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Thanksgiving

'Thanksgiving 1967'

By PASTOR ROBERT WOLFE, Assembly of God

This word is two words, thanks and giving. Let me turn these two around, "giving thanks."

Before the Pilgrims landed in America, other peoples of other lands had Thanksgiving days. These days were set aside for military victories, or days when some great blessing came upon the land.

The original Thanksgiving Day was celebrated under quite different circumstances than we face this day for our Thanksgiving holiday.

When the Pilgrims reached America it was fall. They had to get busy and build shelters for winter. The only food they had to eat was what they had brought with them and what wild game they could shoot. They had to stretch their food out until their plantings could be harvested. This was helped by their trading with the Indians. We can well imagine why they had a great time of rejoicing in the fall when they reaped a bountiful harvest, without which they could not have survived another winter. These Pilgrim folk took about three days off and had times of prayer, times of singing and times of hearing the Bible preached. They believed in Almighty God. They believed he had sent the necessary rain and caused the crops to be bountiful.

Almighty God prospered our nation because our early leaders continued in in the same spirit of being thankful to God. They prayed to God in times of need; they thanked Him for blessings; they acknowledged Him as their creator.

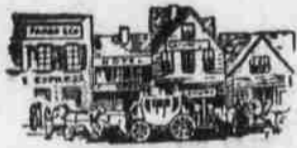
This nation of ours became (by passing up many other nations) the greatest in the world. Note her economy, production, factory goods and farm goods, great military victories, and education for the masses.

Today we find this great nation facing dilemma after dilemma: crime, inflation, foreign involvement, excessive taxation, too liberal interpretation of laws concerning criminals and those who have committed crimes, and the integration issue.

I believe the reason this nation is in the straits she is in is because we have forgotten where the blessings come from. We as a people have erred in our ways of living. We have tried new paths of philosophy that were unproven.

Let's make this Thanksgiving Day a real old fashioned one by putting a spiritual emphasis on it. Let's give God thanks for his blessings. Let's open our hearts to Him that we might receive more blessings. Psalms 26:7.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

A Toll Man Talks to Himself

He came into town from somewhere south. He parked his Buick in front of the Pastime, hit the sidewalk and began talking to himself. Since he was a stranger, there was no reason for him not to. His riding boots and high hat marked him as a comman of some importance.

Curiosity drew some of us around him as he began muttering about taxes, the price of cattle, range rights and grass. When he came to "grass," was when he really addressed himself, thus:

"Big boy, you'll never see good bunch grass again after last year's long drought. You overgrazed the range last summer. You had to, but that treatment plus the prolonged drought sure knocked the hell out of the bunchgrass root system. That means you'll have to depend more and more on weeds and cheat grass to feed your cows. We did cut bunchgrass hay in the years past, but no more."

Having thus conferred with himself, he got into his car and drove away.

The fellow impressed us as a man with a problem, especially with his analysis of the bunchgrass situation. It is not likely that it will ever be brought back; the rehabilitation of the rangeland will be by other grasses. The bunchgrass will not come back.

Miss Anne McNamee of Seattle, Wash., has been a guest during the past week at the home of her mother, Mrs. Anne McNamee, and with her brother, Jim McNamee, in Heppner. She returned to her home Saturday.

State Distributes Tax Relief Fund

Secretary of State Clay Myers said today that nearly \$15.5 million is now being distributed to Oregon counties for direct property tax relief. Morrow county will receive 100,639 as its net share. The \$4.21 relief per \$1000 assessed value has been deducted from property taxes on statements sent out by the sheriff recently.

Another \$5,114,000, appropriated for reduction of property tax on inventories in the counties for the current fiscal year, will be apportioned at the same time, Myers said. Morrow's share is \$13,577.

The Secretary of State said the first annual distribution of cigarette tax revenues amounts to \$5,462,995. It, added to \$10 million from the state general fund appropriation, will provide relief of \$4.21 per \$1000 of assessed valuation in the counties, Myers noted.

The cigarette tax formula provides that 50 percent of revenues will be paid on a yearly basis to local property tax relief, and 25 percent each to cities and counties on a quarterly basis.

Burpee Advanced in Jet Training

Correspondence from Lieut. and Mrs. Douglas Burpee, Pensacola, Fla., informs her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Turner, of his recent advancement and completion of special marine jet training at that base. Lieut. Burpee was given special commendation for rating in the top third for one who had not been a graduate of Annapolis or West Point.

During the next five months, Lieut. and Mrs. Burpee will live in Meridian, Miss., where he will train with the T-2 Buckeyes, a new marine jet plane, and then expects to be stationed at Corpus Christi, Tex., for one year. Their present mailing address is: Bur-Ray Apts., No. 394, 4600 Broadmoor Drive, Meridian, Miss.



Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THEY'VE BEEN calling Ted Smith a bigamist ever since the story appeared in the G-T last week on the Neighborhood Center. Mrs. Eloise Smith, staff member of the center was identified as "Mrs. Ted (Eloise) Smith". But Eloise Smith isn't Mrs. Ted Smith, hence the ex-cy recorder (and probably his wife and Eloise, too) have been taking a ribbing this week.

But Ted, being a good Joe, takes it good-naturedly, and our faces are red. About the only excuse we can offer—since we knew better around here—is that Eloise and Ella (the real Mrs. Ted Smith) have the same first two letters in their names, and in the rush of things, we just made the boo-boo.

By the way, Ted has some philosophizing theories these days on the subject of retirement. Since he left the position of city recorder and stepped out of the limelight, he found that one year of loafing around and taking trips was great.

But one year of this luxurious inactivity was just about all he could stand, so Ted then was fair game for some part time accounting work and community service jobs. One of the latter is that of Civil Defense director.

Recently, this able man has been target for quite a few requests for volunteer work, and so he finds the pendulum swinging the other way.

He is thinking of taking a course in elementary English to learn how to say that two-letter word, "No," gracefully.

EVERY TIME we commit a boo-boo in the paper, we get some solace by rationalizing that most every newspaper and even the electronic media make some dandies, too. (Like the \$1.5 billion Riverside school in the East Oregonian, instead of \$1.5 million).

If you were among the many who watched the USC-UCLA game on TV Saturday, you may have noticed a rash of faux pas at the start of the game. One of the announcers in reviewing the USC record in the pre-game chatter told of OSU administering the Trojans' only defeat of the year, 3-0. Then he blithely added, "Yes, the Ducks did it."

That should have been good for a couple hundred irate letters from Oregon State.

And when the teams and coaches were introduced, Tommy Prothro (in his familiar hat) stepped into full view of the camera in his turn. While his face filled the screen, the legend flashed on, "John McKay, Coach, USC."

Again when the captains assembled at the center of the field with the officials for the toss of the coin, the referee announced for the full benefit of the TV audience, USC wins the toss and will receive, but his motions indicated UCLA had won the toss, and, indeed, the Uclans did win the toss.

WITH CHRISTMAS OPENING and holiday activities in the offing, this is a real busy time for our Morrow county communities. There are so many signs plastered on doors and windows of business houses announcing coming events that they almost shut out the daylight.

We told Randall Peterson Tuesday that he had more news on the door of Peterson's Jewellers than we have in the paper—Donkey Basketball coming at Ione, Fiddlers contest of the Jaycees here this week-end, the film "Berkeley Revolution" also to be shown this week-end, and there were probably a few bazaars and car washes on the door posters.

Business people are real good about giving their window space for these posters, and it does help to get the word around.

A LOT OF THESE things coming up appear to be programs and events that will be interesting and unusual. Another such is the Mustang Preview of the Heppner High basketball team which will be Wednesday

night in the Heppner High gym (November 29, that is). Rule changes and interpretations will be explained, and this should help educate the fans to officials' decisions in the coming season which they might not otherwise understand. At the same time, the public will get to see the Mustang prospects in action.

By the way, both Heppner and Ione High have season basketball tickets on sale and offer good bargains for fans who plan to attend the games. Now is the time to get them, since the season is right upon us. Ione opens at Arlington on Friday night, December 1, and the Mustangs face Grant Union on Friday, December 8, here.

The game here will give fans a chance to see one of Eastern Oregon's best A-2 teams (outside of Heppner, of course!) since the Prospectors are rated topnotch this year. Much of the local interest in them is through Chris Labhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Labhart, all formerly of Heppner. Chris seemed to be a skyscraper last year, but the report is that he is still growing. Maybe the Mustangs will have to equip themselves with stepladders to check him, or raise the baskets to 12 feet.

IT HAS OFTEN been said that some of the world's best cattle are raised right here in Morrow county, and the recent achievements of the Kirk and Robinson ranch and Ekstrom and Sons support this contention. Perhaps you have noticed how their Herefords have been winning highest honors in shows throughout Oregon, Washington and California. Recently, a story announced how Ekstrom's junior bull calves were blazing a trail through California shows. This week we have a story on how the Kirk and Robinson stock took many top awards at the Oregon Classic in Salem.

Heppner and Ione may be small places on the U. S. map, but they loom large among livestock growers all across the country. Congratulations to them for their fine work and for putting Morrow county on the map!

Some of this fine stock of the county will be shown at two sales coming in the very near future. Frank and Kay Anderson will have their production sale on Wednesday, November 29, at their ranch beyond Ruggs on the Condon highway, selling 60 bulls. Kirk and Robinson are Ekstrom and Sons will have their joint production sale at the indoor arena of the fairgrounds on Wednesday, December 6. They will have 57 head in all, coming from well-known bloodlines.

We trust that both sales will be highly successful and that these ranchers will get the support they deserve.

IT WASN'T long ago that some of our state legislators were in high dudgeon over the fact that Morrow county raised the assessment on Boeing lands. "Morrow county is robbing the state!" they cried. This was because the taxes have to come from the State Veterans' Department through the state lease on the lands, an increase of something around \$10,000.

But strangely enough, one doesn't hear so many wails from the legislators on spending \$4000 per day to keep the special session going, with little but futility as the accomplishment to date.

Probably an exception was Rep. Frank Roberts of Portland who said last week that the special session has been asked to develop tax plans "that the people won't buy and that wouldn't give real tax relief if they did pass."

Rep. Roberts said that the special session is a \$4,000-a-day exercise in futility.

Maybe it isn't quite as bad as all that, since the legislators are surely trying, but think how long the state could pay the taxes on the Boeing lands for

TO THE EDITOR...

More on Livestock

To the Editor:
Many things have been said about livestock within the city. It has been stated what we enjoy by living in the city. Brother, we pay very dear for what we enjoy—water, lights, sewer, television, streets, and so forth. And best of all, taxes. Yes, my friend, we pay.

It is also stated that we should forego some of the benefits enjoyed by our friends who live on a farm. That is, you should forego them provided you are not in the city-clique.

When you have livestock all around you, but your livestock is offensive to one neighbor, and the other five it does not offend, you should get rid of yours, and let the other people continue to keep theirs. My friend, this is Democracy.

You also stated that some of our councilmen stated that this is a western town. God bless those guys—many of us take our hats off to them. They possibly know the difference in the taste of good cows milk and red wine.

You state we should love thy neighbor. This is fine as long as the neighbor does not want all of the love. Why should this neighbor complain about your livestock and not the others around him, when the other livestock is as close or closer? Love thy neighbor is indeed a great policy.

It also stated that we with livestock should move out of the city. This would be great provided we could find a small place outside of town that we could buy. If we did, and pay the four dollars a month that provides the money for our neighbor to set back and enjoy the urban living he now enjoys?

One other thing, young fellows beware. Before long, you will have to have a permit to have children in our great city of Heppner. However, this doesn't bother my wife and I. That is why we like a few chickens and a cow to occupy our spare time.

We have a 16-year-old daughter and an adopted son of 12. We like a few fresh eggs and some good milk to feed them. This is why we have tried so hard to obtain a permit.

In closing, I wish to express for myself, my wife, and my kids, a whole-hearted thanks to the many people who have wished us luck in obtaining a permit.

Johnnie Hill
Heppner, Ore.

Be a Friend

Heppner, Oregon
November 15, 1967

Dear Mr. Sherman:
I really don't know where to start. I guess, with the fact that I have never realized that some of the people in Heppner were such stuck-ups and ungratefults.

The other night at a function which I attended I and some other women spoke to a new-comer to Heppner and she said that she had helped with the fair and rodeo and helped other organizations since moving here and since the projects have been over, none of the people she worked with seem to know her or speak. Now does that sound very friendly?

One of the people in the discussion made a statement which really impressed me. She said, and I quote, "To have a friend you have to be a friend." It really doesn't take a whole lot of time to put forth a smile or kind word of friendship whether it be an old friend or new-comer. I feel that everyone, including myself, should take time and think how they would feel if they entered a town to settle down and got the cold shoulder instead of a warm smile from some and a kind word from others.

A person shouldn't have to prove himself to be accepted by a community. Don't get me wrong, I'm not trying to be a one woman welcoming committee. I'm only saying as a community we should be a bit more friendly if we expect to grow and grow.

I rest my case
Mrs. Vern Nolan, Jr.

Girls Choose Name

Junior High Camp Fire girls met November 13. Present were Tami Meador, Lydia Baker, Carmen Papineau, Kathleen Bartlett and Beverly Phegley. Kathleen opened the meeting. We named our group the Tallycakabe which is made up from the first two letters of each name of the girls. We discussed the things which we are planning to do during the year.

Beverly Phegley, reporter

the amount of money that the special session is costing.

MAYBE the Bureau of Land Management should have advertised the north Morrow county land auction, coming up Friday, as a sale for the "person who has everything." Think what a nice Christmas gift this might be for some wealthy person from the east. He could talk about his "holdings" in the west. Indications are that the sale is attracting interest of investors (we avoid the word, "speculators") from all parts of the country. We hope the successful bidders are ones who will really develop the land for the good of Morrow county and its people.

Larry Muessig In Vietnam Duty

Larry Muessig, graduate of Heppner High school with the class of 1964, is now serving as a machine gun squad leader with the U. S. Marines in Vietnam and is a corporal.

Letters received recently by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll said that he is currently engaged in fighting the "hard corps" North Vietnamese. He said they are well trained and tough fighters.

One of the letters said that he had just lost four men from his squad, two being victims of booby traps and two from an ambush, and he was saddened by the loss.

Cpl. Muessig, who was a star athlete for Heppner High, especially in football, went to Treasure Valley Community College, Ontario, for two years before going to the Army National Guard. He then entered the Marine Corps.

He lived here with Chuck McLean, who was fire control officer with the Heppner Ranger district, U. S. Forest Service, at the time. McLean is now with the Forest Service at Elk City, Idaho.

Cpl. Muessig undoubtedly would enjoy hearing from friends. His address is Cpl. L. J. Muessig 2224608, 1st Bn. 3rd Marines, H and S Co. S-1 Sec., FPO, San Francisco, Calif. 96602.

Sergeant Serving With Crack Unit

Sergeant Robert D. Kaufman, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Kaufman of 1664 S. Downing St., Seaside, is a member of the U. S. Air Force defense organization that has been selected as best in the United States. His wife, Beverly, is daughter of Hazel Jackson, Star Route, Ione.

Sergeant Kaufman is assigned to the Air Defense Command's 26th Air Division that has won the coveted General Frederic H. Smith Trophy. The trophy, which honors a former Air Force vice chief of staff now retired from active duty, was presented at division headquarters, Adair Air Force Station, Oregon, November 7.

The 26th was chosen for the top ADC award for demonstrating through year-long evaluation the best ground capability to support ADC fighter interceptors in identifying, intercepting and destroying enemy aircraft. The division which has won the honor twice, operates 14 radar sites and five fighter squadrons to maintain air surveillance and guard a five state 800,000 square mile area covering the Pacific Coast and Western United States.

The sergeant is a communications specialist with the 761st Radar Squadron at North Bend Air Force Station.

Sergeant Kaufman attended Seaside High school and Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Irrigon 4-H Club Elects New Officers

The Country Critters 4-H club held a meeting Wednesday, November 15, at the Irrigon school library. We elected officers, and they are David Richards, president; Robert Richards, vice president; Peggy Brandt, secretary; Tim Rice, treasurer; Karen Richards, news reporter; Judy Snyder, song and recreation leader, and Mitchell Reed, sergeant-at-arms.

Our club voted to support buying the land for the 4-H Training Center, which is to be nine miles out of Salem.

Mrs. Brandt and Mrs. Richards were special guests at the meeting. Our next meeting will be November 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Irrigon school library.

Karen Richards, reporter

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

JAYCEE FIDDLER CONTEST
Old-time Fiddler Contest
Sponsored by Heppner Jaycees
Friday-Sat. nights, Nov. 24 & 25
Junior High Gym

YOUTH MOVIE
"Berkeley Revolution", 50-minute color movie
Friday night, Nov. 24, grade school multipurpose room
High School and College students invited
Adults and children, Saturday night, 8 p.m.

COMMUNITY SERVICE
United Community Thanksgiving Service
Wednesday, Nov. 22, 8 p.m.
Heppner Christian Church
People of all faiths invited

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
First home game, Friday, Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Heppner vs. Grant Union
Heppner vs. Burns at Burns, Sat., Dec. 9

ECW HOLIDAY BAZAAR
Episcopal Parish Hall
Saturday, Dec. 2, from 11:00 a.m.
Many homemade Christmas gifts and foods

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