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## Legion Keeps 'Em Flying

American flags waved in the breeze in abundance in downtown Heppner on Memorial Day. It was good to have them out again, after only a few were on display on several holidays in the past year or so.

Once there was an agreement with the Boy Scouts to put them out and care for the flags—an arrangement made with local businesses. Somehow, this fizzled out.

Bob Dobbs has put out a number of flags on each holiday, carrying on in a token way for the Scouts.

But the American Legion, noticing that there has been no general display of flags recently, took the initiative Tuesday, and with Dobbs helping, put them out for the holiday. It didn't really matter that they were the old 48-star flags—the ones that had formerly been used by the Boy Scouts.

The Chamber of Commerce, too, had noticed that the flags haven't been displayed consistently on holidays and talked of the matter. So it would seem that the time is ripe for the Legion and the Chamber—and possibly the Scouts—to work together on a new arrangement. Maybe businesses which do not have 50-star flags could buy them and turn them over to the Legion or the Scouts to care for and display on appropriate occasions.

In any event, the Legion deserves credit for "keeping 'em flying" on Memorial Day. It is typical of the spirit shown by this active organization, which has done so much to foster patriotism here recently.

The post has donated flags to the schools and presented them with appropriate ceremonies; it recently conducted a flag burning to dispose of old worn-out flags with due respect; it presented a memorial tribute to war dead at the Pioneer Memorial picnic.

We believe that there is a need for revival of "old-fashioned" patriotism, including respect for the flag, at a time when some of the misguided residents of our broad land hurl taunts and jibes at the country that gives them independence and freedom. This same country, ironically, protects their "right" to flaunt free speech!

Flag Day is just two weeks away—on June 14—and "Old Glory" is due to wave again at that time.

The first Flag Day remembrance took place in 1877 when the government requested all public buildings to fly the national flag in commemoration of its 100th anniversary.

Since then, the day has been dedicated to the freedom that symbolizes America, a flag that is to be respected by all Americans. It denotes a positive act of pride, performed by those who realize the importance of keeping the red, white and blue symbol of our nation flying in the breeze.

We, as Americans, on June 14 should not be lax in the manner in which we display our flag or the way we behave when the flag is in our presence. The very fact that we are free to decide how we want to honor the flag should be the best reason to wave it.

## 'It Was a Privilege'

Well-known radio and TV personality Sam Levenson has written a new book entitled, "Everything But Money." In it he outlines his early boyhood and how he and his family not only faced but coped with many of the same situations that today are classed as "the hardships of the underprivileged."

But in his day, he and his family were left alone to make the best of their plight in life. And they did, in his words, "To the betterment of all of us."

He describes it as a "privilege" to have and use the freedom he had as a child and young man to "change the circumstances of one's life through one's own effort, to force the hand of history rather than become enslaved by it."

Levenson, one of eight children, was brought up in a big city slum area. But he says, "I never felt depressed or deprived. My environment was miserable, not me."

The Levenson family never let poverty degrade their dignity. They were always able to hold their heads high with pride in self-respect—they were independently poor, but had faith in such cures for their poverty as hard work, education, individual initiative and a bright outlook of independence.

"We went on our merry way of being happy, optimistic and enterprising because we didn't know any other way. We expected competition for the good jobs and had faith in our ability to get our share."

No one was making a big issue about their situation or handing them programs that soon solve all their woes and coddle them in a golden age of welfare living.

Levenson says, "I learned early in life that if something was lacking it could usually be acquired if I went after it, saved for it, worked for it, sacrificed for it, but never if I just waited for it or expounded that I was entitled to have it."

He credits luck as part of his success, but "The more I hustled the luckier I always seemed to get."

As an additional safeguard against self-pity in the Levenson home, they kept a charity box marked "For the Poor." And they gave to the poor regularly. It made them feel rich.

As we read Levenson's book we wonder if his family's approach to solving the plight of the poor may not be pretty sound after all. It certainly seems a lot more practical than the frantic search for a miracle program that's presently being proposed by so many of our politicians as well as sociologists, educators, welfare workers and religious leaders.

Our present trend toward "Let Uncle Sam care for us" argues, in effect, that only Federal bureaucrats are wise enough to tell us what's best for each of us. They also lay down the ground rules of the game. The individual then loses his freedom, becomes apathetic, and falls into a bondage that offers him so-called security—the type doled out by a highly militant bureaucratic group.—Industrial News Review, reprinted from Electricity on the Farm.

# Biology Students Pack Into Olympic Rain Forest

(From Heppner High Hehlisch)

Long-awaited Olympic National Park trip took place May 17-21, after numerous seminars and one preliminary trip. Two days of journeying and three strenuous days of hiking were enjoyed by the group. They left Heppner Wednesday morning, missing three days of school.

Fifteen biology students and Mr. Horn, instructor, went on a preparation pack trip to Freeze-out Ridge on May 13 and 14. This trip was mainly to see how their packs would work for their hike in the Olympic National Park. This also gave them a chance to try out their freeze-dried food which they had prepared for this trip. Sunday morning they got up and hiked back to the bus to go home.

After a number of seminars the biology pack group got their packs ready and loaded up for their trip to the Olympic National Park. The packers were Merri Lee Jacobs, Steve Pettyjohn, John Rawlins, Earl Ayres, Bill Stockard, Mark Tullis, Dean Kindie, Steve Munkers, Don Cossitt, Sandy Matheny, Robby Abrams, Sue Jensen, Larry Pettyjohn, Matt Murray, and Mark Lovgren. Chaperons were Mr. Horn, Bob Abrams and Beth Miller, a plant ecologist at Central Oregon College in Bend.

On Wednesday, May 17, at nine o'clock in the morning, the bus left for Washington. It stopped once at Lloyd Center to pick up Beth Miller. After they arrived at the park they set up camp for the night.

The next morning they started up the trail to their next camp. They stopped and rested several times to enjoy the scenery. Beth Miller explained about the surrounding plants and animals. The pack group also saw the largest Western Cedar and Sitka Spruce in the world. After 8.3 miles of hiking they arrived at Olympia shelter where they spent the night and cooked their dinner.

Friday morning they left early for Elk Lake which was five miles away. After about three miles, they came out of the rain

forest and went into the alpine forest. While crossing a snow field before reaching the lake some people had problems falling through the snow.

Upon reaching the lake there was a feeling of accomplishment because this was the first non-mountain climbing group to make it to Elk Lake this year. They were to stay there all night, but this was cancelled because of the snow and the necessity to hike all the way back the next day. After staying at the lake for a while, they started the hike back to the Olympic shelter, where they had stayed the night before.

On Saturday morning the group started the last leg of their approximately 35 mile hike. After arriving back at the Hoh River Ranger Station, they headed for the coast. On the beach, Mr. Horn explained some facts about sealife and the pollution problem. After leaving there they stayed at Rialto Beach. The next day on the way home they stopped at Ruby Beach.

When Mr. Horn was asked if he had future plans, he said, "Yes, if I can organize a group of students as interested and as FANTASTIC as the Olympic packers were."

## Grade Trackers Take Junior Olympic Title

Seventh and eighth grade track teams at Heppner Elementary school climaxed a successful track season by winning the Junior Olympic track meet at Arlington May 20, with 71 points, to the 65 points scored by second place Moro.

Both girls and boys teams have done well this year, according to their coaches, Mrs. Clint Agee and Carl Lawson.

Lawson said his boys were "a good team—they worked very hard." The boys nearly always placed in every event; they entered five meets during the season, competing with 14 other grade school teams and finished in the top three each time.

First meet of the year was at Pilot Rock and the boys' team, going with only seven members, won third place there, and the girls placed second.

Arlington then was host for three track meets with Heppner teams coming in 3rd, 2nd and 1st successively. The girls did not go to the second meet but helped to make points in the other two meets.

The boys relay team was the most successful, taking two second and one first in the five meets.

According to Lawson track letters will be awarded to John Hall, Bruce Bergstrom, John Sumner, Barney Marshall, Gary Watkins, John Hedman, Ken Baker, Beryl Stillman, Craig Munkers, Bruce Marquardt, David Hughes, Tom Hughes, Mike Hughes, Rory Stillman, and Kevin in Dick. Dean Wright and Doug Gunderson, managers, will also receive letters.

## Lutherans to Attend District Convention

The North Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church will hold its seventh annual convention at Pacific Lutheran University from June 5-7.

Delegates who will accompany Pastor Don Pederson will be Gene Maljeske, from Hope Lutheran church, and Paul Tewes from Valley Lutheran church. The district is one of 18 in the U. S., and numbers 255 congregations and over 146,000 baptized members.

Along with regular business items will be two major addresses by Dr. Warren Quanbeck of Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., titled "Vatican II and the Renewal of the Church" and "Lutherans and Christian Unity." Dr. Quanbeck has been an official observer at the Vatican Councils in Rome as a representative of the Lutheran Church and is active in many ecumenical discussions.

## Smoking and Health Seminar Scheduled

In cooperation with Eastern Oregon College, the Oregon Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health will offer a one-week seminar at EOC, La Grande, June 12-16. Dr. Carlos E. Easley, director of the summer session at the college, announces.

The course is designed to help meet the needs of teachers and other health promoting personnel in handling the educational problems related to smoking. Seminar objectives are: 1. Nature and scope of the problem. 2. Methods and materials to combat the problem. 3. Effective implementation at the local levels.

Outstanding health educators and medical specialists will assist.

Tuition is \$14 per credit hour and two hours of credit will be granted for the one-week session. Some scholarships are available and applications for them should be made to Dr. Easley.

Tell the advertiser you saw it in the Gazette-Times.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

MOST EVERYONE knows that Heppner people will go out of their way to do another person a favor. Here's another example of this spirit: In the morning's mail to the G-T was a package from Photo Graphic of Forest Grove, which used to process our pictures, making them into engravings, before we got our own equipment.

But the engravings were for the Record-Courier of Baker. Someone had picked up the wrong label at the studio. Now these "cuts" move on a schedule that doesn't allow for error. We knew that Baker had to have these picture engravings today or wreck their publication schedule.

We called Photo Graphic, and they called Baker. The Record-Courier called us back and wondered if we couldn't get them to Pendleton somehow to catch a bus.

We passed the word around town, putting out an SOS for anyone going to Pendleton.

In the meantime, Bob DeSpain drove up in his Franz bread truck. We asked him when he was going back to Arlington. He said he expected to be there by 2:30. We explained the situation.

"Sure, I'll put them on the bus collect, and if they won't take them collect, I'll pay for sending them," said he, knowing that he would get his money back from Baker.

Then Charlotte Walker called from Murrays Rexall Drug. The McDowells would be glad to take the pictures to Pendleton. They were leaving right away.

Then a stranger came into the G-T office. He was a Pendleton businessman who Jim Farley had forwarded to us. He was going right back to Pendleton and would be happy to run our errand.

The day's still young and we expect other offers will be coming in. If the Record-Courier in Baker gets out on time this week with its pictures and engravings, it will be because of this spirit of cooperation.

They probably will never know—unless they read this—how many friends in this part of the country were trying to give them a helping hand.

HABIT is a tough thing to break. The old G-T office door still attracts a lot of people who cannot get used to coming to the new office, two doors east of the old door. Our new office is the one which has the sign "Heppner Gazette-Times Office" painted on the door.

The old office door is seldom used, but we often find items on sheets of paper slipped under it.

We're now using it as a stock room. The other day, while working there, I noticed a piece of paper by the door and discovered it was a writeup of a 4-H meeting.

Today we discovered that we didn't have the first part of Katherine Lindstrom's lone news, but we finally located it under the old office door, where someone had delivered it for her.

The new office door has a slot in the bottom, especially placed there for the convenience of those who want to submit items when we are closed. But if our friends are like Mike, our cat, who still won't walk through the new office door, and slip their items under the old door, they may be disappointed some time when we miss them, and they don't get into print.

MRS. EDITH THORLEY BOWLING of Boise, Idaho, was disappointed when she made the trip to Heppner for the Mem-

## Heppner Band Alums Play on College Tour

Four former members of the Heppner High school band, who are now students at Eastern Oregon College, La Grande, are completing a successful year with the Eastern Oregon College Symphonic Band.

Those who have been members of the 42-piece band this year are Mike Pierce, cornet; Bruce Thomson, clarinet; Tamara Smith, flute; Jennifer Brindle, saxophone. Also Norman Williams of Echo, has played the sousaphone.

The symphonic band, under the direction of Louis A. Lanyon, competed a tour of 10 performances during the first week in May, traveling in Southern Idaho and Eastern Oregon. Their programs included a wide selection of concert numbers, marches, solos and special features.

Guests of Mrs. Maude Craber during the Memorial Day week-end were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Craber, and her sister, Mrs. R. A. Holdaway, all of Portland.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish traveled to Portland for the Memorial holiday week-end, where she visited with her sons, Jack and Raymond and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra were hosts for a dinner at their home on Thursday, May 25. Guests were Theta Stratton and her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Stratton of Unity, also another sister, Mrs. Cedric (Sally) Herberger of Mt. Vernon, and Bob Lowe, Heppner.

## Wm. Mahans Enjoy Trip to Missouri

Mr. and Mrs. William Mahan returned May 15 after a trip of more than a month to Missouri, where they visited many relatives and friends. Among those they visited were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mahan, and two grandsons at Eminence, Mo.

They also visited Mr. Mahan's brother, John Mahan, at Eminence. Mrs. Mahan's two brothers and sister at Eminence and her brother and sister at St. Louis.

The Mahans made the trip by train, and it was their first time back to the home state for six years. He displayed samples of lead ore that are being mined near Bunker, Mo. He said his son was drilling for a firm and hit a vein 30 feet deep with the ore.

The son is now operating his own drill rig as an independent operator.

Guests of Mrs. Charlotte Walker over the week-end were her son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kessell of Christoval, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney were in Portland over the week-end of May 20 and 21.

Miss Ross Huddleston remains in St. Anthony hospital during convalescence from major surgery performed several weeks ago.

## Verlin Matthews Wins \$55 Prize In Who's Who

Verlin Matthews of Heppner has won \$55 in this week's Who's Who Contest, sponsored by local merchants and The Gazette-Times, and the money will come in just right for him. A fireman for Kinzua Corporation here, Matthews has been off work recently because of a heart condition.

In winning, he correctly identified Mrs. Bill (Ida) Farra as the Who's Who of the week, and listed the 12 clues that were hidden in advertisements of participating merchants in last week's paper.

Mrs. Roxie Lovgren acted as judge and drew his entry slip from the large number of entries.

The clues were: all smiles, lamps, clever craftsman, glasses, Degree, heels, Kitty Hawk, jingle bell, hard worker, Anchors Aweigh, hubby goes when it blows and apple cider. Mrs. Farra collects lamps, wears glasses, is a member of the Degree of Honor, works with her husband in the shoe store and in so doing repairs or replaces heels. They have a bell (jingle bell) on the shop door. Her name, Ida, is that immortalized in the song, "Ida, sweet as apple cider." Her "hubby," Bill, "goes when it blows"—being a fireman, answers the alarm. Their son, Jim, is in the navy (Anchors Aweigh) and is attached to the Kitty Hawk. Mrs. Farra is known as a hard worker in her many activities and her clever craftsmanship is apparent at church bazaars and in other handiwork that she does.

Matthews won \$5 for correctly identifying Mrs. Farra, and the \$50 is from this week's prize of \$25 for getting all clues correctly in addition to the \$25 accumulated from last week when the winner failed to get all the clues right.

Prize for the upcoming week (for clues in the June 1 paper) will be \$5 for identifying the Who's Who, plus \$25 if all clues are correct.

Entries for the June 1 contest must be left in boxes at Jack's Chevron Station, Gardner's Men's Wear, Van's Variety or Heppner Inland Chemical before Tuesday afternoon.



## Coming Events

IONE AUCTION, DINNER Everyone Welcome, Saturday, June 3, 10 a.m. Willows Grange Hall, Ione Auction starts at 10:30, lots of good items. Barbecue beef dinner, 12:30 p.m. Tickets \$1.75 Adults, \$1 children, pre-school free. Free rides in Model T Ford.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB Last meeting until fall Tuesday, June 6, Episcopal Parish Hall. Potluck dinner 7:00 p.m., entertainment following. Members and guests urged to attend.

HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL Pool opens for summer on Saturday, June 10. Season tickets to be available.

IONE SWIMMING POOL Pool will open for summer on Saturday, June 3, 2:00 p.m. Season tickets for families or individuals now on sale.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATION Blue Mt. Comm. College, outdoor graduation ceremonies Sunday, June 4, 1 p.m. Dr. Francis Nickerson, guest speaker.

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