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It's Beginning to Add Up

At the recent convention of Inland Empire Waterways Association, Oscar Peterson, former Morrow county judge, was instrumental in securing unanimous passage of a resolution he proposed which calls for expediting the study of thermal nuclear power plants in Morrow county, using effluent water from the plants for irrigation.

A recent editorial in The Tri-City Herald, Kennewick, points up the need for such plants to supplement hydro-electric projects and states the case for locating them east of the Cascades. The editorial follows:

Publisher Glenn C. Lee of The Tri-City Herald had many things to tell the Inland Empire Waterways Association Monday about the power situation in the Pacific Northwest. But he summed it very well in one sentence: "We are running short of power, and we are running short of time."

You don't build power plants over night. The Pacific Northwest must turn to nuclear plants and the delay in getting them started could grow more formidable than the roadblocks that delayed some of our hydro projects. In the past when we have argued for construction of nuclear plants east of the Cascades the reasons for suggesting such construction were drowned out in cries of "provincialism."

But now, as the time schedule for supplementing regional power demands grows shorter, a close look must be taken at the alternatives.

Bonneville Power Administration has had a study group looking into nuclear power sites but last year Mr. Lee was urging that a "second team" be established to research alternate sites in the event there was any delay in getting started at what were considered the "prime" sites.

This whole power picture has been backwards. The proposals have been to build nuclear plants near population centers.

But the whole experience with nuclear plants has been resistance and controversy whenever an attempt has been made to build them by population centers.

An added complicating factor has been what to do with the water once it has been used as a coolant in the nuclear process.

Pollution experts have already legislated against returning the heated water to the river. If you can't return it to the river, then you must either place it in gigantic cooling ponds several thousand acres each or hurl it into the air through cooling towers about 30 stories high and more than the length of a football field wide.

These are tremendous problems as witness the plight of Portland General Electric company which has been trying vainly to construct a million-kilowatt nuclear plant at the Trojan site on the Columbia river. Its announced plan to use cooling towers has already brought public outcry from the Longview-Vancouver area.

We don't take any satisfaction from the problems and the delays. What Mr. Lee is proclaiming is the increasing threat to the Pacific Northwest from our decreasing power supply.

Work out the problems if you can, he has said, but in the meantime, let's build nuclear plants where it is possible to build them and get the power on the line while the haggling goes on.

Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon can utilize the heated water for irrigation. We also have the land area available for cooling ponds.

We have the sparseness of population to surmount another of the prime objections to such plants.

Eventually some plants will be constructed on this side of the Cascades. Even the experts agree to this. Mr. Lee is urging that these be built first and the postage-stamp rate be used to freight the power to load centers just as is done now with our hydro plants.

He isn't saying anything new but people are beginning to listen more now as they begin to realize he isn't being provincial; he's just talking sense.

School Bells



COLLEGE ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

College entrance requirements are basically the same for all of the 4-year state colleges and universities. Oregon residents being admitted to a first-year (freshman) standing must have:

a. Completed the following uniform entrance requirements approved by the institutions of higher education in Oregon: Graduation from a standard high school with the required number of units, including 3 units in English, 2 units in social science, 1 unit in mathematics, 1 unit in the natural sciences, and 2 units in health and physical education.

b. Achieved one of the following:

(1) For fall term only, a 2.25 (C plus) grade-point average or above in all high school subjects taken toward graduation; for winter and spring term, a 2.00 (C) average. (Some colleges require only a 2.00 GPA (C) for fall term.)

(2) A combined score of 887 points fall term (880 points winter and spring terms) on the verbal and mathematical sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board, or

(3) A minimum grade-point average of 2.00 (C) on 12 terms of college-level course work or

9 term hours in a prescribed program in a regular collegiate summer session including a course in English composition and two or more courses from the areas of humanities, social science, or science-mathematics.

For early confirmation of acceptance, a high school senior may apply for fall term admission at any time following completion of the seventh semester of high school. Resident applicants with a grade-point average of 2.50 or higher or with a combined score of 950 or higher for the verbal and mathematical sections of the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) of the College Entrance Examination Board are notified immediately of acceptance for the fall term.

For regular admission a high school student with a grade-point average of 2.25 with a combined score of 887 for the verbal and mathematical sections of the SAT may apply for college admission at the end of the seventh semester, but he will not be notified of his acceptance until the final high school transcript has been received by the college of his choice.

To apply for admission a student must do the following things:

1. Complete the required entrance tests.

2. Fill out an application form which will be mailed to

the college of his choice. (A processing fee of \$10.00 must be sent with most applications).

3. Request housing accommodation forms from the college.

4. See that his completed high school transcript is sent to the Director of Admissions.

5. Have a physical examination before entering college.

Requirements for regular admission to the community colleges are very similar to those for admission to the 4-year colleges. There might be one exception and that concerns the grade-point average. A student interested in admission to a community college should check the catalog from that school.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

AFTER THE intense pressure of the election campaign, which was telling on us all, the attitude of the presidential candidates, after the decision was made, was encouraging and welcome.

Richard Nixon took his victory with humility and had words of praise for his Democratic opponent, stating that Hubert Humphrey would have a place in government during Nixon's presidency, if he wishes it.

On the other hand, Humphrey, while undoubtedly disappointed, took his loss graciously and showed no bitterness towards Nixon. He said that he would continue his efforts towards the causes in which he believes.

Then this week President Johnson and Mrs. Johnson welcomed the Nixons to the White House and accorded them every hospitality. It seemed evident that the principals are determined to make the transition smoothly.

For the public, which undergoes the throes of the campaign, this is a gratifying ending and seems to reveal democracy at its best. While partisanship flares high during a campaign, a person feels happily inclined towards them when they show their colors as they have when the results were known. No matter what the feelings were during the campaign, one now is inclined to conclude that these are truly big men, and they give us hope for the future.

THE BALLOT is a cold, objective thing. When one goes to the polls, he casts a vote for one candidate and thereby rejects the opponent or opponents. Or, he says "yes" to one proposition, or "no," whichever is his choice.

There are no "ifs" nor "buts." One can't say, "I have decided to vote for Joe Doakes but I also think John Doe is a very fine candidate. Next year he makes any other qualification. It is one or the other.

We believe that in the case of Sheriff C. J. D. Bauman a lot of Morrow county voters who may not have cast ballots for him still admire and appreciate him. We are inclined to think that some voted for a younger man thinking the sheriff had earned a deserved retirement.

But when the results are in, there is no way to show this. Hence, a person might surely get the idea that he was "kicked out" of office. Thus, an election can seem to be a cruel thing. Some of us learned this early at a school class election perhaps. It was a pretty tough thing to think perhaps mistakenly, that one wasn't as popular as a classmate.

As we said editorially prior to the election, we think Sheriff Bauman has a spotless record, and this is quite an achievement after nearly 40 years. His integrity and honesty are exemplary. He has served this county admirably.

Like many others, we look at him with appreciation and gratitude. We know he will find satisfaction in the knowledge that he has done a fine job. And like the presidential candidates, he will show every courtesy to the incoming sheriff, John Mollahan, who as Sheriff Bauman says, will do a real good job for the county.

SATURDAY was one of the most exciting days that the Sheremans have had in recent years. We enjoyed seeing the thrilling Oregon State victory over UCLA with all the color and glamour of a homecoming game and with more than 41,000 persons present (and no traffic snarls, thanks to the good work of Jim Barratt). Ordinarily, when a Beaver fan sees OSU clobber the Bruins, 45 to 21, this would be enough to make his cup run over for one day.

Incidentally, Jim must have called upon some dryland locus-pocus from out of his youth at Heppner to get that blue-sky day sandwiched between the torrential days of Friday and Sunday at Corvallis.

But the appearance of Doc Severinsen at the game and at an evening concert was equally thrilling. Johnny Carson declares that Doc is the best trumpet player in the world, and he certainly gets no argument from us. He is magnificent.

Frosting on the cake for the day was enjoying the hospitality of the Barratts at their lovely new home in Corvallis after the game. They were hosts to a buffet for east Oregonian friends, including some former Heppnerites, all of whom enjoyed visiting with the Severins. By the way, the Barratts really do have Beavers carved on their front door.

Doc and Evonne are great goodwill ambassadors for East-

ern Oregon. He told the crowd at the evening show Saturday that they should be proud to be Oregonians for there is no place like it.

And Doc knows what he is talking about.

TO THE EDITOR

Appreciation

Dear Wes:
I want to take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the voters of Morrow county for their vote on the 1 1/2% Property Tax Limitation and their support of Dr. Dale Parnell as State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

I realize that voting against the 1 1/2% Property Tax Limitation must have been especially difficult for many people when the need for property tax relief is so great. I do not interpret the no vote on the 1 1/2% measure as an indication that the people do not want or need property tax relief. The no vote was a vote against the chaotic effects this limitation would have created in schools and local government, and not a vote of satisfaction with the present tax structure in Oregon.

The message seems to be very clear that the people want a change in the tax structure in Oregon. I feel that it is up to the 1969 legislature to provide some choices for the voters.

As chairman of the OEA School Finance Committee, I have talked to several legislators and they have indicated that the tax dilemma will be the number one item on the agenda for the 1969 session.

They hope to have a new tax program ready to present to the voters at a special election as early as April, 1969.

I personally feel that a change is very necessary and I intend to do everything I can to see that the voters at least

have a chance to vote on a tax alternative that would provide some needed property tax relief.

Sincerely,
Ron Daniels

'Chinee' Sullivan

To the Editor:
In a recent letter from our old friend and former Heppnerite, Ora M. Yeager, of Castle Rock, Wn., he asked me if I remembered "Chinee Sullivan."

Well, to our many readers who may never have had the pleasure of knowing this interesting character from the Celestial Kingdoms in far Cathay, let me say that "Chinee Sullivan" was a wood Sawyer (sawbuck and buck saw) in the pre-flood era around the turn of the century and himself a victim of the Heppner Flood of 1903. Physically he was a small, wiry-type man who had perhaps more than his share of the hearts of his fellow men. Many gave him a job of sawing when they sacrificed this much-needed exercise for their own well being.

"Chinee Sullivan" sawed the wood in a rhythmic but jerky fashion and was blessed with a good sense of humor, else he could not have withstood the pranks and mostly poor jokes perpetrated upon him by some of us youngsters.

One of our favorites was to take a barrel hoop (wooden), sneak up behind Sullivan, time his movements with precision, and then drop the hoop over Sullivan and his saw, thus paralyzing his entire operation.

He would feign great anger which faded out, and then his laughter would become as strong as ours.

He really was a great little guy. He seemed to give something more than his labor at all times. Another Heppner character in the passing parade. Heppner has had many of them through the years.

Sincerely,
Art Crawford
4552 Kingston Way
San Jose, Calif.

Mrs. Cornett Green is spending time this week at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green, in Pendleton while caring for the Green's older son while the parents are in Portland for medical care for their younger son.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERNILL

Why Not Wagontire?

There seems to be some contention that the Navy bombing range at Boardman is in the wrong place.

Perhaps it is, but the suggestion that it be moved out of the state is ill advised when we have Wagontire available. If we want to get it removed from people, Wagontire is the place. It is out in Reub Long's country where a horse has to graze at thirty miles an hour or starve to death; where a line of surveyor's stakes and a few boundary monuments would be a major development. It would double the population at the gas station. There are two year-round residents there now. Any enterprise that will do that for an Eastern Oregon settlement should be encouraged if it is tolerable. The people at Wagontire would welcome the Navy.

Sheridan Wyman and her fiancée, Ed Tarnasky, traveled from Portland during the past week-end to spend time visiting her mother, Mrs. Irene Wyman, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laughlin and family. Tarnasky and his brother-in-law, Earl Mattson of Portland, stayed at the Laughlin home and enjoyed a week-end of elk hunting. Tarnasky was on two week's leave from the Army, having recently finished his basic training at Ft. Lewis, Wn. He was to report to Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, October 7, where he will receive further medical training in the field of pharmacy. Miss Wyman is in her junior year of training at Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

OES RECEPTION AND FRIENDSHIP NIGHT
Saturday, Nov. 16, 8 p.m.
Grand Reception for Virginia Wilkinson, grand assoc. conductress
High School Gymnasium
Public invited

SPAGHETTI FEED
Ione School Cafeteria
Saturday, Nov. 16
Following Ione vs. Crane Football Game

CARNATION CLUB DINNER
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
Degree of Honor members and families
Sat., Nov. 23, 6:30 p.m.
Episcopal Parish Hall

BAKED FOOD SALE
Friday, Nov. 22, from 9:30 a.m.
By Heppner Legion Auxiliary
Next to Gardner's Men's Wear

THANKSGIVING DANCE
Turkey Hop, Sat., Nov. 30, 9:30 p.m.
Heppner Fair Pavilion
Sponsored by Soroptimist Club of Heppner

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Obviously, so important a job is never done

To many people who live in remote areas, the convenience of electric power is an exciting new experience brought to them by a rural electric cooperative.

Last year alone more than 150,000 new consumers were served by rural electric power lines. Many of them were getting electric power for the first time.

In addition to serving many new consumers each year, rural electric power lines must keep pace with the growing demand by existing consumers. In the past ten years the average monthly

load on rural electric lines has nearly doubled—from 263 kilowatt hours in 1956 to 507 kilowatt hours last year.

If rural America is to continue to grow and prosper, the increased power needs must be met now and in the future.

Yes, the convenience that comes with the flip of an electric switch is commonplace to so many of us. But until all of us—rural and urban dwellers alike—enjoy that same convenience, there is an important job still to be done.



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