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Blossoming Boardman

As we focus attention on Boardman to some extent this week, it is interesting to reflect that the new town has arisen rather quietly and without any embroiling controversy, so far as the outsider can observe.

Oh, the change has had a great deal of publicity from time to time, but the people and agencies involved have pecked away at their big task with a minimum of fuss. A person might have gone there on one occasion during the relocation to see nothing but stakes set around the sand hills and some heavy earth moving equipment at work. Then after six months or so he might have gone back to see bright new businesses erected on various sites, without having heard of much progress being made in the meantime.

By now the new town is taking its final shape. It is evident that the job to date has been well done and that plans for the future are being carefully laid.

Boardman is not an old community, even in a state as young as Oregon. Sam Boardman filed on a homestead there in 1903, opening the sandy wasteland, but it wasn't until 1916 that the town was platted and water brought from the Umatilla River to bring new life. Sam Boardman became one of the state's better known men, particularly for his work on highways. He died in 1953, but if he were alive today, he would probably smile with pleasure at the new town while reserving some regret at seeing the passing of the Old Town.

Along Highway Interstate 80-N, Boardman now presents a bright and modern appearance to welcome the traveler to Morrow county, and all of the county may be proud of it.

As Mayor Dewey West points out, there is a great deal yet to be done—perhaps even more than has already been done—to make the town what it is expected to be. Parks are to be developed, the water system to be improved, streets widened, sidewalks installed, the school to be erected, and much more.

Target date for "open house" is scheduled two years hence, and fellow residents in Morrow county can reserve the time to join in the celebration.

Beyond this, for both Irrigon and Boardman loom many possibilities with developments in view through the port commission, the potential of the lands to be irrigated, the space age possibilities at the Boeing site, and other industry contemplated.

It was only a few years ago that some doubters were heard to say that most of the Boardman population would pack up and move away when the Army Corps paid them for their houses and business buildings that would be razed. There would be nothing left of Boardman, said these cynics.

If you haven't already visited the new town, take a Sunday drive over, look around, and see if the blossoming Boardman hasn't pretty well spiked that.

Working for Hubby's Love?

Maybe Valentine's week is a good time to bring this up. Herman Winter has called attention to an interesting bill that Rep. Irvin Mann of the 28th district is helping to sponsor in the legislature—and it's an important one, too.

The State of Oregon has traditionally taken the view that a housewife is not a partner in her husband's business or earnings if she lists her occupation as a housewife and isn't made a partner in fact by legal action.

"If he's a rancher, she can drive truck, cook for the harvest hands, feed the cows, run to town for parts, take care of the children, but she does this not for pay, but because she loves the guy!" said Winter interpreting the state's view on the subject.

Thus, when the husband dies, the bank account may be "frozen" until the estate is acted upon.

The new bill would make 50% of the assets the property of the wife.

"Sooner or later this will affect all of us," said Winter in suggesting support for a bill that he considers of significance.

The change would seem to be a sensible one, and progress of the bill will be interesting to watch.

Incidentally, Winter, who came here from Salem, says that the current legislature is one of the hardest working legislatures that he has seen in action. On the afternoon that he went to appear before the judiciary committee to seek a second circuit judge for Morrow and Umatilla counties, Rep. Irvin Mann had appearances or work to do in the judiciary committee, the fish and game committee and the agriculture committee following the morning sessions of the House.

OBRA Head Meets With Rodeo Board

Mrs. Dianna Alexander, president of the Oregon Barrel Racing association, was a guest at the February meeting of the Morrow County Rodeo committee at the county fairgrounds.

Mrs. Alexander, who was accompanied by her husband, discussed rule changes and policies of the OBRA.

It was reported that contract acceptances for the 1967 rodeo have been received from Howard Johnson, Condon, stock contractor, and from Joe Daley of Pendleton as announcer. Each has worked with the rodeo here for the past two years.

Contract was also authorized for John Irwin of Tacoma to serve again as clown for the rodeo.

Bob Bergstrom is a new member of the rodeo board, representing the Wrangler club. He will be in charge of hay and barns. Bergstrom succeeds Roice Fullerton on the board.

Next meeting of the group will be Wednesday, March 1, at the Wrangler clubhouse at the fairgrounds.

Henchmen to Appear in Band Battle

The Henchmen are to appear in Richland, Wash., on February 21 for a "Battle of the Bands" with about 20 other bands from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho.

The big event is to be at the Bomber gym in Richland late Tuesday afternoon, and a dance with the top three bands will be held that night.

The first place band will receive a new wardrobe, a recording session of the song which was written by that group, and performance bookings by KALE radio in Richland.

Tickets for the big battle may be obtained by writing KALE radio in Richland. Henchmen include Tim Smith, Jim Sherman, Roger Leonnig and Kathy Melby, all of Heppner High.

Mrs. N. D. Bailey returned home Saturday after spending the past three weeks with relatives in Portland and Astoria. She visited her daughter, Mrs. Jack (Dora) Parsons, who is recovering nicely from spinal surgery at Good Samaritan hospital in Portland, and enjoyed her birthday with her twin sister, Mrs. Maggie Reynolds, at Astoria.



ROYAL WISHES! Oregon's 108th birthday celebration was highlighted Tuesday when Oregon Dairy Princess Alice Pitney presented a cake made of ice cream to Governor Tom McCall who samples first bite. Princess Alice served the cake, which was decorated with symbols of Oregon's natural and agricultural resources, in honor of Oregon's statehood.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IF SOME sort of meter were used in the county to check individual performance, its chart would take a nose dive on a good many persons the day following school board meetings. You can tell the guy who attended the meeting—he's the fellow who's yawning all the next day. But if he thinks it tough to sit through 4½ hours of deliberations, he can feel for the members of the board and the administrators who have to puzzle out the problems and face the decisions.

The "old board" of several years ago still has the record for lengthy sessions—running later than 1 a.m. on at least one occasion—but we thought Monday night's meeting might crack it. However, adjournment came just before midnight after starting at 7:30.

Somebody suggested the Chamber of Commerce ought to give a banquet in honor of the school board. They surely deserve it for the work they put in and the criticism they take and still keep their poise and good humor.

NOW THAT the Riverside school is causing problems again, and once more there is discussion on what school should be located where, one wise fellow proposes that the schools be built on barges in the north end and floated back and forth between the two towns.

But we think we have a better idea. One could build a great big blimp for the education of our children, and they could go to school in it, hovering over each town of the county for equal time.

We think the particular advantage of this suggestion is that there certainly would be less high school dropouts!

SKI SEASON came to an abrupt halt for legman Spike Pardee of the Gazette-Times staff Sunday. At the same time he became a member in good standing of the Order of the Busted Ski. He almost qualified for the higher Order of the Cracked Cranium.

Spike, who may not be quite as catty with a pair of slats under him as he is at flicking a shutter on his camera, tried to negotiate the downhill perils of the upper slope. He hit the little twisting dip that is becoming to have quite a reputation among the more daring skiers, and of Spike found himself upside backwards and inside out all at once.

After the world had stopped spinning and he figured out which way was up again as he lay reclining on the cool invigorating ice, Spike found one of his skis in two pieces and the other ready to be retired.

OCCASIONALLY some friend goes on a trip to the southwest and sends us a copy of the paper from "The town too tough to die," Tombstone, Ariz. While the Larry Cooks were on their trip, they sent us the January 26 issue, and it is always enjoyable to look over and read the paper.

It's a little hard for us to figure out which stories are current and which are taken from the archives to bring back memories of the days of the Old West.

One story, at the top of the front page, for instance, is headed, "Suspended. O. K. Corral Fracas Brings Knife Wielder Two Years' Probation." It goes on to say, "It was early in November last that tempers waxed hot on old Allen street. Words were exchanged, a scuffle ensued, and the soft warm belly of a man tasted cold knife steel. Blood flowed once again in Tombstone's famed and violent O. K. Corral."

Now, would you figure that to be a current news story, or

one from the archives? The ads are interesting, too. In the old style, there are a number of them on the front page. We enjoyed the one from Dugan Funeral Chapel, 18 Naco Road, Bisbee, Arizona. "Orders filled on short notice from any part of the county," it reads. "Phone 432-4242. Day or Night."

If you're down that way and get into a gunfight with the ghosts of any of them there old gunslingers, you might remember that information. The Cooks are now home, but it was nice of them to send us this copy of the Epitaph.

IF YOU HAVEN'T seen the photos of our local George Washingtons yet, be sure you turn to pages 4 and 5, section 2, before you put this paper down. Who makes the cutest George Washington—Ed Gonty? Randall Peterson? Bill Hux? LeRoy Gardner?

To cast your vote call Philadelphia, Pa., 1-215-929-8655 and ask for Patrick Henry.

BALLOTS on the tax issue, printed in last week's G-T, have just started to come in good, but there are not enough for a tabulation at this time. The ballot is re-printed in this issue, and if you haven't stated your preference, we invite you to take a moment to do so. We have heard and read that some legislators are getting the idea that the people don't care how the tax issue goes because of the lack of letters and interest shown. We'll take the ballots submitted and turn them over to Rep. Irvin Mann. That way, he can at least get a sampling of local thinking.

Funeral Services Held Last Week For Fred Rauch

Funeral services were held for Fred Rauch, 73, at Trinity Lutheran church, Hermiston, on Thursday, February 9. The Rev. Samuel Goldenman officiated at the 2 p.m. service, and interment followed in Echo cemetery.

He was born in Poland, July 20, 1893, and came to the United States in 1910. On February 9, 1915, he was married to Johanna Erdman in Pendleton. Since 1939 he had operated a ranch between Lexington and Butter Creek. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran church.

Mr. Rauch died Monday, February 6, at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston after a lengthy illness. Contributions have been accepted by the family to the Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund or to the Cancer Fund in his memory.

Survivors include his widow, Johanna, of Lexington; two sons, Fred of Chatteroy, Wn., and August of Lebanon; six daughters, Mrs. Jim Mitchell and Mrs. Melvin Clark, both of Chatteroy, Mrs. Doug Watson of Hermiston, Mrs. Keith Middleton of Echo, Mrs. Orval Matheony of Heppner and Mrs. Joe Ritzer of Hermiston. Also two brothers, Julian of Hermiston and Adolph of East Germany; three sisters, Mrs. William Henrie of West Germany, Mrs. Alex Hunt of Heppner and Mrs. Fred Hermann of Hermiston. He leaves 32 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. R. A. Thompson is now receiving medical care in Pioneer Memorial hospital. Relatives brought her back to Heppner Monday after she had been a patient at Park Manor Home in Walla Walla, Wn., for a considerable time.

1967-68 Edition Oregon Blue Book Ready for Sale

The 1967-68 edition of the Oregon Blue Book, featuring a winter scene of Crater Lake on the cover, is now coming off the presses, and distribution for public sale is expected to begin soon.

Secretary of State Clay Myers, whose office is charged with preparation of the Blue Book, pointed out some innovations in the layout of this edition.

A handy section reference has been added to the back cover, enabling users to turn quickly to information, for example, on Oregon history, newspapers, the Oregon Constitution, state boards and commissions, and a variety of other subjects.

The periodicals section has been expanded, and zip code numbers have been included for all post offices in the state.

Another section has been added in this edition to provide information on the state's 11 community colleges.

Oregon's congressional delegation has been moved up near the front of the Blue Book, and brief biographical sketches of each member have been included.

Even most of the recent appointments of the McCall administration to state boards and commissions were included in the edition before it came off the presses. The cut-off date was January 19.

The price of Oregon's reference work remains the same: \$1 for the plain-bound volume, and \$1.50 for the one with a plastic spiral binding.

Myers noted that compliance and editing was done under the direction of former secretary of State Tom McCall. Editor was Mrs. Wanda Merrill, now Gov. McCall's executive secretary. She was assisted by Margaret Bourassa.

Fulleton Named To BMC Committee

Roice Fulleton, owner of Fulleton Chevrolet Co., has been appointed as a member of the mechanical advisory committee of Blue Mountain College.

Robert Hawk, dean of applied science, has advised him. The committee has been formed to help evaluate and suggest curriculum changes. Fulleton represents auto dealers.

First meeting was Tuesday night on the college campus. Others named to serve include Howard Hagen, heavy equipment; Don Miller, auto mechanic; Pat Davis, farming industry; Kay Hisatomi, heavy equipment mechanic; J. S. McClendon, welding and machine shop; Gerald McBee, body and fender; and Bud Duncan, mobile diesel.

Several to Attend North Pacific Meet

Several from Morrow county are planning to attend the mid-winter meeting of North Pacific Grain Growers Managers and Directors association in Portland on Friday, according to Harlan McCurdy, manager of Morrow County Grain Growers, Inc. Among those who expect to attend, besides McCurdy, are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobs, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark, Homer Hughes, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lindsay.

McCurdy expected to leave late Tuesday and to attend a meeting preceding the Friday session.

Reports from both national and local grain cooperative officials are included on the program. Marketing patterns, future transportation changes and river development will be discussed.

A feature of the meeting will be a harbor cruise through the Portland port by chartered vessel.

"The more we can learn about export markets and the more efficiently we can serve them," said McCurdy, "the more effectively we can serve our grain producers at home."

To the Editor:

As one of the chaperones on the Pep Club bus which traveled to Burns and John Day the past week-end, I can truthfully say I am not sorry I went. It was well organized by the president of the Pep Club, Erin Dick. She worked hard and faithful throughout the trip. The Pep Club should be very proud to have her as its president.

The Pep Club girls conducted themselves well and their appearance was outstanding. Losing both the games was disappointing but we do have a fine team to be proud of, as they conducted themselves well and showed good sportsmanship in representing their school and community.

Not only do we have a school to be proud of, but the community of Heppner has a city to also be proud of. When we arrived back at 1:00 a.m. Sunday morning, I couldn't help but notice how clean the town of Heppner appeared. Sometimes it takes a trip away from home to realize how thankful we are to have a city ordinance which is doing such a fine job. Mrs. Raymond French

TO THE EDITOR...

February 7, 1967

Dear Wes:

We enjoyed your recent note from Morrow county. I visited with Howard Bryant from telephone the other evening and he told me of the wonderful winter you are having this year. Looks like a fine growing season for wheat in the making.

We would like to subscribe to the Gazette-Times, as we enjoy hearing of our many friends through the paper. Enclosed you will find a check if this is not sufficient, let me hear from you again soon.

I sure would like to see your new office and expanded plant. We hope to get back up that way next summer. Best wishes to you and your family.

Sincerely yours,
Gene Harryman
Comanche Public Schools
Comanche, Okla. 73529

February 7, 1967

To the Editor:

As a Morrow county taxpayer and an individual with 50 years plus of interest in good schools, I would like to state my views regarding the present school impasse in north Morrow county.

The first thing to consider is the best interest of the pupils in that area and secondly close behind is the best interest of the taxpayers. Certainly neither of these have been given prime consideration. On several occasions, the opinions of experts have been obtained at considerable expense, but the advice received has not been followed.

It is ridiculous that an administration and a board from an area remote from the problem should dictate to the people living within the area what course they should follow. It should be their decision to make with reason and if it had been left to them, they would have come up with a common sense solution within a few months. The first recommendation from the State Board of Education was to transport the high school pupils from the Riverside district to a nearby district which had ample facilities built with federal funds. This would result in the best opportunity education-wise and would also be least costly to the taxpayer.

Recent indications are that the good people of north Morrow county might take this course if it was left to them to make the decision. Would it not make common sense to follow a democratic procedure and let them determine the destiny of their school with no interference from the south?

I for one am fed up with the eeny-meeny-miny mo policies that have been followed for the past ten years.

Very sincerely,
L. L. Howton, Ione

Dear Bro. Sherman:

Just a few lines to let you know that I will not renew my subscription to the Gazette-Times. I will have to confess that I will miss it however. I believe you edit a fine newspaper. I always enjoyed your keen wit in the Chaff and Chatter.

I will remember Heppner with many warm memories. For the size of town it is progressive and believe produces more community projects, business and otherwise, than the city fathers do here.

Thanks again for all your interest and help while there, I remain,

A sincere friend,
Elwood Boyd
Brewster, Wash.

To the Editor:

Attending a meeting of the Morrow county school board last Monday night was revealing in many ways. One can't escape the conclusion that this is a good school board. All its members are experienced, informed, conscientious, and truly interested in solving the many problems of the district. Further, in my judgment, the quality and efficiency of our system and its teachers has been steadily improving under the able administration of Superintendent Potter.

In my view, there are two problems confronting the board which should be of interest to all citizens of Morrow county. First, construction of the new Boardman-Irrigon school building must go forward. A review of the facts would seem to indicate that the architect must reduce his building plan and its specifications to comply with the limitations imposed by the Corps of Army Engineers. This should be done immediately.

Second, in order to preserve and improve the quality of our teachers, upgrading salary schedules should be negotiated to a satisfactory conclusion with the minimum increase of the total annual salary obligation. On this point, I believe it is incumbent upon the board and our superintendent to utilize teacher skills to maximum efficiency. It is not denied by either the board or the superintendent that there are eight more teachers in this system than there were three years ago, despite the fact that student enrollment has decreased.

This school board, with the assistance of the superintendent and his administration, can solve these problems, and they deserve the help and support of all the people in Morrow county in seeking solutions for the improvement of the quality of education in our district.

Don Turner
Lexington

February 7, 1967

To the Editor:

I saw this in my paper (Oregon Journal) and just thought it was interesting. I remember my dad, J. C. Owen, speaking of Mr. Redington.

Mrs. J. M. Harrington
2321 E. 14th St.
Vancouver, Wash. 98661

HER HEART IN VANCOUVER
Close to one year ago Bernice Redington died in a Seattle hospital. Recently the \$22,000 remaining from the sale of her home and waterfront property at Normandy Park, south of Seattle, became the bequest of the Vancouver institution she designated.

This was after approximately one-fourth was paid for administering the estate. Nothing was left to her family, but that is beside the point, which is that less than a handful of the benefactors knew who she was or why she left them this.

Bernice Redington was the daughter of an early Northwest newspaperman who published the Heppner Gazette before the flood was a reporter on the Lewistown at the time of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, later published the Puyallup Commerce. He was an Indian scout during the Modoc wars. He was mustered out of Vancouver Barracks at that time.

The first Prudence Penny on the radio, held vast cooking schools in Seattle's two large department stores and outdoors in Seattle parks in the summer. She promoted creative quilt shows, cake contests, even mushroom shows.

For five years she was food editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and the Honolulu Farm and Home. She wrote a weekly neighborhood news column on a Des Moines paper up to a month before her death.

When readers of the P-I learned through their columns of her fatal illness they wrote her more than 100 letters telling her she taught them to cook.

But Bernice's heart was in Vancouver, where she had worked as food manager at the School for the Blind, was president of Zonta Club and watched the cornerstone laid for the First Presbyterian Church, which was her heart's home.

The reason for this letter is that it seems when a person who has given all her earthly wealth to a cause she loved and thought worthy of her choice, the people to whom she left it are entitled to know at least who she is and why they were so remembered. I, her sister, think she is due this much—Mrs. Donald J. Stewart, 6400 N. W. Lincoln Ave., Vancouver, Wash.

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Coming Events

BASKETBALL
Heppner vs. Sherman, Heppner High Gym, Friday, Feb. 17.
Heppner vs. Madras at Madras, Saturday, Feb. 18
Heppner vs. Wahtonka, Heppner High Gym, Friday, Feb. 24

ELKS' DINNER
Friday, Feb. 17, 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Spaghetti Dinner, adults \$1.00, Children, 50c

SCOUT BANQUET
Saturday, Feb. 18, High school Cafeteria
6:30, Potluck dinner
Court of Honor, Cubs, Scouts and families invited

FFA BANQUET
Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:00 p.m.
High School Cafeteria
FFA Members, Parents, Invited Guests.

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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