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Mystery Solved

Countless millions of U. S. citizens can recall when, as children, their first act of the school day was to pledge allegiance to the American flag and to the nation for which it stands. Apparently, even this simple patriotic gesture, requiring a minimum sacrifice of comfort or time on the part of the youthful individual, is to be gradually eliminated as part of the educational process.

A press item from New York reports that as a result of two 12-year-old girls challenging the requirement of pledging allegiance to the flag, court action has led to a recommendation to principals of New York's 63 high schools that they suspend the practice. If the principals follow the recommendation, it will mean that about 240,000 New York High School students will no longer be asked or required to stand up and commit themselves to the responsibility of supporting the flag of their nation. Instances like this should clear up the mystery of why lawlessness and lack of respect for persons or property is swamping court dockets and overwhelming police and law enforcement agencies.

Guess We're Old Fashioned

Mr. W. Donham Crawford, vice president and managing director of the Edison Electric Institute, spoke recently on the topic "Environment for Electric Growth." In the talk, Mr. Crawford made two rather startling statements concerning nuclear power plants: 1. "A person getting all his drinking water for an indefinite period from the discharge canal of a nuclear power plant would be getting less than 1/1000th of the natural radiation present everywhere, whether there are nuclear plants around or not. 2. An individual would be exposed to more radiation by moving to Denver, or any other mile-high city, than by moving next door to a nuclear power plant." Looks like we have much more important things to worry about, doesn't it?

Future of the Vo-Ag Program

The Vocational Ag program started in 1917 with the Smith-Hughes Act provided federal funds specifically for vocational agriculture programs in high schools.

These varied programs go from public speaking and parliamentary procedure to every facet of agriculture used about the farm. There's farm accounting procedures, every kind of livestock growing, crops, water uses, to designing and construction of farm equipment and mechanical repairs.

Their contests are numberless. In a Parliamentary Procedure contest, the amendments to the amendment come so thick and fast the audience is bewildered but the members of the team are not.

Public Speaking with its accompanying skills of developing vocabulary, an awareness of the processes of thinking, organization of thoughts added to the development of poise, is something the boys will use all the rest of their lives no matter what the field of endeavor will be. He learns to meet people.

There's the Shop Skill contest. In 1968, the Heppner team won first in rafter cutting, second in advanced arc welding and third in tractor driving.

There's livestock and soil judging. More, not less Vocational Education is needed. Parents and teachers need to be educated to the fact that college isn't for everyone and we need more comprehensive programs of vocational and technical education. A broader outlook in occupational education will not diminish the role of the Vocational Ag courses.

The 1968 amendments to the Vocational Educational Act of 1963 which went into effect this year directs the states to write their own vocational programs to match payroll opportunities. Vo-Ag has set the pace with its long and successful experience at training boys for work in the practical world.

Where will the jobs be in the next five years in Morrow County?

What vocational training programs can be developed that will keep young people here?

Will the burst of agricultural activity in the north end provide enough types of occupations that would warrant broader occupational training in our high schools? Food processing plants? Nuclear power plants?

When the leaders have the answers to these questions, they'll know where to put the money. According to a recent article in the Farm Journal, "Each state board of vocational education will earmark the share for agriculture."

"Federal officials will review state plans and insist that the money goes where the jobs are. Right now, only a fourth of the nation's vo-ag students go into farming, half into agribusiness."

Bill Barratt Heads Bank

William F. Barratt is elected president of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane, effective March 1.

Following five years of service on the Spokane District Farm Credit Board, Mr. Barratt came to the bank as assistant to the president in December, 1964.

He is a native of Heppner, and a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in Agricultural Economics. Following military service Barratt returned to eastern Oregon and entered the sheep and cattle business, including feed-lot operations and other business enterprises. He was elected Sr. Vice President of the FCIB in 1967.

In 1969, the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank supplied over \$500 million of wholesale money to 30 production credit associations located in Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington. The PCAs make short and intermediate term loans to farmers and ranchers.

Fiesta Bowl

City League		
Team	Won	Lost
Fiesta Bowl	7	1
Heppner Lbr. Co.	6	2
Bristow's Market	5	3
Heppner Nor-Gas	4	4
Parrish Garage	1	7
Masons	1	7
High Ind. Game—Doug Dubuque, 230; High Ind. Series—Doug Dubuque, 577; High Team Game—Heppner Lbr. Co., 1067; High Team Series—Heppner Lbr. Co., 3022.		

Koffee Kup Keglers		
Team	Won	Lost
Team 6	12	4
Team 2	10	6
Team 5	9	7
Team 3	6 1/2	9 1/2
Team 4	5 1/2	10 1/2
Team 1	5	11
High Ind. Game — Suzanne Jepsen, 195; High Ind. Series—Phyllis Cole, 485; High Team Game—Team 6, 579; High Team Series—Team 6, 1615.		

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Lawmen Be Careful

Be careful of the rights of persons you wish to arrest. We have generated so much sympathy for wrong doers and wrapped so much red tape around our policemen that any tinhorn outlaw who has had a few hours practice with a toy pistol can beat one to "The draw" and get away with it. If a policeman calls, "Stop Thief," in making an arrest, the court will likely release him for being accused without a trial. If a man is seen leaving a store at midnight with an armful of groceries, an investigation should be made before apprehending him. It may be the fellow was shopping late in an emergency to feed his starving children and has left a list of supplies and his credit card on the counter inside.

Should 18-yr. Olds Be Given The Right to Vote?

From an emotional viewpoint, yes. From a practical standpoint, it is questionable. In the first place, not many at that age are concerned about it, nor are they willing to assume the financial responsibilities that should go with it. Since regular elections in Oregon come in May and November, the time to vote would find them enrolled in college as freshmen. Most of them far from their home precincts and smothered and confused by their upper classmates. If the recent disturbances on some campuses is to be the pattern of the future, the 18-year olds should be spared the ordeal of becoming a responsible voter in that atmosphere.



S/Sgt. PAT H. WONSER, Heppner, a tank commander with Company "M", 3d Squadron, 163d Armored Cavalry, Oregon Army National Guard, of Bend and Redmond, is inspected by the Squadron Commander, during a recent command inspection of the unit. Last year the company was awarded the Eisenhower Trophy as the outstanding National Guard unit in the state in 1969. Sgt. Wonsler commutes to drills at Redmond one weekend a month. (National Guard Photo).

The Rhea Creek 4-H Livestock club held its fourth meeting Feb. 15 at the Rhea Creek Grange hall. The meeting was called to order by vice president Peggy Schlichting. Mark Schlichting led us in the pledges.

We talked about feed records and when you should have your animals on feed. Lambs, June 1, 100 lb.; Steers, May 1, 1000 lb.

Mark Schlichting and Kevin Haguewood will give reports the next meeting, March 15. Sheryl Massey, reporter

Ione Livestock Club met Feb. 22

at the home of John Ekstrom. The meeting began at 2:30. We gave a dollar to our leader for some paint for some signs. Our leader told about demonstrations at Heppner. Skye Frebs, Bill Tews and Glen Griffith told about the meeting at Gooseberry. The meeting adjourned at 2:45, then John Ekstrom gave a demonstration on judging animals. We played some games and sang songs and had refreshments.

Richard Keene, reporter

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feb. 16, 1970

Mr. Charles E. Heard, Editor The Gazette-Times
P. O. Box 337
Heppner, Oregon 97636

Dear Charlie:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting the status of the Willow Creek project. Residents of the area would benefit greatly from the flood control, irrigation and recreation provided by the project, and I have strongly supported its construction.

In 1965, almost immediately following completion of a feasibility study by the Corps of Engineers, the Willow Creek project was authorized by Congress. As I am sure you know, Congressional appropriations for such projects are based primarily upon the budget requests of the President. It is unusual for Congress to appropriate funds for a new project in the absence of such an executive department request because of the workload capacity of the various Corps of Engineers district offices and other factors. Following the authorization of the Willow Creek project, I consistently urged the Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of the Budget to include appropriations in their annual budgets. This has not been done. In spite of this handicap, I have, at every opportunity, encouraged members of the House Appropriations Committee to allocate the necessary funds. Unfortunately, the heavy backlog of authorized and unfunded projects and the fiscal pressures of the past several years have made the Committee reluctant to fund new projects not included in the budget.

I am fully satisfied that the Willow Creek project will be built, and I personally believe that if it were not for the budgetary problems created by the Vietnam war, it would be well on its way to completion. President Nixon's budget pending before Congress does not contain a request for advance planning and design for Willow Creek, and I intend to testify again before the Appropriations Committee in support of the needed funds. I hope the present budget crisis will have eased sufficiently by that time so that the committee will approve new starts on this and a number of other vitally needed water resource projects.

You may be sure of my continued active support for the Willow Creek project.

Best personal regards to you and your wife.

Sincerely,
Al Ullman, M. C.

Dear Editors:

Mercy, more people take the Gazette-Times!

I got another telephone call, this one from Neva Bleakman Schlieff. Her father was Bert Bleakman, a wheatgrower in the Hardman area. Coming to Heppner, Neva worked at Humphrey's Drug company, then moved to Hermiston and from there to Portland where she has lived since 1961. For a time she worked in grocery stores, among them the large Safeway in Lloyd Center.

She attended Mt. Hood Community college nights for two years and now has a responsible position as bookkeeper.

She purchased a Mobile Home and has it located near Gresham where there are 120 others. This is a deluxe mobile home site with post office and also has a nice swimming pool. It is on Division street and 130th.

She professes being very happy in Portland and enjoys much better health than east of the mountains.

She sometimes sees Mr. We-meyer, one time forester living in Heppner with his family. She says he seems in very good health.

Sincerely,
Josephine Mahoney Baker
Tel. 226-4911
Portland 97201

P. S. I've had a busy day at the office. This evening Mrs. Norman Griffin (Frances Cox) called for Leta Thomas' address.

School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy of Heppner Branch



Heppner Elementary and High Schools

Monday, March 2—Spaghetti, vegetable salad, French bread, fruit crisp, milk.

Tuesday, March 3 — White beans and ham, celery and carrot sticks, corn bread, butter, honey, berry cobbler, milk.

Wednesday, March 4—Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, corn, Jell-O vegetable salad, fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday, March 5 — Rice, meat gravy, green beans, Hot rolls, butter, chocolate cake appetizers, milk.

Friday, March 6—Vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwiches, fruit salad, cheese sticks, frosted graham cracker, milk.

CHUCK WAGON

We like a man who comes right out and says what he thinks—when he agrees with us!

Grampa was really upset. He thought the ferment on campus he had been reading about meant the students were making homebrew.

Our family was sitting down to dinner when a young lady turned to her father and asked: "Why can't we say grace once a week? Why do you have to ask for daily bread every day?" Looking up at her in disgust, her younger brother said: "Do you think we want stale bread?"

We enjoyed getting ourselves invited to a potluck picnic up at the Earl Blake development Sunday. The day was gorgeous and kind of amazing for February. The scent of pine and other evergreens was most pleasant.

Howard Keithley and his daughter, Jeri, were up to their place for some firewood. Their pickup got stuck in the mud in a soft place in the road where electric cable had been buried.

Well, sir, Mr. Blake went up there to extricate him and his pickup, too, got mired down. You never saw anything sink as fast (unless it's a dollar bill.)

Okay, so Judge Carmichael brings up the reserves in the form of his pickup. Yep, you're right—another hole was filled.

Before, after and during this time there was good natured banter, some small bets and joking going on. Gene Ferguson was helping with various phases of the work. Mostly, it involved a lot of placing jacks in the right spot, and pumping for all you're worth, placing little logs under the wheels, evergreen boughs and sticks in the path you hope to follow.

Eventually, all the pickups were brought back to camp except for Howard's and it was expected to be moved Monday morning. We enjoyed seeing the folks work together as neighbors in this fine county.

We enjoyed that potluck, too. Mrs. Blake, Mrs. Ferguson, Virginia Meek (visiting the Fergusons), Mrs. Carmichael and Dorothy prepared a wonderful picnic.

Too, we enjoyed seeing this nice development out there in the woods. Some of the folks use their places year 'round. And we sure don't blame 'em.

Matt Rasmussen, age 4, asked his dad "Why do hippies have long hair?"

Mr. Rasmussen said "I don't really know." Matt answered "To scratch their backs."

Does anyone in Morrow County know where the American Red Cross charter is? The charter has been missing for some time and the local chapter has thought it would be nice to place it in the museum when it is located.

Student Receives Navy Honors

Conservation student John F. Cole, MM1 U. S. Navy, La Grande, is one of our many students in the Armed Forces. He has earned numerous service awards. His list includes a Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Unit Citation USS Enterprise CVAN-65, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Purple Heart Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He has completed a course with the North American School of Conservation with a GPA of 3.897 and graduation with honors.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde R. Cole of La Grande, and is a graduate of Heppner High School.

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DISTRICT MEETING
Ruth Chapter and Locust Chapter OES
March 9
Masonic Hall

COLUMBIA BASIN
BRITANNY DOG CLUB
Field Trials—March 1
Bombing Range Road
9:00 a.m.

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL
Feb. 28, Sherman Co. at Moro

MORROW CO. GEM and MINERAL SOCIETY
Feb. 28, 7:30
McMurtry Building

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