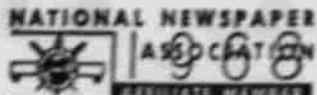


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Remember to Register

Those who have voted in recent elections and still live in the same place probably don't have to be concerned. But if you are new here, have moved to a different precinct, have just become of age, or are a woman who has been married since you last voted, you will need to register, or re-register, in order to vote in the primary election on May 28.

If you are uncertain as to your voting status, there is no harm in checking. This can be done at the office of Mrs. Sadie Parrish, county clerk, at the courthouse.

Time is getting short for the deadline to register for the primary in Saturday, April 27. The clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on that day to handle late registrations.

At the present time, Morrow county's total registration, including all party affiliations, is around 2300 persons. That would seem to indicate that there are many more eligible persons in the county who are not yet registered.

Voting is one of the foremost responsibilities of a citizen in a democracy, and any who have not registered are urged to do so between now and April 27.

If you are not close to Heppner, the county clerk's office can advise you of a registrar who may be nearer to you. The telephone number to call is 676-5615.

Please Make it by Monday

In recent weeks quite a few persons have been disappointed because their items were submitted too late to be included in the current issue of The Gazette-Times. There still seems to be some misunderstanding as to when items must be turned in for publication.

We don't like to impose deadlines, but if one must be set, it would be Monday afternoon. The staff has attempted to handle later material and often gets it in print, but if you want to be reasonably sure, please make it by Monday. The earlier the better.

By Monday evening, production schedule requires that the number of pages for the particular week must be committed and a "dummy" made for the back shop.

The pinch is particularly great when the week's advertising is so light that only eight pages can be run. This leaves very little margin for late material. Often in the early part of the year, advertising is lower than that around peak periods later. If there are more pages, there is some additional latitude for late material. However, even working at top speed and sticking at it for long hours on Mondays and Tuesdays, the crew is limited on the amount of type that can be set and still get the paper out on time.

Last year, the weekly publication day was changed so that the paper is now actually printed late Wednesday afternoon and goes into post office boxes in Heppner early Thursday morning. Formerly, the paper came out on Thursday afternoon. The change means better delivery to out-of-county subscribers, provides a better break for advertisers, and brings certain advantages in the printing shop.

But some persons do not realize that this essentially requires getting material in a day earlier.

We don't want to be absolute about it, but we do request cooperation. We don't want to unnecessarily disappoint anyone for we want this to be truly a community paper.

If you must be late with a display advertisement or an item, please call us and tell us, so that we can make provisions for it. This will help us determine the size of the paper and prepare in advance.

An exception to the Monday deadline is that for classified advertising. Classified ads can be accepted without difficulty until 5 p.m. Tuesday because of the time schedule for printing this particular page.

Very important items, such as a death, an accident, or some other significant happening, have priority and the staff will give precedence to them, even though it is necessary to leave something else out of the paper.

When papers are small, there is always a sizable amount of type left over that doesn't get into print. We never have become so calloused that we don't feel keen sympathy for the person or organization whose item has to be held out. The matter of deciding what is to be held back is one of our most disagreeable chores.

Generally when papers are small, any late item accepted means leaving out something that probably came in on time.

So help us, won't you, by trying to get your material to us by Monday—and earlier if possible. If you forget and slip, we'll still do our best, but your cooperation will help us do a better job for all concerned.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

"THAT DAM DOESN'T WORK" declared Principal Al Martin of Heppner Elementary school when he returned Tuesday afternoon after helping chaperon the 5th grade class to the John Day dam and Marshall. The class had timed its planned field trip to coincide with the closing of the dam, thereby killing two birds with one stone.

What prompted the principal's remark—which he made with a smile—was the considerable amount of water that he observed spilling through the dam, thereby inferring that the Corps of Engineers didn't really stop the Columbia's flow.

Well, of course, they couldn't shut off the whole thing, as all good elementary school principals know.

THE EXCITEMENT at the Columbia brought at least two old friends to Heppner Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wildman, just prior to the present publishers, drove over from Salem to witness the big event, and they came on down to say "Hello" Tuesday afternoon. Bill works for the Capital Journal at Salem and they live near Salem development along Wallace Road. Son Larry will graduate from OSU this spring, majoring in political science.

AFTER CHIDING the FFA here for not publicizing the fact that Dave Hall was going to be on a television program, we learn that Dave himself didn't know that it was going to be on. The program was taped when he was in Salem at the FFA meeting, and the station never told the boys when it would be released. Thus, the local chapter had no way of knowing it was to be presented.

There is nothing that makes a person eat crow as much as a real nice letter from one who has been chided unjustly, so we are eating a bit of the black bird after receiving a real nice letter from John Harris, FFA reporter.

"Dear Mr. Sherman: In reference to your column, 'Chaff and Chatter,' on April 11, I would like to say that the local FFA reporter was less informed than you were. I knew nothing of the television program that Dave was on until I read it in the paper. When Dave leaves for Salem, I have no idea what the state association has for him and his fellow state officers to do.

"I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the very good coverage that our local chapter has received in the past year that I have been reporter. I'm sure all our members would like to say a hearty 'Thank You' for all that you have done. Sincerely yours, John Harris, reporter."

We've always been proud of the work of the FFA here, and that's why we were sorry we couldn't give advance publicity on the TV show on which Dave appeared.

Thanks for your nice explanation, John. By the way, maybe you ought to consider a career in the diplomatic service.

GROSHENS, MUNKERS Take CD Courses

Vic Groshens and Don Munkers, both of Heppner, have completed recent courses under Civil Defense to better prepare them for their responsibilities in the Morrow County Civil Defense organization.

Groshens completed a 3-day course for shelter management instructors in Pendleton at the armory and also spent one night in the training session. Instructors were from Eastern Oregon College and Pendleton High school.

Fourteen attended the school and 16 high school students joined them for the overnight training.

Don Munkers went to Eugene for a week's course in radiological monitoring and was to return for another week's instruction.

LARRY MUESSIG Wins Promotion

Larry Muessig, a Heppner high school graduate, has been promoted from corporal to sergeant in the Marine Corps while on active duty in Vietnam, according to information received by friends here.

At the present time Sgt. Muessig is at Qua Viet and reports that it has been "fairly quiet" since bombing was curtailed.

The former Heppner man has five months left to go on his enlistment in Vietnam and expects to go to Hong Kong in May for a period of rest and recreation.

SOME CAUTIONS on safety in watching the rising of the pool came to us too late to get in last week's paper. A story from the State Highway Department warns that there may be some settling of Highway 1-80N as a result of the saturation from the reservoir waters.

Temporary surfacing was applied on the highway when it was constructed, anticipating this possible damage, according to Forrest Cooper. When subsidence has ceased—several years from now—permanent surfacing will be applied to the freeway.

No settlement of a severity to prevent traffic movement is expected. Highway Department crews and State Police have been alerted, however, to maintain a constant vigil over this stretch of 1-80N so that precautions can be taken to alert the motoring public.

"Sinks" could possibly occur rather suddenly, and all motorists are advised to drive with caution in places where the highway is adjacent to the pool.

ANOTHER CAUTION to the public is to be wary of bank erosion. One wouldn't want to be standing too close to the edge at some spot, only to have the bank slough off and toss him into the drink.

TO THE EDITOR

On BMCC Classes

(Editor's note: The following letter was written to Dr. Wallace McCrae, president of Blue Mountain Community College, who forwarded it to The Gazette-Times with the thought that local people would be interested.)

Dear Mr. McCrae:

As the winter term of extension classes are ending, it occurs to me that you might be interested in the reaction of some of the adult students in the classes in Morrow county. I am speaking specifically of the painting classes offered to us here with Dr. Margaret McDevitt as instructor. Unless you have been over this way and talked to some of the residents, you can not begin to imagine the surge of interest these classes have caused throughout our three communities of Ione, Heppner, and Lexington. Also, through the enthusiasm of students in the first class, the interest spread to our neighboring town of Arlington.

The classes from our area have held three public showings. One recently in Ione, and two in Heppner. Our work was on display in the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner, at their request. Gene Pierce, president of the bank, told me he was simply amazed at the numbers of people who came to the bank to view the work. While the work was on display in Ione, I would suggest that every one in Ione viewed it. The interest there in the school age children was tremendous. The students in the Arlington area have held two showings for the public, also.

While I am sure you are aware of these things going on in connection with the college, I also feel that you should know of the appreciation felt by those of us who are taking part in the program. Speaking for the 28 students enrolled in the winter term painting class, we of course thank you for the college for this program, and also our very heartfelt thanks to Dr. McDevitt for all the help and inspiration she has offered us. We realize that her schedule is a difficult one, involving much travel and work. We also realize that the help she has given us will be of lasting benefit to each of us personally, and to our communities.

We sincerely hope that these programs will be continued, and reach out to many more people. Sincerely, Birdine (Mrs. Garry) Tullis

Principals Elect Martin Secretary

Alan Martin, principal of Heppner Elementary school, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Region Elementary Principals' association Saturday at La Grande.

The meeting was held Friday and Saturday, and about 40 principals from the eastern part of the state attended.

Buys Clark Place

Howard Cleveland has purchased the former Don Clark home on Court Street and will rebuild the house, Frank Turner, real estate agent, states. The house was gutted by fire during the Christmas season last year while occupied by a family renting the place.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Heppner High School and Elementary School
April 22-26
Monday, April 22—Beans and franks, peas, rolls, cabbage salad, fruit cobbler and milk.
Tuesday, April 23—Meat loaf, green beans, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit Jell-O and milk.
Wednesday, April 24—Sloppy Joes, corn, fruit salad, graham crackers and milk.
Thursday, April 25—Spanish rice, salad, gingerbread, applesauce and milk.
Friday, April 26—Tuna and noodles, rolls, peas, fruit and milk.

The Rhyming Philosopher

INDISPENSABILITY

WHILE GAZING AT SOME AWESOME ALP OR SOME SUCH FOREIGN SCENE THAT LEFT YOU THRILLED,
WHEN CONSCIENCE SEEMED TO MAKE YOUR SCALP GO HOT, THEN COLD, YOUR BACKBONE CRAWLING, CHILLED,
WITH GUILT AND FEAR, YOUR PULSES POUND TO WONDER HOW THE FOLKS BACK HOME MADE OUT WHEN YOU TOOK OFF VACATION BOUND AND LEFT THEM FLAT, AND HELPLESS TOO, NO DOUBT, FOR WHO THE HECK COULD DO YOUR JOB AND NOT MAKE HOPELESS HASH OF WHAT WAS PLANNED?
THEN, CONSCIENCE-STRIKEN, WITH A SOB YOU HURRIED HOME WITH HOPE THEY'D UNDERSTAND YOUR BASE DEFECTION WASN'T MEANT TO RUB THEIR NOSES IN THE VOID YOU MADE. PERHAPS YOU'D TAKE TIME OFF NEXT LENT WHEN THINGS ARE SLACK AND THEY COULD MAKE THE GRADE.
SO, UNEXPECTEDLY YOU WALK INTO THE SHOP OR OFFICE—NOTHING'S SAID, NOBODY STOPS THEIR WORK TO TALK— YOU YELL, "I'M BACK! WHAT'S UP? IS SOMEONE DEAD?" THEY LOOK SURPRISED, AS IF YOU'D FLIPPED. YOU GLOAT, "RELAX MY FRIENDS, I'M BACK TO STAY! 'I'M GOOD AS NEW, REFRESHED AND FIT!' BUT SOMEONE YAWNS, "OH, HAVE YOU BEEN AWAY?"

HARRY W. FLETCHER

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 the 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 sympathetic 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 them in masses where a hunter can stand in front of a battery of microphones and shoot his propaganda into the crowd 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 them full of platitudes and promises. After that the pollsters take over and tally the results.

Another good strategy is the dollar-plus dinner. Fill them with food and they will be as satisfied as a box constrictor who has just swallowed a half dozen monkeys and a few ostrich eggs. While the gathered voters are in a semi-coma the hunter shoots 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 misstatement of some kind.

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

Among the college students who were home for the Easter week-end with their families were Erna Winchester, Wayne Evans, Joan Stockard, Karen McCurdy and Lee Daggett, from Oregon State University. Coming from the University of Oregon were Judy Jones, Tom and Margaret Green and Bill Sherman.

Mrs. Jim Lovgren is recuperating from major surgery performed Tuesday at Pendleton Community hospital. She had previously been confined for about a week at Pioneer Memorial hospital. She occupies room 234, for anyone wishing to visit or send cards or letters.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

- GOLF MOVIE
Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall
Golf instruction color movie.
1 1/2 hour long
Sponsored by Willow Creek Club. Everyone invited.
50c per person
- BAND CARNIVAL
Sponsored by Elementary and Grade School PTA units
Saturday, April 20
Fair Pavilion. Lots of fun for everyone
Dinner, Carnival, dance
- PUBLIC CARD PARTY
St. Patrick's Altar Society.
Monday, April 29, 8 p.m.
Catholic Parish Hall
Public invited
- SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
By Heppner Civic League
Friday, Saturday—April 26-27
Old Tryco Building
Big bargains for the entire family. Plant and food sales
- PUBLIC CARD PARTIES
Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington
Wednesday, May 1, 12:30 p.m.
Dessert Luncheon
Lexington Grange Card Party
Saturday, May 4, 8 p.m.
Bridge, Pinochle, prizes, refreshments
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