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Their Sacrifices; Our Apathy

With the visit of the Blood Bank slated for Tuesday, May 27, at the Elks Temple here, somehow our thoughts turn to the many American boys who are serving in Vietnam. They are fighting, getting wounded, and dying—making a great sacrifice—while we at home go about business as usual. It is a bit painful to realize that we at home don't even make our quota when the blood bank comes. We accept the sacrifices of our boys with almost heartless apathy. There are some—true—who never miss a visit of the blood bank. They give a pint regularly, and they are to be highly commended. Others cannot give for reasons of personal health. Many of these have given generously in the past. Our poor record at the blood bank is becoming a black mark on the good people of Morrow county, and it is out of character for a people so kind, friendly and giving. This editor can say from the experience of giving 12 pints that it is a painless effort. A person in good health suffers no ill effects, and when he gives, he is helping someone else live—whether it is a person in dire need at home or one dying on the battlefield. If you are able, won't you make this effort on Tuesday, May 27? It will take so little on your part, and it will mean so much to one of your fellowmen.

Historic Announcement

The news release, just at press time, of the I. M. Docken Corporation saying that construction has started on an alfalfa cubing plant in the industrial park of the Port of Morrow is a historic announcement, although it may not seem so at the moment. This is the first plant to locate on the port site, and it is the harbinger of things to come. It is the first fruition of the toll and work that port commissioners and others have given towards development of Morrow county. This is the time that residents should take a good look at the bare port site, for there is every evidence that it will soon be bustling with growth and activity. In a few years, our people can say, in retrospect, "I remember when there was nothing here but sagebrush and sand. Look at it now!" Product of the alfalfa cubing plant is destined principally for Hawaii and Japan, we are told, so Morrow county moves ahead to the world market. Significant for the future here is the report of the State Water Resources Board, just out, on Oregon's Long Range Requirements for Water. This report shows that the Morrow-Umatilla section has the greatest irrigation water demand potential of any area of the state. It is estimated that by the year 2070, the area will have a demand of 5,707,000 acre feet of water. That means just one thing if it is developed—growth! Congratulations to the Docken Corporation! They bring great news for Morrow county, and we all look to the day—expected in August of this year—when the new plant, which will employ 40 men, will be dedicated.

MEETING CALENDAR

- Monday, May 26—** Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 noon; Volunteer Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.; Lone Lions club, Ed's Tavern, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27—** Degree of Honor, Episcopal Parish Hall, 8 p.m.; LDS Relief Society, Legion Hall, 9:45 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 28—** Royal Arch Masons, Chapter 26, Masonic Hall, 8 p.m.; Willow Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8 p.m.

Teacher Gets Science Foundation Grant

Elmer Weitzel, math instructor at Heppner High school has been notified of his acceptance for a National Science foundation grant, which will enable him to study during this summer at Southern Oregon College in Ashland. The Weitzel family will leave Heppner about the first week in June for Ashland. The couple and their three children hope to settle in Canada following completion of his summer of study at Southern Oregon.

The Rhyming Philosopher

RESOLUTION

IF YOU CAN BAKE A BETTER LEMON PIE
OR CULTIVATE A FRUITFUL FIELD OF GRAIN;
IF YOU CAN SEW A STRAIGHTER HEM THAN I
OR WATCH YOUR DREAM COLLAPSE THEN BUILD
AGAIN;
IF YOU CAN RUN A RACE AND NOT DERIDE
THE LOSING TEAM, BUT LAUD THE WAY THEY RAN,
YOUR NAME SHALL STAND AMONG THE QUALIFIED
WHO FACE THE ODDS AND BOLDLY SAY, "I CAN!"

IF YOU ARE LEFT ALONE TO FIGHT THE FIELD
OR SPEAK THE WORD TO TURN A TYRANT'S STING,
WILL YOU RESIST THE URGE TO LIGHTLY YIELD
OR WILL YOU FOIL ATTEMPTS AT SILENCING?
WILL YOU DEFEND THE POOR AND HELP THE WEAK
AND DO YOUR BEST WITH KNOWLEDGE AND BY SKILL?
IN TIMES LIKE THESE YOU SHOW YOUR YELLOW
STREAK
OR PICK THE CHALLENGE UP AND SHOUT, "I WILL!"

NO NEED FOR STATUES IN SOME HALL OF FAME
IF ONE SMALL LOCAL NICHE REVERES YOUR NAME.
THOUGH GREAT EVENTS OBSCURED YOUR NAME AND
HID IT
ONE TASK YOU HAD, AND YOU CAN CLAIM, "I DID IT!"

HARRY W. FLETCHER

Gift of Life



It Takes So Little to Give So Much . . .

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE 'MOMENT OF TRUTH' is here again for the high school seniors with this commencement week. This is the time that the commencement programs reveal their full names. We don't see many middle names in this year's crop that the graduates may want to hide. Enthusiastic parents sometimes hang an old family name on a youngster that serves as his middle name for life, but the child sometimes misses the point of the whole thing and wouldn't reveal this part of his name short of dire torture. Somehow, though, back about 18 years ago, the name "Lynn" was popular, for four of Heppner High's seniors have this middle name, three girls and a boy—Teress Lynn Harshman, Sara Lynn Miller, Sherri Lynn O'Brien and Terry Lynn Peck. Coincidentally, both the valedictorian, Terry Peck, and the salutatorian, Miss Miller, have this middle name. It is a rhythmic middle name that seems to make the full name flow phonetically. Another popular middle name is "Ann" with three in the class—Nancy Ann Campbell, Marcia Ann Jones, and Jarril Anne (with the "Lynn" Lee). The Ashbeck triplets all have the same middle name "Rhea," which has a great deal of significance in this area. They are Alvin Rhea Ashbeck, Calvin Rhea Ashbeck, and Melvin Rhea Ashbeck. Now we know this sort of talk isn't winning friends among the seniors, who are a little delicate—no doubt—about their middle names. But we wish them hearty congratulations. Another fine crop of scholars, athletes, and top achievers in other activities is about to leave our local school system. WE WANT to take a little space to salute one of Heppner High's unsung seniors. Always at commencement, a number of students get scholarships and other recognition, but among the remainder of the class we note a number who have done good steady work, are on their way to becoming good citizens, but receive few honors. The young man we want to commend is "our" senior, Dale Cooper. He joined the G-T staff last fall as a green apprentice through the school's work-study program, which Hal Whitaker, vocational teacher, supervises, and since that time, has devoted many hours in this plant. Dale has proved to be a good steady worker, and now we would find it hard to get along without him. Today is the day that the Heppner seniors are on their field trip to Lehmann Springs. But Dale, of his own choosing, decided not to make the trip. Instead, he is here working on the paper that honors high school seniors around the county. This week's edition is a pretty big paper for our small staff, and it is difficult to produce because of the many pictures. Dale's presence here is a great big help to the rest of us, and so we can't help but regard him as an unsung hero of the Class of 1969. IT'S TOO BAD the Heppner Methodist church wasn't filled with farmers Sunday. Rev. Mel Dixon had a sermon that would have been great music to the ears of the many who are dedicated to conservation in this county. The theme was "Soil Erosion and Soul Erosion." This would have been a great keynote address for a soil conservation convention, as Rev. Dixon brought out the import-

Charter Ceremony Of NFO Scheduled

Charter ceremony of the Morrow county chapter, National Farmer Organization, will be Monday evening, May 26, at 8 p.m. in the Lone Legion hall, Pat Cutsforth announces. All farmers are invited to attend the meeting. Neil Venturacci of Ontario is scheduled to be present to take part in the ceremonies.

Selective Service Office to be Closed

All Oregon local boards of the Selective Service System, including the Condon office, will be closed on May 27, 28 and 29. The Condon office serves Gilliam and Morrow counties. The State Selective Service System will hold an annual conference for board members and compensated personnel on those dates to discuss problems and exchange ideas, the state headquarters announces.

Mrs. Colleen Harris left last Saturday by plane for her home in Keystone, S. D., following a two week visit here, where she was called by the serious illness of her father, Ray Bailey, who is a patient at Pioneer Memorial hospital. Mrs. Bailey reports that her husband has made some slight improvement over the past few days, but will remain hospitalized for a time.

leave that we don't allow ourselves to think about it. We wish the Carpenters the best for the future, and it must be conceded that the change will be an advancement. Dick wants to work towards his Ph.D. degree, and at Halsey, he will be closer to the University of Oregon and to Oregon State University.

HOT OFF THE PRESS is the little 40-page magazine of the senior composition class of Heppner High school, with Mrs. Jane Rawlins as teacher. This has been printed by the G-T and is a collection of poems, stories and essays, all done by the students. So far as we know, this is the first time that a school class has ever embarked on such a project, and it is quite a contribution they have made.

It isn't unusual for the young folks of today to surprise us with their abilities and talents, but we confess they have done it again. Their creative writing shows some fine talent. Many folks will enjoy this more than they would a national magazine. If you would like to get a copy, call the high school (676-9138) and leave word. The 50c charged is to partially defray costs, and it is worth four times that. We'd suggest you do it right away because only 200 copies were printed.

EIGHTH GRADE students came back thrilled Thursday evening from a geology field trip in the John Day Basin and other points south. They were laden with samples of leaf mold (impressions of leaves in rock from sedimentation of many, many years) that they had found on the trip. Their OMSI guide and Mrs. Inez Meador, teacher, made this a very meaningful experience for the kids. This is the sort of field trip that will make the pages of a textbook live for them, since they have been in and discovered for themselves.

We're so reluctant to see him

5th Graders Take Conservation Tour

Sixty-six fifth grade boys and girls from Heppner and lone public schools, together with their teachers, Monday went on the annual conservation tour sponsored by the Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district. The group met at Lexington and viewed soil and water conservation practices in the Blackhorse and Upper Sandhollow areas. Soil profiles and the need for and uses of diversion ditches, stubble mulching, sprinkler irrigation and other practices were studied.

After lunch at lone, the group viewed projects of channel improvement, grass and pasture land seedings, strip cropping, sod waterways and windbreaks. Teachers making the tour were Miss Marguerite Glavey and Mrs. Frances Williams, both of Heppner Elementary school, and Edwin Kessler of lone Elementary. Mrs. Dorothy Krebs assisted.

Bryce Keene of the Heppner SWCD was chairman of the tour. Assisting were Ken Turner, Harold Kerr, Al Osmin and Alan Bahn.

TO THE EDITOR

Oregon Fighter

Dear Editor: Enclosed is a clipping that is self explanatory, it is about a boy from Oregon and thought that you might be interested in it.

This will be a championship fight and will be at the Eastern States Coliseum, which is in West Springfield and that is about eight miles from Holyoke. That is the site in September every year of a big fair known as the Eastern States Exposition. It will be carried live on TV on ABC's Wide World of Sports and will go on at 5 o'clock our time in the afternoon which is Eastern daylight saving time. No one around here has ever heard of Andy Kendall but he must have a reputation out there.

I saw him work out yesterday in Enfield and that is about 25 miles from here and on the way to Bradley International Airport. I thought that he looked very good, he is aggressive and can take a punch. It should be a good fight. I would like to have had a chance to talk to him about Oregon but did not have a chance to do so. He might be surprised to know that I knew so much about Heppner.

Well, Mr. Editor, this is all for now and thought that it might be of interest to you out there. Also, best regards to P.M. Jim Driscoll, an old C.C.C. buddy. Sincerely yours, Daniel McArdle 598 Dwight Street Holyoke 01040 Massachusetts

(Ed. Note: The clipping tells about the forthcoming light heavyweight fight between Andy Kendall of Eugene and Bob Foster on May 24. McArdle, the letter writer, once was in the CCC camp at Heppner).

Pioneer Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Litter Bug Season

This is the season of the year when those obnoxious human slugs "The Litter Bugs" will be crawling over our trails and highways in increasing numbers.

There is little excuse for their existence and less for their behavior. The worst of the species are those addicted to vandalism not satisfied with spreading rubbish everywhere. They are prone to destroy or deface things that are provided for the convenience and pleasure of all of us. If they are proud of their performance, they should wear a button, "I am a Litter Bug."

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

IMPORTANT MEETING
Special Weed Control and State Sales Tax Package meeting sponsored by Farm Bureau
Friday, May 23, 1:30 p.m.
Fair Pavilion
Marion D. Thomas, State Extension Specialist, guest speaker. Public invited.

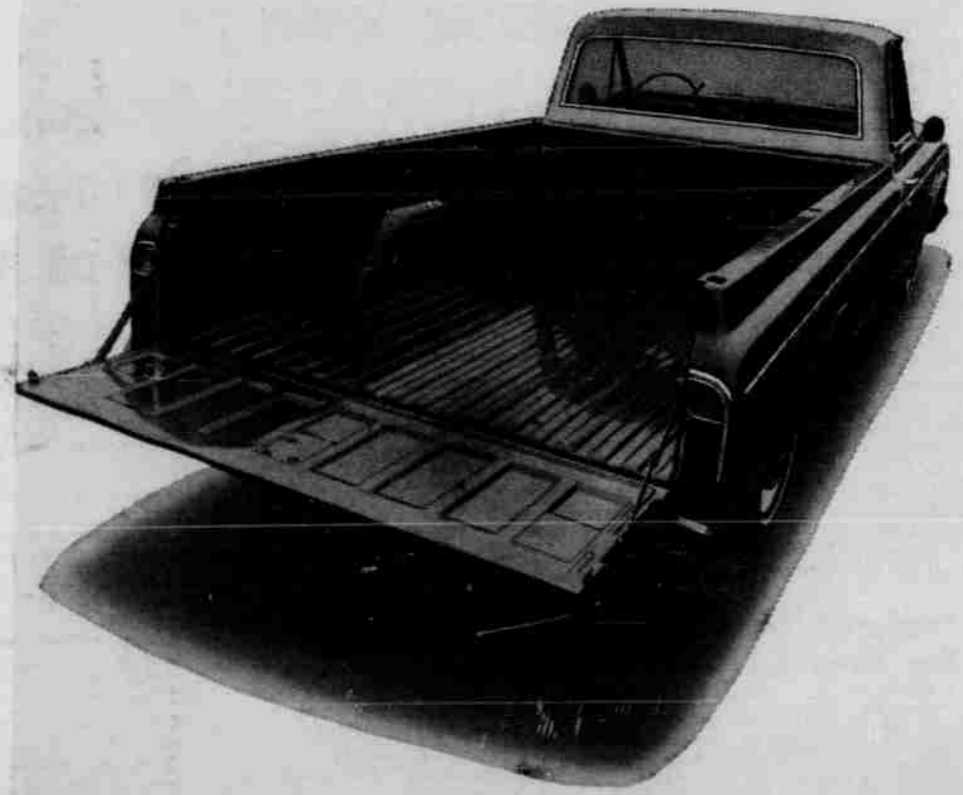
BLOOD DRAWING
Help Morrow County Red Cross Center meet the 90-pint quota
Tuesday, May 27, 1 to 5 p.m.
Heppner Elks Temple
No appointment necessary
Come and bring a friend!

PIONEER MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC
16th Annual Pioneer Picnic
Friday, May 30, County Fair Pavilion
Registration from 10:30 a.m., potluck dinner at noon
All old-timers invited to attend

REGIONAL INTER-COLLEGIATE RODEO
Heppner Rodeo Grounds
Fri., Sat., & Sun., May 30-31, June 1
Cowboy Breakfasts, Saturday and Sunday mornings
Tickets on sale—Turner, Van Marter & Bryant Ins., and at Gardner's Men's Wear
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