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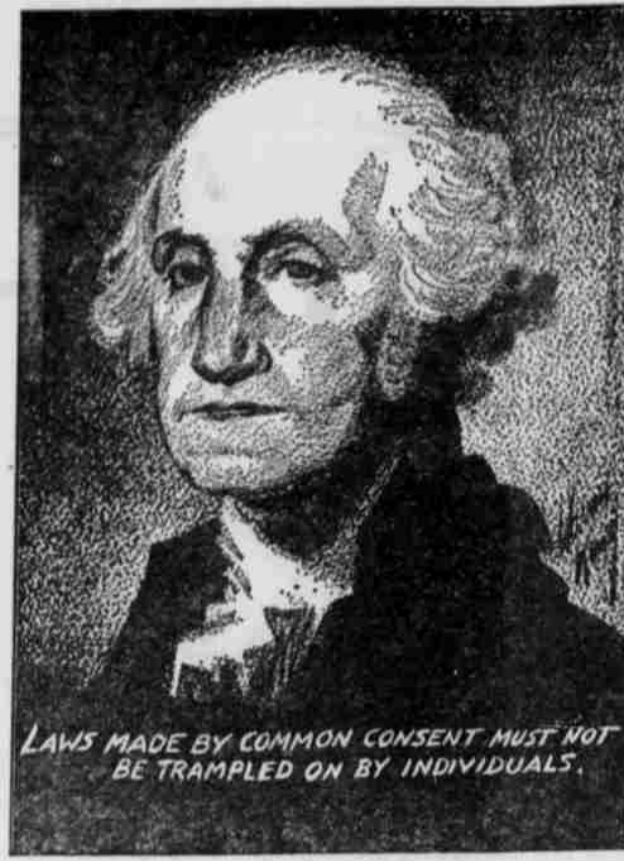
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LAW'S MADE BY COMMON CONSENT MUST NOT BE TRAMPLED ON BY INDIVIDUALS.

Elks Observe Centennial

If a special graduation ceremony were held in America this year—comprised of the needy college students who have received scholarships from the Elks through the years—the "class" of thousands of men and women would overflow any campus in the nation.

This is just one example of the charitable works of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks—observing its Centennial this year—under the direction of the Order's permanent philanthropic trust, the Elks National Foundation.

The Foundation, sometimes called the "Great Heart of Elkdom," annually expends some \$600,000 primarily on health and educational services. Every year, Heppner lodge No. 358, which this year is observing its 71st anniversary, gives scholarship and leadership awards to graduating seniors of Heppner and lone high schools who are judged outstanding.

In carrying out its humanitarian tasks, the Elks Foundation spends only income from its investments. Not a penny goes for fund-raising or administrative expenses, which are absorbed by the Elks Grand Lodge.

A scholarship program for needy college students was the first Foundation-sponsored project and is still one of its major concerns. Over the years, scholarships have made possible higher education for more than 7,000 deserving youths.

In 1950 the Foundation launched one of its most far-reaching welfare projects by instituting a training program in cerebral palsy therapy. More than 1,700 persons have been taught those healing arts under the 17-year-old program.

Moreover, the Foundation, by example and financial assistance, has spurred the expansion of similar aid programs by Elk state groups. The Foundation has allotted more than \$1,000,000 to these state programs, the money being used to build hospitals and clinics, rehabilitate cerebral palsied children, establish summer camps for underprivileged youths, and other good works.

The Heppner Elks have had a long and venerable history. Their part in the scholarship program is just one of many good things that the lodge does for the community.

As the BPOE observes its centennial and the Heppner lodge observes its anniversary, double felicitations are in order. Claude Graham, exalted ruler of Heppner lodge, and his officers and committees have worked hard to stage a fitting anniversary occasion this weekend. Best wishes go to the lodge, and may it serve the community and fellowmen for many, many years to come.

Learning to Do . . .

The Future Farmers of America cover a lot of ground with their motto, "Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve." But, at the same time, the motto typifies the organization. Education is a part of their work, and they learn by doing through their projects. Their projects are designed to earn money, and as they achieve and accomplish, they serve their community and country.

This is National Future Farmers week, and the local chapter is observing the week with various activities, a highlight being the annual banquet tonight (Thursday) in the high school cafeteria.

Heppner High's chapter has compiled a history of achievement, both as an organization and through the accomplishments of its individual members. FFA members who have graduated have gone on to make further achievements, and some, like Ken Wright, have won national honors. Ken last year was given the American Farmer degree at the national FFA convention in Kansas City.

This year, David Hall of the Heppner FFA has been nominated for state office and currently is campaigning for the state presidency. The entire community supports his candidacy and wishes him the best in his effort.

Heartly congratulations go to the Heppner High chapter, FFA, and to its advisor, Hal Whitaker, on the occasion of national FFA week.

The Rhyming Philosopher

FADDISTS

BRUNHILDA BROWN WAS TALL AND THIN,
HER HEART WAS SOUND, SHE KNEW NO SIN;
SHE LIVED ON CARROT JUICE AND STEW
AND PASSED AWAY, AGED FORTY-TWO.

JOSEPHUS JONES MADE LOCAL NEWS
RELIGIOUSLY AVOIDING BOOZE.
HE WATCHED HIS HEALTH AND CHEWED HIS FOOD
BUT DIED FROM MORAL TURPITUDE.

NOW AUNT AMANDA'S FAT AND STRONG,
BUT EVERYTHING SHE DOES IS WRONG;
SHE BOLTS HER FOOD AND GUZZLES BEER
AND CUSSSES LIKE A BUCCANEER.

SHE TROMPS AROUND IN SNOW OR RAIN
AND NEVER HAS A MOMENT'S PAIN.
SAYS SHE AND DOCTORS DON'T BELONG—
SHE'S NINETY-SIX AND GOING STRONG.

WHAT'S GOOD FOR YOU MAY POISON ME,
AND THAT MAKES LIFE'S VARIETY.
THE POINTS APPARENT AS A SPIKE;
NO TWO OF US WERE MADE ALIKE!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

ONE'S CARDINALS have assured themselves a place in the district basketball tournament at Pendleton next Wednesday, and barring a calamity, the Heppner Mustangs will win a berth in the 7 A-2 tournament at La Grande on March 1 and 2.

Ione has two games to go, playing Echo there Friday night and Helix at Ione Saturday night. They hope to win both, but if they drop both games they will still be in the tournament.

If they play in the district competition as they did against McEwen at Ione, the Cards could very well emerge as the champions.

The Redbirds, which was composed of sophomores last year, loomed this year as a very strong club of juniors. At the start of the season they had some real good games, but lost some they should have won. Later this season they came on as a clicking five and reached a climax when they downed the Scotties.

Since then, they have had one letdown—that to the Weston basketballs—but this game came on the heels of three of the season's toughest and with one key player, Eddie Sherman, out of the lineup.

Knowing the spirit of the Cards, we look for them to blaze a trail in the district tournament, and we wish them the best.

HEPPNER'S MUSTANGS have played the role of a sleeping giant this year. They allowed themselves to be pummeled and kicked around through the first of the year, but came out of hibernation after the second Condon game.

At that time, supporters had just about despaired of them coming to life, but suddenly they did, and they have not just been winning games recently but have been demolishing the opposition. Their average winning margin in the past five straight victories is about 30 points.

One good thing about the losing streak at the start of the season, Coach Bob Clough tried to find a winning combination apparently, and so used his entire squad liberally. This has made a good strong bench for the Mustangs. Consequently, when the starters now get a good lead in a game, and the coach takes them out to keep from running up a score, the reserves do nearly as well, hence, little relief for the opponents.

Heppner still has to play Sherman at Moro Saturday night. A win would give the Mustangs a tie for the western division title with a 6-2 record. (Who would have thought this possible when they stood 0-2 after the first game with Wahtonka?)

A loss, however, would drop them into a tie for second with the loser of the Wahtonka-Pilot Rock game, and a play-off would have to settle the second entry to the district tournament, which pits two from the east against two from the west.

Let's not make the mistake of taking Sherman County for granted. The Huskies could do the same to Heppner that Weston did to Ione. They are always tough in their home lair.

The Heppner High team has the stuff. We know it now, and while local fans don't believe in counting their chickens, it is well confirmed that motels in La Grande are getting a lot of calls from this part of the country for reservations on March 1 and 2.

IF YOU HAVE been trying to quit smoking, try chomping on a vegetable instead of taking a drag on a cigarette. This is the advice of author Lee Harter in his column, "The Lost Forty," in the State Forestry Department's "Forest Log." But you'll enjoy reading his comments yourself.

"Fire Control Specialist Lee Port, carrying a bulging paper sack, dragged into my office,

slumped into a chair and lamented, 'I've had it.' "What do you mean?" I asked.

"Just got through with a father-and-son talk with my doctor," said he, "and I took the part of the son." He explained that it was a check-up following a previous visit at which time the doctor had ordered him to quit smoking and reduce weight.

"Today I told the doc there might be things more important than a cigarette, but darned if I could think of any, not even food," moaned the forester. "Having myself experienced the horrors of cigarette withdrawal and having also retreated to the last notch in the battle of the beltline, I could sympathize with him.

"What's the sack?" I asked, to help take his mind off the troubles.

"Turnips," he replied gloomily.

"Going to make a stew?" "No, I eat them. Every time I'm seized with a nicotine spasm or severe hunger pangs, I eat another turnip—raw!"

"Poor guy," I thought, as he departed the cheerful surrounding of my sanctuary. He did not say, and I forgot to ask, whether this substitute forage was medically prescribed or self-imposed.

"But it put me to thinking. Maybe that grizzled smoke cat of many a campaign fire was quite unintentionally starting a rage. Possibly not only would it result in his consuming less smoke and stoking fewer calories, but might even spread like wildfire over the whole country.

"Reach for a vegetable instead of a sweet," I could see it now, envisioning a colorful ad in the Post.

"I'd jog a mile for a rutabaga." Or, "This is eggplant country, with the boobie showing a county agent loping out across a truck farm in his station wagon."

"Imagine a convincing, 'We're not tobacco men, pass the parsnips.'"

"Just think what a revolution like this could do for farm economy.

"It's a cabbage yodels the chorus as a farm union initiation team, displaying remarkable unity, dances around a compost heap.

"LSMFT" chants a veteran vegetable man. Lotta Sunshine Means Fine Tomatoes."

"It's not how long you make them, it's how you make them long," warbles a Smith-Hughes graduate casting ammonium sulphate on a carrot patch.

"Raw horseradish gives me a lift and takes away that mid-morning sag," the busy vice-president confides as he furtively reaches into his desk for a quick snack, not letting competing executives in on his little secret.

"Are chili peppers rasping your throat? Keep cool with a mild cucumber."

"Consider the results: Millions of acres of tobacco land freed for growing edibles. Doctors, with fewer cardiovascular and lung patients, will have less hectic schedules, enabling them to hold strictly to appointments besides having moments even for a little steelheading and golfing maybe.

"And certainly, not of least importance, a market reduction in air pollution. In brief, a healthy nation.

"Brother Port, you really started something."

Mr. and Mrs. James Hilderbrand and daughter spent Sunday, February 18, in Portland, where they went to attend the Home Show at Memorial Coliseum. They viewed many home furnishing exhibits, model homes which were built in the Coliseum, and building and appliance exhibits. Mrs. Hilderbrand said that the many different combinations of appliances and home furnishings used in the exhibits were in keeping with modern trends of today and quite interesting.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

The biennial hunt is on.

This year is open season on the American voter. The boys who hope to win a swivel chair and public office are gunning for them.

There are several methods employed by the hunters. One is to stalk their victims singly, catch him off guard in his place of business or on the sidewalk, greet him like a brother, twist his wrist with a synthetic hand clasp, thrust a vile cigar in his mouth, and count him captured. That method is time taking and expensive. It is better to slaughter 'em in masses where a hunter can stand behind on a podium in front of a battery of microphones and shoot his propaganda into the crowd. It is the ideal way. He has an advantage there. He can cow the crowd by firing a few blasts of apprehension over their heads, then fill 'em full of platitudes and promises. After that the pollsters take over and tally the results.

Another good strategy is the dollar-plus dinner. Fill 'em with food and they will be as satisfied as a boa constrictor who has just swallowed a half dozen monkeys and a few ostrich eggs, while the gathered voters are in a semicomatose state shouldered from his hip. However, voter hunting is not always easy. The hunter is constantly surrounded by camera men and TV inquisitors tangled in their equipment and eager to secure a mis-statement of some kind.

I would rather hunt a duck in pole thicket along the Road South than run for office. It's easier.

Reservoir Filling At John Day Dam Depends on River

The Walla Walla District, Corps of Engineers, in answer to numerous press queries, today explained that the actual raising of the John Day Dam pool, both as to the date and speed of rise, is a "probable" function of the Columbia River, and, as such, will not necessarily be contributed by the Corps.

Farrell A. Spencer, district spokesman, said, "Today, the entire flow of the Columbia River is passing through the open powerhouse draft tubes at John Day. They will pass 400,000 cubic feet per second of water. "When the river flows at the dam exceed 400,000 cfs, the John Day pool will begin to fill. Based on past records, this flow may be reached anytime after April 15.

"We have some control of the pool formation as to date and filling. Beyond this figure, the date will depend on river flow. "The engineering prudence in setting the April 15 date for being ready for the 400,000 cfs flow has probably caused many people to believe the Corps will manually begin raising the pool on that date."

Spencer said, "Working to do before the pool is raised," Spencer said, "and we must be ready for any sane eventuality, whether it's an early flood, or a low water season."

Records show flows of 400,000 cfs before April 15 have occurred twice since 1879. A flow of 1,200,000 cfs passed the damsite the first week in June, 1954.

"We have a great deal of project construction and clearing work to do before the pool is raised," Spencer said, "and we must be ready for any sane eventuality, whether it's an early flood, or a low water season."

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman attended the annual Oregon Press Conference, sponsored by the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association and the Journalism School of the University of Oregon, in Eugene Friday and Saturday. They stopped in Forest Grove on the trip to visit his mother, Mrs. Harry Sherman. Sr. While in Eugene, they visited their son, Bill, a senior at the U of O. He sang with the University Singers at a Friday luncheon of the Press Conference at Erb Memorial Student Union. On the trip home, the Sherman's stopped in Salem to visit their oldest son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sherman, and granddaughter, Becky.

Randy Lott returned Sunday after spending some time in Mississippi and Louisiana where he was called because of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. Gerald Aultman of Folsom, La. Although still in serious condition, she showed considerable improvement during the time Lott was there, and she was able to return home. Accompanying the Heppner man to the southeast by train was another sister, Mrs. Ethel McGee, of Port Orchard, Wn. They also visited other members of the family in Mississippi while there on the trip.

Society

Jaycees Win Travel Trophy Second Time At District Meeting

Officers and members of the Morrow county Jaycees and their wives traveled to Milton-Freewater on Saturday, February 17, to attend a potluck dinner and meeting of clubs of district 13.

Fifteen Jaycee members attended, which enabled the Heppner group to win the traveling trophy for the second time. One more win for the Jaycees will give them permanent possession of the trophy.

Ed Patterson, La Grande, national Jaycee director, presided as master of ceremonies. Guest speakers included presidents of clubs attending, who gave resumes of projects completed during the past year.

Representatives attended from all eight clubs in district 13, which includes Umatilla, Pilot Rock, Heppner, Hermiston, Pendleton, Milton-Freewater, La Grande and Walla Walla county.

Those making the trip from Heppner were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Samples, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Dun Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Ailistott, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hollomon, Al Osmin, Frank Osmin, Reggie Pascal, Wayne Harsin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arbogast, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Nolan, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hager and Mr. and Mrs. John Privett.

While the business meeting was in progress, the women were entertained by the host group with flower arranging demonstrations done by Mrs. Tullison, and later in the evening games were in play.

Ione Senior Achieves Homemaker Honors; Competes in State

Terrie O'Connor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, has been named 1968 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Ione High school, according to announcement from the office of Principal Harold Beggs.

Because she finished first in a written knowledge and attitude examination among senior girls in the class of Mrs. Anna Lee James, home economics instructor, Terrie's achievement has made her eligible for state and national scholarship awards and has earned her a specially designed silver charm from General Mills, sponsor of the program.

A state Homemaker of Tomorrow and runner-up will be selected from the winners of the schools in the state. The state winner will receive a \$1,500 college scholarship and runner-up will earn a \$500 educational grant. National winners will be selected from among the state winners.

This is the 14th year of the Betty Crocker Search, initiated in 1954-55 by General Mills to emphasize the importance of homemaking as a career. A new record of 603,798 girls registered from 15,079 schools was established by the 1968 Search.

Ione Club Members Study Wild Flowers; Propose Scenic Route

"Wild Flowers of Oregon," was the title of the program presented to Ione Garden club members at their last meeting, held Tuesday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Crum.

Mrs. Harold Huber and Mrs. Jim Johnson presented the interesting and informative program. Mrs. Huber accompanied her report by showing her private collection of pressed wild flowers, most of which are native of the area. She pointed out that while these wild flowers are very lovely, many of them are very poisonous to wild animals.

Among items of business discussed during the afternoon meeting was a proposal to construct a desert memorial drive along one section of the Boardman bombing range road. Club members have one particular area in mind for the memorial drive, where there is an abundance of wild flowers and cactuses. Mrs. Omar Rietmann and Mrs. Jim Johnson were appointed to investigate the possibilities of completing this project.

Members are reminded of the coming district meeting to be held in Echo April 27, when Kirk Horn, Heppner High school teacher and biologist, will be guest speaker.

College to Give Equivalency Tests

Blue Mountain Community College is now an official General Educational Development testing center for northeastern Oregon.

The test, known as the GED or the High School Equivalency test, will be given every Thursday and Friday when the college is in session. The test may be taken at other times when arranged with N. J. Marston, chief examiner, at the college counseling center.

A minimum of two days is required to take the test. A testing fee of \$5 has been set to cover cost of materials.

Visitors Welcomed At Sans Souci Lodge; Mrs. Archer Honored

Several officers of Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33 were unable to attend the last regular lodge meeting on Friday, February 16, due to illnesses. Among those reported ill were Mrs. Jessie Furlong, Mrs. Lena Kelly, Mrs. Oran Wright and Lincoln Nash. Mrs. Gerald Rood had been called to Ashland due to the illness of her mother, and serving in her office as secretary was Mrs. Larry Cook.

Nine past noble grands answered the roll call. Mrs. Tom Huston, noble grand, extended a welcome to two visitors, Mrs. Dolly Fraters of Grass Valley Rebekah Lodge No. 118, and to Mrs. Ada Eskelson of Hermiston, a member of Holly Rebekah lodge of Lexington.

The evening was a memorable one for Mrs. Letha Archer. She attended the meeting wearing a large orchid sent to her from Hawaii for her February birthday from her nephew, Michael Broun, who is presently stationed on a ship in Pearl Harbor. Mrs. Huston also presented Mrs. Archer with a personal birthday remembrance and was extended special wishes from the lodge members.

Mrs. Cook, committee chairman, announced plans were underway for the serving of the District Odd Fellow's convention dinner on February 24, and listed her committee. Mrs. Huston appointed Mrs. Ola Ruggles to be in charge of entertaining visiting ladies during the afternoon with cards or games in the club rooms, and Mrs. Pete McMurtry to oversee the coffee hour refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Mary Bailey.

Mrs. Neva Wells of Vancouver, Wash., a former pioneer resident of Heppner and long time member of Sans Souci lodge, requested and was granted a withdrawal card.

Mrs. Lucille Parrish, vice grand, announced she was now living in a residence on Elder Street and invited friends to call on her there.

Congratulations were given Mrs. Mabel Chaffee upon being a 50-year member of the Rebekah order, being initiated in Pasco, Wash., in the month of April, 1918.

Mrs. Emma Cecil and Mrs. Cook were hostesses for the social hour following the meeting, after which Mrs. Ed LaTrace, president of the Triple Links club, conducted a brief period of business.

Ruth Chapter Visited By Former Officers

Twenty-eight past matrons and past patrons of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star were honored at the regular monthly meeting held January 12 in the Heppner Masonic hall.

Special guests for the lodge meeting included Mrs. Marjorie Jones, Bend, junior past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myers, past matron and patron of the Condon chapter.

Mrs. Bill Cox is currently serving as Worthy Matron of Ruth Chapter No. 32.

Refreshments of desserts with coffee and tea were served at the close of the evening meeting by Mrs. Albert Connor, Mrs. Don Bennett, and Mrs. Howard Keithley.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
Sherman at Sherman, Saturday, Feb. 24
District Tournament, March 1-2

ELKS' ANNUAL
Saturday, Feb. 24, Elks Temple
Registration from 11 a.m. Ladies social hour and card party, 1-4 p.m., St. Patrick's Parish hall
Banquet, 6-8 p.m., Heppner High school
Dance, 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m., Elks Temple

IOOF DISTRICT CONVENTION
Willows IOOF Hall, Sat., Feb. 24
Afternoon business session, 1:30 p.m.
Banquet by Sans Souci Rebekahs, 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY
"Arsenic and Old Lace," 3 act play
Friday, Saturday, March 22-23, 8 p.m.
High School Multipurpose Room

PANCAKE LUNCHEON
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Luncheon
Tuesday, Feb. 27, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
All Saints' Episcopal Parish Hall
All you can eat!

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