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A Welcome to Easter

Every holiday is accompanied by certain customs and traditions. Most of them are characterized by exhausting, frenetic activity. Even Christmas, with its centuries-old religious connotation, leaves participants exhausted from holiday festivity. Other holidays are marked by equally strenuous exhibitionism. Memorial Day is inextricably linked to the "Indianapolis 500"—a gruelling death-defying auto race. Labor Day and the Fourth of July have become occasions for a mass exodus to the seashore and mountains that make the trek of Hannibal and his elephants pitiful by comparison. Perhaps because of its antiquity, as well as its meaning to Christians, there is one holiday that is commemorated in a different manner. Easter, which this year is observed on March 29, is usually a quiet occasion. Children hunt their colorful Easter eggs in the cool dampness of a spring morning. Instead of heading for the mountains or the seashore, millions of Americans make a special effort to go to church on Easter Sunday.

Easter is a wholesome kind of holiday. It gives everyone an opportunity to recuperate in a small measure from the harassments of daily life. Its coming will be more than welcome.

Correct Age is Important

In talking with the Social Security man, John Pasek, who comes from Pendleton to spend one day each month in Heppner, says the most asked question is, "How do I prove my age?"

This is most important when it comes to filing for Social Security. He has had as many as 4 different dates of birth for some individuals. This can make considerable difference. The best proofs of age are: birth record, baptismal record, records issued before 5 years of age. He says there is less than 1% of error in these records.

Next items may be used as evidence of age: school records 5 to 10 years of age, school census every year and Federal census every 10 years. If any of these are used, two items must be submitted as proof of age.

NOW is the time to write. Records are being destroyed. Portland School System charges \$1.00 for looking up past records.

It has been noted that in the smaller schools, now abandoned, school records are sometimes found in private homes. He urges families finding such records to take them to the county office as people are wanting this valuable information.

Mr. Pasek has from 15 to 25 inquiries on the days he spends in Heppner. He is at the Neighborhood Center April 10 for the next time.

Price of Inflation

The White House conference on food, nutrition and health endeavored to draw wide public attention to the problem of hunger in America. The President and Congress have been urged to appropriate several billion dollars a year to eradicate hunger. It is claimed that there are 15 million hungry among the nation's poor.

Harsh as it may sound, unless inflation and government spending can be controlled, the government will never be able to keep up with what many feel to be a moral obligation to feed the poor. Inflation will create poor and hungry people faster than the government (taxpayers) can feed them. Millions of new poor will be created every year as the value of the dollar declines. This is the price of inflation, which can no longer be avaded by trick bookkeeping, deficit financing or political demagoguery.

CHUCK WAGON

While we have gone around in circles for many years, we enjoyed learning about what folks in Morrow County mean when they say "circles". A visit Sunday to D. O. Nelson's 4,000 acre ranch and a talk with him and his charming wife, and a tour about the ranch, and we actually saw what these giant circles are. From what folks tell us, with the coming of more circles to use on potatoes and dry beans, pretty soon anyone who doesn't have a few circles on his ranch will be an ole square!

TV shows have gotten so bad, some kids have gone back to doing their homework (we're told).

Nothing ties earth and sky together like a boy and a kite in wild March weather.

Real Estate Transactions

Herman W. Winter and Pauline J. Winter to Rex Ellis and Nona Ellis, tract in Sec. 9, Tp 4 NR 26.

Maxwell C. Jones and Mary I. Jones to Rex Ellis and Nona Ellis, tract in Sec. 9, Tp 4 NR 26.

Kenneth O. Methvin and Alice F. Methvin to James E. Yeoman and Patricia K. Yeoman, tract in Block 5, Ayers' Fourth Add. to City of Heppner.

Bank of Eastern Ore. to Hazel Mae Ellis, tract in Lots 9 & 10 & Lot 11 in Block 9, Sperry's 2nd Add. to City of Ione.

USA to Dudley Jones Co., Lot 4 Sec. 30, Tp 2 NR 25, containing 56.48 acres.

Roy Phillippi & Myrtle Phillippi to Bildeo Inc., tract in S½ Sec. 19, Tp 4 NR 25.

NOTICE

The assessor is not required to notify any property owner of the duty to file an application on or before April 1. However, any property owner who received the special assessment during the last assessment year and who failed to file on or before April 1 of the current assessment year will be notified by the assessor; he can then file on or before May 1 upon payment of a \$10 penalty. The statutes contain no provision for extending these filing deadlines.

JOYCE RITCH
Special Assessor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors: My word! A voice from the past, about 40 years ago.

Lawrence Reaney, who was born in 1889 and reared on the old Reaney ranch near Lexington on Willow creek, called me from his home in Vancouver, Wash., and we had a chat about old times and people. He said he comes to Heppner each year on Memorial Day and enjoys meeting old friends. Cress Madrock he remembers well, among others. He called Kenneth Mahoney "Kenny" and wondered about young Tom Mahoney, who spent his summers at the Ed Currin ranch when Reaney and his wife were working there.

Reaney has 4 sons and 3 daughters. He mentioned Mrs. A. H. Nelson, Anne Smouse and Hortense Martin who live at Terwilliger Plaza.

He said he owns a large plot in the Heppner Masonic Cemetery which he does not plan to use so thinks he will dispose of it.

He has lived in Vancouver for 40 years and at one time dealt in real estate.

He takes the Heppner Gazette-Times and got my telephone number from one of my articles.

Young Tom (T. J.) Mahoney is in the insurance business working for Gerlinger company in the American Bank Bldg., in Portland.

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

TO THE EDITOR

Thank you so much to Mrs. Mary Ann Peck for correcting my error relative to choosing Judge John F. Kilkenny as speaker for the commencement exercises. Now you have made me very happy and delighted to extend my congratulations where it belongs to the senior class, ten thousand, thousand times, for their most excellent and wise choice.

Dr. McMurdo, M. D.

Dear Sir:

Next Sunday will be Easter. Thousands of Christians will attend church this month because of Easter and the memorial of our Lord's suffering, death, and resurrection. Perhaps they will be thinking deep, serious thoughts about our Lord and what He has given us. I hope so.

I hope that the bright new clothes won't cast a haze over

the crown of thorns He wore for us. I hope the tight new shoes won't make us forget that our Lord's feet were pierced with angry nails, leaving marks that will endure for all eternity. I hope that the excellent cuisine many of us will enjoy after the church services will not make us forget the vinegar offered Him when He cried out, "I thirst."

But most of all I hope that this Easter each one of us who attends divine worship may find there the real reason for Christianity — God's incomparable love for man.

Can other religions point to such love as this? That a God would leave His heavenly palace to come share the lot of man, to become man—poor, humble, despised, hated, and finally accused and killed—is unthinkable. Yet our Lord did this for us.

With such evidence of God's regard for man why should our youth turn to the mystic religions of the East? Why should they search for "religion" in the chemistry of pot and pills? Can it be because they do not know? And if they do not know our God, our Christ, our Lord, what is the reason for that?

Can the reason be you? Can it be I? That I have not made Him live for them? After all, He is alive. The celebration of Easter declares His victory over death. But if He does not live in our hearts, He may die to them. If He does not live in our lives, how can they know Him?

God grant that our lives may pick up a spark of dedication at this season and carry that spark throughout the year, so that Christ—the Christ of Gethsemane, the Christ of Calvary—can speak to others through us.

Sincerely yours,
H. E. Preston, Pastor
Seventh-day Adventist Church

Charles Nelson motored to Portland the last of the week from the Nelson ranch in the Lexington area.

Returning to the ranch with him for a visit were his grandmother, Mrs. A. H. Nelson, and Mrs. Anne Smouse, residents of Terwilliger Plaza.

The Nelson families, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nelson and Mrs. A. H. Nelson, each has his own house on the ranch.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCE!

TEN YEARS AGO

March 24, 1960

Susan Partlow of Boardman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Partlow, this week was chosen Queen of the 1960 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo.

Cliff Green of Heppner received a county \$200 Union Pacific Railroad scholarship at the state FFA convention held in Pendleton during spring vacation.

The sun bore down on Morrow County during the past week and when the mercury climbed to 75 Tuesday at the Heppner weather station, it set a 50 year record.

The Heppner High School student newspaper The Hehisch was one of only two Oregon high school publications to receive the Columbia Scholastic Press Association Medalist award for "Publications of Distinction".

A Heppner girl, Miss Janice Beamer, this week was named Miss Northwest Cowgirl by the Northwest Rodeo Association. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beamer.

School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy of Heppner Branch

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Heppner Elementary and High Schools

Monday, March 30—Spanish rice, green beans, celery and carrot sticks, rolls, butter, gingerbread topping, milk.

Tuesday, March 31—Corn dogs, potato chips, macaroni salad, spinach, fruit cobblers, milk.

Wednesday, April 1—Sloppy Joe, homemade bun, spinach, celery stix, Jell-O fruit salad, milk.

Thursday, April 2—Hamburgers, potato salad, pickles, potato chips, carrots and celery, ice cream, milk.

Friday, April 3—Tuna noodle casserole, buttered peas, carrot stix, French bread, butter, fresh fruit, milk.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL
The McGahey Family

A recent issue of the Blue Mountain Eagle contained an historical article on the McGahey family and a picture of Mother McGahey now residing in Eugene after 100 years of pioneer life. The story and picture revived memories of them that deserve recognition. Sixty years ago while teaching at Ritter, I had the McGahey children (Dorothy, Percy and Buddy) in school. They rode four miles to attend on a white horse they called "Old Sawbones." In mid-winter they left home before daylight and returned after dark. Old Sawbones' high gear was a slow walk, and there were several gates to open and close. Dorothy, the oldest was the "leadman" for the daily expedition, the left side of their saddle had two stirrups—a long one for climbing and a short one for riding. They never failed to attend school. They came for a purpose and each of them has done well in the years since. Not many pioneer families have a living link 100 years old to tie them to the past generation.

Judge Jones Tells Of Shelter Plan

A community shelter plan has been prepared for Morrow County telling what to do and where to go in the event of an enemy attack on the U.S.A., according to Judge Paul Jones. The plan is explained in a folder accompanying a 92-page booklet which is to be distributed by mail beginning Monday, May 4. Each home in the county will receive a copy.

"While it is unlikely that an enemy nuclear weapon would be exploded in Morrow County," Jones said, "potentially lethal radioactive fallout could settle here from a burst hundreds of miles away." Unless adequately shielded in public or private shelters when fallout arrived, a great many people could become casualties, he added. To avert this possibility, a community shelter plan was devised.

"To insure that the plan would fit our local situation," stated Jones, "the Morrow County court appointed a community shelter planning committee in the summer of 1968. Members serving with me included: Frank Anderson, Donald Ball, C. J. D. Bauman, Everet Brock, Robert Drake, Vic Groshens, Walter Hayes, Loren Lucore, Carl Marquardt, Avon Melby, John Mollahan, Donald Munkers, Delbert Piper, Harold Sherer, and Ted Smith. The committee worked with a professional planner from the Bureau of Governmental Research and Service, in Eugene, and with Bill DePew of the Oregon Department of Emergency Services. Technical assistance and financing of the project was provided by the Department of Defense."

Mrs. George Bradburg of St. Louis, Mo., left Friday after spending two weeks here with her son-in-law and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. F. W. (Mike) Luedde in Ione. She arrived in time to care for the new arrival Mark Vaughan, and his brother, Fullerton Woods III better known as Colt.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE FRIENDLY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

By PASTOR FLOYD EVERHART

We are your neighbors; we are not salesmen; we are not running for office . . . We just want to serve you . . .

1. We feel a sense of spiritual responsibility to our neighbors.
2. We are not trying to promote "religion." "Religion may only be man reaching up for God." "Christianity is God reaching down for man."
3. We are interested in sharing good news about a person; the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. We do not believe in forcing religion or Christianity on anyone.
5. We believe there are four spiritual laws that are just as inviolable as the law of gravity.

- I. God loves each individual and has a wonderful plan for each life. St. John 3:16; 10:106.
- II. Every Man has sinned and his sins separate him from God. Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23.
- III. God provided only one way for man to have fellowship with Him through His Son, Jesus Christ. "None other name" Acts 4:12, Romans 5:8; Cor. 5:21.
- IV. Each person must personally invite Jesus Christ to be Saviour and Lord of his life. Romans 3:20; 1 John 1:9.

Each month there will be a Neighbor Night service to provide the community an opportunity to share the Good News that Jesus lives today within the hearts of those who will "Trust and Obey," not the teachings of man but "The Commandments of Christ."

If you have personal or spiritual problems you would like for someone to share with you in prayer, contact us. We are your servants, for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ. What is our motive?

"The Love of Christ constrains us." 2 Cor. 5:14.

BMCC Budget Election Set For April 6

Blue Mt. Community College budget election is scheduled for April 6, the same date Morrow county school budgets will be voted on.

The budget is \$1,640,422, an increase of \$214,087 over the current year's costs. The increase, considerably less than last year's is due to enrollment increases, according to Bob Stangler, chairman of the budget committee.

The amount to be collected by taxes in Morrow and Umatilla counties is \$676,270, requiring a levy estimated last month at \$1.38 per \$1,000 true cash value. The balance of the college's operating funds come from federal and state sources plus student tuition and fees.

BMCC's current budget is the second lowest of seven comparable community colleges in the state, with a tax levy that is 18 cents lower than the average.

"When you consider that the college's enrollment went up 18 percent this year and will probably go up that much next year, this is a very responsible budget," Stangler added.

"When you add to this the decrease in our true cash value through farm use deferrals and the decrease in federal vocational funds," he continued, "it's remarkable that the budget is as low as it is."

He pointed out that the amount budgeted is the entire amount needed to operate the college, and since the college has no tax base an election must be held each year to approve amounts to come from Umatilla and Morrow county taxpayers.

GRANGE LADIES HAVE MEETING

The Women's Activity Committee of Rhea Creek Grange met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Palmer on Thursday of this past week for luncheon and an afternoon meeting. Chairman, Mrs. Walter Wright, explained the rules for the contests that are being conducted by the State Grange, and urged anyone interested to enter the sewing contest. The prize for the best dress in the National Contest is an all expense trip to Hawaii for two. There is also a Doll Contest and the Canning Contest. Plans were completed for the supper and card party and for the visitation to Lexington Grange on April 11.

SUPPER & GAMES ENJOYED

A good crowd attended the pancake supper and card party at the Rhea Creek Grange hall on Saturday night. There were 6 tables of pinocle in play with prizes won by Mrs. Nora Turner, high, and Mrs. Sarah Adkins low for ladies, and Kenneth Wright, high, and Art Dalzell low for men. The traveling pinocle prizes were won by Mrs. John Lane and Lewis Ball. Bingo was also enjoyed. The proceeds from this evening will be used toward the many funds and charities helped by the Grange. The members of the Grange wish to give a special "thank you" to the Heppner Gazette-Times, The Bank of Eastern Oregon, and to Ruggles Insurance Agency for the advertising they gave that helped make this multi benefit party a success.

Frank E. McDaniel Services Last Week

Funeral services were held March 15, at the Methodist Church in Heppner for Frank Earl McDaniel, with Rev. Edwin A. Cutting, officiating. Mr. McDaniel was born Nov. 17, 1892 in Wild Rose Prairie, in the territory of Washington, which is now the city of Spokane. He passed away March 12, at the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla, at the age of 77. He had been a resident of Stanfield for the past 22 years, and formerly lived in Hardman. He was a veteran of World War II, a member of the American Legion and a charter member of the IOOF at Hardman.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred, of Stanfield, a sister, Nellie Lindburg of Spokane and several nieces and nephews as well as other relatives in this area.

Special music for the services was provided by Mrs. Warren Miller and the Marquardt family. Casket bearers were Adrian Bechtoldt, Robert Stevens, Albert Wright, Clayton Wright, Harold Wright and Kenneth Batty.

Concluding services were held at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Burns Mortuary in care of the final services.

Paul McDuffee and his wife, Muriel, are residents of Medford according to a St. Patrick's Day card received by Josephine Mahoney Baker.

The McDuffees are former Heppner residents.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

MARCH 31
First Aid Course
First Session, 7:30 p.m.
Elementary School Library

APRIL 4 "SPRING FLING"
Dessert Luncheon and Card Party, Bridge and pinocle, 1:30 p.m.
Ione Masonic Hall
Drawing on afghan. Donation of \$1 to Ione Public Library

MARCH 27
Heppner American Legion
Auxiliary Bake Sale
Building next door to Peterson's Jewelry

APRIL 6
All Band Concert, 8:00 p.m.
Ione High School

MARCH 27
Community Good Friday Service, 2:00-4:30
Hope Lutheran Church

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