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The Chief Resigns

We're of the opinion that it would be considerably more difficult to be a good policeman in a small town than it would be a good policeman in a large town.

The associations are closer in a small community. One knows all his neighbors, wants to be friends with them and enjoys their goodwill. Sometimes it's pretty hard to promote friendship while writing a ticket for a neighbor!

But we feel that Dean Gilman somehow achieved an excellent knack of getting along with folks in our community—and maintaining their friendship—while keeping the peace.

It takes a discerning and sensible fellow to achieve the delicate balance on which this depends. Certainly the officer has to temper justice with mercy.

During the time that Chief Gilman has served as officer here, he has gained and earned the respect of the community and its people. He has been plagued with pestiferous problems, we suspect, that must have made him want to bite his nails. Dogs and parking meter troubles certainly must rank among those that he regards most affectionately!

Again, there must be times when keeping the peace is too peaceful and the chief's job became monotonous and wearisome. But Dean has stuck with the job.

He has had the advantage of knowing his people and how to work with them. He regards young people here as outstanding, and they have responded to this attitude so that there has been a minimum of trouble with youth.

At Monday night's council meeting, Chief Gilman resigned, to be effective in mid-June. He plans to enter other employment, which has not yet been announced.

We wouldn't embarrass him by attempting to eulogize him, but at the time of his resignation we do want to share what we note in the sentiments of the city council and his fellows: He has done a fine job and he'll be missed on the downtown beat.

No Draft Cards Burned

Did you see any bearded beatniks burning draft cards in Heppner streets Monday?

Did you see any youths marching with anti-Vietnam posters?

Did you hear anyone make a plea on behalf of LSD or marijuana?

No, you didn't.

But if you went to the blood bank, you saw our high school kids at work. They were too busy filling out blood donor cards to even think about burning draft cards.

They assumed the responsibility for staffing the whole blood bank, except for the medical duties! And, by George, they made a real success of it. It went over better than it has for years—behind their good work.

How can you help but be proud of kids like that?

National Forest Vandalism

Why do people steal wilderness registration boxes, destroy traffic counters and guard rails, shoot locks off gates, or use campground tables for firewood?

Malicious vandalism and thefts continue to plague National Forest managers in Oregon and Washington, a U. S. Forest Service compilation shows.

Such acts amounted to approximately \$40,000 in replacement costs in the 19 National Forests of the Pacific Northwest Region in 1966, according to J. Herbert Stone, Regional Forester. The total is in addition to costs of regular maintenance, sanitation, and litter cleanup.

There were such costly acts as destruction of an unused lookout tower (\$600), damage to a timber sale operator's D-7 Cat (\$1,075), and destruction of campground toilets (\$350).

But perhaps more important was the threat of public safety caused by the acts of a few vandals. Examples last year were: reversing of directional trail signs, removal of lightning rods from lookout towers, theft of railroad crossing signs, theft of first aid kits, and broken bottles in swimming areas.

In several cases the errant vandals or litterbugs paid for their misdeeds. Regional Forester Stone pointed out. In one case, three youths who destroyed a toilet were caught, with the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and ended up paying the damages. In another instance, a person who dumped garbage in a scenic spot was traced and later went back and picked up the litter. In still another, youths who painted rocks and trees in a campground had to pay court costs and remove the paint.

More people each year are turning to the outdoors for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty, Stone said, and he urged all users to do their part in preserving the resources of the National Forests. The National Forests are the playgrounds of millions, and a few destructive or thoughtless persons make the playgrounds dangerous or unsightly for all.

Films of Vietnam On Grange Program

Films, showing the work of Mike Bengue with the villagers in the mountainous primitive village of Van Ne Thout in Vietnam, will be the program of the Lexington Grange meeting Friday night, May 5, it is announced by Mrs. Cecil Jones, lecturer.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengue will show the slides sent to them by their son during the program which will follow the Grange potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Souvenirs will also be on display.

Those attending are invited to bring good, used children's summer clothing, sweaters, vegetable seeds and canna tubers, which will be mailed to the villagers. Also, those who wish

may help supply educational kits for the children through the orphanage, by contributing 50c each.

The public is invited to attend. A business meeting will follow the program.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtry were in Philomath April 23 visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McMurtry. McMurtry is serving as president of Philomath College Alumni Association, and met with other officers of the association to finalize plans for the July 9 Centennial reunion and celebration for alumni of the college.

About Pictures

Since the Gazette-Times late last year purchased equipment needed to make its own engravings for printing pictures the paper has offered considerably better photo coverage and has used many more photos than in the past.

Addition of Rod (Spike) Pardee to the staff has contributed a great deal to the picture coverage. The combination of the new equipment and the photographer are helping to make a better paper.

At the same time there has been an increase in the number of requests for pictures to be printed, and many pictures are submitted from outside sources.

Because of this, a statement of policy on pictures is probably in order.

The paper is always seeking good pictures to illustrate local news stories. It is necessary, however, to distinguish between "publicity" pictures and "news" pictures. "Publicity" pictures include those designed to promote some particular event, work of an organization or business interest, while "news" pictures have no other motive than to illustrate a news topic of general interest to readers.

This paper will use a reasonable amount of pictures, without charge, to publicize events of community interest when no individual or business interest stands to gain financially because of the use.

The paper will not use pictures that are designed to promote the financial gain of some individual, business or organization unless the costs and space involved are paid at established rates. An exception might be when some new product or development might have news value and is tied in closely with advertising placed in this paper by the individual or firm.

In some cases, where the news value is questionable, the paper may ask a group or organization to pay for the cost of taking and engraving a picture for print, but the paper may donate the space used in printing the picture.

While many papers charge for engagement and wedding pictures, the Gazette-Times at this time prints such pictures without charge when they are furnished to the paper in proper size.

Some pictures, too large to be used, have been submitted to the paper. Our equipment can handle prints no larger than 6 inches by eight inches. Thus, 8x10 prints are too large. The paper at the present time has no facilities for copying prints and thus cannot make them larger or smaller. For practical purposes, no picture should be submitted larger than 5x7.

When local organizations or individuals call upon staff members to take pictures to illustrate some non-profit civic venture and travel time and expense are involved, the organization should be prepared to stand these costs.

The paper can use color pictures submitted only if the pictures are of good contrast, clear and of sufficient detail to print satisfactorily. Because the paper is endeavoring to maintain high quality in use of pictures, it is sometimes necessary to refuse pictures submitted that are of inferior quality.

Prints of pictures taken by the staff are available in any quantity of sizes 5x7 and larger at established rates.

The public is asked to bear in mind that although the paper now has equipment that permits greater use of pictures, cost of using pictures is quite expensive. The equipment represents a considerable investment and film, developing materials and plastic used in engravings, coupled with time of the photographer, represent a sizeable cost to the paper. Thus, pictures cannot be used indiscriminately without evaluation as to reader interest.

Ordinarily, prints submitted to the paper for publication can be returned undamaged after an engraving is made. However, sometimes it is necessary to cut or damage the picture, so the paper cannot guarantee that they will be returned without harm.

To be used in a current week, pictures should be in the Gazette-Times office by Monday noon of the particular week, unless special arrangement is made for late use. The same deadline applies to all publicity matter, meeting notices, organizational news, and routine material.

Foundation Meets, Hears Final Report On County Receipts

Total 1967 receipts of \$1110.84 for the March of Dimes campaign in Morrow County were announced at the annual meeting of the county chapter of the National Foundation, Thursday, April 20, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon conference room in Heppner.

Contributions from the various communities in the county were Heppner and Lexington, \$764.19; Ione, \$261.77; Boardman, \$46.81, and Irigon, \$38.07. Especially notable was a contribution of \$105.44 from the senior class of Heppner High school; schools contributed about one-fourth of the total amount.

Part of this money will go to the national organization and some to the local chapter. The local chapter makes contributions to the Evaluation Center for birth defects at the University of Oregon Medical Center and to the Devers Eye Clinic.

Officers re-elected at the county chapter annual meeting were Mrs. Len Ray Schwarz, chairman; Mrs. Jack Loyd, vice-chairman; Mary Bryant, secretary and Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, treasurer. Medical advisor for the chapter is Dr. A. D. McMurdoo, and the executive committee is composed of Dr. L. D. Tibbles, Mrs. Lowell Chally, Mr. Lowell Chally, Mrs. Darrel McLachlan, Mrs. Marion Green, Mrs. Jim Prock and Mrs. Ralph Kincaid.

Edgers Experience Cool Vacation Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edger returned April 28 from a two-week trip to Arizona and California. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Babb, Heppner residents during the summer, at the Babb's winter location in Apache Junction, Ariz., and also Mr. and Mrs. Tardue in Turlock, Calif.

According to Mrs. Edger, the entire trip was notable for the bad weather encountered everywhere. The couple experienced high winds in Utah and cool days in Arizona, then rain and more wind on the way home through California. In Barstow, residents told them it was the "coldest April in 41 years." Rain and wind were so bad at Newport, Ore., that the beach was completely deserted and the trip wound up with a hailstorm in Lexington.

The Edgers customarily take many side trips to investigate places of interest and rockhound sites but this time were prevented from doing so by the weather.

Pioneer

Ponderings
By W. S. CAVERHILL

For more than a half century, Heppner was the outlet to market for the northwest corner of Grant County. The livestock industry was in its heyday. The range land was free and open. Grass was good, and thousands of sheep from Morrow County were summered in the upper reaches of the Blue Mountains. Such an era of opportunity spawned strong men in the livestock business.

I remember a few very well, Dillard French, Bill Beamer and Emmett Cochran, among others. They were energetic men with purpose and ability. They were men who didn't let circumstances push them around. They lived life lustily.

An outstanding example was Cochran who must have left his mark on Heppner occasionally as he did on Canyon City from time to time. Emmett operated a large spread on Rudio Creek. When he took his crew to town, they came to frolic.

On one visit to Canyon City, they didn't "take the town" but they did wreck a number of rooms in the Elkhorn Hotel. The owner complained, but Emmett told him, "Let the boys have their fun. If they tear the place down, I'll pay for it in the morning."

He did, the next day. It took men like that to keep things going.

Potter Home Again

David Potter, superintendent of Morrow County schools, returned home Saturday from Portland after undergoing major surgery in Emanuel hospital several weeks ago. He is under doctor's orders to remain quiet at home for two weeks to convalesce from the hospitalization. He attended a school board meeting Monday night, but said that he expects to obey his doctor from now on.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Martin and family were in Portland April 21 and 22, and returned to Heppner Sunday, April 23. While in Portland they were able to visit school administrator David Potter.

What's New... From Salem

By REP. IRVIN MANN, JR.

One of the things that is emerging from this legislature is the clear indication that the body is concerned about the uninhibited proliferation of community colleges and is determined that the legislature should do something about it.

Both houses of the legislature have passed a bill which is introduced aimed at the Mid-Columbia community college proposal where portions of Gilliam and Sherman counties were included in a community college proposed to be built at The Dalles, solely for the purpose of getting enough assessed value into the district to support a college.

Although the governor vetoed this bill, the fact that the bill readily passed both houses of the legislature indicates clearly that the legislature thinks the State Board of Education made a mistake in marking the boundaries of the proposed Mid-Columbia district.

A second bill I have introduced, which I feel has a very good chance of passage, would prevent the State Board from ever making this type of mistake again. This is House Bill 1104, which makes it mandatory that the board dismiss a petition for a community college district if the district does not meet the requirements of SR 5, passed by the 1965 legislature.

House Bill 1104 also prescribes that the board shall consider whether or not the president of the area are going to be materially benefitted by a community college before approving boundaries. At this time they consider only whether the territory might be materially benefitted.

Had this bill been part of the law when the Mid-Columbia proposal was first made, the boundaries would not have been drawn as they were. It will prevent this type of thing from happening again.

I must say that it is most gratifying for those of us here in Salem from Umatilla County to be able to point to our own Blue Mountain Community College as a model college—recognized as such throughout the state—one which does just exactly what the original thinkers in this area thought a community college should do.

This house has approved a bill to require slow drivers in the left hand lane on freeways to move into the right hand lane or be subject to arrest. It also requires slow moving vehicles on 2 lane roads to pull over to let traffic by, as most of our truckers now do. I think this is a good bill.

TO THE EDITOR.

'Sleeper' Bill

To the Editor:
Do you believe legal bank interest rates should be increased 40%?

This issue faces the Oregon legislature in a "sleeper" bill, SB 536.

Early in the session I requested an opinion, and the Attorney General ruled that the 18 to 29% effective interest charged on BankAmericard violated the usury laws of this state. The U. S. National Bank and the First National Bank argued that national banks were not bound by Oregon law on legal interest, but the Attorney General ruled that the maximum legal rate for banks—about 15 1/2%—applied to all banks and the interest charged on BankAmericard in Oregon was excessive.

Instead of complying with Oregon law and reducing their rates, these two major banks have introduced this bill to evade the Attorney General's opinion and make legal their excessive charges.

SB 536 would allow a bank to charge on BankAmericard 21% if the loan was repaid after 25 days and even more if it was repaid before then. On purchases, from merchant's banks could charge 18% to the customer, plus an unlimited amount to the merchant which might be passed on to the customer.

In the state of Washington, BankAmericard has licensed the National Bank of Commerce which in accordance with Washington law charges the customer a basic rate of 12% on BankAmericard in that state. If the 500,000 Oregon customers of BankAmericard do not protest this request for a 40% increase in legal bank interest rates, the 1967 legislature may well go down in history as the group that passed the "big bank relief act of 1967."

Don S. Willner, Portland State Senator

From the Heart

To the Editor:
Oregon Heart Association sends its commendation to the Oregon Newspaper Industry for cooperating and supporting the Heart Campaign.

We are greatly indebted to newspaper people for their accurate reporting of heart news and events. Your allotment of space to heart is most gratifying.

This participation played an important part in making 1967 another banner year. Lyman E. Seely, Chairman 1967 Heart Fund Drive

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NO, THESE weren't the clues to last week's "Who's Who in Morrow County": Coffee, Wheaties, tomato juice, onion soup mix, soup, eggs, salt, yeast, noodles, oleo, toothpaste, Formula 409, Jell-O, pick up Lisa's shoes, cheese and crackers.

We give up. Who is it? We can't think of anyone this identifies.

This list was found in one of the entry boxes in one of the stores. Someone either deposited it there by mistake or found the box a handy receptacle for used grocery lists.

The list of Roxie Lovgren was a bit different. It had all the clues right and she guessed that the person is Rod (Spike) Pardee, which was correct.

And Roxie wins the thirty bucks!

HARLAN McCURDY, JR. volunteers this week's most valuable bit of information: The touring Eighth Graders from Portland weighed exactly 7360 lbs., he said. But surely that must include some of the local kids. If the 35 from Portland weighed more than 200 lb. each, surely they don't eat that much of Morrow county's good lamb, beef and wheat products.

One of the features of the trip is weighing the kids on the scales at the North Lex elevator.

YOUNG JOHN Van Winkle, a frequent visitor to the Sherman residence, somehow learned that the co-publisher had served as a teacher and suggested that she apply for a position here.

Picking up a thread of the conversation, we chimed in, "Yes, she has a life certificate."

"You mean to work for you?" declared Young John with a sympathetic look in his eye.

"No, that's not a life certificate, that's a life sentence," we admitted.

SMALL WORLD DEPT.: When the Ed Gontys took their trailer and went camping over the week end, they became acquainted with a Portland couple whose trailer was parked next to theirs in the Deschutes River park along the Columbia River highway.

They took a trip across the river in the Portlanders' car, and Ed glanced down, noticed one of Jim Barnett's Chevy's thermostats stuck on the dash. He asked the new friend where he came by the little gadget, and the man replied that he comes out this way hunting and stopped at Jim's to get gas.

So it appears that Barnett's advertising is getting around.

WE MISSED the newscast on which he appeared, but Mike Bengue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengue of Ione, appeared on the Huntley-Brinkley report one evening recently. He was an escort to Richard Nixon, when the

Mr. Jackman III

Dear Mr. Sherman:
I have received a copy of your printed story about our forest book "Blazing Forest Trails." We are getting clippings daily and reviews but I haven't seen any which do a better job than yours. Thanks very much for your cooperation.

I can add that Murrays Rexall Drug has placed one of the biggest orders received to date by Caxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho.

Mr. Jackman is seriously ill in St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland, having been hospitalized since February 27. When he is able to get around we plan to spend a day in Heppner and will call on you. We can't even guess how soon this will be, however.

Thanks again
Chas D. Simpson
Box 541
Baker, Oregon 97814

Members of Beta Omega met at the home of Mrs. Bill Rietmann, Monday, May 1, at 7:30 p.m. to make memorial wreaths to sell in the Ione and Heppner areas. Those interested may contact Mrs. Bob Peterson and Mrs. Marion Green. Profits from the sale will go for sorority expenses and contributions to philanthropic projects.

former V. P. was in Vietnam, and the camera caught him with the visitor. Mike is still working with the Montagnards in Vietnam and he expects to be home for a couple of months probably in the fall.

WITH ALL the problems coming up now that the city zoning ordinance is passed, some say that LeRoy Gardner jumped out of the frying pan into the fire. He retired from the city council at the conclusion of his last term, but they turned around and appointed him chairman of the planning commission. That may be a tougher job. A civic-spirited citizen can't win.

WE WONDER how many acres it would irrigate if they'd take all that hot air that has been blowing from the politicians on the Boeing lease and appraisal, and turn it inside out so that it would suck instead of blow?

WE JUST realize our family is growing up when we try the accustomed method of communicating a confidence to the co-publisher by spelling the key words when the youngest is listening in, only to hear the whole thing unerringly repeated back as if by a tape recorder.

AS IF anyone has a chance to enjoy these long evenings under daylight time! Take Monday night for instance: City council meeting, zoning commission also meeting, school board meeting, Mother's club meeting, Legion and auxiliary meeting, special union meeting, first aid meeting, Rainbow meeting. Who knows if it is dark or daylight?

BUT it probably will get worse instead of better—at least until after school's out.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL
Saturday, May 6, Grant Union at Grant Union, 10 a.m.
Saturday, May 13, Sub-district playoffs.

HEPPNER HIGH TRACK
EOC Invitational, at La Grande, Friday, May 5
Sub-district meet at Madras, Saturday, May 13.

OES SOCIAL CLUB
Saturday, May 6, 1:30 p.m.
Heppner Masonic Hall

RAINBOW INSTALLATION
Sunday, May 7, 2 p.m.
Ceremonies by Blue Mt. Chapter of De Molay, Hermiston
Linda Heath, new worthy advisor

FREE VIETNAM FILM
Film, "Vietnam Profile," Sunday, May 7, 8 p.m.
Elementary Multipurpose Room
No admission. Free-will offering. Everyone welcome

ELEMENTARY PTA
Wednesday, May 10, 8 p.m.
Special Spring Music Program, band and chorus
Grade School gym

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22nd ANNUAL MILTON-FREEWATER

PEA FESTIVAL & Junior Livestock Show

3 BIG DAYS, MAY 11, 12, 13

Mounted GYMKHANA—Saturday
Junior Track and Field Meet—Saturday

Grand Parade Saturday, May 13—10:30 a.m.

GIANT BAR-B-QUE

Following Grand Parade—Central School Grounds

Queen's Coronation and Talent Show

Monday, May 8—7:30 p.m., Mac-Hi Auditorium

YOUTH DANCE Friday Night

Music by "GROUP THERAPY"

Carnival All Week — Davis Shows