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Kids are Costly But . . .

In this day of planned parenthood or not planned parenthood, it is well to know the cost of raising a child to the age of 18.

Alberta Johnson, Oregon State Extension family finance specialist says the answer gets involved with such factors as these: In what part of the country is the child raised? Is he raised in a city, the country or on a farm? How many children are in the family? What are the parents' standards of what is necessary in life and what is desirable?

It seems to cost more to raise a child in the Western part of the United States. It would have cost \$20,190 to raise the average child born in 1951 living in a family of parents and no more than five children in a rural, non-farm region. This is over \$5000 more than for a child in the same situation living in the north Central region of the United States.

These figures were computed with the prices that were current in each year of his life beginning in 1951 and with the family on a low-cost but adequate food budget.

If the cost of raising the child had been the same every year as they were in 1969, the cost would have been \$25,000 in the West. The total cost per year to raise the child generally rises as the child grows. When figured in 1969 dollars, costs in his 18th year are as much as 30 to 45 percent higher than in his first year.

Parents of children just graduating from high school this year can well testify to the factuality of this last sentence! While costs differed according to locality, in general it costs families from 15 to 17 percent per child of the family income to raise a child based on the figures for the two years near the mid-point of the 18-year span.

After high school and during college, the costs rise sharply. Here again there are many factors depending on which college is chosen and the students' standards on what he thinks is necessary.

Visits to the orthodontists, ophthalmologist, music lessons, dancing lessons and accidents can end the costs skyrocketing. The costs may stagger those of the Depression Years but are so readily acceptable to this generation of the affluent years!

Of course, kids are so wonderful that their costs have to be overlooked!

Congratulations to Pat

Congratulations to Pat Kilkenny. As student body president of Heppner High School, he has shown himself to be an exceptional leader. We have seen evidence where he not only led but got behind and pushed. He formulated many student activities and showed tremendous talent as an organizer. His wholesome interests and attitudes added to the overall stability and pride of the student body.

His teachers and administrators say he is very cooperative. He is poised and business like in conducting his meetings. He involved the students to accomplish many good things. The most outstanding specific is the Peace Corps School. Their goal of \$1000 has been almost raised by a wide variety of ways and means.

To date they are just about \$100 short. There are a few more sources where more money may come in. The Juniors planned to contribute anything left in their treasury after all the Prom bills are paid. The Sophomore class planned a Pop Bottle drive with the proceeds to go to the Peace Corps School.

Pat received the \$100 Savings Bond as winner of the Elks Leadership Award this year. He was presented with the Boy of the Year plaque at the Awards Assembly last week.

He hopes to go to the University of Oregon and take up law.

"Something I'd like to ask the State Department: With all these goodwill trips, how come we don't have any?"

CHUCK WAGON

Elwayne Bergstrom and Bob Laughlin are dismantling the old Heppner railroad depot in their spare time. The Bergstroms plan to build a cabin with the lumber on a lot up at the Blake Ranch tract. The Laughlins plan to save their lumber until they buy a lot up in the mountains.

A meeting with District Attorney Herman Winter is to be held to discuss curfew policies for this area. This will occur at 3 p.m. today (Thursday) at the Morrow County Courthouse. Invited, according to Mrs. Grace Drake, Juvenile Department Director, are Sheriff John Mollahan, Deputy Sheriff Larry Fetsch, Judge Paul Jones, Justice of Peace Lowell Gribble, and they are expected to participate in the discussion and policy making.

The graduate's first big shock is the discovery that jobs are handed out by old fogies like his Dad!

Congratulations to Mrs. Rachel Harnett for a most immaculate, shiny bright museum we've ever seen, according to Mary Van Blokland, ourselves and numerous others. Morrow County can well be proud of this fine museum.

Items of clothing and other articles will be accepted on behalf of the Navajo Indians relief until August at Lois' Beauty Shops in Ione and Heppner.

There is quite a movement afoot in the area to try and keep the J. C. Penney store open here.

We understand there are several petitions in local stores and a number of people are writing the district manager at Portland. His address is Mr. J. R. Pollock, District Manager, J. C. Penney Co., Inc., District Office, Suite 125-1500 N. E. Irving St., Portland, Oregon 97232.

Randall Peterson's Jewelers is having a store front lifting. The store and a small adjacent former Turner, Van Marter and Bryant office are being combined to make a roomier store for the convenience of the customers. Ernie Garrison and a helper have been installing a new door, new display front windows. There is still much interior work to be done. Mr. Peterson has been doing a great deal of work himself. (Much engineering help come from some of us sidewalk architects.)

Fiesta Bowl

City	Team	Won	Lost
Heppner	Lbr. Co.	47	17
	Bristow's Market	42	22
Fiesta Bowl		37½	26½
	Heppner Nor-Gas	35	29
Parrish Garage		20½	43½
	Masons	10	54
High Ind. Game	Ron Gray, Don Ball, 193; High Ind. Series		
	Ron Gray, 553; High Team Game—Bristow's Market, 1009; High Team Series — Bristow's Market, 2959.		

Emery Gentry of Weston, son of Mrs. Walter Rood, was here last Friday for a visit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors:

In the name of mercy, pity, peace and love, I ask why the billions and billions of our tax dollars are wasted on worthless, repeat research, moon travel, defense duplications and billions go to pay young able bodied people on welfare not to work? "While our neglected veterans die in filth from lack of care."

These deplorable, disgraceful, conditions could be remedied you know by putting the free loading young able bodied welfare spongers to work for a change in these hospitals. I'm sure every one is aware of the fact that it does not take a college education to be able to clean hospitals, bathe patients and pack bed pans. Besides the humane good this could do to help our sick and wounded boys, the poor old overburdened tax payers, might get a little financial relief if the welfare rolls were cut back on the ones who could help themselves by going to work.

The old "Saw" claims that Jack will be a dull boy if he never plays. But the truth is, he will be a sick boy if he never works! Idleness generates both physical and psychological illness. We should be grateful if there's something we must do everyday, since only in action can we build for health and sanity.

No one really enjoys idleness that isn't earned! For free it soon degenerates into a consuming, deadly boredom. But when we pay for it—with diligence and devotion—it keeps its power to stimulate and refresh us.

Too often we are victims of fear and depression until we find some sort of work to do. Then in work we are released from the suffering of aimlessness.

To awaken each day without purpose in mind, that is the real tragedy! And so we should give thanks, not complain, if the job ahead of us is one which demands strength of body, patience and self control. Then when earned leisure hours come, we know a satisfaction, which is denied the full time idler. Never! Never! let us wish for nothing to do!

Most Sincerely,
Mrs. Lois Winchester

My personal thanks to the staff of the Gazette-Times for the help and consideration you have extended to my students and me during the past year are gratefully expressed. To Reggie, the linotype operator who catches so many of our mistakes, and to Arnold, who has to put up with inexperience, crash production, and different style and make-up from the Gazette, we particularly owe thanks.

I also want to apologize to the seniors, and their parents, whose interviews the HEHISCH did not manage to publish this spring. When the staff decided to try to print an interview of each of the nearly 50 seniors, it was an ambitious undertaking because of space limitations. In seven printed issues, 38 students were written up and the juniors decided to publish a final mimeographed edition to catch the final group.

But the same gremlins who make miserable the life of all printing establishments came out in force to torment the HEHISCH staff during the final week of school—we goofed, and missed several students. Without the help of our dependable seniors, and in the last hectic two weeks of school, publication of a regular printed edition and a small mimeographed paper were minor miracles in themselves. The same students who worked on them were also publishing "Thoughts," the little magazine for Creative Writing and Advanced Composition classes, and working on the yearbook.

Furthermore, devoting so much space to the senior interviews seriously cramped us and we occasionally left out stories that were probably more important, in order to print interviews. Publishing a printed edition is sort of a crash job due to the tight schedule of the Gazette-Times, and the editors are often forced by time limitations to use a story because it fits a certain space rather than for a more journalistic reason.

The HEHISCH staff and I apologize for not having fully covered the senior class. I think we missed Tom Cleveland, Susan Melby, Gary Munkers, Bill Wolff, Vicki Steagall, and Jody Rugg. To all of you best wishes in your future plans.

Rachel Dick, Publications Advisor
Heppner High School

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Heard: Twenty-five years ago I graduated from Heppner High School, and not long afterwards entered the United States Army. I lived in Heppner for only a short period, but have many friends there—and many fond mem-

ies. My wife (Clara Ledbetter) and I were married in Heppner in June, 1950, and have kept in touch with your community and our friends through the G.T.

I retired from the Air Force in September, 1968, entered Eastern Washington State College at Cheney, and will graduate with a B. A. in Business Administration next week. (Incidentally, I have a GPA of 3.39 for my college work and attribute much credit to the fine education and atmosphere of Heppner High—as well as the tough competition I faced from the likes of Ray French and Mary Lou Kelly).

Please renew our subscription. Sincerely,
John L. Pickens

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

If there is a generation gap in our society, at no place is it wider than in the matter of finance. Some comic features in the daily press bring that situation clearly into focus. On one side are the bedeviled parents struggling to meet the demands of their offspring, on the other a group of bewildered youngsters who have never faced the problem of self support. Would it be advisable to put them in possession of a vote on fiscal matters? If the right to vote is given to 18 or 19 year olds and they use it, it will increase the political power of areas close to the universities to the detriment of outlying towns and countries. We have more than enough of that now.

Invitation Issued

Friends are cordially invited to the wedding of Bonnie Kay Akers to Rodney Donald Linnell on June 13 at 4 p.m. at the United Church of Christ in Ione. There will be a reception following in the church social room.



CHARITY BEGGS

Parent's Announce

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beggs of Ione announce the engagement of their daughter, Charity, to Mr. Rick Marquardt of Lexington. Miss Beggs is a graduate of Ione High School and her fiancée is a graduate of Heppner High School. Both young people plan to attend Washington State University this fall. No wedding date has been set.

Attend Graduations

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Prindle were in Omak, Wn., last week for the graduation of their granddaughter, Shellie Guinn. She plans to attend Washington State this fall.

After returning from Omak, Mrs. Prindle joined her brother, Vernon Madden for a flight to Little Rock, Ark. They attended the high school graduation of his son, Gary Madden.

Crisman-Hill Wedding June 20

Mrs. Sara Adkins has received word that her grandson, Ronald Earl Crisman and Judy Ann Hill of Portland will be married June 20. Miss Hill is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Hill and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crisman of Beaverton.

The wedding will be held at the Martin Luther Church in Portland at 2:00 p.m. and the newly-weds will be at home in Milwaukie after the wedding trip.

Mrs. Pieper is Great Grandmother

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holliday of Portland announce the arrival of their first child, Clinton Lee on May 20. He weighed 5 lb. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swanson of Portland. Mrs. A. G. Pieper is the child's great grandmother.

Miss Wyman Graduates

Sheridan Wyman, daughter of Mrs. Ilene Wyman of Heppner, a graduate of Heppner High in 1966, was graduated Saturday from Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing in Portland at the 56th annual commencement exercises there. She attended Marylhurst College for a year prior to entering the Emanuel Hospital School of Nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Horn of Baker spent Memorial Day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beam. Both families then drove to Walla Walla to join other relatives.

Invitation Extended to Berniece Matthews Wedding

The marriage of Berniece Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace (Mike) Matthews of Ione, to Patrick Thornton, son of Mrs. Lena Thornton of The Dalles, will be solemnized at a 2:00 p.m. ceremony on Sunday, June 14 in United Church of Christ church in Ione.

The couple takes this opportunity to cordially invite their friends and relatives to attend the ceremony and the reception which will follow in Church Social Room.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO
June 6 and 7, Hermiston
Umatilla County Fairgrounds

IONE COMMUNITY CHURCH AUCTION
June 6, 10:00 a.m.
Barbecue dinner, 12:30

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1920
Fifty Year reunion
June 14, Wagon Wheel Cafe

BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT
June 7, 2:00 p.m.

Ione Lions Club vs. Jaycees
Meadowood Benefit Baseball game
June 14, 5:00

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JOE SIMMONS
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WAGON WHEEL LOUNGE
Friday-Saturday, June 5-6

SMOKEY'S FRIENDS DON'T PLAY WITH MATCHES

