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40 Years of Excellent Service

When C. J. D. Bauman leaves his office as Morrow county sheriff, he shall have made a record that may never be equalled in Oregon's history.

His 40 years of continuous service in the office is an all-time mark for Oregon sheriffs to date, according to the best information we can gather. Since the present trend is for a person to retire earlier, chances are that no other sheriff will attain such tenure.

The truly fine thing about Sheriff Bauman's accomplishment is that he leaves a spotless record—no for other law enforcement officers to regard as exemplary and to admire; one to consider as an example.

In integrity and honesty, Sheriff Bauman is without peer. He has served without personal aggrandizement and has shunned publicity. His emphasis in law enforcement has been towards prevention of crimes, and he has endeavored, with considerable success, to work with young people towards this end.

As one person put it this week, "Often times the fact that knowing Sheriff Bauman was around was enough to prevent trouble."

Although one may not realize it from his quiet demeanor, Sheriff Bauman is a strong man—a boxer in his younger days—and he has had the ability to resort to physical means if he needed to. It is a tribute to his methods that he has rarely had to do this for he has the ability of the quiet word at the proper time. He can keep his temper when lesser officers might lose their heads in a difficult situation.

The Chamber of Commerce and friends Monday evidenced some of the high regard the community feels for this man who has served so well. It was a heartfelt expression at a testimonial meeting.

If weather had not made it impossible, there would have been many others present from around the state, who had planned to attend, to voice their high regard for him—those who have come to know him through association in years of law enforcement work. The weather, however, has merely postponed these honors that are intended for him, since they are yet to come.

All of Morrow county's people—past and present—can well salute Sheriff Bauman as he turns the office over to Sheriff John Mollahan next Monday. Day by day in the past 40 years he has compiled a record that has brought the highest honor to the county, and it is the more remarkable because there is not the slightest hint that Sheriff Bauman ever sought to enhance himself.

A Sad Situation

Decision by circuit judges that Lee Johnson cannot serve as state attorney-general because he broke the law in his campaign leaves one with the feeling that this is a sad situation indeed.

Many thousands of voters placed their confidence in a man who is supposed to know the law and to be able to interpret it correctly. This is the same man who now says that if he, indeed, did break the law, he had no intention of doing so.

It is not for us to decide whether he did, or did not, break the law in his campaign, spending more family funds than the statutes provide. The circuit judges have ruled that he did; perhaps the Supreme Court will reverse this decision.

One would think that a candidate for attorney general, of all people, would know the law, have and show complete respect for it, and follow it implicitly.

It is not very palatable, either, to realize that the soundly-defeated candidate, Robert Thornton, will continue to serve provided the Supreme Court rules against Johnson.

For those of us who are truly naive in political matters, the thought is that a person who is trounced in an election would have no desire to serve, but Mr. Thornton has indicated none of this humility. Does he truly believe that the added expenditures made by Johnson actually swung the vote against him—the incumbent who has been in office for so long and who during that time should have proved to the public, beyond doubt, his worth?

We don't believe so. We think Johnson was elected with the hope that he would do a better job.

Hence comes the sad situation—the choice between a man who apparently either did not know the law or respect it enough to follow it and one who the voters saw fit to replace.

Morrow Stands First

Morrow county's achievement in leading the state in percentage of registered voters casting ballots in the general election is more than just a triumph of statistics.

It is possible that our residents take their voting franchise just a little more seriously than do those in some other areas of the state. Prior to election there is more activity here. Both parties were busy in the general election campaign to promote their candidates and working to get out the votes. They showed it in their local advertising efforts, not the least of which was in The Gazette-Times.

With this fine record to build on—nearly 90% voting—our people should take up the challenge to set a tradition—to lead the state in all elections.

Elections are in the past for now, but they will be coming up again in 1970. Let's resolve to up our voting percentage. If everyone took the clue and made a sincere effort, the county could come close to 100%. That would not only give the state something to talk about, but would give Morrow county some national recognition, we'll wager.

How about pointing this direction in 1970?

We can make it a tradition. Perhaps some will say that this will be forgotten by then.

No, it won't. The Gazette-Times will remind you in pre-election days of 1970. That's a promise.

Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Amanda Duval on Thursday evening of last week included Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon and their daughter, Marti, home from school in Seattle, Mrs. Venice Hendrickson, from Portland.

Visitors at the Joe Yocum home in Lexington on Christmas included her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Stewart, from Klamath Falls, and her sister, Mrs. Venice Hendrickson, from Portland.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THIS IS THE KIND of weather which should make us deeply appreciate the things which we have come to take for granted, and especially to appreciate the people who strive so hard to make it possible for all to live normally under subnormal conditions.

The electric power system is a dramatic example. Many of our people are now almost totally dependent on it; some, in weather like this, would find it hard to survive without electricity.

Our dependence on it was emphasized Monday evening when it was off for a while in Heppner. It was off for longer periods elsewhere. As we understand it, most of the trouble was due to overloading, which caused fuses to blow.

But no sooner does an emergency come than the power crews get to work. It doesn't matter that it is 8 degrees below zero and that they are working in most adverse conditions on high power lines. They get out to do the job, and they get it done.

OR CONSIDER the job being done by highway crews as they work through bitter freezing nights to keep the arteries open so that holiday visitors can go home and others may try to follow their normal patterns of using the highways.

They get out and sand the highways or plow off the snow. Whenever one travels the main routes when conditions are bad, ordinarily he finds that the highway crews have been to the trouble spots ahead of him.

We came through the Columbia Gorge Sunday night, returning from Forest Grove. Conditions were getting near impossible with blustery winds churning driving snow, while the temperature stood below zero.

The highway maintenance men were out with their sanding trucks, snow plows and other equipment, doing their best to make travel safe under the desperate conditions.

As of this Monday night, we understand Old Mother Nature has won for the time being, and the Gorge is closed to travel for the night. But you can rest assured that these men will be out trying to open the highway to traffic again.

The same is true of the state highway patrol. The officers are pitted against nature and do their best to protect the public. Often the type of response these men get is a non-cooperative attitude from motorists who think

they know better and try to circumvent the officers' advice to their own peril and that of their fellow men.

THEN THERE are the fellows you call on to thaw your frozen pipes, the boys in the service stations who put on your chains or get your car started when the battery conks out in the cold weather. Then there are the ones who carry the mail, keeping this "lifeline" open through thick and thin; the ones who keep the supplies rolling in—milk, groceries and other needs.

And what about the telephone crews? They make it possible for us to keep in touch when other avenues of travel and communication are stalled.

So let's be grateful to these people and appreciate the magnitude of the work they're doing in weather like this.

Here's an especially chilling thought for chilly weather—what if they got tired of the public's impatience and of hearing complaints and all quit at once!

If they did, quite a few of us very dependent people would find that we are by no means the sort of pioneers our forefathers were.

WEATHER OBSERVER Don Gilliam just brought in his official report showing that Heppner, at 7 p.m. Monday, stood at eight degrees below zero.

"I've been getting dirty looks all day," said Don, with a grin, "but it isn't my fault. There's nothing I can do about it."

Poor Don. He'll be getting the same kind of looks next summer when it soars to 108. Here's another of those that we depend on. While his information may not be absolutely essential, it surely helps on the psychology of things—telling us that the situation is not as bad as we thought, or maybe worse than it seems to be so that we can commiserate with ourselves all the more.

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property, please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to Mrs. Joyce Ritch, Morrow county special assessor, or to P. O. Box 418, McMinnville, Oregon, 97128 under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION:
In our county, a religious organization owns a farm that consists of buildings and about 1,000 acres of land. They raise crops on the land and the money derived from these crops is used for the care of needy church members. Is this property subject to taxation or can it receive an exemption?

ANSWER:
In this instance the property is subject to taxation. This farm is obviously run in competition with other farms so no exemption can be allowed.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Green and two children traveled from Pendleton to share Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Green at their home. Other family members present for the Christmas holidays were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Monty (Mary Ruth) Carnes and two children from La Grande, Mr. and Mrs. Marjorie Green and two boys, and his mother, Mrs. Mattie Green. Also visiting at the Green home on Christmas day was another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Green and family, from Arlington, who were spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer, at their ranch home in the Eightmile area.

The Rhyming Philosopher

TENACITY

RIGHT NOW IS THE TIME FOR THAT HERALDED TRY TO KEEP OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION; BUT UNLESS YOU'RE TWICE AS DETERMINED AS I THE TASK WILL DEFY EXECUTION.

IT ISN'T EXACTLY THE WILL TO SUCCEED OR BRAINS THAT WILL MAKE YOU EFFECTIVE, SO MUCH AS A BURNING DESIRE THAT YOU NEED TO KEEP YOU RIGHT ON THE OBJECTIVE.

THERE'S MANY A FELLOW WITH BRAINS AND THE WILL WHO MISSES THE MARK FAR TOO OFTEN; AND EVEN THE ARTIST WITH KNOWLEDGE AND SKILL DROPS OUT WHEN HIS ENERGIES SOFTEN.

THE ONE WHO STICKS WITH IT BECAUSE OF DESIRE TO GET THERE IN SPITE OF CONDITIONS, NEEDS NO OTHER KINDLING TO LIGHT UP THE FIRE PROPELLING HIS CROWNING AMBITIONS.

THE FAILURE IN LIFE IS THE CHAP WHO RELIED TOO LITTLE ON WORK, SO HE BLEW IT. YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHAT YOU'LL WIN 'TIL YOU'VE TRIED.

IF YOU WANT IT ENOUGH, YOU CAN DO IT!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Illness Claims Goldie E. Winter

Mrs. Goldie E. Winter, age 76, died Saturday, December 28, at Pioneer Memorial hospital following an extended illness. She had been a resident of Heppner for the past three years, making her home with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winter, and in the hospital nursing home.

She was born December 16, 1892, in Anderson, Indiana, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary (Honeywell) Fisher. Her husband, Herman, Sr., preceded her in death in 1940. They lived in Portland where she was a member of the Montavilla Seventh-day Adventist church.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 31, at 2:00 p.m. at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Walla Walla, Wn., with Pastor Richard D. Fearing, of College Place, Wn., officiating. Sweeney Mortuary directed the arrangements.

She is survived by two sons, Herman, of Heppner, and Eugene, of College Place, Wn., and four grandchildren.

Gentrys Plan Move To Vancouver Area

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Gentry returned Saturday from a short visit in Lake Oswego at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Nichols and family, while doing some house hunting in the Vancouver area, where they expect to move Saturday, January 4.

Gentry has been employed as a truck driver for the Portland Motor Transport Co. for the past year and will move his family to the area shortly. Mrs. Gentry has been employed in the local J. C. Penney store for the past five years.

Mrs. Gilliam Follows Husband in Surgery

Mrs. Earl Gilliam is making satisfactory progress in St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton following major surgery on Monday, which followed a series of exploratory tests. She will remain in the hospital for some time, and is convalescing in room 418.

Her husband underwent a similar gall bladder operation on December 19 and is now making good gains since his return home last Thursday.

Club Date Changed

January meeting for the Heppner Golden Age club has been postponed and will be held Tuesday, February 4 at All Saints' Episcopal parish hall. Members will gather for a potluck dinner at 7 p.m., to be followed by an evening of entertainment.

Services Scheduled For Katie Currin, Pioneer Daughter

Mrs. Katie Elizabeth Currin, a pioneer daughter of the Lena community, died Sunday, December 29, in St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton, where she had resided the past three years. She was 86 years of age.

Recitation of the rosary was Wednesday evening, January 1, at 7:30 p.m., in Folsom's Funeral Chapel in Pendleton. Services were planned for Thursday, January 2, at 11:00 a.m., with Father James O'Connor of St. Mary's Catholic church, as celebrant. Vault interment was in Olney cemetery in Pendleton.

Katie Elizabeth Brosnan was born in Lena, Oregon, on March 1, 1882, the daughter of Irish immigrants, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brosnan. She attended school in Lena, and the St. Joseph's Academy in Pendleton. She taught schools in the lone and Vinson communities for about four years.

In November, 1905, she was united in marriage to Hugh C. Currin. They ranched in Idaho Heppner and Pilot Rock until 1943, returning to Heppner upon his retirement that year. Mr. Currin preceded her in death on April 5, 1954, and Mrs. Currin continued to make her home in Heppner continuously since that time, until the past three years while she has resided in St. Anthony Nursing Home.

Surviving her are four sons, Ralph, Robert and Hugh, all of Pendleton, and George, of Heppner. Also one sister, Mrs. Mary Nelson of Portland, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Those who wish to do so, are advised by the family to make donations to the charity of their choice in Mrs. Currin's memory.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pieper of Lexington

enjoyed the Christmas holidays in Portland, while visiting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Lavelle) Nelson. On Friday following Christmas the Piepers returned to their home accompanied by the Nelsons, who remained throughout the weekend to visit. Also visiting the Piepers at their home this week have been their grandson, Gary, who was on 16-day leave of absence from duty at Ft. Meade, Md., another grandson, Larry Holiday from Portland, who has just been released from duty with the U. S. Marines, and Miss Mary Swanson. The group had planned to return to Portland on Monday, but extended their visit for an additional day due to snowy road conditions.

Palmer Has Surgery

Lee Palmer, lone, is making satisfactory progress in St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton from emergency appendicitis surgery, performed late Friday, December 27. He is expected to remain in the hospital for a few more days.

Christmas Day guests at the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Robinson and family were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robinson and Mrs. Letha Archer of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Kirk and Mrs. Tena Scott of Hermiston, and Mrs. Evelyn Brown and Nickolas of Pendleton.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER BASKETBALL
Friday, Jan. 3. Grant Union, here
Sat., Jan. 4, Burns, there
Tues., Jan. 7, lone at lone

RAINBOW INSTALLATION
Installation of officers for Winter Term
Ruth Assembly, Rainbow Girls
Sunday, Jan. 12, 2:00 p.m.
Heppner Masonic Hall

GOLDEN AGE CLUB
Regular meeting will not be held in January
Next meeting will be Tuesday evening, Feb. 4, 7:00 p.m.
Episcopal parish hall

ELEMENTARY PTA
Business meeting and program
Wednesday, Jan. 8, 8:00 p.m.
Special panel discussion of interest to all parents and teachers
Plan now to attend

ELKS HOLIDAY PARTY
NEW YEAR'S EVE, Crab Feed, 6:30 p.m., Dec. 31
Dance, 9:00 p.m., music by Gordon's Trio

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