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EASTER

The Epitaph of Jesus

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"He is not here; for He is risen" Matt. 28:6
Webster tells us an epitaph is an inscription on or at a tomb in memory of the one buried there. Most epitaphs are written by men concerning men. Many times they give an estimate of the character of the dead. But here on the open tomb of Jesus is an epitaph written or spoken not by men but by an angel. This epitaph is not an estimate of character but rather a bare fact. The most momentous fact of history. "He is not here; for He is risen."

Most epitaphs proclaim the power of death, no matter how beautifully written; but this epitaph tells us the power of death is broken, that death will be put to an end, for sin which brought death into the world will be put to an end. Here is the epitaph which ends all epitaphs: "He is not here; for He is risen."

The epitaph of Jesus assures us that He overcame death. A well known incident took place in England after the Waterloo campaign of June, 1815. All England was awaiting news of the campaign in which the Duke of Wellington opposed Napoleon Bonaparte. Since it was long before the days of telegraph, watchers were stationed along the coast to catch semaphore signals from sailing vessels. Finally one watcher spied a sailing vessel beginning to wig-wag a message. The words were, "Wellington defeated". Then fog closed in. These words were relayed across England and all the nation was plunged into gloom. The fog then cleared and the message came through "Wellington defeated the enemy". Sorrow was banished and all England rejoiced.

This story admirably illustrates what was the state of mind of people when Christ died. Jesus had claimed to be God. He had said, "The Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. I came not to be ministered unto but to minister, and to give my life a ransom for many." Then He was crucified. It was a terrible day. The sun was blotted from sight and there was darkness over the face of the earth. There was an earthquake. Events took place which caused even the Roman centurion to exclaim, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Then Christ died and His body was buried in the tomb of Joseph and Arimathea. The Pharisees smacked their lips and dusted their hands as if to say, "Well, that's that! We have gotten rid of this man who caused us so much trouble. Jesus defeated! Jesus defeated! Jesus defeated!"

Then came the resurrection! The news was, "Jesus defeated the enemy" He had vanquished death and all its power.

As we look at the epitaph of Jesus over the empty tomb we can cry out in our hearts as did the apostle Paul in I Cor. 15:15 "O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"

We learned from the Moody Science film, "City of Bees", when a honey bee stings someone it loses its stinger and dies. Just as the honey bee loses its stinger and dies, so death stung the Lord Jesus and left scars in His hands, but the sting of death was removed and death died! The Lord Jesus Christ died but He rose again conqueror over death. The Bible says "Our Saviour Christ Jesus . . . abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel".

"O death where is thy sting, O grave where is thy victory?"

Christians can face death without fear because Jesus Christ is alive! A Moslem woman said to a missionary "What did you do to my daughter?" The girl, sixteen years old, had died a few days before.

The missionary thinking that the mother was accusing him, replied, "Why, we didn't do anything to her!"

But the woman said "Yes you did! She died smiling, and our people don't die like that!"

How true! The Lord Jesus Christ by His resurrection has removed the terrors of death for those who put their trust in Him, and we die smiling. "O grave where is thy victory?"

The epitaph of Jesus answers the question thoughtful men have asked throughout the ages, "If a man die will He live again?" The epitaph of Jesus assures us life's goal is not the grave, life's redeemer is not dead "for He is risen!"

counties to its ultimate destination, the parched lands in the North Morrow arid belt. The water then being provided by the Umatilla, as of now, would be a drop in the bucket compared with what the John Day project would provide. But of course, as we all know, this was one of the many early irrigation projects which never materialized.

Today the entire U.S.A. is on a great industrial move, either heavy or light, or both, as the case may be. From where I sit in suburbia, with light industry nearby and the huge heavy industrial complexes forming a fringe, it is easy to visualize what will inevitably develop in the future of North Morrow county and Morrow county as a whole. With plentiful cheap power, which industry idolizes, and the same kind of power to bring water to the land, farming and industry are bound to come hand-in-hand to share in great store which the not-too-distant future development will provide. Why not do everything possible to encourage both farming and industry, making for the fulfillment of a great destiny for Morrow county?

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Expanding Classrooms

Number of requests by Morrow county teachers to the school board for field trips for students is increasing sharply. The trend in education seems to be to escape the confining walls of school buildings and to make both natural and manmade resources of the entire area a classroom.

These trips pose some problem for the school board. Directors must decide on their merit, consider such matters as the possibility of accident, and determine what to do about loss of time from other classes in school.

But what an opportunity for learning in an expanding, living classroom!

Kirk Horn, Heppner biology teacher, has requested four field trips for the balance of the year for his students. One will be to the University of Oregon Medical school where each individual student will have the opportunity to spend a day with a particular technician or doctor. A second is scheduled to the Malheur Wildlife Refuge; a third to the Marine Biology Laboratory on the coast; and a fourth to Olympic National Park.

The board knows by now that these biology trips are planned to be a "T" and are designed and executed as real learning experiences.

Consider, for instance, what a day spent by a biology student under the tutelage of a professional man at the medical school could mean as compared to a day with a textbook in a conventional classroom.

The trip to the Olympic National Park, Horn explained, would take students to six major biomes where they will observe "biological inter-actionisms of different living kingdoms." (We'll not attempt to explain what a "biome" is, and request that you ask the nearest biology student if you are as unscientific as we are.)

Other field trips are planned. Social studies students—seniors—of Riverside, Heppner and Ione will go to the Legislature to see the 1967 session in action. Many of their parents have never done this, despite the importance of the work being done there, affecting every life in the state.

Home economics classes can see manufacture of textiles first hand at Pendleton Woolen Mills in another trip planned.

With proper planning and guidance, these trips can be powerful learning experiences under circumstances that are pleasant to the student. The fact that a trip may be more enjoyable than the confines of a classroom shouldn't deter from the learning process; it should add to it.

Cost to the district is generally limited to transportation. While the student is traveling, he isn't contributing to expenses in the school building that would normally accrue by his attendance there.

Of course, the expansion of the classroom through field trips must be handled judiciously. A student can't let the rest of his work go, and keeping up other assignments is generally a requisite for taking a trip.

One could imagine that if field trips became too numerous, they could be a real administrative problem. But as a supplement to classroom learning and applied by a wise teacher, the trips can make a subject "live". This is a way to learn by seeing and doing.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

CLINT AGEE dropped in the other day and reminisced a little more about Boxer, the Spirit of Pacific University, after we had written the bit in this column recently. Clint said he had Boxer in his possession for a considerable length of time while he was attending college in the mid-1950's.

Clint told stories about the old iron dog of Ming dynasty that we hadn't heard. One time, he said, one of the college students conceived the idea of flashing Boxer while frozen in the center of a huge block of ice. When he was dumped in this condition, it confounded the crowd that gathered for only a short time. Someone procured some sort of a cudgel and broke up the ice enough to get Boxer in a condition to fight over.

During World War I, Boxer went overseas with the troops, being used as a mascot by soldiers who had been affiliated with the U. S. Army in World War II. He (Boxer) flew on some 40 or 50 missions over enemy territory as the good luck omen for the ex-Pacific fliers.

Clint also recalled a time that a police officer tried to stop a riot that developed following a Boxer flash. The officer emerged from the melee sans pants, shoes and other articles of apparel.

Another time, Agee was involved in a high speed chase. He was in a car with Boxer, and in hot pursuit was another gang bent on capturing the dragon. They zoomed out the Sunset highway to the coast and to Astoria. The lead car struck it lucky at Astoria and made the ferry just as it was about to pull out for Megler. The following car was stuck and had to wait for the next ferry. But on the Washington side later, the chase resumed again and they headed back towards Portland. The lead car finally gave them the slip somehow.

WITH THE Easter egg hunt coming up Sunday, Dave McLeod has come to the conclusion that there are two Easters in a one year's period. He reaches this decision because he is concluding a one-year term as social chairman, yet has been in charge of two Easter egg hunts during the year.

Last year, it is recalled, Easter came later, sometime early in April. But this year it is early, being March 26, so there are two Easters in the 12-month period.

BOB RUNNION, who with his wife recently returned from a trip to Colorado, might well have deserved a free pass on the Domeliner for some future trip if Union Pacific officials could have heard his glowing reports of the journey via U.P.

"That Domeliner is the only way to see the country," declared Bob. "I lived back in that country 10-11 years, and I never saw anything like I did from the Domeliner."

In fact Bob sounded more glowing than the TV commercials.

Hearing him was enough to warm the heart of the stewardess-nurse.

THE MATTER came up again Monday about the possible planting of trees along the highway coming into Heppner. This would be designed to beautify the entrance to the city. Such a project has been refused by the highway department.

Whereupon, Dr. L. D. Tibbles spoke up and said that one time several years ago, trees had been ordered for the project and were healed in, waiting planting, but the highway department objected.

"What they objected to," said the doctor laconically, "was trees that have leaves."

The leaves, he explained, fall on the highway, and perhaps, when it rains, make the road surface slick.

Well, sir, if the department feels that way, it sorta brings us back to power poles, which were just taken out to widen the highway. They are about the only "trees" without leaves.

Maybe we'll have to do what a lot of people do at Christmas time, get aluminum trees to make our city purty.

THE TWO young priests, the Rev. Rusty Kimsey and the Rev. Armand Larive, who officiated at the ordination of the Rev. Dirk Rinehart at All Saints' Episcopal church here Friday night, also attended the ordination of Jackson Gilliam, then a deacon at Hermiston, 18 years ago. At that time, the Rev. Kimsey and the Rev. Larive were young members of the Hermiston church. Influenced by Jackson, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gilliam of Heppner and who is now serving in Montana, they became priests. The Rev. Kimsey is now serving in Redmond and the Rev. Larive ministers in the Rev. Rinehart's home church of Nyssa. Parents of both priests live in Hermiston. The elder Mr. Larive has been superintendent of schools in Hermiston for many years.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE—that it is almost time for the switch to daylight time again? Just a

Judge Gives Testimony on Appraisals

Following is text of the statement made by County Judge Paul Jones before the Planning and Development committee at the legislative session in Salem on Monday, March 6. It is printed because of the local interest in the matter.

Mr. Ted Hallock, Chairman, and Members of Planning and Development Committee

Gentlemen:
My name is Paul W. Jones, I am county judge of Morrow County appearing here at the request of your committee. Accompanying me are commissioners Walter Hayes and Jack Van Winkle; and Wm. Johnson, appraiser. Mr. Johnson technically, is an employee of the State of Oregon whose services were acquired by the county from the State Tax Commission in 1961. He is a Property Appraiser 3, Civil Service rating. Morrow county reimburses the state for the salary paid him. He has had some six years from October, 1954, to January, 1961, as an appraiser in Coos county prior to coming to Morrow county. For a period of two years during this six years period in Coos county, he appraised on a fee basis for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Federal G. I.

This statement will be very general in nature as it is extremely difficult to anticipate the many questions involving public land in Morrow County.

The major areas of this land comprise, of course, 121,000 acres Forest Service; 50,000 acres in the Navy bombing range; 7,500 acres in the Umatilla Army Depot and 100,000 acres of Department of Veterans Affairs, better known as the Boeing tract. In addition, there is approximately 10,000 to 12,000 acres of B.L.M. land in the extreme north end of the county.

As early as last April, our Board of Equalization anticipated that there would be some interest shown in the Boeing tract as a result of statements made at various hearings conducted by the interim committee on public lands held during the preceding winter. A photographic copy of the Board of Equalization minutes, taken from the Commissioners Journal, accompanies this report. As a result of information and remarks, both in and out of these hearings, our Board of Equalization then made the order as shown in the attached minutes.

Both the board and the court felt that since our reappraisal program is presently in a current condition, it was both logical and sensible to start the next six year cycle in the area which had shown so much interest as evidenced by the many land sales. The new town of Boardman will illustrate the interest in that area with many sales of lots to people outside the area.

There is still a great deal of interest in the whole north end, especially in that closest to the Columbia River, such as a development on the Morrow-Umatilla line near Irrigon, where some 530 acres of land are presently being readied for potato planting. This will be sprinkled by water from the river, pumped over one mile through 8" pipes to the sprinkler set-ups.

As I mentioned previously, the Board of Equalization anticipated an investigation of the Boeing site. There was certainly no thought of gouging the State of Oregon. Rather, both the court and the board thought that we would be in a better position to appraise the north end area for tax purposes after having completed both an independent appraisal and another by our own county appraiser, Mr. Johnson, whom I have just introduced.

At the time that the original order for a reappraisal was made there was a variety of opinions by our board of equalization regarding the very unique position the Boeing tract occupied in our tax structures.

little more than a month away. Daylight time is scheduled to start in Oregon on Sunday, April 30. It seems only yesterday that we switched back to standard.

One old-timer said the other day that this winter has been the most open one in his memory here. He'd just had to be right. Doesn't seem as if we've had winter at all. (Not that we're complaining, but we know the ranchers would be happy to have some more moisture). Let's hope for a damp spring.

To illustrate: One member expressed the thought that because the land was under lease and not available for sale, the value of the land should be 40-50% less than other lands of like nature then selling for \$50.00 or so. The others were of differing opinions. It was soon realized that an appraisal by an outside firm, as well as by our own office, would be necessary.

That in essence explains our purpose in the appraisal.

We were dumfounded by the accusations placed in the newspapers. It is only fair to point out at this time that this appraisal was being made—not to "gouge" any taxpayer—but rather to be fair to all taxpayers in the county. You gentlemen are probably more knowledgeable of the tax laws in Oregon than some of us. However, you all must know that the Department has had the same privilege of appeal to the Board of Equalization, State Tax Commission and the Tax Court as any other taxpayer in the State of Oregon.

You must also be aware that even should this Boeing tract be appraised and then assessed a larger amount than at present, it is not logical to assume that the tax itself would be increased by the same percentage. In 1963 when this lease was approved by the Legislature and the Governor of Oregon, we were even then in the throes of an inflationary spiral. It

must at least have been considered that land values would rise as they have been doing for the past several years. Generally speaking we may say that practically all farm and range land in Morrow County has shown an appraisal increase of 50% between 1962 and 1966 tax years.



Coming Events

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
Friday, March 24
First Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.
Sponsored by South Morrow Ministerial Assoc.
Everyone Welcome.

EASTER FOOD SALES
American Legion Auxiliary,
Friday, March 24, next door to Gardner's
Sans Souci Rebekah Benefit Bake Sale, Sat. March 25
Coxen Building, next door to Gardner's.

Holly Rebekahs, Lexington,
Traveling Food Sale,
March 25, from 10 a.m.

EASTER EGG HUNT
Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m.
By Heppner Elks Lodge 358
Pre-school at City Park
1st, 2nd Grades, Courthouse
Lawn
3rd, 4th Grades, lower field
at Heppner Grade school.

ELKS CRAB FEED
Saturday, March 25, 6-8 p.m.
Guests welcome
Dancing from 9-1 to "Three Blind Mice"

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
Easter Monday, March 27, 8 p.m.
Episcopal Parish hall
Bridge, pinocle, dessert, lots of prizes
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TO THE EDITOR...

Hand-in-Hand

To the Editor:
Shades of Sam Boardman and of "Ol' Man" Bennett of the long-since-gone Irrigon "Irrigator!"

Both had one thing in common, they were not only super-advocates of a great potential for their respective communities; both had worked "tooth and nail" for water, for irrigation, that is.

Water for industrial power, such as Columbia River dams, never entered the plans of these two pioneer developers. Sam Boardman, founder of the town of his name, never dreamed, perhaps, that the self-same town would ever migrate from its original site to a new location on higher ground, least of all by reason of the above-mentioned Columbia and a John Day Dam on the Columbia itself. Mr. Boardman had visions of a John Day dam far to the interior, where water would be taken for many miles across parts of Grant and Morrow