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GUEST EDITORIAL

Panel Backs Recreational Dam

BY RALPH RICHARDS

Heppner Soil and Water Conservation District

When it looked recently as if the Penland Prairie reservoir project needed help and support towards making it a reality, the Technical Action Panel of Morrow county stepped forward to offer assistance.

Members on the panel include those from the County Extension office, the U. S. Forest Service, the ASC office, the Neighborhood Center, and the Soil Conservation Service.

Meetings of TAP were held with the conservation district, the county court, and the land owner to figure out what was needed to get this project underway.

The Forest Service had made an impact feasibility study, showing the problems involved. The TAP committee thought these problems could be solved, and with request from the conservation district, obtained engineering assistance from the Soil Conservation Service.

Through the imbued enthusiasm of Orville Cutsforth, the owner, he had no trouble getting funds and support for this project. This, then, became a group project for community use.

The project has now gotten a start. County equipment opened pits for soil sampling over the dam site area. The Soil Conservation Service has made the engineering survey for the design of the dam, sent in soil samples to the Highway Department to determine the construction ability of the material. Drinking water springs are being developed. The engineers are working on construction design.

When the water line is determined, land clearing will start and sites for lots can be surveyed and platted.

Even this is just a start, but as father used to say, "A start is as good as a half day's work."

Through the interest of one man; money from a few local individuals; cooperation of all county, state and federal agencies; and the interest of the community, Morrow county may have its first public water recreational area.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Berry, Jr., of Colorado Springs, Colo., are announcing the birth of their first child, a 7 lb., 6 oz., daughter, born Wednesday, September 4. The mother will be remembered to her friends here as the former Cheryl Crist. The little girl has been named Jana Rae. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Winn L. Crist, Heppner, and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Berry, Sr., of Colorado Springs, Colo.

Don Munkers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Munkers, left by plane from Pendleton Saturday, September 7, for Portland, from where he flew to Travis AFB, Fairfield, Calif. From there he will be transported to Igana, Guam, where he will begin a tour as dentalman in the U. S. Navy. He will also begin schooling to prepare him in the field of veterinary medicine. Munkers has been visiting at the home of his parents while on two week's leave of absence following completion of 12 weeks of dental technicians schooling in San Diego.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WE GOT a kick out of the Associated Press story about "Reub" Long, noted Eastern Oregonian. You can't beat him as a witty philosopher of the dry-land country.

The story said he described the summer's dry weather this way: "I sent off a sample of water to be analyzed and the report came back—40 per cent moisture."

Maybe he got it out of Willow Creek.

WELL, SIR, the footballs are flying again, and the local season is upon us. For sheer thrills and excitement it is hard to beat high school football. The pros have the power and the finesse, the college players have the skill, too, but give us the high school kids for the real thrills. They are at a stage of development where one day a boy is trying bravely to fill out the pads that hang over the edge of his shoulders and the next day he is a coordinated symphony of muscular movement—well—almost.

So we—like many—are looking forward to the home opener here Friday night, and the lone Cards will have a good one going against Dufur at lone Saturday afternoon.

AGAIN THIS YEAR the merchants are sponsoring free programs for the benefit of spectators at the games, as well as the full pages for each home game in the paper. Principal Dick Carpenter says these programs bring a lot of nice comments from visitors.

The particularly nice part about them this year is that spectators are not only going to get them, but they will be able to read them! Light was so poor in the old grandstand at the rodeo grounds that a person could not make them out.

Now, the nice new grandstand has an abundance of light, and a person can read them clearly, we're sure.

We might hint again that if you like these programs, take a moment to tell the merchants who are paying for them, will you?

AFTER DOING a lot of painting and fixing up, Van's Creative Crafts emerges as a glamorous creature from the cocoon of Van's Variety this week-end. The "new" store features the many crafts that so many women enjoy—for instance, the goods to make chenille, film and resin flowers, and "all stuff

like that there". It has loads of yarn and sewing needs for those who like to knit and make things. It has greeting cards and gifts.

Congratulations to Mary and her helpers. Drop in Saturday for coffee and cookies, see the new store, and you just might win a door prize, too.

SOME OF OUR good readers got us straightened out on the Free Coffee signs at the rest stop between Hood River and The Dalles over Labor Day week-end. The State of Oregon didn't make the offer, but the Oregon Trail CB club was the host.

Mrs. Jim Sumner of The Dalles kindly wrote to tell us about it, and Mrs. Bob (Sue) Jones also called to say that she and her husband stopped there. Sue said that the club served coffee from a trailer.

The story from Mrs. Sumner adds some interesting detail: More than 3000 coffee cups and 3000 cold drink cups were used in serving the public over the week-end, according to an article she sent from The Dalles Chronicle.

People from every state of the union as well as Laos, Switzerland, England and Israel stopped there and signed the guest book.

The club offered the service over the three-day week-end for the first time this year, and they are considering it for hunting season.

The Dalles merchants contribute the coffee, cold drinks and cups. The State Highway department supplied only the signs, and the Parks Department took care of the trash and electricity.

Isn't the Oregon Trail club's idea a great one? We've heard Californians declare that Oregon is simply the best state for tourists because of its parks and facilities. This coffee idea should put the frosting on the cake for sheer hospitality.

WE'VE GOT a real tight paper this week, and so like Reub Long's sample of water, I'd better dry up—at about 40% normal chatter.

Mr. Marshall Lovgren is convalescing at home after undergoing surgery in the Pendleton Community hospital on September 3. She has been making steady gains since returning to her home last Thursday.

School Bells



By DICK CARPENTER
Principal,
Heppner High School

In response to parents and patrons of the Heppner school area, this column will return to the Gazette-Times each week.

The format will be changed this year to include answers to questions about our schools. Any person may request information about the schools by writing to the high school, grade school, or The Gazette-Times. Names will be withheld on request. However, questions will not be answered if the letters are not signed by the writer.

The purpose of this column is to improve communication between the schools and the public. I personally believe that communication is a necessary part of the school operation. We, in the schools, need to recognize what functions the parents expect the school to perform, and the community must understand more clearly what functions the schools are now performing.

Our schools exist for the purpose of educating children. To educate students under the present system of local control and to continue with this system, the community and the school must work together toward this goal.

I believe we can work together. To do this, we must be able

to discuss problems unemotionally and to look for their solutions together. We cannot expect complete agreement on the operation of our schools. We can expect from each other a better line of communication, so that if we exercise our right of dissent, we should be fully aware of the facts. If you desire facts or information about your schools, drop us a card or letter and we will try to answer your questions in this column.

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REV. PRESCOTT L. BEALS

Missionary to Speak At Nazarene Church

Rev. Prescott L. Beals, a missionary of the Church of the Nazarene for the past 43 years, is scheduled to be guest speaker at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene next Wednesday evening, September 18, at 7:30 p.m., where he will also show color movies relating to his missionary work.

Rev. Beals spent 34 years in India, served for a time in Trinidad and also in Guyana, South America. He has recently returned from British Honduras where he completed a four-year term of service.

Rev. Beals now devotes much of his time to the field of evangelism and missionary conventions and in addition serves as assistant minister for the First Church of the Nazarene in Walla Walla.

Mike Smith Home From War Service

SP5 Mike Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, formerly of Heppner and now of Yakima, has returned home following 14 months service in Vietnam.

During his duty in the war he received the National Defense Service medal, the Vietnam Campaign medal, the Vietnam Service medal, and the Army Commendation medal.

SP5 Smith was in service for a total of 33 months with the H. H. B. 7th Battalion, 8th Artillery, USARV. He now expects to return to the University of Oregon. He is a graduate of Heppner High school.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel McLachlan and family visited recently in Adrian, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Webb and daughter, and traveled on to Boise to visit with other relatives.

Mrs. Bill Long and small son of Portland are here enjoying a week's visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lucy Peterson. Mrs. Long is the former Martha Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farra traveled to Boise, Idaho, on business over the Labor Day week-end and later visited at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. R. Farra in Payette. The couple enjoyed an interesting tour through the Idaho cannery with her sister, Mrs. Lynn Anderson, and visited at the Anderson home in New Plymouth.

Public Invited To Color Movie

An outstanding 35-minute color movie, "Bal-Week", a film produced by Campus Crusade for Christ, will be sponsored by the United Youth Fellowship group of the community at the multipurpose room of the Heppner Elementary school on Sunday, September 15.

The community is invited to see the film, free of charge, scheduled to start at 8:00 p.m. The Christian message which it presents has been found to be especially attractive to young people.

Scene of the action is of Balboa where Campus Crusade youth relate their modern-day message to the surfers, bringing about inspiring results.

Overnight Retreat Planned for Youth

Members of the United Youth Fellowship group are sponsoring an overnight retreat for all community youth in the Heppner, Ione and Lexington areas, on Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14.

Transportation will be provided to the Herman Green mountain cabin, located 16 miles from Heppner on Willow Creek. Those planning to make the trip are asked to meet at the Heppner Christian church Friday evening, one-half hour after the football game. There will be a registration fee of \$1.25 to cover expenses. Those needing more information are asked to call Judy Jones or Mrs. Jay Wheelhouse.

Meeting Set Monday

An important meeting of the advisory board of the Heppner Neighborhood Center will be held Monday evening, September 16, at 7:30 p.m., at the center. Mrs. Patricia Brindle, assistant coordinator, urges a good attendance of all board members to outline plans for the fall months.

Swicks Have Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swick of Oregon City are parents of a daughter, Stacy Colleen, born August 30 at Willamette Falls Hospital, Oregon City. Mrs. Swick is the former Amanda Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Yakima, Wash., and formerly of Heppner. The baby girl weighed 7 lb., 4 oz. at birth.

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Coming Events

FREE MOVIE
Sunday, Sept. 15, 8 p.m.
Heppner Elementary Multipurpose room
35-minute fast-moving movie, "Bal-Week"
Sponsored by United Youth Fellowship group
Public urged to attend
No admission

BOARD MEETING
Advisory Board Meeting,
Monday, Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m.
Heppner Community Center
Important meeting

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
First Game of Season, Friday,
Sept. 13, 8 p.m.
Condon High, here, Non-conference
Enterprise High, there, Sept. 27, League game
Support the Mustangs!

PTA RECEPTIONS
Heppner Elementary School,
Wed., Sept. 18, 8 p.m. For all Heppner teachers.
Everyone Welcome!
Ione School Cafeteria
Thurs., Sept. 12, 8 p.m. for all Ione teachers.
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