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A Pool for the Future

When the city received its mandate from the state to do something about its swimming pool or lose its license to operate, the emphasis pointed towards taking immediate action that would assure that the pool would continue in operation. (And on a week like this, what would we do without it?)

The city council moved rapidly towards the matter before the people in the form of a bond issue election. Even as the voters cast their ballots there were a good many questions left unanswered. The job had to be done quickly or the city might not have been able to open the pool this summer.

But the people showed faith and confidence in the city administration, and they voted overwhelmingly for the pool—even with unanswered questions in their minds.

Now that the public support has been given, it is good to see the city council stopping to take a second look at the pool. Instead of giving a blanket go-ahead, they called the engineers back to discuss the design, and to go over details to be sure that the remodeled pool will be what is needed and desired here.

Within the pressure of the state demanding action, the council might have plunged forward to obtain a pool that would merely satisfy the requirements. But the remodeled pool and new bath house will last a long time. It needs to look to the future. Perhaps some day kids will have an active inter-city summer competition in swimming. When \$110,000 is invested in a pool, this future possibility needs to be considered.

The council recognizes that many go to the pool to watch the swimmers. So it is now providing bleacher seating in the plans. With the engineers, councilmen decided that more area should be provided for a sunning area, and this is being incorporated. If funds permit, lights may be installed under the water. Edges of the pool are being designed to permit easier rollout in case of emergency.

These are all things that were only question marks at the time of the election. When the council could have been stampeded by being caught between the state's pressure for major improvement and the public's demands to keep the pool operating, it is good to see them taking the time and steps necessary to acquire a pool that will serve for years to come.

When the job is done, probably by next summer at this time, the city should have a pool for the future instead of just a \$100,000 stopgap.

TO THE EDITOR...

Remembers Cohn

Dear Wes and Helen: The enclosed money is for another year's subscription to the old home town paper. The editor and publisher of the "Cowlitz County Advocate" dropped in to see me a few days ago. He said he had met you. His name is Allen Thompson, and a state representative.

I liked the picture of Harold Cohn and Art Crawford in a late issue of the Gazette. I have a warm feeling for the Crawford family. I wonder if Garfield and Neil Crawford are still in the land of the living? Also Heppner Blackman and Leo, his brother. Leo used to have a boot black stand in Gid Hatt's barber shop on east Main street. My brother, Harvey Yeager, had one in our dad's furniture store across the street.

I will never forget seeing Phil Cohn on the streets of Heppner with a little boy on each side holding hands with him.

About three weeks ago I had to make a business trip to Ryderwood, Wash., about 20 miles from Castle Rock. That town used to be the headquarters for the Long Bell Lumber Company but was sold to a group of men from California and made into a retirement town for the senior citizens. No young people are allowed to own property there. When an older person dies the home reverts back to the company. While there I had a wonderful visit with Mrs. Ben Forsythe. Ed Dick's mother-in-law. She has a nice home there. Ben was a very good friend of mine. One day several years ago, Ben called me and asked me to write him the history of a little town called Vader near here. He published the story I wrote in his little Ryderwood newspaper.

My family are all well. My oldest daughter who lives in Prineville, Oregon, lost her husband a few weeks ago. He died in a car on the way to a hospital. Two of my daughters were born in Heppner and the middle daughter, who keeps house for me, was born in Philomath.

I see by the paper that Oscar E. Peterson's history of Morrow county has raised \$3,000 to publish Giles French's book. I will try my best to make

one more trip to Heppner next year but can't promise anything now.

Sincerely,
O. M. Yeager
P. O. Box 476
Castle Rock, Wn.

Book Report

To the Editor:

There has been a little rumor going around that this Morrow county history book project has been dropped.

Nothing can be farther out of line. We have received many contributions for the financial support and have many promises for additional support.

We appreciate this, and we have many references for matters of historical value that can be included in the book.

These are, as of now, placed on file. For these leads and suggestions we are also most thankful.

Yes, there is a great deal of interest and certainly no weakening on the part of the special committee or myself in getting the project going on a sound basis.

Mr. Giles French, who is busy with this project, has been busy at the legislature and on some private matters but will be with us full swing early in the fall. So let's none of us lose interest and all work together for a best possible project.

Sincerely,
Oscar Peterson, Chairman
Morrow County Historical Assn.

A house guest at the Roice Fulleton home this week is Mrs. Jean Darager of Los Angeles, Calif., mother of Mrs. Fulleton. She is enjoying her first vacation here in two years and joined the family in watching her granddaughter, Rubianne, and other members of the rodeo court perform in the Condon Fourth of July rodeo events.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Williams and family of Newport, R. I. visited Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Pardee in Heppner. Williams and Pardee were high school and college friends but had not seen each other for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney returned Sunday, July 3, after a trip to Priest Lake, Idaho, and on up into the Kootenai Valley in Canada. They found the weather perfect but the fishing somewhat under par; they were gone ten days.



HEPPNER'S CLASS OF 1947 had this picture taken at its 20-year reunion Saturday, June 24. Those included were, from left to right in front row, Dorris Robinson, Mrs. Shirley (Wilkinson) Rugg, Marion Miller, Mrs. Bud (Ramona McDaniel) Marshall, Lowell Rippee; second row, Mrs. Howard (Jo Graves) Pettyjohn, Mrs. James (Lois Vance) Johnston, Mrs. John (Lorine Van Winkle) Ledbetter, Bud Peck, Duane Gentry; third row, Bill Healy, Glen Coxen, Tom Hughes, Randall Peterson, Gene Orwick, Lauren Corwin, Gene Cutsforth, Don Gilliam, Mrs. Leon (Joan Biddle) Ball was not present for the picture.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

SITTING HERE in plus-90 degree temperature watching (through the office window) Charlie Ruggles hose down his Air Stream trailer after coming back from someplace, we're moved to remark on this Monday evening that not as many made a four-day vacation out of the Fourth of July as were anticipated.

The Ruggles, who left Saturday, said that they wouldn't know until they got on the road where they would be headed, which is a nice way to take a trip, we think. Anyway, they're back and maybe fixin' to go again.

WE RATHER contemplated that this Monday would be a breeze with only a little news available and we could whip together a newspaper in short order, but it has been busy, busy, busy. There seems to be more people about than on a normal Monday and engaging in more activities. Stores that stayed open on the 3rd (and most of them did) report a very good business.

This seems to give credence to something we read somewhere that not more than 20% of the people of a community are ever gone at any one time—including holidays and special events.

Maybe more and more people are getting the idea that it is a wise thing to stay home on holidays to avoid the crowds congesting highways and byways.

IT IS SORROWING to realize that tragedy has struck the Harold (Doc) Sherer family over the weekend with both their sons-in-law dying in an airplane accident at Redmond. What was to have been a very happy weekend for the family turned out to be most tragic. The Sherers had already left to join their daughters, Judy Andrew and Kay Pierce, and their sons-in-law, Kelly Andrew and Wayne Pierce, when the accident occurred.

Andrew had just received a scholarship to Oregon State University and he and wife, Judy, had just moved to Corvallis after he had graduated at Eastern Oregon College.

Pierce was a former teacher in Morrow county and was operating a successful music business in Redmond.

This double tragedy saddens the many friends of the family in Morrow county and heartfelt sympathy is extended to them.

ONE NICE thing about a holiday is that friends return for visits, and we have had several pleasant surprises in the past two days. Ernest Jacobson of Dallas dropped in Sunday afternoon. He and his wife and friends had been at Wallowa Lake, where he did some horseback riding, and they were headed through the back country on their way home, planning to go via Fossil, Antelope and Shaniko. Last year Jacobson went out and did some water skiing. What's unusual about that? Maybe nothing, but he is 77 years of age. He and Dr. McMurdo could have a fine time together. Jacobson is a longtime friend and former classmate at Newberg of Mrs. Olive Hughes.

Monday afternoon an old friend T/Sgt. Tom Erwin dropped in from Mt. Lemmon, Ariz., where he has been stationed with the Air Force. Sgt. Erwin is headed for Thailand but expects to be there only about a year. He wants to come back to this country and is hoping for reassignment at Condon Air Force Station.

Then Tom Glass, young former Heppnerite, dropped in to say hello. Tom is now with the Job Corps. He is planning to go east to visit his mother, Mrs. Velma Glass, and to Washington, D. C.

WE HARDLY recognized Herman Green when he drove up on his regular rounds Monday. It was quite evident that a faithful old servant was being

retired. He had a different—newer and larger—sanitary service truck, which seemed to mean that his old Betsy, which served so loyally for so many years, may be traded off.

The new packer truck has a built-in cover, so there should be no more complaints about loads not being covered. It will automatically shove and compress the load towards the rear of the truck, and it will have more versatility than the trusty old Cheve. It will haul more and will do a better job, but it's harder to hoist trash into, because it is higher. Herman says that he is going to have to out-law these 50-gallon drums that some use for garbage cans.

Another problem came to light at city council Monday night. It was reported that Herman can't dump a load at the burner because the truck bed raises so high it won't fit in the aperture of the burner. The city is going to try to figure out if the burner can be remodeled to accommodate the new truck.

If not—it may be back to old Betsy.

POLICE CHIEF Glen Kolkhorst's first appearance before the city council Monday night was to point out with a bit of embarrassment that he had just received a subpoena to testify in a murder case at Roseburg, which had involved him and some of the officers under him. He asked the council for permission to go on July 10.

It didn't take the council long to make up their minds, which they did with some chuckles. In the face of the subpoena, they didn't quite know how they could deny permission—unless they wanted to risk being held in contempt of court. The chief will be at the trial.

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

It's About That Time

With summer here, it is time to make plans for weekend vacation trips. When you're planning, don't overlook the possibilities for a pleasant outing in our own Eastern Oregon.

Get a road map of Oregon and pick a spot where you haven't been, and sometime this summer go there. You will find most roads surprisingly good, camp sites convenient, and well kept. If we are going to get our tourists to stay an extra day with us, it is important to have first hand knowledge of what we have to offer.

So, whether it is the Imnaha, Hells Canyon, Anthony Lakes, the fossil beds of John Day, the ghost towns of Mormon Basin, or Granite that you plan to visit, you will find them within easy reach for a day of fishing, picture taking or rock hunting.

What better can you do with a tank of gas and a picnic lunch for a day or two of pleasant relaxation for the entire family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hust hit 107-degree weather in Medford on their vacation trip last week but had an enjoyable time nevertheless. They spent a week there and at Yreka, Calif., visiting relatives and friends. The thermometer hit 107 at Medford on Friday, and it has been running as one of the warmest spots in the state. The Husts returned Sunday.

Reunion Calls Heppner Grads Of Class of '47

Heppner High school's Class of 1947 gathered Saturday evening, June 24, for a 20th reunion dinner at the banquet room of the Wagon Wheel restaurant.

Nineteen of the 26 members of the class were able to be present for the occasion. They were Mrs. Leon (Jean Biddle) Ball, Dorris Robinson, Mrs. Shirley (Wilkinson) Rugg, Marion Miller, Mrs. Bud (Ramona McDaniel) Marshall, Lowell Rippee, Mrs. Howard (Jo Graves) Pettyjohn, Mrs. James (Lois Vance) Johnston, Mrs. John (Lorine Van Winkle) Ledbetter, Bud Peck, Duane Gentry, Bill Healy, Glen Coxen, Tom Hughes, Randall Peterson, Gene Orwick, Lauren Corwin, Gene Cutsforth, and Don Gilliam.

Prizes were given in fun to Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Corwin and family for coming the longest distance. The Corwins are moving to Salem where they will teach in the elementary school system there. Also to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy, for the most children; to Gene Cutsforth, talking the most; to Duane Gentry, for being the quietest; to Randall Peterson for having the least amount of hair, and to Louis Johnston for having the youngest child.

Randall Peterson was Master of Ceremonies for the dinner. Ramona Marshall read the class will and prophecy which aroused considerable comment and caused much reminiscing among the guests.

The following day, Sunday a group of class members met at Cutsforth cabin for a potluck picnic and more visiting.

Class members of the class of 1947 resolved to plan a 30-year reunion for 1977.

Dixons on Vacation; Ministers Assist

The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon and daughter, Marti, left Sunday afternoon on a vacation trip to Montana and Canada, and they expect to be gone until July 20.

Their plan is to visit a cousin of Rev. Dixon in Montana and visit scenic attractions in that state before going to Banff National Park in Canada and other points of interest there.

During their absence, the Rev. Fletcher Forester of Pendleton will fill the pulpit at the Methodist church on Sunday, July 9, and the Rev. Gus Nikander will speak at morning service on July 16. The worship services are at 9 a.m. on the summer schedule.

Penney Store Wins In Sales Contest

Heppner's J. C. Penney store was second in its zone and 13th in the nation among Penney Co. stores for percentage of volume increase in the May Dress Carnival event. Bill Hust, manager, announces.

The Heppner store increased sales over last year's Dress Carnival by 239.1% and was topped in the zone only by a store in El Paso, Texas.

For making the showing, the store will receive a trophy, and the salesgirls will share in \$150 of merchandise of their choice from the Penney store catalog. Dividing the prize will be Mrs. Neva Matteson, Mrs. Betty Gentry, and Mrs. Lorna Borman.

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Memories Of The Old Fair Building

(Editor's Note: This is the second part of a feature on the Fair building by Art Crawford, long time resident of Heppner and now of San Jose, Calif.)

By ART CRAWFORD

Home of Banks

Reference is made to a National Bank as an early tenant of the building, but that seems to have been before my time. There was the Bank of Heppner, established after the flood; the Heppner Savings & Loan with W. O. Hill, former deputy sheriff and county clerk, as cashier; and the Farmers & Stockgrowers National Bank, with Bill Beamer as president, and S. W. Spencer as cashier. But the Bank of Heppner I best recall because as a 14 year old at the start, I considered myself a very important member of the bank's staff. I was the janitor. The pay was \$5 a month. I had to clean and shine the big front plate glass window at least once a week, depending on the dust and weather conditions, tote in wood and coal from the wooden warehouse way down Center street at the rear of the building, polish the bank's brass name plate near the front entrance, and then take care of the general scrubbing and cleaning inside the bank. You don't find such "cinch" jobs with such high pay in these days. Too bad, kids. W. S. Wharton was cashier, Spencer E. Carr, who at one time owned an interest in the Fair Store and who was a leading business man in Spokane, Wash., at the time, was bank president, and my father, Vawter Crawford, was assistant cashier for two or three years before buying the Heppner Gazette in 1910 and the Heppner Times in 1912. Thus resulted the Gazette-Times of this day. I recall that W. O. Minor was vice president and a member of the bank's board of directors.

There Was a Lodge Room

Going back up stairs I remember there was a lodge room but it was not very large. However, it served the purpose of those times. One of the lodge tenants I well remember was the Women of Woodcraft, for I accompanied by mother to a social affair once when I was a small boy. Mother was lodge treasurer and Rosa B. Richardson, mother of Josephine Mahoney Baker, now of Portland, was lodge secretary. At that time there was a custodian (janitor and handyman), Louis Summerfield, who by profession or trade (as you will) was that of paperhanger and painter. After the present Odd Fellows building was erected, larger quarters for fraternal organizations became available, at which time the Fair Building second floor reverted entirely to living quarters.

Names Would Fill a Book

Dr. Swinburn, after buying the building, moved into its prime suite on the front corner and furnished it lavishly. Here was the white mantled marble fireplace and the beautiful chandeliers. His son, Ralph, was living here at the time he went away to dental college and then went on to make a big success in his profession in Seattle, Wash. Dr. Ralph Swinburn has been retired for several years now and he and Mrs. Swinburn live in their beautiful home on the shores of Lake Washington. When Dr. "E. R." retired from medical practice in Heppner he moved to Pendleton where he spent his remaining years. He wrote a big chapter in the early progress of Heppner.

After Robert F. Hynd, for many years one of Heppner's leading business men, lost his wife and child in the 1903 flood and narrowly escaped with his own life in that terrible disaster, he moved to the Fair building. This was at the time he married again. Bill D. Sigsbee, a lad in his teens, nephew of Mr. Hynd's first wife, and also a

nephew of Bert G. Sigsbee (the photographer who preserved in pictures so much of early Heppneriana) lived with the Hynds while attending the Heppner school.

When Dr. Archie D. McMurdo came to Heppner to enter medical practice following his graduation from the University of Virginia, he did two very important things. He married the lovely Ruth Hager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hager, Morrow county pioneers, and he opened his office in the new upstairs annex of the Fair Building. Of other doctors and dentists who had offices there at one time or another, we recall Dr. Norton E. Winnard and Dr. C. C. Chick, Dr. Mark A. Leach of the Lexington Leaches, Dr. Fred A. Farrior and Dr. Frances Christenson. No doubt there were others.

The writer recently learned that it was a matter of months and the intervention of fate that he did not see the first light of day in the Fair Building. Father and mother lived there for a short time when my sister, Virginia (Mrs. J. O. Turner), was an infant in arms. The folks moved out before I was born.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Marty and Alene Boyajian left from Portland last Wednesday for a visit in the east. They traveled by plane to Newburyport, Mass., where they will visit with relatives during the coming month.



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

Classes start Thursday, July 6, for beginners, intermediate and swimmers
Second session of classes to start July 24

SEWALK BAZAAR

Loads of bargains and fun for everyone
Downtown Heppner, Friday and Saturday, July 7 & 8
Pendleton Junior Drum & Bugle Corps program, Saturday, 11 a.m.
Face Breakfast
Sat., 6-10 a.m.

RODEO KICKOFF DANCE
Saturday, July 8, Fair Pavilion
Music by Good Vibrations, Portland
Meet the Queen and her Court!

ROYAL ARCH CONFERRAL
Heppner Chapt. No. 26, Royal Arch Masons
Mountain Conferral Meeting
Saturday, July 8, Cutsforth Park
Wives' social meeting, Masonic Hall

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