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Here's Your Chance, Parents!

Did you ever hear someone downtown say, during school months, "There are too many high school kids driving around during the noon hours?"

Did you ever hear a parent growl about a teacher's method of grading?

Or did you ever listen to parents complaining that "they put too much pressure on the high school kids" with too many activities?

If any of these sound familiar, or if you are a parent of a high school youngster with other things on your mind, there is a strong invitation for you to turn out to the meeting at the Heppner High School Cafeteria Wednesday, June 26, at 8 p.m.

A group of townspeople, in cooperation with Heppner High and its administration, is attempting to revitalize parental interest so that there may be closer communication and cooperation between school and community.

In the past, PTA has sought to fill this role. Many attempts were made to get active participation of parents, but results have been less than encouraging.

Now, however, with the sincere urging of Principal Dick Carpenter who is very much interested in having parents' suggestions and ideas, a new and somewhat different attempt is being made.

The new organization will include students as well as parents and teachers, so that it will become the PTSA instead of the PTA.

A committee of eight has volunteered to spearhead the organization, and they are really working to enlist the interest of all high school students' parents.

There are so many matters that come up during a school year that parents discuss with their children—academic pressures, draft, college admissions, grading systems, athletics, use of cars, queries on drinking, and others.

Parents are often free to discuss these matters with their friends, but too often they don't discuss them with the school administration or teachers.

Now, through this new PTSA the school hopes to get some good suggestions and ideas from parents.

Carpenter states, "We need your help." Your participation can help make a better school, and it can contribute to a more meaningful experience for your student.

Wednesday, June 26, 8 p.m., Heppner High School Cafeteria.

Help 'Em Linger

Oregon's Travel Information division of the State Highway Department comes up with some clever slogans. The one, "Relax in a State of Excitement," which it has used widely in advertising to attract tourists, was a cute one, but now the division has topped itself with its "HELLO" program.

The division says—and we expect, with tongue in cheek—that this is a happy coincidence since the initials "H-E-L-L-O" spell out "Help 'Em Linger Longer in Oregon." (We can't help but remark, quite facetiously, that it is a good thing they added the "in Oregon" on the slogan or the initials would have spelled out something considerably less than the cheery greeting!)

But this is the time of the year that the tourists are starting to come in droves. The Columbia River Highway, as a main access route, is once again getting bumper to bumper with campers, trailers and out-of-state cars.

Not a very high percentage of these sift down to Morrow county. We can't say that our "front door" along the river seems very inviting, and there isn't any glowing sign to elaborate on the wonders to the south. The highway stretches long and straight along our northern border, and on a hot day there is a tendency to whiz by.

But there are some who have heard of some of the unique attractions that we possess; there are some who come to do some historical research; there are others who have "discovered" that in our forest lands is true peace and quiet and that it is a rare occasion, indeed, when all the camp spots are filled in our park areas; and there are still others who have been impressed with the type of true hospitality and friendliness that characterize Morrow county people.

So, tourists are coming here. Service stations already report a good run of campers and trailers stopping.

As the tourist season starts, we call upon all our residents to show that spirit of friendliness for which the county is famous and which has caused previous visitors to marvel.

Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce is participating in the "H-E-L-L-O" program. You may have seen some of the local businessmen wearing the "Hello" lapel buttons, and you may have seen the signs inviting tourists to come in for information in some of their windows.

The state tells us that if each tourist to Oregon would stay one day longer, it would mean \$80 million more to the state's economy in one season. (Hence, the "linger longer").

Morrow county people being what they are, we're inclined to think that visitors would get a fine reception here even if they didn't spend a dime. It is just a happy thing that while they are here they have the opportunity to get goods and services that make their trips possible and enjoyable. We can't say that we mind because they, therefore, help our economy.

Local chairman of the "HELLO" program is LeRoy Gardner. He will be glad to help in whatever way he can to assist everyone in this area in being good hosts to visitors of this summer season.

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Judge Merits Appointment

It was in August of last year that Judge John F. Kilkenny of Portland received a great deal of support from friends, colleagues, the legal profession and the press for appointment to a position on the nine-man 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

He didn't receive the appointment. It is our understanding that it went to a California judge.

Now four additional judgeships have been created for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, whose jurisdiction covers the 11 western states. Again, those who know Judge Kilkenny, his experience, background and professional ability are boosting him for one of these judgeships.

He was appointed to the U.S. District Court bench in Portland in 1959 and has served there since that time. Judge Kilkenny also has been a pro tem judge in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals and in the 5th Circuit Court in Atlanta and Houston.

Prior to his appointment to the District Court, he had served for 30 years as an outstanding trial lawyer in Eastern Oregon.

As was pointed out in August of last year, Judge Kilkenny has superior qualifications for appointment to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Attorneys in Oregon are particularly anxious to have a man from this state on the bench there in order to be represented by one familiar with the way courts have interpreted Oregon statutes.

Oregon has not been represented on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals since 1959 at the time of the death of James Alger Fee.

Appointments to the court are made by President Johnson. One would think that the interests of justice can best be served if appointments to these judgeships were made on a non-partisan basis, rising above patronage and politics.

Thus, the fact that Judge Kilkenny is a Republican should be no deterrent in considering him for the position in which he could serve so well.

Morrow county people are proud of the fact that Judge Kilkenny's "grass roots" stem from this area, and attorneys from this part of the state are highly hopeful that he will be named to the San Francisco position.

With four positions open, surely Judge Kilkenny should be chosen for one of them. Oregon deserves the appointment, and the judge merits it.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

BY GOLLY, you have to take your hat off to the Condon Commercial club for the job they do in staging the annual Fourth of July celebration there.

They have enthusiasm and spirit that knows no bounds, and they come up with a celebration that is truly reminiscent of the old time Fourth.

Darrell Blake, president of the Condon Commercial club, and Bill Platt were over Monday to bring their story to the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and indulge in a little humorous by-play, but at the same time they were publicizing their event.

They have a dandy coming up, with all the possibilities of being the best celebration in their history. If they have left out anything, we wouldn't know what it could be.

They're even going to have a flea market this year. Darrell solemnly admitted that he doesn't exactly know what a flea market is, but they are going to have one on July 5 and 6.

Look at these events all on the Fourth (you have to get up early in the morning to take them all in): Buckaroo breakfast, parade, porcupine race, rodeo and horse show, hole-in-one contest, kids' games, softball game (Commercial club vs. Air Force), swimming, tennis, horseshoes, old time fiddlers' contest, barbecue, fireworks display and dance.

Now if you can go through all that and your heart doesn't give out, you're pretty fit, my friend. But, of course, you can choose whatever you want to attend.

We have to hand it to our good neighbors of the south for the great job they do. We suspect that there will be almost as many from Morrow county there as there are from Gilliam county.

HEPPNER'S C of C has been getting a few stiff jabs of the needle from its Gilliam county brethren, too. For years, the Condon folks have been trying to get the local organization to get a float in the Fourth of July parade, but it has been to no avail. (As yet, the home town bunch hasn't even entered a float in its own parade—the Rodeo!)

Well, about three months ago, the Condon club sent the Morrow C of C a check for \$1, which was to be used to start a sinking fund for building a float. The stipulation was that it couldn't be cashed unless it was used for this purpose.

Since that time the buck has been in escrow, you might say. The matter of the float is "in committee" and hasn't come out yet. (It would appear that the Chamber operates quite a bit like the U. S. Congress!)

Well, last week, not having heard anything about the dollar check, Blake sent word that the Condon club would be on hand Monday to get some action or get the buck back. They also sent over one of their big advertising buttons, which sell for \$1, and said that they would collect \$2 or see that something was started on the float.

But we may have foxed them. We presented them with two Morrow County Rodeo ties (which sell for a buck each), and they couldn't turn their backs on our civic endeavor any more than we can on theirs. They weren't allowed to reach for their bill-folds to pay cash for the ties. It was just an exchange of diplomatic goodwill.

One of these days, the Soroptimist club, which also has been providing the Chamber to enter a float in its own parade, will get together with the Condon fellows, and something will have to be done.

TALKING ABOUT CELEBRATIONS, fair and rodeo season will be starting soon with the rodeo kickoff dance set for July 6.

We went out last Thursday with Dimple Munkers, the fair and rodeo court and the co-publisher to take pictures of the girls. They are a cute bunch and very photogenic. They see happy about the way the pictures turned out. I don't think there was a truly bad one in the bunch—no eyes closed, no squints, no awkward posture.

And we decided one thing about this court: They must be good guys (or gals) because they all wear white hats. (See photo page 1).

WHEN ALLEN NISTAD was telling us about his daughter, now a student at Lewis and Clark college, traveling all over the world as a part of her college program, we couldn't help but think how our modern young people get around.

Here was a girl, as he put it, who had hardly been away from the little town of Kinzua until her college days, and now she is visiting places that folks has never heard of 40 years ago. He said Monday that she was in Tehran.

In the news this week, too, is the story of Barbara Gribble boarding a plane to go to Athens, Greece, to be married to her airman fiance. She looked forward to the trip with joy and excitement, not a bit hesitant or fearful.

We have been running stories from Margaret Marks in Africa, and she, by now, has left there and has gone traveling around to other countries. Members of the Nels Anderson family did the same thing with the boys traveling considerably by themselves.

As a boy in Forest Grove, I recall the time that a Korean came there to go to college and lived next door. It struck me that here was someone from a remote and almost legendary land. One couldn't help but wonder how "he got here from there."

Later, through the Korean war, this land became close to us, as did its people. Service abroad has tended to cut distances and almost a majority of our young men have traveled to distant places as they serve their country.

This is another indication that young people of today are more mature than those of the same age 40 years ago. One has to admire them.

And thinking of Barbara and her husband, may great happiness be theirs!

They will have a start that will be interesting to tell their grandchildren! But by that time, maybe the kids will be flitting back and forth from the moon, Mars or some other faraway planet.

George Gets Degree At Colorado College

Kit George, son of Mrs. Elaine George, was graduated from Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colo., with a Bachelor of Science degree in animal biology. The university granted degrees on June 7 to 1,301 seniors and graduate students.

George has accepted a position as animal biologist with the Oregon Game Commission at La Grande, starting there June 10. He attended Colorado State University the past two years, following study in Oregon schools.

With his wife, Shirley and son Cam, they are now making their home at 2303 Walnut Street, La Grande.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Daly Replies

Dear Editor:

In regard to Harold Erwin's recent letter to the editor about the RCA-NRA, I read it with a great deal of amusement, and at first let it go at that.

If the old "pro" had taken time to check out what I really said at the Chamber he would have probably written any way. But, I feel I owe the readers and subscribers a little clarification. I have a great deal of respect and admiration for both RCA and NRA rodeos and never said a thing against either organization. The reason Heppner feels that it is better suited to the NRA rodeo is that on the same dates as the Heppner rodeo there are three RCA rodeos conflicting—Kenewick, Wash., with a purse of \$4,300; Bremerton, Wash., with \$5,200; and the Oregon State Fair with \$7,000. This was in 1967. I said that most top RCA cowboys are professional athletes and go where the most money is, which is natural. I don't believe Heppner would draw much in the way of cowboys, competing with \$1,000 purse. We would probably draw some tail end cowboys and permit holders.

If Mr. Erwin has any doubts of the ability of the top NRA cowboys he has only to go to some of the big indoor jackpot ropings held in winter in various northwest towns where RCA and NRA cowboys compete in the same events. Then see who wins what! They are so even that only the draw of the stock makes the difference.

Heppner actually puts up \$1785 in prize money, but holds back \$785 for local events, such as races. The rodeo board feels the crowd enjoys the races as much as the regular events.

It seems that Mr. Erwin would like to dazzle the readers with big money figures. If he had really wanted to get big he could have quoted money from Denver and Houston. Unfortunately Heppner is Heppner and the ten men on the rodeo board are trying to do the best they can with what money we have.

Another little mistake Mr. Erwin made was saying that the tail end of the RCA is in the NRA, and saying that I am a director of the NRA. If this were true, Harold Erwin would be a charter member of the NRA, and since I have never belonged to the RCA or the NRA, I don't see how I could be a director. Anyway both associations pick their directors from active competing cowboys, who know the everyday problems of rodeo.

Harold's letter reminded me of a quote Jack Boddy made in the June 1, 1968, Rodeo Sports News when he resigned in the midst of his third term as steer wrestling director. (He is currently leading in RCA steer wrestling). Quoting Roddy, "Like a lot of other people around today, there's an element in our business that find it easy to criticize and condemn. Without a solution or help, they just let their mouths run without engaging their brains, so to speak."

One last remark. It was the rodeo committee under Harold Erwin's chairmanship that voted to leave the RCA, not the rodeo board of today.

Sincerely,
Charles J. Daly
Rt. 2, Heppner

Speaks for NRA

To the Editor:

I have read with great interest the article in the May 30 issue of the Gazette-Times concerning the meeting of Charley Daly with the Chamber of Commerce and the letter to the editor that was written by Harold Erwin.

As secretary of the Northwest Rodeo Association I was very pleased to hear Charley had given the NRA such a high recommendation.

Going into my sixth year as the NRA secretary I have seen it grow to a fine organization. When I started the secretary job the membership was right at 135. Now it is close to 400 and each year it gets a little larger.

We had 36 rodeos in 1967 in Oregon and Washington. Two of these, I might add, were two of the largest rodeos in Oregon that had previously been RCA. One of them being the 4th of July Molalla Buckaroo and the other being the P-1 in Portland where we now hold our finals rodeo.

Both of these fine rodeos were real pleased with an NRA rodeo and are making plans for the same this year. They felt that in the past they had been getting so small a number of cowboys and felt they weren't providing the public with the type of rodeo they were entitled to as paying spectators.

Most of the NRA cowboys are family men or young fellows who feel they would like to hold down a job and rodeo on weekends. With the number of rodeos we have approved they are able to do this. We do not approve all rodeos that send in an approval form. Our main interest is providing the best rodeo possible for our members and we are not interested in approving rodeos which do not meet these standards just to build up our list of rodeos.

We have two past RCA world champion cowboys in Bob Wagner and Enoch Walker who are now NRA members who I don't think you would call the tail end of the RCA. As Harold pointed out in his letter there are NRA members who join the RCA. This is very true, as Larry Mahan is a perfect example of this, but we are proud of the fact that we can help the young fellows to get a start and are happy for them when they are able to go on and make it to the top in the RCA.

I agree with Harold Erwin that the RCA is a fine association and they hold many good rodeos but these rodeos are so far apart and are held in the larger towns that a small town has trouble raising the money to put up the size of purse that draws the top RCA cowboys.

The Heppner, Spray, Sisters, Redmond, Gearhart, and many other rodeos in the state which were RCA but now feel they are more able to put on an NRA rodeo.

I have high regard for the RCA which my brother-in-law, the late Mac Griffith, was a member of and I'm proud to say he was on his way to the top. But I'm sure if he were alive today he would agree that the only way to make it to the top is to go to all the large paying rodeos you can and to do this you have to travel all over the United States and Canada.

This is why we feel the NRA is good for the smaller towns and for the large number of cowboys who cannot devote all their time to rodeo.

I'm sure there is a large number of people in Heppner as well as in every town that has a rodeo that has worked hard in putting on its rodeo and keeping it going.

Everyone is entitled to his opinions and whether they prefer the NRA or RCA they both pertain to rodeo and I think the main thing is that we all support the sport if we are interested in it.

Sincerely yours,
Joann Griffith, Secretary
Northwest Rodeo Association
Spray, Oregon

Root Says Thanks

Dear Editor:

May I express to the Republicans of Morrow county who supported me in the primary election, my deep appreciation.

I assure you that will be working hard in order to win election in November as your Second District U. S. Congressman.

Again, thank you.
Sincerely,
Marv Root

The Rhyming Philosopher

FITNESS

(Dedicated to Heppner's 'Romans')

THERE'S A TINGLE IN THE DAWNING
WHEN YOU WAKE UP IN THE MORNING
AND THE FIRST GRAY STREAKS COME BANISHING YOUR SLEEP.

THEN LIKE ALL THE GOOD PHYSIQUERS
YOU GET DRESSED IN SHORTS AND SNEAKERS
AND GO JOGGING DOWN THE HIGHWAY WITH THE SHEEP.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A MARTYR
IN THE MARTS OF SALE AND BARTER
WITH YOUR ENERGY ALL DRAINED AWAY AND SPENT?
YOU MUST VITAEZE YOUR MUSCLE
TO BE FIT FOR TRADE AND BUSTLE—
IT'S THE HEALTHY CHAP WHO'S SUAVE AND CONFIDENT!

DO NOT ENVY LUSTY LOGGERS,
JOIN THE CLUB OF GENTLE JOGGERS.
IT'S THE LATEST FAD TO SHED YOUR EXCESS FAT,
JOG FOR HEALTH AND POISE AND POWER
THEN REFRESH WITH ICY SHOWER:
YOU'LL BE CHOMPING AT THE BIT TO GO TO BAT!

THERE'S A CHIP LODGED ON YOUR SHOULDER
WON'T ADMIT YOU'RE GROWING OLDER.
SO YOU HAVE TO PROVE YOU'RE STILL A YOUTH, OF COURSE.
CHASE THE BALL, GO SCUBA DIVING
PROVE YOU'RE LUCKY BY SURVIVING.
JOGGING'S FINE—BUT DO IT SITTING ON A HORSE!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Recalls CCC Days

To the Editor:

I would like to subscribe to the paper for one year. It is a long ways to send it, I guess.

You see, I was in the CCC camp in Heppner in 1937 and I went back for a visit last week, the first time in 31 years, and got the idea to take the paper to sort of keep in touch with things.

It had changed since I first was there, of course.

By chance I went into the post office and then I found out that Jim Driscoll was in camp the same time that I was, although I do not remember him as of that time. One whom I remembered was Bill Morgan, but I was told that he died about 10 years ago.

Receiving the paper will sort of keep me in touch with the town so that is the reason for subscribing to it.

Sincerely yours,
Daniel McArdle
598 Dwight Street
Holyoke, Mass. 01040

Likes Paper

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I have been receiving the Gazette-Times for some three months now. I enjoy it very much, especially the articles about people I once knew in '64 and '65 when I was a sophomore at Heppner High. So, in fact, does everyone else who is from Oregon. I leave them all sitting out for a week or so after I finish with them.

I also want to inform you of a change in address. I am no longer a PFC. This month, I was promoted to Lance Corporal in the 3rd Marine Division.

Sincerely yours,
L/Cpl. Carl A. Jacobsen 2314936
Comm. Co., Hq. Bn.
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Pioneer

Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

Should 18-year-olds vote?

Many of our political leaders say they should. There are some sentimental reasons why they should, but when and if they are given the ballot, that age should be made the age of legal responsibility—with the right to enter contracts, to sue and be sued, etc. Their parents should not be held responsible for their actions. It doesn't seem reasonable to give anyone the right to vote unless he can be held responsible in his own right for his acts and commitments. I doubt if the business community would relish such a change.

Father Hebert of Kamiah, Idaho, arrived last Tuesday to enjoy a week of visiting at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Samples. Father Hebert serves St. Kathryn's parish in Kamiah.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM
High School Gymnasium
Mondays through Thursdays,
7-9 p.m. Planned recreation

UNITED YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Swimming Party, Monday,
June 24, 6:15 p.m.
Ione Swimming Pool
Transportation from Heppner
Christian Church, 5:45 p.m.

OES INSTALLATION
Ruth Chapter No. 32, Installation of Officers,
Monday, June 24, 8 p.m.
Heppner Masonic Hall

MORROW COUNTY GEM AND MINERAL SOCIETY
Important Meeting, Saturday,
June 22
Pete McMurry Building
Potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Business meeting following

SOFTBALL GAME
Jaycees vs. Little League
Dads
Sunday, June 23, 2:00 p.m.
Little League Field

BENEFIT CARD PARTY
Friday, June 28, 8 p.m.
IOOF Hall, Lexington
Sponsored by Holly Rebekah Lodge
Bridge and pinochle, prizes, refreshments
Tickets, \$1.00

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