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## Chamber Boosts County

It would be hard to think of many major developments of benefit to Morrow county and its residents that have not been encouraged, supported or actively promoted by the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.

Lights at the rodeo grounds were financed through a chamber project; the Port Commission was formed from the active work of the organization; it was behind the drive for a hospital with other community groups; it worked for the development of Bull Prairie; it pushed for the sale of BLM lands in the north end of the county; it worked for the Boeing development in the county; it has supported agriculture in many ways; it sponsors the Rodeo parade each year; it works closely in support of the fair and rodeo.

These are just a few of the projects that come to mind that have been completed or are of a continuing nature. There are probably many more of equal significance.

Through any year, a number of youth organizations come to the Chamber for support, helping back trips to a convention, perhaps, or assisting financially with youth range camp. It stages the Heppner promotional events — Christmas Opening, Sidewalk Bazaar, Moonlight Sale, Crazy Days, and others.

With the many projects on the threshold for the county this year, the Chamber has a busy time ahead, and it is organizing to continue its assistance to local government and other groups which are officially concerned with these projects.

Announcement has just been made by County Judge Paul Jones that the State Game Commission has agreed to purchase a site at Kelly Prairie for fish impoundment. This reservoir will be considerably larger than Bull Prairie, as we understand it, and bids to attract hundreds more to the area for recreation. The Chamber has worked for several years towards such reservoir development, and is continuing.

The Chamber has been a leader in urging the Willow Creek dam project, which is now authorized, and will actively continue to keep the proposal alive while the federal appropriation is held up during the pursuit of the Vietnam War. It is getting interested in the proposal for establishing a nuclear energy plant in north Morrow county and investigating the possibility of irrigation from the water discharged by the plant.

It is supporting the Port Commission in projects it has in mind, and it is concerned about developments of both public and private irrigation projects in the county.

Again, there are just a few of the many developments underway that occupy the attention of the Chamber of Commerce. It is also trying to find ways to stimulate business in Heppner and throughout the county.

Occasionally one hears someone say that "the Chamber of Commerce never does anything." That person isn't very well versed on its activities.

A check of the secretary's minutes of the year's meetings would bring out a good many specific items—resolutions urging various actions from Congress or the legislature, financial help on certain projects, meetings held to promote some specific enterprise of public interest, and others.

The Chamber works hand in glove with city, county and other agencies as they press towards progress. Indeed, sometimes it is difficult to tell whether a certain person is working in his official capacity or his Chamber capacity since he may serve both. Included in the membership of the organization are many of the leading citizens of the county, and this year it is hoped to include even more.

There is a place in the Chamber for anyone with interest in business, agricultural, commercial, industrial or community development here. The organization seeks to promote all these things and in doing so reaches out to embrace other phases that contribute to them, such as support of youth activities.

If the county achieves significantly in this year of 1968 and if some of the major projects in view reach fulfillment, or come closer to realization, one can be sure that the Chamber has helped.

## OTHER EDITORS SAY

### How Vale Looks At It

(From the MALHEUR ENTERPRISE, VALE)

It is hard to believe that the Vale Vikings possibly will never again play in the Oregon State A-2 football playoffs and perhaps never compete again in Oregon A-2 football. But this could happen! The team that has participated in more playoff games than any other team in the state (32) has more playoff wins (21) and is tied with Grant High school of Portland (A-1) for most championships (6), may never compete in Oregon A-2 play again.

Why? Some say it is because Vale always wins. But somewhere along the line District 7 school officials seem to have forgotten that Vale has always played and beaten their best. That one of the smaller schools in District 7 can come up with an outstanding football team year after year, when bigger towns with more talent to choose from, can only produce average teams, no doubt reflects their decision. It just couldn't be that coaching, the ability to compete, and the will to win have anything to do with it, or perhaps they have become lost, too, along with many other values that seem to be slipping away ever so slowly.

Why? Some say it is the scheduling problem that faces several of the more isolated schools in District 7. Certainly the Vikings did not choose their geographical location in the State of Oregon, and we are still part of the state. We are fortunate in that we are able to play a schedule with Idaho teams that enables Vale High school to hold down expenses in connection with travel between towns for football and other sports. More students, and fans are able to participate and enjoy the sport. The communities of Ontario, Vale, Nyssa and Adrian, and their geographical location in this state, find themselves in a unique situation unlike any other town in the state. But if Burns and John Day want football games why didn't they compete in this part of District 7 two years ago when the district was split 6-4. This would have shortened travel time and instead of having to go to The Dalles or Sherman County, Burns and John Day could have played

# Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

PAUL PETTYJOHN pledged to keep our secret but we better make a clean breast of it just in case the word gets around.

The co-publishers decided to go to Pomona Grange to hear the talk of the Australian exchange student, Rosemary Wilson. The invitation from the Grange included the lunch at noon, but we decided to "keep store" until noon and go to lose for the program at the Willows Grange hall.

When we left about 1:10 we thought we were going to be late, but we weren't!

Reaching the hall just after 1:30 we found it deserted. Not a clear outside nor a person in sight. So we went down the street and stopped at Paul Pettyjohn's. He called his wife and asked her to check the Gazette-Times about the Pomona meeting.

It was in there, all right. The meeting was at 1:30 but on January 27 instead of January 20. Paul got a chuckle out of this, for sure, but he gallantly said he wouldn't say a word about it.

Well, it was a nice day for a ride, anyway. We have vowed that we better start reading the Gazette-Times.

In our defense, we'll say at least it was one meeting to which we arrived on time.

DEANE GRAVES has a similar sad story, we understand, but instead of being a week early, he was a week late for the meeting he planned to attend.

He had in his datebook a notation to go to the 4-H leaders' meeting in Corvallis and was planning to leave Wednesday. He hired a man to take care of feeding his cattle and made other preparations.

But last Wednesday he attended a local meeting at which Gail McCarty was present. Gail didn't understand why Deane hadn't gone to Corvallis and thereupon it was discovered that Deane had his departure date down a week too late. The 4-H meeting was already in progress.

THIS COMPUTER age is making it harder and harder for people in some "professions" to make a living, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

A news release tells of one 61-year-old San Franciscan who apparently tried to earn his daily bread at the rather dubious occupation of filing fake income tax refunds.

Maybe a clever fellow could get away with that occasionally until the electronic monsters came into vogue, but no more.

On January 3, the IRS says, computers in seven IRS Service Centers over the country balked at processing over 200 false refund returns filed by the man.

He was arrested by special agents at his hotel in San Francisco.

The man had tried it before and lost. In 1963 he had the questionable distinction of being the first false refund filer to be

caught by computers in the IRS Service Center in Atlanta, Ga. For this, he served three years in the Federal penitentiary.

He told arresting officers he had filed several hundred false returns this year totalling \$800,000 in refunds! The machines discovered the fraud attempt before a single refund was made.

Well, maybe the fellow didn't get his fraudulent refunds, but he'll probably be living off the income taxes of the rest of us for a while.

THERE COMES a time in the life of a fellow who reads the paper daily when he thinks that nothing could be any more startling nor bizarre than some particular item of the day.

But the next day brings something to top it.

The fellow who filed suit for \$25,000 damages last week as a result of an accident surely heads the list for temerity and impertinence.

A jury had decided that his accident was caused by "an act of God." So what did he do? He turned around and sued "God and Co." for \$25,000 and named 32 Lakeside churches and synagogues as God's agents.

Well, maybe he'll get \$25,000 worth of publicity.

We're still shaking our head over that one.

What more nutty thing will tomorrow bring?

## Services Held For M. Doolittle, Native Resident

Millie R. Doolittle, 85, a lifetime resident of Morrow county, died at Pioneer Memorial hospital on Friday, January 19, after being in failing health the past year.

Born near Hardman on September 17, 1882, she was the daughter of early pioneer parents, Andrew and Teressa (Stewart) Rood. They were among the early homesteaders in the Hardman area, where they were engaged in wheat and sheep ranching. Mr. Rood was among those who helped in the building of the present Heppner Christian church, and of which his daughter was a lifetime and devoted member.

She was joined in marriage to Lester A. Doolittle in Portland on June 11, 1920. He preceded her in death in November, 1959.

Mrs. Doolittle nurtured many close friendships through her lodge work and church activities. She was a 65-year member of Sans Souci Bebekah Lodge No. 31 and had served faithfully in its line of offices. She had also held many responsible positions during her membership in the Heppner Christian church.

Survivors include one daughter, Margaret Perrott, and one son, Paul A. Doolittle, both of Portland; one brother, Walter Rood of Elgin; four grandchildren, and a number of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 21, at 2:00 p.m. at the Heppner Christian church, with the Rev. Al Boschee officiating. Vault interment followed in Heppner Masonic cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of the arrangements.

The sacred selection, "How Great Thou Art" was sung by Rena and Norita Marquardt, with Mrs. Virginia Turner at the organ. Serving as pallbearers were Marcel Jones, Clarence Baker, Harold Peck, Jerry Hollomon, Melvin Moyer and R. G. McMurry.

Anyone who wishes to do so, may make contributions in her memory to the Millie Doolittle Memorial Fund, at the Heppner Christian church.

## Many Travel Here For Becket Services

Several relatives and family friends traveled here recently to attend the funeral services of Walter Becket, on Saturday, January 13.

Coming from LaJolla, Calif., was his brother, Jack Beckett. Also here were Mr. and Mrs. Paul McCarty, Portland; Mrs. Dick Johnson, Dufur; Merle Beckett, Portland; Bill Beckett, Portland; Katherine Sauers, Weat, Calif.; Henry Suter, Eagle Creek, Calif.; Mrs. Ade De-Georges, Redwood City, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Glaesmer, Red Bluff, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. Burdette Johnson and daughter Phila, Portland; Al and Lyn Bergstrom, Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Pendleton.

Vale and Nyssa. Instead we traveled to Pilot Rock (190 miles), when Burns is 114 miles away and John Day 115 miles. Perhaps there is a reason, if so we would like to know, and we will publish the reason.

The costs involved in travel, for instance, The Dalles (300 miles), would necessitate a burden on the athletic budget of the high school. Not only that, but how about attendance as to say a game, either here or there, with Weiser, Emmett, Bishop Kelley, Burns or John Day. Of course, the local area game would generate more interest and greater attendance.

There is no doubt that the other schools in District 7 are applying pressure, either to play us on our level or get out. It will be a difficult decision for school officials and the Board of Education. But if the problems are not solved in a rational, reasonable manner by the schools of District 7, including Vale, the town will hardly be the same when the footballs start flying through the air again next fall.

## Dyck Services Held at Cheney

Cornelius Rudolph Dyck, 73, died Thursday morning, January 18, at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton.

He had made his home in Heppner the past two years, moving here from Cheney, Wash., following his retirement there as a bowling lane proprietor. He was a member of the Evangelical church in Cheney, and of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358.

Mr. Dyck was born May 13, 1894, in Beatrice, Neb. He was united in marriage to Mary Reinegar at Council Bluffs, Iowa, on November 16, 1915.

Funeral services were held at the Jerue Funeral Home in Cheney, on Saturday, January 20, at 2:00 p.m., with interment following there.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, of Heppner; two sons, Arthur of Heppner and James of Cheney; five grandchildren; one brother, Art Dyck, and one sister, Elizabeth Anderson, both of Omaha, Neb.

## Law Now Requires Documents to Show True Consideration

Assessor Roderick S. Thomson today called attention to the law, which became effective January 1, requiring that instruments conveying or contracting to convey fee title to any real estate must contain on the face of the document the true and actual consideration in order to be recorded.

This procedure was made necessary by repeal of the federal tax law on real property transactions at the first of the year. Prior to the repeal, stamps indicating the value of the property were affixed to the deed. This information was used by assessors, appraisers and others interested in values for assessment purposes.

To replace this source of information, the 1967 Oregon legislature enacted a law involving all transactions on and after January 1 of this year. The law was asked for by the State Tax Commission, Oregon State Association of County Assessors, County Clerks and Records Association of the State of Oregon, Oregon Land Title Association, Oregon Association of Realtors, and the Associated Oregon Industries.

Assessor Roderick S. Thomson explained that "consideration" includes any lien, mortgage, contract, indebtedness or other encumbrance on the property which the purchaser agrees to pay or assume. Statement of consideration may be made by a grantor or grantee.

If the transaction is a trade, or if other services, or if the value is given, only this fact need be stated on the face of the instrument. The monetary value of the other property does not have to be included.

There is no tax connected with the new procedure, the assessor emphasizes, and the new law does not apply to transactions made prior to January 1, 1968.

Additional information may be obtained at the assessor's office or from the recorder of deeds at the courthouse.

## Postal Employment Enlarged to Region

The United States Post Office department has recently announced a regional area plan for applicants desiring clerk-carrier employment, it is announced by James Driscoll, postmaster. Under the plan, after Civil Service requirements are met, employment may be given anywhere in the region, rather than in one town only.

Towns in this region include Arlington, Athens, Heppner, Hermiston, John Day, Milton-Freewater, Pendleton, Pilot Rock and Umatilla. There is no residence requirement. Applicants who attain eligibility in the Civil Service examination and meet general qualification requirements, may be considered for employment in any post office listed above, without regard to race, creed, color or national origin.

## Reports Presented At Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of All Saints' Episcopal church was observed with a coffee hour last Sunday, January 21, following morning worship services.

Reports were heard from the Rev. Dirk Rinehart, and from various organizations within the parish.

Other items of business conducted were approval of the 1968 budget; the appointment of Frank Anderson as senior warden by the congregation, and the election of four new members to serve on the vestry for three year terms. Those recently elected are Walter Wright, Herman Winter, Clayton Sweek, and Charles O'Connor.

Those whose three year terms on the vestry have expired are Earl Gilliam and Clarence Rosewall.

## Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner on Tuesday, January 30, at the courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

## New Officers Assume Jaycee-ette Duties

A meeting of the Jaycee-ettes for the month of January was held last Thursday evening, January 18, at the home of Mrs. Clyde Allstott.

New members, Mrs. J. D. Hudson and Mrs. Vic Groshens, were welcomed.

Election of new officers for the coming year was held, with Mrs. Tom Wilson elected to the office of president; Mrs. Forrest Burkenbine, vice president, and Mrs. Pat Wanser, secretary, and Mrs. Bob Hager as treasurer. Mrs. Bob Hager was selected for first director and Mrs. Vic Groshens, second director. Outgoing president Mrs. Jerry Hollomon, was given a gift in appreciation of her work for the organization during the past year.

Main item of new business was the decision of the group to provide concessions at Little League games during the summer. Members are currently assisting the Jaycees with the sale of bright blue and gold Heppner "Mustang" pillows.

Secret sister names were revealed with a gift exchange, and new names were drawn for the coming year.

Mrs. Allstott served refreshments of cake, coffee, and punch to the 14 members attending.

## Local Elks Officers Attend State Session

Local officers of BPOE No. 358 and their wives convened with other state officers to attend the mid-winter session of the Oregon State Elks Association held at The Dalles January 18 through 21.

Featured speaker at the convention was the Grand Conventary of the National Grand Lodge, Franklin Fitzpatrick, of Chicago, Ill. Other highlights of the meeting were reports from six youngsters on the benefits they had received from the Elks supported eye clinic.

Those attending from this area were Exalted Ruler and Mrs. Claude Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Padberg, Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Van Marter, Jr., and Jerry Daggett.

## Dick Snyder Wins Free Throw Contest; To Compete Saturday

Dick Snyder, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder, Ione, has been declared winner of this year's local Elks' Free Throw Contest, it is announced by Gene Orwick, director of youth activities for Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, the sponsoring organization.

Contests have been held in elementary schools in this area during the past week and Dick achieved the highest score. He will now advance to state competition on Saturday, January 27, at Gill Colliseum, Corvallis. Preliminary semi-finals will be held Saturday morning, and four finalists will compete during half-time of the Oregon-Oregon State basketball game, which will be televised Saturday afternoon.

The parents will accompany their son to the playoffs and will be honor guests at a noon luncheon on campus and for the afternoon basketball game.

This is the 10th year that the state-wide contest has been held under the co-sponsorship of the State Elks Association and the OSU Athletic Department.

## Instructors' Class In First Aid Set

Umatilla county chapter, American Red Cross, is offering a nine hour instructor review course to all first aid instructors in Umatilla and Morrow county.

Herb Barthels, safety services representative from Western Area office, will be in Pendleton January 29, 30, and 31, to conduct this review. Both day and evening sessions have been scheduled for the convenience of all instructors. All classes will be held at the Red Cross office. Day sessions will be from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon each day and evening classes from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. All first aid instructors whose authorization expired on December 31, 1967, or will expire December 31, 1968, are urged to attend this instructor review.

Those interested are advised to notify the Red Cross office, 276-1211, of intention to attend either the day or evening sessions.

## Officers Organized For Little League

An organizational meeting of the Willow Creek Little League was held at the Jaycee hall, Tuesday evening, January 16.

Main item of business conducted was the election of new officers, with Wayne Harsin elected to serve as president; Norman Supple, vice president, and Bob Jones, secretary-treasurer.

Four directors to serve one year terms were also elected. They are LaVern VanMarter, Jr., Marion Green, Clyde Allstott, and Louis Carlson.

The four teams, which comprise the Little League are the Dodgers, Braves, Giants, and the Indians. Managers of the teams are Rev. Al Boschee, Dave McLeod, Joe Yocum and Lindsay Kincaid. Managers request that anyone players who still have uniforms out are asked to please return them.

FILE ORDERS, third cut or fifth cut, at The Gazette-Times.

## Joint Ceremonies Install Officers In Heppner Lodges

Mrs. Tom Huston and Bob Lowe were installed as Noble Grand of their respective lodges, Sans Souci Bebekah Lodge No. 33, and Willows Lodge No. 46, IOOF, at joint formal installation ceremonies Saturday evening, January 13, in the IOOF hall.

Other elective officers of the Bebekahs who were obligated and installed were Mrs. Lucille Parrish, vice grand; Mrs. Orian Wright, recording secretary; Mrs. Larry Cook, financial secretary, Mrs. Gerald Rood, treasurer.

Deputy Grand Master Herman Green and Deputy President of Dist. 20 Elaine Rietmann were in charge of the evening's ceremonies, and with their staff of installing deputies, also installed the slate of appointive officers.

For the coming year, Miss Esther Bergstrom will serve as warden; Mrs. M. N. Kirk as conductor; Mrs. Lena Kelly, chaplain; Mrs. Lincoln Nash, color bearer; Mrs. Dean Connor, musician; Mrs. Peter McMurry, inside guardian; Mrs. Alice Luttrell, outside guardian; Mrs. Letha Archer, r. supporter to noble grand; Mrs. Percy Cecil, l. supporter to noble grand; Mrs. Mary Bailey, r. supporter to vice grand; Mrs. Ola Ruggles, left supporter to noble grand; Mrs. Ed La Trace, junior past noble grand; Mrs. Jessie Furlong and Mrs. Archie Padberg, r. and l. aides to past noble grand; Mrs. Adrian Bechold and Mrs. Mattie Green, r. and l. aides to chaplain.

Adding to the effectiveness of the installation ceremonies were attractive corsages of pink roses, buds with green ribbons and leaves, made by members of the Jone Garden Club, presented to all Bebekah officers, and matching boutonnières to the IOOF officers.

Joint installation of the two local lodges is a tradition and preceded by a bountiful dinner for members, their families and invited guests. A gathering of 72 persons was served at the dinner, planned under the chairmanship of Mrs. La Trace. Members of Ruth Assembly, Order of Rainbow for Girls, assisted in serving the dinner.

Among out-of-town visitors was Mrs. Sally Young of Sunbeam Lodge No. 190, Hermiston.

A gift of appreciation was presented to Mrs. La Trace by officers who had members with her the past year, and she was recipient of the past noble grand jewel, presented by Mrs. Kirk. Past district deputy Cornett Green presented Bill Farra, who had served Willows Lodge the past year, with his past noble grand's jewel.

## Croker in Training

Marine Private Ronald L. Croker, son of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Croker of Monument, was graduated from eight weeks of recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego, Calif., recently. He will undergo from two to four weeks of individual combat training, and then, after leave at home, will report to his first Marine Corps Assignment.

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### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

## Coming Events

**HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL**  
Wahntonka at The Dalles Friday, January 26, league game  
Condon at Heppner Saturday, January 27  
Madras at Madras Friday, February 2, league game  
Support the Mustangs!

**"THE HAPPENING"**  
Youth Party, Sat., Jan. 27, after Condon game, 10-1:00  
Episcopal Parish hall  
Music by the "Banshees" of Condon  
Admission, \$1 per person

**PUBLIC DANCE**  
American Legion Hall  
Saturday, Jan. 27, from 10:00 p.m.  
Music by Roy Quackenbush orchestra

**POMONA GRANGE**  
Monthly meeting, Saturday, January 27, 10 a.m.  
Willows Grange Hall, Ione  
Dinner at noon, program at 1:30 p.m.  
All Grangers urged to attend

**PUBLIC CARD PARTY**  
St. Patrick's Parish Hall  
Monday, January 29, 8 p.m.  
Bridge and Pinochle, \$1 admission  
Everyone welcome

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