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## 'We Learned A Lot Today'

When Senator Wayne Morse left the Morrow county courthouse Monday afternoon following a conference with local officials and leaders on economic problems and potential developments, he turned to young Mike Nagus, his Eastern Oregon field coordinator, and said, "We learned a lot today, Mike."

The senator had been given a good briefing in a short time on how local people feel about projects in view here, the need for bolstering the economy in the county, the plight of agriculture in another year of drought, how the southern part of the county looks to recreational development to bring some added revenue, the potential for industrial development in the northern part of the county, and an orientation on the location and details of the proposed Willow Creek project. But any of the some ten persons who met with Senator Morse also might well have turned to another and said the same thing: "We learned a lot today!"

They learned that the senator is solidly behind the efforts of the county to better its economic situation; they learned that the Oregon delegation works together as a non-partisan group on matters of concern to the county—as it does for other areas throughout the state; they heard the senator's pledge that he would go to whatever government officials necessary to get the answers on some of the local questions.

Throughout the conference, the Morrow county people were impressed with the senator's interest; they were surprised that he knew as many details about local projects as he did; they learned that he had carefully read every letter and project file sent to him.

The Morrow countians received valuable information on how requests from the home front are processed in Washington, D. C., and procedure that the federal government follows in considering public works projects.

Senator Morse was a gracious, eloquent, interested guest. He expressed delight at the reception he received here, said that information he had been given was valuable in interpreting local needs in Washington, D. C., and added that he expects to come back again to Morrow county.

He couldn't give too much hope on the farm bill, saying that "What's left of it should pass," referring to it being amended through the various influences in Congress, but he left considerable hope and optimism for other projects discussed—the Willow Creek project, the Kelly Prairie impoundment, eventual possibility of a thermal nuclear plant in the north end of the county to be coupled with irrigation and others.

The senior senator recognizing the budget reductions and demands of the Vietnam war on the nation's economy, made no direct promises that any of these projects would be culminated soon, but he did pledge to do all he can to get action on them.

Morale of Morrow county's "official family" and business community took a strong upturn as a result of the senator's visit. It was encouraging for the future.

With elections coming in November, the senator might have profited personally more—vote-wise—by greater exposure to the local public, such as spending the 3½ hours shaking hands.

However, with the limited time available, he seemed to concur that it was more important to consider problems facing the area. This concern, and the results it may bring in the future, should win more votes than shaking hands.

## 'Fastest Show' Back Again

For the past several years the Morrow county Rodeo Committee, headed by Tad Miller, has endeavored to make the rodeo here "The Fastest Show in the West," and they have been doing a good job of achieving that ideal.

This year's field of cowboys is probably one of the best that has ever entered here. Included is a former world champion bull rider, Bob Wegner, who won the title in 1964 while in the RCA ranks. He is now an NRA cowboy.

Gibb Gregg, first place saddle bronc rider for the NRA, is expected to be in the field, and there are many others like him.

Of interest to the gals, it is expected that Penny Lyons, Miss NRA, will be among those competing in the barrel races.

This year there is a brand new grandstand to make it more comfortable for spectators. A good rain has helped the grounds immeasurably. Some new events, such as novice bronc riding, have been added.

Randall Peterson, parade chairman, is a little surprised at the number of entries for this year's parade, in view of the conflict with the Shrine game in Pendleton. He expects it to be every bit as good as last year.

Any way you look at it, this year's rodeo week-end, coming on the heels of an excellent fair and another top horse show, should be thoroughly enjoyable for home folks and visitors alike. It's the time to call friends from other places and have them join you.

Take them to the dances, to the Episcopal church barbecue, and to the Wranglers cowboy breakfast while they are here, as well, of course, as to the rodeo performances and the Big Parade.

## Munkers Assigned To Serve in Guam

Donald W. Munkers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers, is home on two weeks leave of absence after completing 12 weeks of Dental Technicians Class "A" schooling at the USNCT, San Diego, Calif.

Out of a class of 63 students, Munkers graduated with honors, placing 11th with a GPA of 90.78. Following his leave he will report to Travis AFB, Fairfield, Calif., from where he will be transported to Igana, Guam, where he will serve as a dentalman. He will be stationed there for a tour of 18 months to two years.

## Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Don Eubanks, Portland, announce the birth of a daughter, Melissa Ann, born Saturday, August 10, at Portland Oestopathic hospital in Portland. She weighed 7 lb., 12 oz., and joins an older sister, Melinda Dawn, 2. Maternal grandparents of the baby are Mrs. Alice McCabe, Heppner, and Mrs. Joe Mahon, Sr. Paternal grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks, Ione, and Mrs. Vela Eubanks, Madras, and Earl Morgan, Ione.

The Eubanks' daughter, Melinda, has been staying in Heppner at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. McCabe, since the middle of July and expects to return home next week.



MAYOR W. C. ROSEWALL, who is also chairman of the Morrow county planning commission, was among the group of local leaders who conferred with Senator Wayne Morse on Morrow county plans and problems here Monday afternoon. The picture was taken after the Chamber of Commerce luncheon meeting. (G-T Photo).

## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

SENATOR MORSE played hooky from a meeting of the platform committee of the Democratic National Convention to be in Heppner Monday. He had scheduled the local engagement subject to cancellation if such a meeting were called. The meeting was called, but he said at the C of C meeting here Monday, "It is more important that I be here with you people than at the platform committee meeting."

But he was scheduled to take off by jet from Portland at 12:30 (half after midnight) for Washington, D. C.

The senator was going to talk at the Chamber meeting for a half hour, then open it to questions for another half hour. But he ran over on his talk, going to 1:15, then ran over on his answers to questions.

He had scheduled his stop here until 3:30, the "must" departure time. But when he got involved answering questions he said, "I'll just stay a little after 3:30."

This made his youthful field coordinator, Mike Nagus, perspire. Mike, son of the sheriff of Grant county, had driven over the route through Heppner, Condon and back to Portland a few days ago to time the traveling to the "nth" degree.

Mike had a big pad that he used, sitting across from the senator. When it came to be 1 o'clock, Mike wrote on the pad in big letters, "1:00 O'CLOCK." But the senator was explaining his position on Vietnam and that is quite a subject. At 1:15 Mike wrote on the pad for the senior senator to see, "QUESTIONS." Meaning, of course, that it was time for the question period.

But the senator continued with the explanation that he would extend the time allowed for the courthouse meeting here that was to follow the C of C meeting.

This really made Mike squirm, for he knew that Condon folks would be waiting at 4:30.

The senator really loves to visit with people, and that makes it hard to meet a tight schedule.

But it all worked out fine. Senator Morse, in his talk at the Chamber, answered so many questions on proposed projects that local leaders had in mind that it wasn't necessary to extend the meeting at the courthouse beyond the time limit. He left at 3:30, coming by the G-T to get a stack of 1903 flood edition reprints to take to Congress and was off for Condon.

WE ASKED THE senator if he knew how many times he had crossed the continent, maintaining contact with his home state. He couldn't even venture a guess, but said that his total travel is about 150,000 miles per year. Much of this is for trips abroad in connection with his senate committee assignment on foreign relations.

Morse, who will be 68 on October 20, has been in the U. S. Senate for 24 years. Those of us who are younger may well hope that we have the apparently boundless energy that he possesses when we are of that age.

THE SENATOR'S VISIT was very much appreciated. He received three standing ovations at the Chamber meeting, and County Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday that many comments have been made to him since the visit, "All of them good."

It is too bad that there wasn't room for more people in the banquet room of the Wagon Wheel. Actually, a few more could have been seated, but many undoubtedly stayed away thinking that there would not be room.

Fred and Cecile Ott and their staff did an excellent job of accommodating the crowd, doing a lot of extra work for the occasion.

It has been a long time since the senator's last visit, but when he left, he indicated that

it won't be so long before he is back again.

TURNING to other things: Take notice of the guessing contest on the State Fair, which opens Saturday in Salem. The details of the contest are printed in a little box in connection with the Fair story on page 3 of section 2, this paper.

The idea is for the reader to guess what opening day attendance will be at the Fair Saturday. Write it on a slip with name and address and turn it in to the G-T. The Fair has supplied us with six tickets to give the winner. All go to the one who submits the closest guess. You'll have to act promptly because they must be received before noon Saturday (and we will be closed during the rodeo parade Saturday morning!).

To give you some help, three clues on previous opening day's attendance are buried on the classified ad page of this paper. Announcement on the correct answer will reach us Tuesday, August 27, leaving the winner the rest of the week—and through Labor Day—to go to the fair.

SOMBER LOOKS marked the faces of Morrow county school directors Monday night when Supt. Ron Daniels explained that the \$48,000 deficit with which the district started the current fiscal year is really a \$96,000 deficit because the district had to borrow \$50,000 to keep operating. This had been authorized, of course, and the deficit was well publicized during the time that the budget was being voted on.

The concerned silence of the directors held until Irvin Rauch reflected, "It begins to sound like a wheat farm."

That brought a round of hearty laughter, though it might have been tears for both school directors and farmers in this rather lean year of drought.

WELL, SIR, we'll have to nominate Willard (Bill) Blake of Monmouth to the ranks of men we admire. Bill sold his apparel business here a few years ago in order to go back to school, finish his education, and go into teaching. It was kind of hard to think that he would ever see it through after being out of the academic world for probably quite a few years. The old world moves around, and it is rather hard for a fellow to pick up the continuity after being out of the scholastic circles.

But Bill sure did it! He got his master's degree this summer and now is attached to the psychology department at Oregon College. He is accomplishing what he set out to do.

IT WAS good to see Mike Whitesmith last week when he was here on a visit. Mike has climbed the ladder pretty fast in the J. C. Penney Co. after leaving here just a few years ago. He was manager of the Heppner store, then managed the Hood River store before being advanced to the San Francisco office of the company. The Whitesmiths now live at Concord, Calif., but he works out of the S. F. office.

He has 110 small stores of the west—in most of the western states—under his jurisdiction as merchandiser. He determines the types of stocks that each store should carry, considers new lines and so on. Mike finds it very interesting as well as challenging. It involves a lot of traveling since he has to go visit the stores.

"But not all in one year," says Mike.

Enjoying a short vacation at the coast last week were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bartlett and daughter Kathleen. They stayed at Lincoln City from Thursday through Saturday and enjoyed some fishing in the surf. Bartlett is employed on the D. O. Nelson ranch.

## TO THE EDITOR...

### For Better Schools

August 19, 1968

To the Editor: A good deal of time and effort has been expended by four groups of people which make up a school to determine the values in all areas pertinent to our schools.

This effort was put forth because for one reason or another the PTA has not been able to transfer the wishes of the people to the school administration and school personnel.

Perhaps the most valuable knowledge gained from this effort, the meetings among school administrators, teachers, parents, and students, was obtained from the answers to the previously published questionnaire answered by interested students and parents.

Their answers have pointed out quite clearly that both students and parents would like the schools to have a higher academic and departmental standard—to become places of training respected by students, school personnel and all residents of our county.

It will be quite interesting to watch to see if these precepts can be carried out. They cannot be without earnest efforts being put forth by our entire community and the school personnel.

Let's cooperate and succeed!  
W. W. Weatherford

### Poet Likse G-T

(Editor's Note: The following letter is from Harry W. Fletcher, the "Rhyming Philosopher" of Watsonville, Calif., whose poems are a regular feature on

this editorial page. Since the poems were started, many readers have expressed enjoyment of them).

August 12, 1968

My Dear Wes Sherman: You may be interested to know that I have been a devoted reader of the Gazette-Times since it first started coming in January, and this is for several reasons. First, you were the first by one day among out of state papers to accept our feature. In the second place I like very much your column, Chaff and Chatter, which is not only folksy and interesting, but is by a coincidence almost identical with the kind of column I wrote weekly many years ago. Then, last but by no means least, you have achieved typographical excellence of which your entire staff and your readers may well be proud. It compares very favorably with the best that come to our attention.

You may be further interested to learn that since our initial mailing in January of this year, "The Rhyming Philosopher" now appears regularly in about 50 papers spread through California, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Texas, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, with others joining in as fresh mailings go out.

So again thanking you, and with best wishes for health and success to you and your co-publisher.

Yours very cordially,  
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Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cunningham and family of Goldendale, Wash., visited Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Cunningham. Other recent guests of the Cunninghams were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Rule of Stockton, Calif. Mrs. Rule will be remembered here as the former Mrs. Dick Kononen.

## Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

Timber for the Eager Beavers. Some eager beavers are gnawing at the Electoral College. They say it is out of date. Perhaps it is. But so, also, are party conventions. Why have them when the delegates are depending largely on the professional pollsters to direct their selection of a winner?

Suppose some of the boys would miss the confusion, babble and TV exposure of a party convention, but really such hubbubs are as out of date as the Electoral College. Let Gallup, or Harris, or some other bonded pollster select the candidates, or maybe a highly intelligent computer could do the job. If we are going to modernize, let's go all the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher Emert of Seymour, Tenn., have been visiting relatives in the area while staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Emert and Mrs. Mary Emert in Ione, and also at the Phil Emert home in Echo. The couple made the trip west to attend a family reunion, held Sunday, August 11, at the home of Mrs. Mary Emert. Thirty-nine family members attended the reunion and potluck dinner. The couple formerly made their home in Ione, where she was a teacher for several years.



HEPPNER'S HENCHMEN will make one of their last appearances here when they play at the Rodeo dance Friday night from 9:30 p.m. until 1 a.m. In the group are (from left) Tim Smith, Jim Sherman, Kathy Melby and Roger Leonnig. (G-T Photo).

## Residents Return From Summer Study

Several Heppner residents have returned home after spending part of the summer attending summer school classes at various colleges throughout the state.

Mrs. Jim (Madge) Thomson arrived home Sunday from Portland where she spent nine weeks attending Portland State college, where she completed requirements for a library certificate while staying at the home of her daughter, Bernice.

Prior to attending Portland State, Mrs. Thomson and three other Heppner High school teachers, Mrs. Ed Dick, Mrs. Conley Lanham and Mrs. Bill Rawlins, attended a one week small schools workshop at Linfield College in McMinnville.

Others, who attended the University of Oregon throughout the summer months, were Alan Martin and Mrs. Martin. Mrs. Dick and her daughter, Erin, attended classes at Oregon State University, and Patti Collins and Bob Kelly attended Portland State.

Dan McQuarrie traveled by plane to San Diego, Calif., where he spent several days visiting while staying at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Verno Huson. He attended graduation ceremonies at the USNCT in San Diego for Donnie Munkers. The two made the trip home by plane, arriving Friday morning, August 16.

## The Rhyming Philosopher

### CONCERN

THE WORLD IS FILLED UP WITH SO MANY NEW THINGS  
WE HAVEN'T MUCH TIME FOR THE OLD,  
TIL A LETTER ARRIVES OR THE TELEPHONE RINGS,  
THEN WE SHIVER AS THOUGH FROM THE COLD.  
COMPARED TO THE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND,  
THERE'S ONLY A FEW THAT ARE FRIENDS,  
AND REGARDLESS HOW SELFISH OR TRITE IT MAY SOUND  
I SUFFER WHEN SUCH FRIENDSHIP ENDS.  
SO DO ME A FAVOR, GOOD NEIGHBORS, TAKE CARE,  
DEAR FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES, TOO:  
DRIVE CAREFULLY, SINCE THERE ARE NONE I CAN SPARE,  
AND WHO'S MORE IMPORTANT THAN YOU?  
TAKE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, WATCH OVER YOUR HEALTH,  
AND KEEP ME FROM SORROW AND TEARS;  
WHILE I'LL DO THE SAME, SINCE MORE PRECIOUS THAN WEALTH  
ARE FRIENDSHIPS THAT LAST THROUGH THE YEARS.

HARRY W. FLETCHER

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

FOOD SALE  
By Ladies of the Christian Church  
Friday, Aug. 23, 10 a.m.  
Next door to Gardner's Men's Wear

FAREWELL DINNER  
For Rev. and Mrs. Al Boschec and family  
Monday, Aug. 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Heppner Christian Church  
Public welcome

CHARITY BRIDGE PARTY  
Tuesday, Aug. 27, 8 p.m.  
Elks Club rooms, sponsored by Elks Duplicate Club  
Public welcome. Benefit for Elks Eye Clinic

BAKE SALE, CAR WASH  
Sponsored by Heppner High Rally Club  
Bake Sale, Fri., Aug. 23, 10-6 p.m., Central Market  
Car Wash, Wed., Aug. 28, 10-5 p.m., Cal's Richfield Station

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

COWBOY BREAKFAST  
Sunday, Aug. 25, 7 to 11 a.m.  
By Wranglers Riding Club at Wrangler Building, Fairgrounds  
Everyone welcome!

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