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An Exciting Future

Picture this:
South of Boardman is a big impressive building with power transmission lines extending from it. Behind the plant, still farther south, are six large lakes of 1,000 to 2,000 surface acres each. On them are boats, skiers, and swimmers. Surrounding areas are lush and green with homes near the lakes, reached by curving streets.
In vast stretches between are green fields with alfalfa, potatoes, sugar beets, corn, beans. Systems of sprinklers throw cooling waters over the crops and the spray glistens in the sun.

Along the Columbia River waterfront are barges and boats, loading at wharves operated by the Morrow county Port Commission. Work is in full swing at a number of processing plants and industries that have developed there.

Boardman and Irrigon bustle with activity. There are supermarkets, banks, drug stores, apparel stores—all sorts of activity.

Towards the west, the Boeing project has developed into an industrial complex, mostly associated with flight and the space age.

Even farther south, at Heppner, the town has grown to a fair-sized city. The Blue Mountains to the southwest have become a recreational playground.

The Western Route road is opened from Ukiah and stretches towards Condon, passing the shore of the reservoir at Kelly Prairie and coming near the reservoir at Penland. The traveler stops on the summer day and enjoys the cooling scenic beauty of these spots.

Arbuckle Mountain ski course, benefitting from easier access by the populace, has a lodge and new chair lifts. A nearby airstrip brings in those who prefer to fly, accommodating private airplanes and helicopters.

The big lodge serves hunters in the fall, and acts as a headquarters for guest ranchers and summer home dwellers. Its store provides staples, and its cafeteria serves the recreationists.

Those taking a picturesque drive down from the mountains, via Cutsforth Park, continue to the shimmering pool behind the big Willow Creek dam. Many out-of-state licensees are on cars parked there, some enjoying the picnic facilities. Here, too, are water skiers and fishermen.

The Willow Creek valley is also a picture of productive irrigated lands, benefitting from the water of the reservoir. The Rhea Creek and Rock Creek projects are also in full swing with farmers utilizing their waters to good advantage.

What a dream, you say!
Perhaps so, but do you realize all this is on the drawing board and coming closer every day? There are some who sincerely believe that a nuclear power plant in Morrow county is only about 10 years away. The Soil Conservation Service has maps showing the location of six reservoirs to be developed from waters issuing from the plant. Foresighted planners point to the need for multi-use of water to preserve the Columbia River for the Northwest against the threatened diversion to the Southwest. There is only a 10-year period allowed by Congress for the Northwest to come up with sound planning for use of the water.

The Forest Service announced this week that it acquired an option to buy Kelly Prairie and is planning ahead for construction of the project. The Western Route road has been on the drawing board for several years. Penland Prairie is already under development. The Rock Creek project is moving ahead, and Dave Hall from the state engineer's office said recently that the Rhea Creek dam could be a reality in three years if the residents really want it. The Willow Creek dam is already authorized by Congress and is waiting out the Vietnam War for appropriation.

H. H. Miller, Jr., of the VITRO Corporation, sounded the key to the future at a meeting of county leaders here last Wednesday, when he said, "This could literally become another Willamette Valley under irrigation." And the southern part of the county can become a recreational playground to back it up.

It may to some sound like fiction from a novelist's pen, but the development is coming here. It's just a question of time. Some of the parts of the picture are already fitting into place.

There is a real challenge, a great need for coordinated planning, not only in the development of the many projects in view, but to prepare for the adjustments that people of Morrow county must make to accommodate these developments.

Those with vision should work towards an orderly advancement, keeping in mind that the prosperity will be desirable but that we do not wish to lose the advantages we have in rural living.

There has been a great upsurge of interest evident in Morrow county from state and regional leaders, both in public and private life. Their vision of the future here is greater than some of our best local imaginations. But one only has to look at other areas where development has snowballed to see what can happen here.

If one believes this is a dream, one day he will pinch himself to find out and holler "Ouch." It is an exciting prospect.

Irrigation Bill Wins Favor

Word at press time comes that Rep. Irvin Mann's proposed Water Bank Act that would provide for development of irrigation districts, using the credit of the state, has been approved unanimously by the House committee on Planning and Development.

A number of leaders who are interested in irrigation development here state that this is a vital move towards the progress of this area. The act would work in the same manner as the veterans' home loan fund works on the state level, using the state's credit to back the loans. This has proved to be a sound investment for the state.

It is to be hoped that the bill will be passed at this session without serious opposition. It will facilitate development here and contribute to progress of the state.

Rep. Mann first revealed this idea of his in a talk to the Chamber of Commerce in Heppner last year. It appears to be a good workable plan that, like the vets' fund, won't cost the taxpayers anything but will promote progress. Our representative has done a good service in conceiving the idea, and development that may follow its expected passage will be a tribute to the bill's author.



C. L. (BUCK) LIEVALLEN, shown here riding an old Umatilla Stage coach, often appeared in Morrow county rodeo parades and other community events. He died in Pendleton Saturday at the age of 93.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

BUCK LIEVALLEN, who died Saturday, leaves many fine and happy memories in many different areas to many different people. To children, he was a delight for his understanding of them, his attention to them, and his active interest in them. To many adults, he is remembered for his civic and community work, his service as a representative in the legislature for five terms and as Pendleton mayor for six years. Others will recall the robust Buck LievalLEN, the cowboy who in younger days rode the bucking horses; the state policeman who helped capture the infamous Albert Edward Hickman, kidnap-killer of Marion Parker of Los Angeles; and the wrestler-boxer during his years in the Navy.

Even those who had no idea of his colorful achievements enjoyed his annual participation in rodeo parades where he appeared with a horse drawn buggy, usually a different model from the previous year. He was the one who always had some wide-eyed child at his side, sharing the pleasure of the ride. Buck LievalLEN was of the type to whom no one is a stranger. Upon the first meeting, he gave the appearance of being a longtime friend with his cordiality and congenial nature.

He was virtually as well known in Heppner, and probably in many other Eastern Oregon towns, as he was in Pendleton because of this disposition. But he had roots here, since he came here with his family when he was a very small boy, attended grade and high schools here, and was a fine athlete in his high school days.

Whenever he returned to Heppner for a visit, even those who had not previously met him instantly realized that he had a great love for this place. He was father of Mrs. Bob Jepsen of Ione, and Morrow county had a cherished place in his heart.

Eastern Oregon has lost one of its finest citizens in the passing of Buck LievalLEN, every man's friend.

THIS IS an exciting time with district basketball tournaments scheduled this week-end. Undoubtedly there are many more things of greater importance going on, but one would scarcely recognize it as the "fever" grips the fans. It is akin to that which strikes at the start of deer season.

This week's daily press polls relegates Heppner to "also ran" positions — and hardly that. Grant Union, Wahtonka and Vale are mentioned in the Oregonian poll while the Mustangs have gone out of sight, despite a strong victory over Sherman in their only game of the week.

Well, that's good! While the polls may not fool the Prospectors, Eagles and Vikings, who well know the capabilities of the Mustangs, it does give Coach Clough's boys a psychological advantage to go in as underdogs. If they have the

PROPERTY TAX FAX

QUESTION:
Our school budget is up for vote again. This is the third time this year. The reason given for referring this to the voters is the explanation that the school district cannot exist on its six percent limitation. What is the six percent limitation and can anything be done to change this limitation?

ANSWER:
The "tax base" is defined by the Oregon Constitution and it is best defined by saying that the "tax base" is either (a) the amount levied in any one of the last three lawful levies within the tax base plus six percent, or (b) the amount approved as a "tax base" in an election particularly held for that purpose. Your taxing district might submit a new base to the voters at a state-wide general or primary election. If this is done, both the old and the new base must be specified in dollars.

stuff, it'll come out at the district tournament, as it has in former years.

Those who have seen all the teams figure the tournament this year as a virtual tossup with any capable of winning. The one that puts out the extra effort will probably be the one that walks off with a ticket to Coos Bay. If they all put forth such effort, there should be some real basketball displayed and some mighty close games.

EOC OFFICIALS promised last year that this year there would be seats for everyone at the tournament. We hope they don't underestimate the loyalty of Heppner fans, who could just about fill one side of that gym by themselves without sharing it with another team's supporters.

IF ONE were organizing a La Grande branch of the Heppner Boosters, he might nominate Rev. and Mrs. Al Boschee as chairman of the organization. Al and Deanna called the G-T Tuesday to ask that we extend congratulations to the team, to the school and to the town upon reaching the district tournament.

They extend an invitation to friends and Heppnerites to their home any time Saturday. The coffee pot will be on at 309 Cedar St. This is in the college section of town, towards Morgan Lake.

One can see that the Boschees were well vaccinated with Heppner spirit during the years they were here, and once it is in the blood, it is there to stay!

THE CARDS of Ione go into this tournament at John Day in somewhat the position of Heppner, having lost a little prestige by losing to Umatilla and consequently losing a share of the Morrow-Umatilla B crown.

But the same psychology applies to them as it does to Heppner. Fellows of the caliber of Frank Halvorsen, Bob Ball, Jim Swanson, Keith Nelson, Eddie Sherman, Ron Palmateer and Scott Wilson can call upon that "extra stuff" and we think they can come through.

The loss to Umatilla may be likened to dress rehearsal in terms of a big stage production, since this was one of the last games prior to the tournament. The old saying is that a bad rehearsal means a good production.

We hope that is true with the Cardinals. This is still their "big year" and they are not going to let it go down the drain without giving it everything they have.

IF YOU haven't read the recent ads of Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in this paper, we urge that you do so, particularly if you believe in rural living. The third of a series is running this week. The ads are developed from a national survey taken on the relative merits of rural and city living, and as can be seen in this week's message, a high percentage of people don't live in cities by choice but because they feel they must.

This makes us the fortunate ones, and all the more reason we should appreciate what we have.

SOME MAY have wondered about the progress towards publication of the Morrow county history book that was initiated a couple years ago and to which many persons have donated.

Giles French has been doing research and work on it for more than a year, and he is making progress. Oscar Peterson, committee chairman, said the other day that the committee will be getting together soon to review progress with the author.

Some donations are still coming in, and anyone who would like to contribute is invited to send his donation to Gene Pierce, treasurer, at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

It's a lot of work, but some day the job will be done.

TO THE EDITOR

Founding Fathers

To the Editor:
I ran across a story in my scrapbook which might be both interesting and educational to the Heppner and Morrow county people so have made a copy.

FATHERS OF THE COLONY

THE HON. J. L. MORROW, more familiarly known among his neighbors as "Uncle Jack," is the gentleman after whom Morrow county is named. He crossed the plains in 1853. In his early 20's, when he was full of life and over running with the reckless dash of youth; and throughout the long journey, replete as it was with constant surprises and occasional dangers, he explored the dips, spurs and angles of the trail as the party progressed westward. On one of his hunting trips, while distant several miles from the wagon train, he accidentally came upon the great Shoshone Falls of Snake River, and climbing down the big bluffs, solitary and alone, he drank in the majestic beauties. The scene was grand, but the fresh Indian sign warned him to drink quick and go, for the Snake Indian in those days was ever on the alert for scalps. Mr. Morrow continued on to Puget Sound, and in the Indian war of '55-'56 served as lieutenant in the volunteer service, toward the close of the campaign having charge of a big band of hostiles, using gentle means to tame them where it would work and using a long handled poker to good advantage when necessary. In '64 Mr. Morrow started a store at La Grande, where he remained till '72 when he came to Heppner. Naturally honest, honorable and outspoken, a man of broad and liberal views, he has always enjoyed the sincere respect of his fellow citizens who have twice sentenced him to go to Salem and represent them in the legislature.

HENRY HEPPNER, for whom the City of Heppner is named, was born of an ancient line of Jewish rabbis, at Pleschen, in the province of Posen, Prussia. In his boyhood he learned to converse in and write the language of his race, besides receiving from his parents the liberal education attainable by German youths. In 1855 he emigrated to the United States, living two years in New York City where he engaged in business; then going to Shasta, Calif. in '57, where he was employed as clerk in a store for two years. In '58 he took into the Frazier river mining district a stock of goods, remaining there till '60, when he rigged up a mule train and packed freight to and from the various mining camps of Montana and Idaho during a period of nine years, going out of this business and taking a large contract to make flour sacks at La Grande in '72, the same year entering into partnership with Mr. Morrow to start the first store at Heppner, and then following the mercantile business in connection with different firms till he located (too dim in the old copy).

Mr. Heppner has always been a citizen of spirit, contributing to school houses, roads and every public enterprise, with a lavish hand. During the Indian excitement of 1878 he furnished, without compensation, the materials to build the fort at Heppner and gave to the needy refugees provisions without stint. Mr. Heppner is familiarly known as "Old Hep" . . .

From an ancient newspaper, name unknown.

Harold Cohn is the last of the family to still live in Heppner. Henry Heppner is a great uncle of Harold A. Cohn. Josephine Mahoney Baker, 2545 S.W. Terwilliger, Apt. 525 Portland, Ore. 97201

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The Rhyming Philosopher

PROGRESS

IN OLD-FASHIONED TIMES IF A GIRL COULDN'T COOK HER CHANCES WERE SLIM TO BE CHOSEN A BRIDE, REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY LESSONS SHE TOOK OR GRANDMOTHERS STANDING AROUND AS A GUIDE.

IF SHE HADN'T THE KNACK TO BE QUALIFIED, AND THE GOD-GIVEN TALENTS WEREN'T IN HER, SHE'D SOON LOSE HER HUSBAND, WHO'S FIT TO BE TIED, FOR THE WANT OF A DECENT COOKED DINNER.

BUT ALL THAT'S BEEN CHANGED IN THESE ELEGANT DAYS: NOW THE WIVES SET THEIR TABLES WITH CONFIDENT PRIDE; FOR THEY'VE MASTERED THE TRICK IN A THOUSAND WAYS WITH GOODIES THE GROCERY STORES WILL PROVIDE.

WITH ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS SO PLAINLY DESCRIBED, THE MEAL COMES FRESH FROZEN, THE COST IS JUST RIGHT. SHE HEATS UP THE OVEN AND POPS IT INSIDE AND OUT COMES A MEAL THAT'S A GOURMET DELIGHT.

WITH MORE NEW INVENTIONS STILL COMING UP FAST WE'RE CERTAIN TO WIN INDEPENDENCE AT LAST. SINCE SCIENCE BELIEVES IT CAN REPRODUCE LIFE, THERE'LL BE NO EXCUSE FOR SUPPORTING A WIFE!

HARRY W. FLETCHER



W. CLAUDE COX
In "Those Other Days"

Other Days—No. 2

February 22, 1969

To the Editor:

After my indoctrination into the livestock endeavors with the Penland Land & Livestock Company my next job was with Grant McCarty at his Sandhollow headquarters and then Paul Hisler sent me with his herd to Eagle Peak's summer pasture from May to October of 1905. Upon my return to Heppner area then I hired out with Vincent Rouse and George Vincent of Pine City. In 1906 I worked for Johnny Houseman on the old Ed Day ranch, later doing a work stretch for R. F. Wiglesworth on Little Butter Creek. About this time my brother, Elbert Cox, from Galax, Va., joined me and I moved to Lonerock to work for Andrew Neal to spring of '07.

At this time I built my home-stand on a branch of Long Canyon near the Big Lonesome Pine which still stands to this day. I visited the site in '68 with my son, and it brought back memories galore of "Those Other Days."

I sold my one room home-stand for \$600 and all that's left is some slivers and a board or two maybe. Then I worked for George Wright till summer of 1909, took the U. P. to Nebraska City and joined the harvest.

I soon arrived back at Cold Creek, Va., my native sod. I married my sweetheart October 14, 1909. The hills of Heppner kept calling and calling, so we arrived back in January, 1910. Enroute, at the Vendome Hotel in Arlington I saved it from burning down by carrying a burning kerosene heater out that had erupted in flame.

We took jobs with the D. O. Justices and worked there for some while on the Old Home Place on branch of Hinton Creek. My ambition began to burn again so wife and I decided to enter the world of our own enterprise, but bear with me, dear old friends. That is for Number 3.

As related to my eldest son, Clair H. Cox, Corvallis, Oregon

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Mrs. Edna Turner was returned to Heppner by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael on Sunday, and admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for further medical care. She had spent several months in Portland, recently at Allison General hospital, and is showing gains following amputation operations.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HEPPNER BASKETBALL
March 7-8, District Tournament, La Grande, OCE Gym Friday, March 7, Heppner vs. Vale, 7:30 p.m.
Grant Union vs. Wahtonka, 9:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 8, consolation and championship Games, 7:30 and 9:15 p.m. Support the Mustangs!

BAKED FOOD SALE
Friday, March 14, from 9:30 a.m.
Peterson Building, next to Gardner's
Sponsored by Heppner Mothers Club

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
St. Patrick's Day Card Party Saturday, March 15, 8 p.m. Heppner IOOF Hall, Sponsored by Triple Links Club, Bridge, Pinochle, Prizes and refreshments

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
Sponsored by Holly Rebekah Lodge
Saturday, March 8, 8 p.m. Lexington IOOF Hall, Bridge, pinochle, prizes and refreshments

SUPPER AND CARD PARTY
Saturday, March 8, Rhea Creek Grange Hall
Pancake supper, 6-7:30 p.m., cards following
Benefit for March of Dimes, Heart Fund, Cancer Society Everyone welcome

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