortuary chapel with Pastor Don Pederson of Hope and Valby Lutheran churches officiating.

Burial will be in Mulino at Clarkes Cemetery on Friday, February 10.

Surviving are two nephews, Kenneth Klinger of Lexington and Wallace Fike of Tacoma, Wash.; and five nieces, Bertha Fike of Tacoma, Hanna Moenke of Molalla, Vivian Thompson, also of Molalla, Nina Hanhart of Mulino, and Rita Tarrant, Euphrata, Wash.

Harris Takes Post With Chemical Firm

Renne Harris, son of Mrs. Mike Saling, has taken a position with Chipman Chemical Co. in Portland as a chemist, his mother said Tuesday. He and his wife and baby son returned to Oregon from Cambridge, Mass., about two weeks ago after going east to study.

Harris has a master's degree in chemistry and has two years' work towards a doctor's degree. The Harrises' address in Portland is 6833 N. Rochester.

IF YOU HAVE--

been on a trip
entertained guests
celebrated a birthday
married your secretary
caught a big fish
moved
had a baby
sold your cows
had an operation
bought a car
painted your house
had company
been married
cut a new tooth
died
sold out
been robbed
been shot

Or Done Anything

Telephone or Drop a Postcard, or Come In, or In Any Convenient Way Inform the

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MISS KAREN GRESHAM

IFYE to South America to Talk Here Next Week

By MARJORIE WILCOXEN
County Extension Agent

Oregon's International Farm Youth Exchange to Colombia, South America, Karen Gresham of Salem, will be a guest in Morrow county next week, February 13, 14, and 15. She will speak at the schools, to the Ione Lions Club, and at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Her school schedule is as follows: Heppner Grade school, Feb. 13; Heppner High school, Feb. 14; Ione High school, Feb. 14; Irrigon—10:15 a.m., Feb. 15, and Boardman—12:45 p.m., Feb. 15.

Karen left Washington, D. C., June 30, 1966, and returned to Oregon on December 10. A graduate of Oregon State University in elementary education, Miss Gresham is studying for a master of education degree in guidance. She is the daughter of N. E. Gresham of Salem.

She was a member of 4-H sewing and cooking clubs for more than seven years and has served as secretary and 4-H superintendent of the Polk County Fair Board.

Miss Gresham taught one year in Bend before leaving for Colombia. She was supported by county contributions, Sears Roebuck of Colombia, and International Minerals.

While in Colombia, Karen stayed with many different host families. She covered two states in different parts of the country. She also visited in different types of homes—in cities, and on country farms and ranches.

To go into detail might spoil the program which Karen is going to present. Will have more information after she has visited here.

The purpose of the IFYE program is to have a better understanding of other people, to learn new cultures, exchange ideas, and promote international understanding.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

BASKETBALL
Heppner vs. Burns at Burns, Friday, Feb. 10.
Heppner vs. Grant Union at John Day, Saturday, Feb. 11.
Heppner vs. Sherman, Heppner High Gym, Friday, Feb. 17.

FOOD SALE
Friday, Feb. 10, from 10:00 a.m.
By Dorcas Society of Seventh-day Adventist church
Next door to Gardner's Men's Wear.

Saturday, Feb. 11, from 11:00 a.m.
By Relief Society of L.D.S. Church
Next door to Gardner's Men's Wear

ANNUAL MEETING
Lexington Oil Co-op Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.
Lexington Grange Hall. Free noon dinner.

POMONA GRANGE
Saturday, Feb. 11
At Willows Grange Hall, Ione
All day meeting, dinner at noon.

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 NORTHWESTERN during breaks in the games.

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