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OTHER EDITORS SAY—

It's Beginning to Soak In

(FROM TRI-CITY HERALD, KENNEWICK)

The Seattle Times has editorially highlighted a problem we have been discussing for some time.

And that is the trouble which assuredly will arise as soon as power companies start trying to find locations for nuclear-power plants west of the Cascades.

The Times made no bones about the impact on Puget Sound of the news that two utilities planned to build a nuclear-power plant near Anacortes.

The Times described the news as having "the shock of a sonic boom."

It pointed out that the site chosen is adjacent to the famed Hope Island salmon-fishing grounds; that the water used to cool the nuclear plant will warm the adjacent sea water; that no one knows for sure what this change will do to marine life.

And, most importantly, it stressed that Puget Sound residents aren't going to allow any nuclear-plant construction until those answers are known.

That will take years. But can we wait?

The experts say we can't.

The "happy air" was sucked out of BPA's sails this spring when it learned that the firm backup power it had hoped to get from new dams, and new generators at existing dams, won't be there. Uncle Sam tightened his purse strings. Right around the neck of such projects at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake.

BPA has proudly been displaying to the public a document showing joint public-private power planning on construction of needed nuclear plants.

When we've told BPA it has been heading for trouble, that there were too many unanswered questions about the all-important effect on the environment of those power plants, it turned a deaf ear.

When we urged that BPA play it safe and set to work a second team to ensure that if the first plan runs into trouble a backup one is ready, it appeared to consider the proposal worthless.

Officials of the Federal Water Pollution Control Commission are showing pretty pictures illustrating that 300-foot-tall cooling towers aren't ugly; that their plumes don't create fog and icing.

The trouble is if anyone looks closely they'll see the plumes are over desolate hills and pretty fir trees. Not over Longview, Eugene, Seattle, or the other built-up areas where they are being proposed in the Pacific Northwest.

Almost like a parrot, BPA has been repeating and repeating that the new nuclear plants must be located near where the demand for electricity is. That way you avoid the costs of building transmission lines, and of maintaining those transmission lines.

But while the utilities want their plants to be near the people, it is becoming increasingly obvious that the people don't want to be near the plants.

BPA should learn its lesson from Puget Sound, and from what the Seattle Times has told it.

The main point seems to be that we don't know the effect on warm-water effluent on the environment—be it released in the air or in rivers and streams. To determine these effects takes time. But the Pacific Northwest doesn't have the time before its lights start flickering and its expansion is crippled by a shortage of power for new industry.

We've been saying for at least two years that until those findings are made, here in Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon we have sites where construction of nuclear-power plants could start tomorrow.

The warm water could be used for irrigation. The steam from the cooling towers placed, say, in the 640-square-mile Hanford reservation would blot out no one's view of the sun.

How much longer before BPA realizes that time is running out, and taking with it the chance of the Pacific Northwest to develop its industrial and economic potential?



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Why Not a Visit to a Hot Spring Resort?

There are a number of Hot Spring resorts in Eastern Oregon that deserve better patronage than they are getting. Our family came to that conclusion after a week's stay at Ritter. If you are looking for complete relaxation, medicinal baths, day long access to a splendid swimming pool and courteous service, I know of no better place to go. The hot baths will take the creek out of your stiffened joints. You won't need sleeping pills. The voice of the river will lull you into dreamless slumber, night after night. We will be going back again.

Sen. Ken Jernstedt On Labor Committee

Senator Kenneth Jernstedt, Hood River, has been appointed to serve on the five-man interim committee to study labor management relations in Oregon. The announcement was made Friday through a joint statement by Senate President E. D. (Debbs) Potts and House Speaker Robert F. Smith.

The committee, created in the closing days of the 1969 session, will study existing Oregon laws relating to labor management relations and the need for changes in such laws or new legislation in this area.

"The committee will be vitally concerned about two areas... workmen's compensation and the rights and duties of employers and employees involved in labor controversies," Jernstedt said.

Davidson Gets Degree

Robert H. Davidson, a 1960 graduate of Heppner High School, will receive his Master's Degree from Portland State University at commencement exercises to be held at Memorial Coliseum June 15, at 3:00 p.m. He received his Bachelor's Degree in secondary education from Eastern Oregon College in 1964, and has been teaching and coaching at Clackamas High School, Milwaukie, for the past three years.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHEN — more than 20 years ago — we bounced son Bill on our knee to the chant, in rather falsetto tones, of that little ditty, "Trot, trot to Boston," we had no conceivable idea that the day would come when we, indeed, would trot to Boston to his wedding.

But so it is. Young Bill, valedictorian of the Heppner High class of 1964 and graduate of the University of Oregon in 1968, will be married to Miss Carolyn Harold, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ken Harold of Mandeville, Jamaica, at the historic Park Street Congregational church in Boston on June 29, the day after she graduates from Gordon College, Wenham, Mass., and the day after he concludes his first year at Gordon Divinity School.

Park Street church is one of the tourist attractions on Boston's "Freedom Trail" and is a very short distance from the home of Paul Revere, who made the famous ride prior to the Revolutionary War. It was at the Park Street church that "America" was publicly sung for the first time.

OUR RIDE to Boston, by car rather than by horse, will not be anywhere near the historic event that Revere contributed, but it is probably as thrilling to us.

When Bill and Carolyn decided they would be married in Boston, and circumstances made it possible for the ceremony to be in the famous church, mother and dad at first considered it out of the question to go east for the ceremony.

But by planning for six months, we are about to make it a reality and will leave early Saturday morning with the front of the Pontiac pointing towards the rising sun.

MAKING THIS possible is the fact that we have a fine experienced staff and have been fortunate in recruiting two others who will take our places. Kit Anderson will arrive this week to handle news and advertising while we are gone and will continue in this capacity through the summer after we return on July 6.

Kil, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nels Anderson, will be a sophomore at OSU next year and is news editor for the OSU daily newspaper, The Barometer. He has gained other experience working for the daily Albany Democrat-Herald and for a radio station. We look forward to having him with us.

Mrs. Ed (Rachel) Dick, with whom we have worked ever since we have been here in cooperation with her high school journalism classes and publication of the Hehisch, is coming to take the front office desk. She is giving up some of her vacation time to do this, and we really appreciate it for we know her competence very well. In July she will go to Texas for a course in photo-journalism through a grant she has won. Arnold Raymond, our shop foreman, who has been here 11 years, will be in charge of the operation and production while we are gone. Gail Burkenbine, who fills so many duties regularly — circulation, society and personals, office duties, filing, business details, and others — will continue to fill this place (and more) while we are gone. Reggie Pascal, the fellow who sets all the type, will keep his machine going as usual, and Dale Cooper, our apprentice, will give a big hand on the production end.

WITH A crew like this, we doubt if anyone knows we are gone.

TO THE EDITOR

Rodeo Help Thanked

Dear Wes: In behalf of all of us at Blue Mountain Community College I wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation we received in staging the Northwest Regional Finals of the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association.

Without the support of those who are knowledgeable in staging an event of this type, it would have been impossible for Blue Mountain Community College to sponsor this event.

The support of the people in your area in this and the total program of the college has provided a satisfying experience for all of us at the college as we attempt to develop a quality institution in northeastern Oregon.

Sincerely yours,
Wallace W. McCrae,
President
Blue Mountain Community College

Dohertys to Receive Degrees at U of O

Martha Doherty and Tony Doherty, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Doherty, will be among the 2501 University of Oregon candidates to receive degrees at the University's spring commencement exercise, which will be held on Sunday, June 15.

Martha will receive a degree in Physical Education and in Social Science, and Tony will receive a degree in Social Science.

The ceremony will take place at 2:30 p.m., at Autzen Stadium in Eugene.

You can count on them to have business going as usual, and everyone will get the same service on news, advertising and job work.

One little thing will help them a great deal, though. Get news matter and advertising to them early, will you please?

WE'RE DRIVING east, rather than going by air, because we feel this will give us an opportunity to see more of the country. We've always had a yearning to visit the New England states and this trip will give us the chance. (My dad was born in Maine). We expect also to take a 3-day trip to Washington, D. C.

All in all, we'll be gone just over three weeks.

ONE INTERESTING thing about marriages is how couples get acquainted in the first place. Most every married couple has an interesting story to tell about their first acquaintanceship.

Helen Stevens and Wes Sherman got serious about each other after he backed his car into hers and smashed a fender of her 1936 Ford in the Nyssa High school parking lot. They drove to Ontario together to arrange for repairs and have been together ever since.

The story of Bill and Carolyn is a bit unique, too. When he arrived at Gordon Divinity School in the fall, he obtained a job in the school's coffee shop. A young blonde girl came in and ordered an English muffin. He heated it for her, but may have overdone it a bit. She came back with the mild complaint that he burned the muffin, and that is where it started. It was natural that Carolyn would order an English muffin for she grew up in British schools in Jamaica where her parents teach in a college.

After the wedding, the couple will come west and spend the summer in Oregon, then return to Massachusetts in the fall.

Only three of our family are able—for one reason or another—to make the trip—the copublishers and daughter Cathy Jo, who will be a bridesmaid. At this juncture, it still seems like a dream to us who never thought we'd ever get to drive to the East Coast.

After the wedding, it will be —home again, home again, jiggedy, jig, jig" via a northern route and Yellowstone Park.

WE CAN'T get completely away from the typewriter, though, and will take a portable with the hope of keeping the continuity of this column by writing of some of our experiences on the trip.

MEETING CALENDAR

- Monday, June 16—** Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 noon School Board, Regular Meeting, Lexington District Office, 8 p.m.
- Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, Masonic Hall, 7:00 p.m.**
- Morrow County Fair Board, Fair Dormitory, 7:30 p.m.**
- Neighborhood Center, Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m.**
- Tuesday, June 17—** A.F. & A.M. No. 69, 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 18—** Wagon Wheel Club, 8:00 p.m. Willow Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 19—** Jaycees, 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 19—** Soroptimist Club, Program Meeting, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 noon.
- Jaycee Wives, Neighborhood Center, 8:00 p.m.**
- Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington, 8:00 p.m.**
- W.A.C. of Rhea Creek Grange, 10:30 a.m.**
- W.A.C. of Lexington Grange**
- Friday, June 20—** Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33, IOOF Hall, 8:00 p.m.
- T.A.P. of Neighborhood Center, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room**

Evonne Severinsen To Appear on TV On Joan Rivers Show

Mrs. Doc (Evonne) Severinsen will appear on NBC television on Wednesday, June 18, on the "Joan Rivers, That Show," she writes in a note from their home in Branchville, New Jersey.

"Just a quick note to tell you that all those western shirts I used to make have finally paid off," she writes. "The Singer Co. has hired me and I've done a half-hour on the 'Joan Rivers, That Show' as a guest and it will be seen Wednesday, the 18th of June. It's NBC and seen at 9:30 a.m. here and 1:30 p.m. in Los Angeles.

"I do hope you get the show in your area, as I'd love to have all my friends and enemies (ha!) watch. It may be the only way I'll get to visit Heppner for a time!"

"I'm dying to get home to see everyone! Best wishes to the entire community. Evonne Severinsen."

Mrs. Severinsen, the former Evonne Evans, was reared in Heppner, the daughter of the late Harold Evans and Mrs. Evans. Her mother, Ora Evans, now lives in Portland.

CowBelles Busy With June Beef Promotions

"Tenderness... is Beef for Fathers Day" is the theme for the annual June beef promotion now underway throughout the county under the direction of the Morrow County CowBelles.

CowBelles will present their annual beef certificate to the parents of the first baby born at Pioneer Memorial hospital nearest Father's Day, June 15. Mrs. Jim Venard, chairman of the project, has announced that the amount of the beef certificate will correspond to the weight of the baby.

CowBelles are also busy this month making preparations for their annual Father of the Year Barbecue, under the direction of Mrs. Jerry Brosnan, chairman. The barbecue is planned for Saturday, June 21, when Morrow County's Father of the Year, Dick McElligott, along with his family will be honored at the county fairgrounds.

Ione Students Win Medals at Olympics

Douglas Beggs, a student at Ione Junior high, won three medals at the State Junior Olympic Track & Field meet in Portland on June 7. Doug won a gold medal for first place in the long jump with a jump of 19'7". He won two silver medals by taking second in the 100-yard dash and second in the 220-yard dash. He ran the 100-yard dash in 10.3 seconds and the 220 in 23.8.

Jackie Howton, also from Ione, placed second in the high jump. Her best jump of 4'10" bettered the previous state record of 4'9". A new state record of 4'11" was set by one of Jackie's competitors, Mickie Hoskins placed seventh in the junior girls long jump with a jump of 14'1".

Nazarene Minister Moves to La Grande

Nazarene church minister, the Rev. and Mrs. Elmer Kneel and family moved to their new home in La Grande last Saturday, where he will assume the position of associate minister of the La Grande Nazarene church. The Kneel family moved to Heppner in August of last year from their former home in North Dakota. He has served as pastor of the Nazarene church in Heppner since that time.

Three to Graduate

Receiving bachelor of science degrees in education from Oregon College of Education June 13 will be Anita Jean Stockard, Heppner; Gladys Pierrot Ely, Ione; and Julia Anne Odum Barnes, Arlington.

School Bells



By RON DANIELS
Superintendent,
Morrow County Schools

In the last two weeks there have been two news releases that will have a profound effect on the property tax situation in the Morrow County School District for the tax year 1969-70.

The news releases to which I refer were the stories indicating that the 1969 legislature had appropriated an additional 20 million dollars, over the next biennium, to the basic school support fund, and the news release that carried the story on the farm tax use deferral program that showed a substantial reduction in the true cash value for the Morrow County School District for the 1969 tax year. The first story was good news for the patrons in the Morrow County School District as it meant an additional \$23,000 in basic school support for the district.

The effect of the additional \$23,000 was to reduce the dollar amount of the property tax levy for the school district general fund from a total of \$1,174,680 to a total of \$1,151,680. This decrease in the property tax levy would have resulted in a reduction of 23¢ per \$1,000 of true cash value.

However, the second story referring to the decrease in true cash value in the Morrow County School District from a 1968-69 total of \$97,319,003 to a reduced total for 1969-70 of \$90,290,655, a decrease of \$7,028,318 will more than off-set the gain realized from the increase in the Basic School Support Fund. The decrease in the TCY will result in an increase of 91¢ per \$1,000 for the General Fund Budget of the Morrow County School District.

The additional \$23,000 in Basic School Support would reduce our proposed property tax levy by 23¢, leaving an increase over the 1968 levy of 22¢ per \$1,000 of TCY. However, the \$7,028,318 decrease in the TCY in the school district results in a 91¢ increase in the property tax levy in addition to the 22¢ property tax increase that would have occurred as a result of the \$20,547 property tax increase. The result of the tax levy increase and the farm use deferral program will have the overall effect on the Morrow County School District General Fund Budget of a \$1.13 increase per \$1,000 TCY for our 1969-70 levy.

This means that even though our total tax levy increase was less than two percent of the overall tax levy increase, due to the loss of TCY, will be in excess of nine percent above that levied for the 1968-69 school year.

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 the Morrow County Assessor under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX".

QUESTION:
Is a Jaycee organization eligible for property tax exemption as a fraternal organization by reason of the recitation of its creed at each meeting and induction of each member in the ritual required by ORS 307.134?

ANSWER:
The answer is no. The Law Section of the State Tax Commission pointed to a Court decision made in 1967 and said it appears the organization is neither a charitable nor a fraternal organization and consequently the adoption of a ritual and the recitation of a creed, etc. does not meet the intent of the statute.

The same type of increase will hold true for all taxing agencies in Morrow county. In other words if the other taxing agencies take the constitutionally approved 6 percent tax increase, their actual tax levy increase will be well above the 6 percent figure.

An example of how this works is shown below:

SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL FUND BUDGET Without Farm Deferral			
1968 Taxes	\$1,131,133.00	—	—
1968 TCY	97,319.00	—	—
1968 Average Levy per \$1,000	11.62	—	—
1969 Taxes	1,151,680.00	1,151,680.00	—
1969 TCY	97,319,003.00	90,290,655.00	—
1969 Average Levy per \$1,000	11.84	12.75	—
1969 Property Tax Increase	20,547.00	20,547.00	—
1969 Increase per \$1,000	—	—	22
TCY	—	—	1.13

The purpose of making this comparison is not to judge the merits of the farm use deferral law, but rather to clarify why school property taxes will take a large increase even though the school budget increase was quite small.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

METHODIST CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, June 15, Courthouse Park
Welcoming Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Cutting and son, Craig Picnic dinner, noon
Church families and friends urged to attend

ELKS ANNUAL PICNIC
Sunday, June 15, Cutsforth Park
Elks members and families
Hot dogs, pop and ice cream furnished

POMONA GRANGE
Saturday, June 21, at Boardman Grange Hall
Meeting at 10:30 a.m., dinner served at noon

FATHER OF YEAR BARBECUE
Saturday, June 21, Morrow County Fairgrounds
Honoring Dick McElligott
Sponsored by Morrow County CowBelles

ROYAL ARCH CONVOCATION
Wednesday, June 25, Heppner Masonic Hall
All members urged to attend

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FORMER DRUG ADDICT, JULIO DOMINGUEZ, TO SPEAK



Julio Dominguez, former drug addict for ten years, was won to Christ at the Teen Challenge Center in New York City and is now studying for the Ministry at the Latin American Bible Institute of California.

You've Read David Wilkerson's Powerful

"The Cross And The Switchblade"

And Known of the Teen Challenge Center

Now Hear in Person—

JULIO DOMINGUEZ of the Center
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 8 P.M.

Heppner Elementary Multipurpose Room
Music by The Singing Crusaders, The Evangelical Ambassadors Trio and The Singing C's.

The Rhyming Philosopher

GARDENER

I ONCE HAD A GARDEN WITH CABBAGE AND CORN,
AND BEEFSTEAK TOMATOES I WATERED AT DAWN;
I SEEDED AND WEDED LIKE SOMEONE POSSESSED,
BUT BUGS ATE THE CABBAGE AND WORMS GOT THE REST.

SO THEN I RAISED ROSES, OR TRIED TO, AT LEAST,
BUT THIS WASN'T EASY, MY TROUBLES INCREASED,
CHRYSANTHEMUMS FATTENED A GOPHER'S INSIDE,
WHILE ALL MY PETUNIAS SHRIVELED AND DIED.

I ONCE HAD A GARDEN, BUT THAT IS LONG PAST,
THE WEEDS AND THE SAGEBRUSH TOOK OVER AT LAST,
NOW BUGS AND THE SLUGS AND THE SNAIL AND HIS MATE
HAVE LEFT ME TO CHEW SOMEONE ELSE'S ESTATE.

SO NOW I BUY EV'RYTHING DOWN AT THE STORE,
LESS STRAIN ON THE NERVES, DOESN'T COST ANY MORE,
AN AD IN THE PAPER SOLD EV'RY LAST TOOL;
I EXERCISE NOW PLAYING COW-PASTURE POOL.

THE ONLY THING LEFT IS THE LAWN I NEGLECTED,
WHICH FAILED TO GIVE UP LIKE THE WAY I EXPECTED,
INSTEAD OF REVERTING TO THISTLES AND CLOVER
IT'S LOVELY AND GREEN — SINCE MY WIFE TOOK IT OVER.

HARRY W. FLETCHER