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## Story of Cooperation

If a fish impoundment becomes a reality in Morrow county in the next year or so, it will be the climax to a story of cooperation.

This was evident at the Chamber of Commerce meeting last week when interested persons were in attendance.

As was the case in development of Bull Prairie Reservoir, the impoundment project has the active interest and participation from local, state and federal agencies working together. Supporting them are private parties and organizations—such as the Chamber of Commerce. All are working together for the public good, and this is an encouraging thing.

At the Chamber meeting, and on a tour of possible impoundment sites, were U. S. Forest Service officials, State Game Commission officials, county officials and private parties.

Perhaps the word "impoundment" doesn't convey to the public the full significance of its importance. It will impound fish, but they will be there for the catching, and consequently for the recreation of those visiting the reservoir for that purpose. While the state will not develop a park around the reservoir, this is certain to come with the cooperation of the county and possibly others.

Many have long held that development of recreation is of vital importance in south Morrow county, not only as an outlet for residents here, but to attract others from more distant points.

While we in Morrow are prone to look at Bull Prairie as "ours," it actually is in Grant county. Morrow county has very little to call its own. It has no state parks at all. Cutsforth Park and Anson Wright Park are county parks.

There are a number of fine fish impoundment sites, most of them on private property. State Game Commission appraisers are due to come and check property values. The next big step is to acquire the property at a price consistent with these appraisals and the state won't buy it unless it is available at such a price. It is to be hoped that property owners will be reasonable in their askings and realize that there is a dire need here for such recreational facilities.

When the impoundments are constructed, and recreational facilities develop around them, they will serve for public enjoyment for many, many years to come.

Whoever assists in such a cooperative project will have that service to his credit to hallow his name for as long as the facility is in existence.

## Pioneer



## Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

### Words of Condolence

In thinking of the prolonged session of our legislature struggling the problems of taxes and social order, we have a feeling of sympathy to some extent for the members of that body. We hope that future time will not be wasted on some of the proposals for legislation needs earlier in the session. If the press reports were correct, a bill was introduced to provide for monthly payment of property taxes instead of the present quarterly method. Another bill would authorize the county courts to permit the use of the "pill" by any family whose income is less than eight thousand per annum. We hope that these and other proposals like them are well buried. The introduction of such trivia that makes even a simple cowboy leaning against a corral fence wary of the whole outfit.

**Week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg** were Mr. Padberg's son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Padberg, Jr. of Boring. They came Friday and left Sunday after attending the Padberg reunion that day in Ione.

**Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Myers**, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe and boys of Colfax, Wn., were in Ione for the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree. Mrs. McCabe is the Crabtree's daughter. All attended the Masonic Strawberry Feed on Sunday in Ione.

**The Rev and Mrs Bruce Spencer** came Saturday, June 17, to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Clark. On Sunday, Father Spencer officiated at services in All Saints' Episcopal church and baptized his granddaughter, Kathleen Grace Clark.

## TO THE EDITOR...

Once again I am very thankful to have the opportunity to thank you and your staff for the courtesies you have extended the American Legion Auxiliary and myself for your cooperation and friendliness in giving us our publicity. It has been a pleasure to serve with you.

My year as president of Heppner Unit No. 87 has come to a close and I have tried to contribute in a small way for the betterment and ideals of the American Legion Auxiliary program.

I want to wish my successor a most successful year. Again many thanks to you all.

Hazel Hamlin  
Sincerely,

## 56 Contributions Made to History

A total of 56 contributions have been made towards cost of publication of the Morrow county history, Oscar Peterson, chairman said Monday.

With \$1000 included in the 1967-68 Morrow county budget, the fund now stands at approximately \$3000, near the halfway mark, he said.

Others who wish to help are urged to send their donations to Gene Pierce, treasurer, Morrow County Historical association. This cooperation will enable work to get started on the project earlier.

It is planned to print in the book a list of those individuals and organizations who made it possible as an acknowledgement of their cooperation.

**Cathy Sherman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, is spending the week with a friend, Lori Kunke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Kunke, at Dallas. Cathy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman, took her to Dallas enroute to the publishers' convention at Gearhart. They also stopped in Salem to see their first grandchild, Rebecca Lynn Sherman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sherman, for the first time. On the return trip they went to St. Helens to visit Wes Sherman's uncle, Caly Sherman, and his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wally Lambert, and family.

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

BEING in the neighborhood at the annual publishers' convention at Gearhart, we went to Astoria Sunday to view and cross the big new bridge that spans the Columbia there. The bridge is quite an awesome structure. Being more than four miles long, it would reach nearly half the distance between Heppner and Lexington.

Tolls are all paid on the Oregon side. \$1.50 per car, one way. We wondered what an unsuspecting motorist would do if he missed the toll sign on the Washington side, heading south, and got all the way across without having the necessary buck-fifty. Would they make him turn around and go all the way back for a free round trip, send him to jail, or take a mortgage on his car?

The bridge surely cuts the driving time on the coast drive. A person can cross the bridge before the old ferries could hardly chug away from the slips. But the old ferries were colorful and a lot of fun to ride.

We can remember crossing on the ferry when the river was so rough we didn't think we could drive on the ship as it bounced around like a walnut shell in a child's bath. But the ferry's crew was undaunted by such weather. Only one time that we remember did any of the ferries get into trouble. One got lost in the fog in some pea soup weather and had an awful time before it was steered to safety.

Notice in the Sunday Oregonian a letter from someone who declares that the bridge is supposed to lose money at the rate of \$1 million per year. If this is true, it makes it seem like an expensive luxury, but we might as well enjoy it now. It won't do any good to tear it down.

SOMEHOW we thought the bridge would create a boom on the Long Beach, Wn., peninsula, but on our trip up there Sunday, the peninsula seemed just about the same as it has for years. The same cottages and motels are there that we have stayed in as long as 30 years ago.

Only saw a few signs of commercial opportunism. Above Ocean Park towards the northern tip of the peninsula, is a big real estate development that seems to be spurred by some high powered promotion. Hundreds of lots are marked off, and signs announce that there is to be a shopping center, community building and so on. A blurb on the development, which told of a 3-mile fresh water lake, seemed a bit exaggerated. The lake, at least for the moment, is about half again as wide as Willow creek.

Banners were flying and flags were waving around the office of this development company, and a Lincoln Continental was in the parking lot. Oddly enough, it didn't have a California license.

If this all develops the way the promoters apparently envision, not one little old clam on that vast expanse of beach will be secure from the hordes that will threaten to make it a Coney Island. But the peninsula is some 26 miles long and so this one alone won't spoil the whole thing.

IT HAS BEEN a long time since we drove up the Lower Columbia River highway from Astoria. They have made a lot of improvements on the highway, but there still are spots where the road reminds one of the scenic route of the old Columbia River highway around Crown Point, crooked as can be.

Development of industry is surging in this area with paper mills, chemical plants and all manner of shipping noted. From the vantage point of Bradley Park, near Clatskanie, one looks down on a great spectacle of the natural and the manmade. Its a rather breathtaking site.

We couldn't help but hope that some such industry moves east on the river to our Morrow county lands as it becomes too crowded on the lower Columbia.

SIGN noticed along the highway from a body and fender shop: "May we have your next dents?"

HADN'T SEEN Uncle Caly Sherman at St. Helens for a long time and stopped for a visit. We thought of him recently when we wrote about A. B. Coleman retiring from Kinzua Lumber Co. and how his time reached back to the "old days." Uncle Caly, now 84, is another such old timer in the timber business, but long since out of the game, although he still looks 20 years younger than his actual age. Uncle Caly and my father, Harry, now deceased, started together in the lumber business in the St. Helens area. At one time they had a sawmill at Yankton, Wn., between St. Helens and Vernonia.

Uncle Caly remembers the Heppner flood, although he has never been here. We're going to get him over one of these days, for we know he will enjoy visiting this country.

We swung around by the old Bachelor Flat school, where I attended fourth grade, and passed the old Skuzie place where I took piano lessons as an 8-year old. Across from our old farmstead in the Warren area is now the St. Helens Golf club, of all things! But our old house still stands.

What fun it is to grow up in places like Bachelor Flat, War-

ren, Yankton and Olegua, Wn. City kids don't know what they miss.

WE'VE SEEN a lot about Eddie Mays' new Hood River Village and the Fruit Tree, so stopped there to cool off late Sunday p.m. Hood River and the new development are really promoting the area in the Fruit Tree. It is a modern new air-conditioned building that contains all kinds of fruit, particularly focused on Hood River apples. You can buy cider, apples, apple juice, applesauce, apple cube-lets, and all kinds of apple products. (Buy it? Try and resist buying it. It is too tempting to leave alone.)

An attractive girl steps up and hands you a sample of juicy apple.

Put a dime in a slot, hold a cup under a nozzle and out comes an ice cold cup of the most delicious cider you ever tasted. On a day like Sunday, that is real nectar.

If you're traveling by soon and are hot and need to stretch your legs, stop there and get a drink of that cider. You'll be impressed with what Hood River and this new Village is doing to promote the area. Maybe we ought to work out something along the highway in the Boardman area for wheat products, beef and lamb.

Of course, the Irrigon area has those stands with delicious ice cold watermelon, which are most refreshing for the sun-burned travelers.

SPEAKING of Boardman, what a wonderful sight it is at evening when you arrive there just after the sun has gone down and having traveled on the hot highway all day. Those restaurants and motels are wonderfully inviting. I think we can say without qualification (and without prejudice) that it is the most sparkling sight, in all of its newness, along the entire route of Oregon's Columbia River highway.

When we arrived there enroute home Sunday night, it was so inviting we had to resist the urge to spend the night there.

We've started traveling the bomb range road when we head west and return in order to avoid the curves and bounce of the Willow Creek highway. It's longer in distance but shorter in wear and tear.

## Over The Tee Cup

By VI LANHAM

Eleven "divot cutters" braved the heat by appearing at Willow Creek Country club for ladies' day Tuesday morning at 8:00 a.m. Gena Leonard, Lorraine Ledbetter and Cora Mae Ferguson started the play. They were followed by two four-somes, Libby Carpenter, Mary Lou Kelly, Karen Holland (the first time for her on ladies' day) and Vi Lanham; Helen Schaffitz, Marie McQuarrie, Clista Venard and Ann Martin.

The usual things happened—out of bounds drives, a few lost balls, trees in the wrong places for some fairway shots, and wading in the swamp—so we were all ready for that, cool, refreshing lemonade at No. 7 tee, thanks to Marie and Helen, co-hostesses for the day. Incidentally, Marie and Helen are also our new officers for the ladies' organization.

Winners for the day were Karen for most putts and Vi for least putts.

Hostesses for next Tuesday's play are Donna McCurdy and Marguerite Chapin. Gals who missed this week's play should try to join us at 8:00 a.m. June 27.

Don't forget the two-ball four-some play scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

## Kinzua Seaman Taking Training

Seaman recruit Charles V. Allen, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent C. Allen of Kinzua, is undergoing nine weeks of basic training at the Naval Training Center here.

He is receiving instructions in Naval customs, courtesies and organization, ordnance and gunnery, seamanship, damage control, first aid, swimming and survival, shipboard drills and sentry duty.

His Navy Classification tests will determine whether he will be assigned to a school, shore station or ship after his graduation.

## Road Oiling Due

Morrow county court has told the Ione Cemetery District that it will widen, improve and oil the road to the Ione cemetery, Judge Pat Jones said Tuesday. This improvement will be for a distance of about a half-mile and will mean that all cemeteries in the county will then be reached by oiled roads.

Pfc. Larry Dean Heath is a training aid at Ft. Benning, Ga., where he has been since December 1967. He is serving a two year hitch in the army, and is scheduled to be home on leave in July or August.



RON ABELL

## Sen. Morse Names Research Director

Senator Wayne Morse, (D-Ore.), announces the appointment of Ron Abell as research and education director of the 1968 Re-Elect Wayne Morse Committee.

Abell, 34, has been general assignment and political reporter for the Eugene Register-Guard for the last 2 1/2 years. Before that he was a reporter with the Portland Oregonian and was news editor of weekly papers in Oak Harbor, Wash., and Pacific Palisades, Calif. He visited at the Gazette-Times on a trip here Monday.

"I'm very pleased to have the services of this well-qualified newspaperman," Morse commented.

Abell received a bachelor's degree in liberal arts from the University of California at Los Angeles and a master's degree in journalism at the University of Oregon.

At the University of Oregon, he was a graduate assistant in the School of Journalism and the Department of English. In 1960-61, he was editor of the University of Oregon literary quarterly, Northwest Review.

Abell served two years with the U. S. Army as a personnel specialist stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

He is a member of the Eugene Local of the American Newspaper Guild, AFL-CIO, and is a charter member of the University of Oregon chapter of Kappa Tau Alpha, national journalism honorary.

He has moved to Portland to work for the Morse committee.

## Major Lanham Completes Course

Major Michael C. Lanham, son of Conley J. Lanham, Heppner, completed the 10-month regular course June 9 at the Army Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

He was among more than 700 officers from the United States and 43 allied nations who were prepared for duty as commanders and general staff officers in divisions or logistical commands. They received instruction in the function of the general staff at corps and Army levels.

The major received his commission through the Reserve Officers Training Corps program. He received his B. S. degree in 1956 at Oregon State University in Corvallis, and his M. B. A. degree in 1960 at the University of Pittsburgh (Pa.). Major Lanham is a member of Delta Chi fraternity.

## Regulations Set For Fire Season

Wright T. Mallory, Supervisor of the Umatilla National Forest and W. M. Curtis, district forester of the Northeast Oregon State Department of Forestry, announce that Fire season officially began June 19. The following regulations are in effect:

1. Power driven equipment used in forest operations will be equipped with an approved spark arrester.

2. Fire tools will be provided as required for woods operations.

3. Burning permits will be necessary for all outside burning.

Operators that have questions or are not sure of their tool requirements should contact their local inspector before June 19.

## Schaffers Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaffer of Concord, Calif., became parents of a second son on Saturday, June 17, weighing 7 lb., 13 oz. He has been named Clark Norman, and joins a brother and sister. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Verda Lacoesta of Napa, Calif.; paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Schaffer of Cecil, and great-grandfather is Jack Hynd, Sr., of Pendleton.

Jerry Sweeney, Glen Ward, Dean Gilman and LeRoy Gardner returned Monday afternoon from a four-day fishing trip to Twin Lake Lodge in Canada. They reported hot weather, good fishing and beautiful surroundings in the secluded wilderness area.

# Salem Scene

by Everett E. Cutter

## Tax Relief Deadlock Bodes Special Session

Oregonians who saved their Voters Pamphlets from last fall may well be reviewing and puzzling over campaign statements pledging priority work to ward property tax relief.

Such pledges sent many legislators to Salem. But few, if any, anticipated the political sully-petty which was to swallow their well intentioned efforts.

In fairness, individual legislators scarcely can be faulted for the defeat of numerous solutions they proposed to offer workable alternatives to Oregon's high and growing local tax burden. In a check-and-balance system of lawmaking, pitting Democrats vs. Republicans, Senate vs. House, liberals vs. conservatives, it often is easy for public issues to become bogged down in politics.

Such was the fate of plans for property tax relief by way of a variety of alternatives—sales tax, net receipts tax, personal and corporate tax increase, local option tax, lottery, budget-slashing—as the final curtain rang down last week on the 54th Oregon legislative session. In the eyes of many state leaders, severe local monetary threats now are posed by widespread defeat of school budgets and by those who would limit property taxes to 1 or 1 1/2 per cent of true cash value. In view of these, Gov. Tom McCall is expected to call legislators back for special session to take another look at the problem.

Last week's final adjournment came on the 157th day of the longest Oregon session in history, after the Senate soundly—and surprisingly—trounced the idea of sending to the voters a 1 per cent net receipts tax proposal.

The plan was the last in an ill-fated series to be approved by the House, only to go down to Senate defeat. It would have relieved property taxes by boosting state basic school support from 27 per cent to about 38 per cent, through a \$50 million revenue increase from the net receipts tax and \$6 million in increase from corporate taxes. Schools could have increased their budgets only 4 per cent over existing levies, plus state aid, without a public vote un-

## Children Stage War on Litter Throughout State

The "litterbug" may not have much peace this summer, thanks to nearly 20,000 school children in Oregon.

A stack of anti-litter pledges from youngsters throughout the state has been presented in Salem to Governor Tom McCall by students and by Eugene B. Kasper, Executive Director of CLEAN and Beautiful, Inc., the two-state litter prevention and beautification organization, and Dr. Leon P. Minear, Superintendent of Public Instruction.

The pledges were one of the results of a statewide program carried out by the Oregon State Department of Education and CLEAN. The latter group, supported by business and industry, coordinated the program.

Kasper said every public elementary school in the state received an anti-litter kit early this year. Since that time, many of the schools carried out poster and essay contests and requested movies and additional material to bolster their programs from CLEAN and from other offices in the state, he added.

"The fine response to this statewide effort is a clear indication of the importance our youngsters play in maintaining and enhancing Oregon's natural beauty," Governor McCall said. "Not only does it give promise for continuing clean-up efforts throughout the year, but, more timely, it means many immediate neighborhood activities and more conscientious efforts during the busy summer vacation months."

In reviewing the anti-litter pledge, Kasper pointed to the "meaningful message" in it for all Oregonians:

"We hereby solemnly pledge we will not throw paper or any other trash on the floors of our school, nor in the school yard, nor in the streets. We further pledge we will put all waste papers and trash in the containers provided for that purpose. We will not throw any refuse from an auto or a bus, and by so doing, we will help to keep our roadsides beautiful. We will not litter roadsides, parks, nor the banks of our Oregon streams, lakes, nor the beaches of our ocean. We want to keep Oregon clean. Individually, and as a group, we will help stamp out litterbugs."

Mrs. Doug Drake traveled to Corvallis June 8 and 9 to bring home the school possessions of their daughter Susan, at the end of the OSU school year. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Drake, Jr., in Corvallis. Susan came home June 13, coming by bus from Portland to Arlington after spending a week visiting her roommate, Linda Manke, at her home in Warrenton.

der the plan. School elections for exceeding the limit would be limited to two each year.

Senate Democrats balked at the plan after cigarette tax and property tax relief account funds were eliminated from basic school support in conference committee. Inclusion of these funds would have boosted school support to about 50 per cent.

House Republicans, however, argued that inclusion would merely shift taxes, affording no additional local tax relief. Besides, some pointed out, such a move would represent a misappropriation of cigarette tax revenue after being sold to voters as a tax for direct property tax relief.

In view of legislative disagreement on all tax plans, both Senate President E. D. (Debs) Potts (D-Grants Pass) and House Speaker F. F. (Monte) Montgomery (R-Eugene) have recommended to Gov. McCall that any special session be delayed until fall. By then, new revenue estimates will be available, planned vacations will be over, and the governor will have had time to recommend a new package.

The governor's original plan calling for income tax increases obviously is dead, the leaders agree, and he should have time to formulate a new one. Both express hope that Senate and House Taxation Committees can get together for intensive study prior to any fall session.

As for the options remaining, Sen. Potts notes that he consistently has maintained no new taxes are needed. Speaker Montgomery, now working toward simplification of ballot language, still hopes lawmakers will be able to agree on the "multiple choice" bill, letting voters decide on a sales tax, net receipts tax or existing conditions.

"Senators have worked very hard on each and every tax proposal, and we've had the ablest men on taxation," says Sen. Potts. "Still, Ways and Means has been plagued with further revenue reductions and budget cutting. Maybe the economy will change by fall, but in light of things now we are going to have to face realities one of these days."

State revenue decline is cited by Rep. Montgomery, too, as a reason to wait until after the second budget quarter and availability of new figures before rereckoning the property tax relief dilemma.

"The governor needs time to give the legislature a new tax package," he says, "and I feel it must be a different package. I hope it will be announced early so that we can get committees working prior to a special session."

Whether the legislature as a whole will listen to Gov. McCall any more closely than when he proposed tax reform in his January inaugural address remains to be seen. It is clear, however, that a special session is in the offing, and public opinion expressed to legislators at home between now and then may well carry special weight in our tax future.



## Coming Events

**HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL**  
Open Tuesdays thru Saturdays, 1 to 4 p.m., and 7 to 9 p.m.  
Open Sundays, 2 to 7 p.m.  
Closed Mondays

**AUXILIARY BAKE SALE**  
Heppner Unit Legion Auxiliary Baked Foods Sale Saturday, June 24, 9:30 a.m. Next to Gardner's Men's Wear

**ROCK CLUB MEETING**  
Saturday, June 24  
Potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m., old city library

Field trip to Opal Butte, Sunday, June 25. Meet at Farley's at 9:00 a.m. Sack lunch

**OES INSTALLATION**  
Public installation, Ruth Chapt. No. 32, OES Monday, June 26, 8:30 p.m., Heppner Masonic Hall.

**FATHER OF YEAR BARBECUE**  
Sunday, June 25, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Honoring Doug Drake and family relatives galore!  
Fair Pavilion Grounds  
Bring meat and table service.

**SIDEWALK BAZAAR**  
Plan now to join in the fun—Friday, Saturday, July 7 & 8  
Downtown Heppner.

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