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### Coordinator Needed

Probably never in the history of Morrow county have there been so many imposing projects in the talking stage—things that would bring tremendous development to the county.

Just a few of them are: The Columbia South Side project (potential irrigation project), the thermal nuclear power plant-irrigation combination, industrial plants (such as one being considered by Dow Chemical) for lands of the Port Commission, the Willow Creek dam project, proposed fish impoundments in the mountains, private irrigation projects that may develop on recently sold BLM lands, and the offering of Boeing lands to other industries.

Now, many different groups are active and interested in these, and all pressing for them: The Morrow county court, the Port Commission, the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district, the Chamber of Commerce, the county planning commission, and others.

These are all working in their separate ways, and at the same time are trying to work together. But most of those involved are working in spare time as volunteers. They don't have much spare time, and coordination becomes difficult.

There is a definite need to focus the efforts of all these groups towards tying down some of these potential projects. There is widespread feeling that these "dreams" can become realities, but this cannot be done by merely hoping they will come to the county or asking them to come.

There is a rather acute need for a skilled person, hired for the sole purpose of promoting the county and its economy. This person would not only coordinate the efforts of existing groups, but he would devote his full time and energy towards culmination of the projects under consideration.

Rupert Kennedy, executive secretary of the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, is serving in a similar capacity for the entire area from Wasco to Umatilla counties, but he is serving all counties and cannot pinpoint his efforts on one.

With the many things in the offing here, there is need for a good strong public relations man to do the job for Morrow county.

It would take some money to get a good man, and the right man would be hard to find. But if all agencies involved contributed towards an annual budget—perhaps some from the county itself, some from the Port Commission, some from the Chamber of Commerce, and assistance from others, perhaps it could be accomplished.

It is worth considering. Any other area that has brought industry to its communities has had to work at it through concentrated effort of a Chamber of Commerce manager or someone dedicated to the job.

When competition is so keen among areas for industry, it is doubtful if we ever get our dreamed-of development until we put forth such effort. A good promoter may bring dividends to Morrow county a thousand fold.

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"DOC" SEVERINSEN has written to Tad Miller, chairman of the Morrow county rodeo board, reluctantly declining the invitation to be grand marshal of the 1968 rodeo parade. But he and his wife, Evonne, and their daughters, Judy and Robin, are going to make every effort to get to the rodeo nevertheless.

He had to turn down the invitation because of his busy schedule, principally the demands of the NBC-TV Tonight Show on which Doc directs the orchestra every week night.

His letter tells the story:

"Dear Tad,  
"I can't tell you how pleased Evonne and I were to receive your letter inviting us to be guests of the Rodeo this year. We've been trying to find the time to come home for the past four years, and to date, it's been impossible.

"As much as I hate to, I'll have to turn down your offer to ride as grand marshal of your parade, as the Tonight Show doesn't give me time for many of my own pleasures, therefore, I couldn't promise you anything.

"We are planning a trip to Oregon this summer, and The Rodeo is on the list, but if we can make it, we just want to stand on the sidewalk and enjoy being there... maybe Judy and Robin could borrow a horse to ride in the parade... and that would be all we ask."

"Hello to everyone... and thanks again for the personal invitation to be grand marshal. What a thrill for me that would be..."

"Sincerest best wishes, Doc Severinsen"

The Severinsens' many friends here will keep their fingers crossed, hoping they can make it for the August event. If Doc thinks this would be a thrill for him and his family, imagine what a thrill it would be for folks here to have them!

CONGRATULATIONS and Best Wishes to Jim Wishart on his promotion to a managership in the First National Bank. Another

fine young man is on his way up the ladder, and the hope for best of success goes with him to Prairie City. Seems as if Jim was here long enough only to get well acquainted with him, but it is good to see him get a deserving advancement.

And congratulations, too, to Pat Wonsler on his promotion to Jim's former position in the Heppner branch.

THE AL MARTINS went to Burns in their house trailer over the week-end following the elementary school band students to the Music Festival there. Al graciously took the pictures for the paper, and he did a good job of it, too. The negatives were exposed just right for easy printing, even though he wasn't familiar with the G-T camera.

Well, while the Martins were in Burns they visited with their ski chums, the Bob Henrys. Bob was manager of the J. C. Penney store here and was the moving force of Arbuckle Mountain ski course.

The Martins don't believe that the Henrys ever will get Heppner completely out of their systems, saying that they talk constantly of the folks here and the good times while they lived in the Morrow county seat, in all deference to the good things they have found in Burns.

Robert has been making the trip to Mt. Bachelor in Bend country to get in his skiing.

Those of us who are directors in the Arbuckle Mt. Corporation have been trying to keep the ski course operating without him, but we may have to call on some of the old Henry magic to bale us out of the dilemma this year—no snow. When there is no snow, there is no ski.

Via the Martins, the Henrys say "Hello" to everybody in the home town area.

DON GILLIAM announces that the rain early this week brought .38 inch.

Now that's real nice for a start. But down in the valley a couple of weeks ago we got into a rain of which one half

## TO THE EDITOR...

### For BMCC Building

March 26, 1968

Dear Editor:

In regard to the bond issue that is to be voted on April 2 for the new building at Blue Mountain Community college, I would like to say this: my husband and I both attended Blue Mountain Community college. My husband took body and fender and paint courses and immediately upon graduation from there got a job at Pendleton Grain Growers and is currently working there.

Myself, I took a secretarial course for one year and upon graduation obtained a job in the admissions office at Blue Mountain Community college where I worked for two years before staying home with our baby girl.

I feel I was very lucky to get this job and my training at BMCC helped tremendously. We both agree that Blue Mountain Community college was a great help in getting us started and in getting us settled in the community.

This school is being improved all the time and in order to do this it must have buildings and room for expansion to fit the needs of Umatilla and Morrow counties. I am going to vote for the new building, and I feel for the betterment of the future of our young people. We need your support, too, for this issue.

Many people will thank you for this.

Thank you for your time.  
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### Pioneer



### Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

#### A Hunting Incident

According to the hunter involved, it happened somewhat north of south, and east of west, in the Blue Mountains. As near as I can calculate, that would be somewhere on the North Fork of the Walla Walla River.

The man claimed that he had hunted the area for years with average success.

This year, he was on the ground fully "loaded" for the hunt. He was sweeping the ridges and mountainsides with his binoculars when he located a dead bull elk lying beside a log in the canyon below.

Nothing irks the fellow like a waste of game. After cursing the careless city hunters for awhile, he scrambled down the mountainside intending to extract the animal's tusks. He stacked his rifle against the log, drew his hunting knife and prepared to do it. He grabbed the antlers to put them in position. His description of the action that followed was a bit vague. When it was over, he was bruised, trampled, covered with mud, and his clothes torn to shreds. The beast had been asleep and represented the felonious attack. After shaking himself free of his tormentor the noble wapiti departed. The hunted, a dead shot, emptied his magazine twice at the fleeing animal and never touched a hair. He must have been "shook up" some.

That's his story.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Furlong last week was their niece, Miss Debbie Jo Stark of Portland. Over the week-end another niece, Mrs. Loretta Buchanan of Portland, arrived with her three daughters, Carmie, Camey, and Becky, to visit for a few days.

Dena Struthers, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. May-ten Struthers, was injured Saturday afternoon in a fall from a horse she was riding bareback. The girl received medical treatment at Pioneer Memorial hospital for a broken right arm.

hour's worth would assure the crops in Morrow county this year.

And you know something? The people there weren't appreciating it one bit! They were grumbling about it, as they sloshed around.

OUR ADVICE this week is not to forget two things: 1. Don't forget to change your snow tires back to summer tires. The winter tires will come apart on you at higher speeds on these dry roads. This has already caused a couple of accidents around here. Local tire dealers will make the switch and balance your wheels at very reasonable cost.

2. Don't forget to vote in the Blue Mountain College election Tuesday. We've tried to give some adequate publicity on the two proposals and explained them in last week's editorial, but if you still need information or have questions, call Bob Abrams, a BMCC director. (Ph. 676-9141). If all else fails, call us. We think we have a pretty good knowledge of the proposals. Your vote in this election is important.

### Admires Senator

To the Editor:

Lately there has been a lot of discussion in the press about Wayne Morse's effectiveness in the U. S. Senate. I have had the opportunity to observe Senator Morse at firsthand in Washington, D. C. and perhaps your readers will find my views helpful.

Last summer I was supported by a philanthropic foundation as a congressional intern in Washington, D. C. I was appointed to work in Senator Morse's office. Throughout the summer I was able to attend closed-door Senate Committee sessions. Senator Morse who is a very considerate person, even went to the trouble of seeking out his congressional interns when an important committee session was to be held.

The real business of the Senate takes place behind the doors of the Senate committee rooms. The public does not know much about these sessions, but on those occasions Senator Morse is truly masterful. Several times during the summer his fellow senators openly exclaimed as much.

No other member of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee, the most important Senate committee for domestic legislation, could match Wayne Morse's knowledge of the law, his grasp of the issues or his persuasiveness. And no other senator could match Morse's reputation for fairness and sound judgment.

To cite an example, during one executive session the senators representing states with large numbers of Spanish-speaking citizens were debating how to allocate more than \$100 million in federal funds to support bilingual education. The dispute reached a deadlock. More than a dozen senators were present who were not party to the dispute, but it was Senator Morse who was unanimously picked to arbitrate the issue. (He correctly declined to do so on the grounds that the senators involved had not yet thoroughly explored all of the possible avenues to compromise). On only one other occasion during the summer was a senator on the committee asked to arbitrate a dispute, and again it was Wayne Morse who was chosen.

During one executive session, Senator Morse was necessarily absent because the President had asked him to the White House to confer on domestic legislation. That day the Labor and Public Welfare Committee was discussing the extremely complex details of an important poverty program bill. Most of

the members could not grasp the most difficult aspects. They decided to defer action on the measure until Wayne Morse could offer his opinion on the various points in question. During my three months of attendance at closed-door committee sessions, that was the only occasion when a Senate committee held up action until the opinions of an absent member could be heard. The senators were giving Wayne Morse one of the highest forms of tribute that can be paid.

Morse's depth of information is as impressive as his quick mind and sound judgment. For example, when the Labor and Public Welfare Committee was discussing the 1967 Morse-Green education legislation, Morse demonstrated that his knowledge of the complex problems facing education today was greater than that of the high-ranking specialists sent over as advisors by the U. S. Office of Education.

When I arrived in Washington I was a lukewarm supporter of Morse. By the time I returned to Oregon I was an ardent fan. If every Oregon voter could have shared my experiences, I am sure that Wayne Morse would be re-elected to the Senate with just about every vote in the state. Morse honestly deserves that kind of victory.

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### Gardner Takes Basic Training in Navy

LeRoy Gardner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner of Heppner, left by bus last Tuesday, March 19, from Pendleton, from where he traveled to San Diego, Calif., to enter service with the U. S. Navy. After reporting at San Diego, he began a period of 10-11 weeks training. His parents received word, via post card from a ham radio operator in Bend, that their son arrived at his destination safely.

Gardner is a 1963 graduate of Heppner High school. He attended Oregon College of Education in Monmouth for a time before transferring to Blue Mountain Community college in Pendleton and later enrolling in Eastern Oregon College of Education, where he received his degree in March of this year.

### Son Born to Dicks

Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Dick of Portland are announcing the birth of a son, Brian Trevor, born Sunday, March 24, weighing 8 lb., 8 oz. He joins a sister, Debra Dalene. Maternal grandfather is Maurice Groves of Hemet, Calif.; paternal grandparents are Mrs. LaVelle Nelson of Troutdale, and Kemp Dick of Troutdale. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pieper of Lexington.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox were her brother-in-law and sister Mr. and Mrs. Victor Weise of Milton-Freewater, who came to visit her mother, Mrs. Louisa Fleming, a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rigby and her grandmother, Mrs. Graco Buschke, traveled to Connell, Wash., on Sunday to visit at the home of Mrs. Rigby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shipp, and to attend a birthday dinner in honor of her father.



### Coming Events

GOLDEN AGE CLUB  
Regular Meeting, Tuesday, April 2  
Episcopal Parish Hall  
Potluck dinner, 7:00 p.m.  
Special program, door prize  
Visitors welcome

SPRING P.E. PROGRAM  
Heppner High Gymnasium  
Wednesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.  
Girls, 5th grade through high school, tumbling, gymnastics, dances  
Sponsored by G. A. A., \$1 adults, 50c students

BOY SCOUT PANCAKE FEED  
Saturday, April 6, 12 noon to 6:30 p.m.  
St. Patrick's parish hall  
Sponsored by Troop 661  
Support the Scout program

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE  
Friday-Saturday, April 26-27  
By Heppner Civic League  
Rummage, baked foods and house plant sales  
Old Tryco Building

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY  
"Arsenic and Old Lace," 3 act play  
Monday, Tuesday, April 9, 10, 8 p.m.  
High School Multipurpose Room  
Tickets \$1 adults, 75c all students

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