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Service in Bad Weather—and Good

There have been many expressions of gratitude heard from the public during this bad weather of the good service being given by local businesses and utilities. Many who serve the public have gone far beyond the normal call of duty to take care of the emergency needs of people in distress.

Garages, service stations, groceries—in fact all stores—have nobly responded to do their best to see that the citizenry is as comfortable as possible. Oil companies have met the problems of the worst of the stormy season in getting deliveries to customers, garages and service stations have installed tire chains, changed tires, started stalled cars, and have striven to meet the demand for cold weather needs. These are only examples of a general response to the emergency.

There have been a number of cases where some residents have been homebound during the storm. In these cases the business people have gone to their homes to serve them.

It is good to hear the words of appreciation towards the friendly home business people.

We had a little emergency of our own the other day that emphasizes this service. While making a delivery in late afternoon, we attempted to drive through a soft spot where mud was deep. An imbedded rock knocked a hole in the car's oil pan. We immediately drove to a local garage with the red "Oil" light flashing on to warn us. The garage recognized the emergency, knew that we needed the car, and had it repaired and ready to go first thing next morning.

What a relief to have this service. What if we didn't have the garages here to serve us, and we had to get a disabled car 50 or 60 miles to a garage?

The point is that while these merchants offer fine service in bad weather, they also offer fine service in good weather, too. Those who recognize their response during the snowy and cold weather should well remember this when the weather turns warm, the roads clear, and the temptation is to go somewhere else to do business.

The local merchants need the business—in both fair and foul weather—to stay here. Without them, we'd be "sunk" in times of storm.

If you are among those who appreciate their service in bad weather, express this by your year-around loyalty in supporting them with your business.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

OREGONIAN HEADLINE: "Johnson to Urge Keeping 10% Sur-tax."

So what else is new? A cynical public is coming to believe, with considerable justification, that there is no such thing as a temporary tax.

WE DIDN'T have the right, for sure, but after the first heavy snow here some time ago we took the liberty of donating Al Bunch all the snow on the city streets on condition that he haul it to the ranch to help the upcoming crop.

Somewhat it doesn't seem right that all that moisture will go to waste on the concrete and asphalt. Surely, all the drivers would like to see it gone.

Well, sir, Al isn't hauling it away very fast. But we see that the snow now has all been heaped up in the center of Main street to get it away from the curbs, which was a good stroke of business by these good men.

This makes it easy for you, Al. All you have to do is come along, scoop it up and haul it away!

AT LEAST two good local Republicans have invitations to the inaugural of Richard Millhouse Nixon as president. They are Mrs. Pauline Winter, central committee chairman in Morrow county, and LaVerne VanMarter. Don't see either of them making preparations to go, but it is nice to be remembered, nonetheless.

We haven't seen the invitations but LaVerne says they are real things of beauty.

WE NOTICE by the Oregonian A-2 basketball poll that Rogue River is firmly entrenched in No. 1 position with a record of 10-0 for the season to date. Maybe they have most of their last year's state tourney team back, including Gary Shontz, 6-3, all-state center.

In the same poll, Heppner is now tied for 8th spot.

The Mustangs, who last year went to the state meet as something of a "Cinderella" team, you may recall, came within an ace of knocking out Rogue River, No. 1 then as now, in the first round. The Mustangs stuck in there and led, 60-59, with 1:05 to go. Shontz came on with a rush, scored seven points in the remaining time and Rogue River won, 66-60.

We're not counting chickens nor crossing bridges this early in the season. After all, Heppner still has not played a counting league game even though its 8-2

record is better than the start the boys got last year. They face their first counting test here Friday night against Pilot Rock.

But it is interesting to note that among teams rated this year are a number of those who made the journey at Coos Bay last year. The Stayton Eagles, who bounced Heppner out in the second round last year, are well towards the top in this year's ratings.

On the basis of its record and rating to date, Heppner will no doubt be in the hot seat as one of the teams to beat and every opponent, therefore, will really be gunning for them. Their job from now on is to show that they have what it takes.

COACH BOB CLOUGH says that he believes Ione is the equal of any team Heppner has faced this year—or better. He's judging by their last performance when the Cards downed the Mustangs at Ione, 68-66.

We've said it before: This should be the big year for the Cardinal basketballers. With Jim Swanson back in there, and with the way Frank Halvorsen is going, they will be the team to beat in their league. This class B team (which refers to the size of the school only) no doubt could be among top contenders if it were in A-2 ranks this year.

SEEING all the long-haired hippies or intellectuals (how can you tell them apart nowadays) on TV reminds us of this anecdote:

A staid gentleman, honorary judge of a horse show, was upset by the dress of some of the girls.

"Just look at that young person with the poodle cut, the cigarette and the blue jeans," he decried to a bystander. "Is it a boy or a girl?"

"It's a girl. She's my daughter."

"Oh, forgive me, sir," apologized the old fellow. "I never dreamed you were her father."

"I'm not," snapped the bystander. "I'm her mother."

Pomona Sets Meeting

Pomona Grange will meet Saturday, January 25, at Willows Grange hall in Ione, starting at 10:30 a.m. Following the noon dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Krebs will show pictures of their "People to People" tour in Europe and the Soviet Union. The public is invited to enjoy the program starting at 2:00 p.m.



NEARLY hiding vehicles behind is this heap of snow cleared from streets and sidewalks near the corner of Main and May street. (G-T Photo).



THE ELMER WEITZEL FAMILY lays claim to making the first snowman in the heavy weekend fall. They made this one at 11 p.m. Friday. The Weitzel children stand by the temporary new member of the family. (G-T Photo).

School Bells

By RON DANIELS
 Superintendent.

Morrow County Schools Special Education Programs

In reviewing the needs of the Morrow county school district I feel that our most immediate concern should be to improve the school district program in the area of special education.

Special education programs refer to those programs that are specifically designed to help pupils who cannot fit into the normal school program. At the present time our program is totally inadequate in this area.

The law requires that a school district shall provide special education classes or may, when the board deems it advisable, contract with other districts to provide the special education programs. At the present time we have chosen to provide tuition payments to the pupils who reside in our district but attend special classes in another district.

We have attempted to place our special education students in already established programs at Hermiston or Pendleton.

This policy is proving to be unsatisfactory for several reasons. First, the Hermiston and Pendleton special education classes are already overcrowded and they have been very reluctant to accept out-of-district pupils. Second, both programs are located far enough from south Morrow county that it is necessary to board these pupils away from home. Finding board and room for our pupils has been very difficult and quite often impossible. Third, this type program involves considerable expense to the parents involved. Fourth, it is very difficult for younger pupils to remain away from home during the entire school week.

The Rhyming Philosopher

REMEDY

A LIKELY YOUNG FELLOW WAS THOMAS McBLADE WHO WORKED VERY HARD FOR EACH PENNY HE MADE; HE FOUGHT HIS WAY UPWARD BY THRIFT AND DESIGN AND LAVISHED NO MONEY ON WOMEN OR WINE.

BECAUSE OF HIS FRUGAL AND SEEMLY RENOWN, HE CAME TO THE NOTICE OF PEOPLE IN TOWN, AND THUS WAS ELECTED TO OFFICE OF STATE, TO MAKE PROPER LAWS AND REDUCE THE TAX RATE.

BUT LIKE MANY OTHERS, OUR PENNYWISE LAD, WHO USED TO PRESERVE EVERY DOLLAR HE HAD, FORGOT ALL HE CAME FOR AND JOINED IN A BASH OF RAISING OUR TAXES AND SQUANDERING CASH.

HE VOTED FOR BILLIONS IN GIVE-AWAY BILLS AS IF MONEY GREW ON WILD BLUEBERRY HILLS. HE GAYLY UPHELD ALL NON-SENSICAL SCHEMES REGARDLESS AND DEAF TO THE TAXPAYERS' SCREAMS.

THE WONDER TO ME IS WHY PEOPLE PERMIT MINORITY RULE WHEN THE ANSWER, TO-WIT: IS SIMPLY UNITE, USE OUR POWERFUL VOTE TO MAKE OURSELVES HEARD, AND STOP BEING THE GOAT!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Thieves in Portland Perform Modern Version of Scalping

Sherron Brenner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Bunch, enjoyed a recent holiday visit at her parents' home. She is an assistant accountant for Shepherd Investments Co., and lives in Portland.

On her return trip to Portland, Sherron took two of her mother's valuable natural hair wigs with her to be cleaned and reset. The unfinished wiglets, valued at \$600, were stolen from her car as it was parked in front of her apartment building. This was the third time the car had been broken into and items stolen from it.

Says Mrs. Bunch, laughing, of her stolen wigs, "I was literally snatched bald-headed."

Has Eye Surgery

Don Bellesbrock entered St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton last Thursday for major eye surgery, which was performed on Friday, January 10. He is reported to be progressing very satisfactorily from the surgery, during which a cataract was removed from his eye. It is expected that he will be able to come home from the hospital by Friday of this week.

Back from Pendleton

Mrs. Norah Rasmus returned with the aid of relatives last Friday to Heppner, where she reentered Pioneer Memorial hospital to make recovery from a broken hip, which she suffered in a fall on an icy sidewalk shortly before Christmas. Mrs. Rasmus had been hospitalized in St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton since her accident.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Plans and Planners

The statewide sanitary survey to determine water and sewer needs is commendable and valuable but the report contains some absurdities. Outstanding is the report on Ukiah, a town of 275 people who have just assumed an obligation of over \$100,000 for a supply of pure well water and distribution system. When connections are made to all the users, there is no conceivable reason why existing septic tanks cannot handle the sewer problem. There will be no wells to contaminate. It is easy for an expert pencil pusher or slide rule artist to suggest that Ukiah take on a burden of \$1,000 for every man, woman and child for water and sewer service. He doesn't live there. Such a glaring fault in the report on Ukiah invites me to view others askance.

I am convinced that in many places the extension of pure water supply would resolve the sewer problem at less expense.



REV. KENNETH D. DOOLEY

Yakima Pastor To Give Message

The Rev. Kenneth D. Dooley of Yakima, Wash., will be special guest of the Heppner United Methodist church Sunday evening, January 19, at a special program sponsored by the missions commission of the church. The meeting will be a continuation of the church's observance of the Missions Emphasis of Southeast Asia, and will start with a potluck supper, served at 6:30 p.m.

As pastor of the Westpark United Methodist church, a recently amalgamated Evangelical United Brethren church, in Yakima, Rev. Dooley has been associated with the E.U.B. National Board of Missions. He has taken several trips overseas in interest of the missionary work in Asia. At the Sunday evening meeting, he will present a glimpse in film, and speak about Japan, Hong Kong and the Philippines.

The local pastor, Rev. Melvin Dixon, invites the public to attend the dinner and the program following.

Mrs. Queener Dies, Service Set Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Tucker Queener, 89, will be held at the Heppner Christian church on Friday, January 17, at 1:30 p.m., with the Rev. Earl Soward officiating. Interment will follow in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

Mrs. Queener, a longtime resident of Heppner and Lexington before making her home in Stanfield, died Sunday, January 12, in Pendleton. She had been under medical care at the Delamarter Nursing Home in Pendleton for some time.

Mrs. Queener was the mother-in-law of Mrs. Mildred Padberg and an aunt of Mrs. Alena Anderson, both of Heppner.

Other survivors include five daughters, Hulda Mortimore, Kent, Wash.; Elsie Tucker, Eugene; Irene Atherton, Ontario; Edith Castle, Marysville, Calif.; Wilma Wallace, Pomeroy, Wn.; two sons, Wilber Tucker, Sunnyside, Wash., and Woodrow Tucker, Stanfield, also 26 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

The family suggests contributions to the Heart Fund, in lieu of flowers.

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.

QUESTION:
 On June 1, I purchased a business and the real estate broker computed that I owed one month's taxes on the real property because the taxes were paid from June 30 of the previous year to July 1 of the current year. He said I would also owe seven months on the personal property tax to be paid next November as personal property taxes run by the calendar year rather than the fiscal year. Is this correct?

ANSWER:
 Yes. The date on which all assessments are based is January 1, for real, personal and utility property; however, personal property taxes become a lien and are paid on the basis of the calendar (January through December) year; real and utility property on a fiscal (July through June) year.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER BASKETBALL
 Friday, Jan. 17, Pilot Rock, here
 Saturday, Jan. 18, Burns, here
 Friday, Jan. 24, Enterprise, there
 Support the Mustangs!

GRADE SCHOOL—
 Fri., Jan. 17, Umatilla, here,
 Saturday, Jan. 25, Condon, here, 1:30 p.m.

HEPPNER EXTENSION UNIT
 Special Meeting, Mon., Jan. 20, 10 a.m.
 County Fair Dormitory Program—"World of Packaging," by Molly Saul, County Extension Agent

WILDLIFE FILM
 Wildlife of Eastern Oregon, 90-minute Color Film
 Wed., Jan. 22, 7:30 p.m.
 County Fair Pavilion, Heppner
 Sponsored by Two Trackers 4-H club
 Public urged to attend

MOTHERS' MARCH
 For March of Dimes
 Mon., Jan. 20, 5 to 8 p.m.
 Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Boardman, Irrigon
 Help reach the \$900 goal

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
 Monday, Jan. 27, 8 p.m.
 Catholic Parish Hall
 Bridge—pinocle—dessert
 \$1.00 per person
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MARCH OF DIMES

Monday Evening, January 20

MOTHERS WILL CALL AT YOUR DOOR FOR YOUR DONATION--5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

In Heppner, Ione, Lexington, Boardman and Irrigon

A Quarter of a Million American Children Are Born Each Year With One or More Birth Defects. Your Contribution on Monday, January 20, Can Help Save This Human Potential

The Front Door of Your Home is the Front Line in the Fight Against Birth Defects for the Volunteers Enlisted in this January's Traditional Mothers' March for the MARCH OF DIMES

Your Help Will Be Appreciated!

Help Reach Our Goal of \$900!

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