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Historical Names for Parks

Judge John F. Kilkenny, who has demonstrated a keen interest in, and regard for, history of this area, has expressed a concern that new parks on the lake of the John Day dam be given names of historical significance.

It is a good, timely and appropriate suggestion. The judge points out that the Oregon Geographic Names Board is working with the U. S. Army Engineers in this connection.

At one time, the judge states, Willow Creek was called Quesnel river, named after a leader of the French-Canadian trappers who were among the first white men in the area. The creek bore an Indian name before it acquired Quesnel. Therefore, it is suggested that the park at the confluence of Willow Creek and the Columbia be named Quesnel Park.

We might further suggest that an important contribution to the history of the area might be made by erecting appropriate markers in such parks to point out the reason for the name, thus perpetuating a bit of history and educating the public to it.

"The members of our Board feel that it might be well to memorialize a historical individual or event in naming these parks or, if you will, marinas," the judge states. "It seems quite unimaginative to name the new facility at the mouth of Willow Creek after the creek and certainly it requires no imagination to designate the one at Boardman after the city name."

There are some who feel that a lack of imagination was manifest in naming the lake formed by the John Day Dam "Lake Umatilla." Perhaps a name more fitting could have been chosen for this new spectacular body of water, giving recognition, perhaps, to someone who had a prominent part in the development of the area and whose name deserves a place in history.

The appropriate naming of these facilities does much to preserve our heritage and to add significance to a place. When one stands before a memorial plaque and reads that some individual made an important contribution to the area, or that a notable event occurred at or near the spot, the knowledge gives him a greater respect for the site.

The effort of the Geographic Names Board deserves full support, and it also deserves applause for other work that they have done in selecting fitting names for many other points around the state.

Good Neighbors

It certainly isn't a new story in Morrow county, but it is a good story, and a heart warming one.

But somehow it could never be otherwise here. The people are just the sort of folks that are going to pitch in and help another in time of need.

We're referring to the harvesting of 900 acres of grain for Dean Hunt by friends and neighbors when he was confined to the hospital and couldn't do the job himself.

There have been times when it has been said with some irritation that everyone in a place like Morrow county knows all about the other fellow and what he is doing. Perhaps that is not far wrong.

But this turns out to be a good thing more often than not.

When neighbors of Dean Hunt—or anyone else—realize that he is unable to harvest his crops, they are not going to turn away, go about their business and let the overripe grain drop to the ground.

You could figure that in a big city where a person may not know the name of his next door neighbor that a person in trouble might be ignored. But it just doesn't happen that way here.

Examples of this true neighborliness come up time and again—so often, in fact, that it couldn't really be called news any more if it weren't for the fact that it gives others a warm feeling to read about it.

If anyone knows of a neighbor in Morrow county that doesn't come voluntarily to the aid of another in trouble on any kind of emergency, he should report it to this paper, for that would be unusual news, indeed.

The Rhyming Philosopher

REPORTING

IT'S HARD TO ENTHUSE WHEN SOCIETY NEWS DOESN'T TELL WHAT IT KNOWS AS IT USED TO; AND ALL THAT GETS PRINTED IS CENSORED AND STINTED.

WHICH SHOWS WHAT THE PRESS IS REDUCED TO, WHAT MRS. JONES WORE, AND THE TABLE DECOR IS ONLY EXCITING AS CHIT-CHAT

BUT DOES THE REPORTER SAY MRS. JONES' DAUGHTER GOT DRUNK AND WAS CONKED WITH A BRICK-BAT? AND HOW CAN WE TRACE WHO TRUMPED

WHOWASIT'S ACE? OR WHAT THE GAL SAID—PHEW, WHAT LANGUAGE! AND WHY DON'T THEY TELL US WHAT HUSBAND GOT JEALOUS.

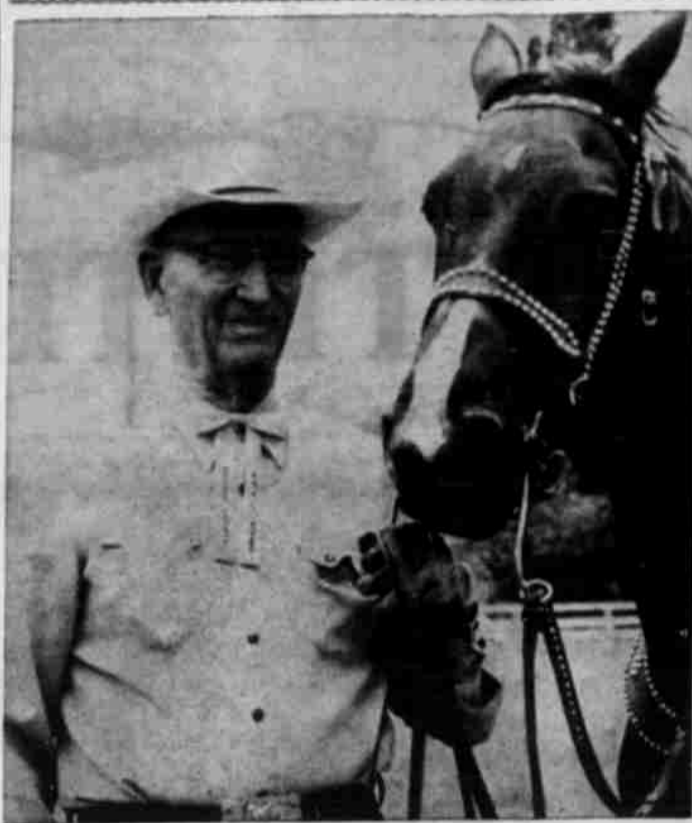
AND WHO GOT HIS EYE IN A BANDAGE? IN THIS CAUTIOUS AGE THE SOCIETY PAGE MUST NEVER HURT ANYONE'S FEELINGS. BUT NO SUCH CONDITIONS RESTRICT THE RENDITIONS OF POLITICS' WHEELINGS AND DEALINGS. THE TRUTH SHOULDN'T HURT, SO LET'S PRINT THE DIRT, PUT THIS ON SUBSCRIBERS' PROSPECTUS, LET SPORTS WRITERS HANDLE THE CHOICE BITS OF SCANDAL

SINCE FREEDOM OF PRESS WILL PROTECT US, BUT AS EVERYONE KNOWS, WE'LL NEVER DISCLOSE ONE HALF THAT GETS TOLD THE REPORTER. THOUGH HE'S GOT THE TALENT, THE EDITOR'S GALLANT, THAT'S WHY WE DON'T PRINT HALF WE OUGHTER.

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman



HORSE SHOW SUPT. FRED MANKIN AND FRIEND

(G-T Photo).

WHEN THE Morrow county horse show is presented Friday, August 23, it will be the 20th year that Fred Mankin has been superintendent of the show. This would seem to be a record for anyone on one particular volunteer position in connection with fair and rodeo events.

Supt. Mankin has been dedicated to this work, and the horse show has become a truly fine event under his guidance. He works for weeks ahead getting every detail in readiness, and personally puts much of his own resources into it, even to donating some of the prizes.

The horse show is actually a part of the Morrow county fair with premiums being awarded from the fair to winners in the various classes. However, the Wranglers club has been designated as sponsor of the show for many years and from the club come most of those who staff the event—ringmaster, clerk, announcer and so on.

Those who attend the horse show realize that some wonderful livestock is on display at the event, and what the total value of the horses would be is anyone's guess. It would run into many thousands of dollars. Morrow county surely is entitled to a high place among those areas producing top horses.

Fred Mankin has said, during the past few years, that he would continue as superintendent of the show through 20 years and now he states that this is his last year in that position.

He has been in ill health this year and spent 34 days in the hospital. Recently he suffered a case of flu, or something akin to it, and finds it a little tough to get around and get his strength back.

But this week found him working on arrangements for the show as usual and convinced that, because of the increasing interest in horse breeding in the county, the 1968 show will be one of the best ever.

Fred said that when he was hospitalized he tried to resign from the position, which would make it a year early, but said "They wouldn't let me."

Whether he can succeed in stepping down in the coming year remains to be seen.

If Fred does terminate this volunteer service, we'll wager he will be right out there next year again helping the new superintendent.

Fred deserves special tribute for his long service and for his great work in promoting this worthwhile endeavor. On behalf of the county and the great many who appreciate the work that Fred has done, we express that tribute and extend a heartfelt "thank you" to Supt. Mankin.

LAST WEEK, the G-T referred to this year's Fair and Rodeo queen in a headline as "Queen Berniece I." This brought a rejoinder from someone who was of the opinion that Queen Berniece Matthews is not the first Berniece in the line of county royalty.

But the record stands behind us. There has been no other Queen Berniece, nor Berniece (without the second "e" as Berniece is often spelled).

And while checking out the matter we note that in the 44 years of the Heppner Rodeo and under the reign of 44 queens, there have only been five pairs with the same first name, and no "triplets" or more.

There were two Marjories (Clark, 1922, and Parker, 1940); two Evass (Padberg, 1923, and Wilcox, 1926); two Maes (Kilkenny, 1925, and Gentry 1932); two Bettys (Bergevin, 1937, and Smethurst, 1948); and two Joans (Hiser, 1950, and Moe, 1961).

There was a Katherine (Bisbee, 1927) and a Kathryn (Thompson, 1941) but their names were spelled differently and so they wouldn't qualify as

Pioneer

Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

A People's Platform

Our Coffee Club, lately, took unusual and perhaps futile action. We prepared and endorsed a "People's Platform" designed to bring some sort of order to the confusion in our social and economic structure. It is not a wordy, but a meaty document.

Vietnam

Speak as firmly to the Saigon filmay government for improvement, as we do to Hanoi, and do it now.

Foreign Relief

Be specific in terms of how and where the money is to be spent, uninfluenced by political expediency.

The Race Problem

Build the Negro communities into self supporting centers under able Negro leadership and full Negro ownership by long term loans, private and federal. White ownership in the ghettos should be removed.

National Economy

"Hell's Bells and Buttercups!" We can't do anything about that as long as we are willing to fatten on deficit spending. That's it.

other interesting contest to list all their married names.

THOSE MERCHANTS who have not yet put up their fair and rodeo decorations (which they purchased themselves) should be about it. Hope you don't have the experience we have had. We put the bunting away carefully in a drawer so we would know just where it was. But during the course of the year, the drawer was pressed into service for something else and the bunting was not so carefully tucked somewhere else.

We started hunting this morning and pressed some of the reluctant crew into the search, too. It wasn't until a couple of hours later that we found it under a file of papers.

When we take it down this year and "tuck it" we will write a memo to remind us where it is, then we will "tuck" the memo in a safe place and write a note to tell us where the memo is. Say this could go on forever, couldn't it?

WE'VE FELT moved to write

TO THE EDITOR

By the Boxful

August 5, 1968
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sherman:
Enclosed is a \$4.50 check to renew my subscription. I misplaced your bill just before going on vacation; hence, this note.

I usually save up my G-T's and when enough have accumulated, I box up and ship a year's worth to Ellis Thomson. God only knows what he does with them when he gets through!

My old landlord clipped out Mrs. Melby's article about Dr. McMurdo and gave it to me. He found it in the Long Island Star-Journal.

Actually, Doc is worth at least a book. Some years ago, when Fr. Spencer was still in town he was speculating up at Will O'Harra's house on an appropriate title for such a book. After recounting several yarns about Doctor's legendary driving acumen, we agreed that "The Nine Lives of Doctor Mac" would be a good title.

I'll be awaiting all the G-T's when I get back from Quebec after Labor Day.

Sally Cohn
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From First Issue

August 4, 1968
Dear Mr. and Mrs. Sherman:
Now you know I could not get along without my favorite newspaper. Some members of the Yeager family have taken the Gazette from the very first issue, so why should I drop it now?

We are having wonderful weather here, but need a little rain.

I see by the G-T that the crops were a little short. For

about the Republican convention but somehow just don't feel equal to the occasion. We might just say "ditto" to all those who have complained about the favorite sons' nomination speeches and "hurrah" for those who favor national primaries.

We were disappointed that Senator Mark Hatfield wasn't nominated for vice president even though we realize he hasn't attained full national name familiarity yet. We do think with his personality and ability to project on television he would have pulled a great many votes to the GOP by November.

One last thought—a party concerned about its image for efficiency and in the limelight of national TV should take a long, hard look at itself before permitting those interminable, stereotyped speeches.

—But don't bet that the Democratic convention is going to be any better!

many years I harvested around Eightmile and Clark's Canyon. Is Stanley Minor ill or something? For many years I usually got a nice letter every month from him.

Hope I can return to Heppner once more, but I just had another birthday last May 21 and next May will be the 84th one.

I wish Art Crawford, a special friend of mine, would write a few articles for the paper.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

BAND PRACTICE
Practices for Heppner band students each evening, 7 p.m., elementary school band room
Grades 7 through 12, and over
All last year students urged to attend

NO-HOST BREAKFAST
Breakfast meeting with Marv Root and Kenneth Jernstedt, political candidates
Wednesday, Aug. 21, 7:30 a.m., Wagon Wheel dining room
Public invited

COUNTY FAIR
Three-Day Program, starts Tues., Aug. 20, though Thurs., Aug. 22
Booths, exhibits, contests, demonstrations
Something of interest for everyone
Open Class Horse Show, Friday, 9 a.m.

FAIR AND RODEO DANCES
Rodeo Dances, Friday and Saturday nights, Aug. 23-24
Music by The Henchmen, and the Shamrock Trio, The Dalles

WESTERN STYLE BARBECUE
Saturday, Aug. 24, 5 to 8 p.m.
Episcopal Parish hall. Everyone welcome

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