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## Relief A Few Swallows Away

and then some!  
Special Assessor Joyce Ritch has received word from the State that state tax relief money to Morrow County had dropped about one third! Difference will be made up by the taxpayers who will make up some \$35,765 when their statements are presented in November.

This type news should appear on the obituary page. However, Grandma always advised us to look on the bright side. So, given a couple or three years perhaps considerable additional valuation will help provide the relief we need. We are referring to possible developments in the North End such as nuclear power plants. Also, perhaps the improvement of some 60,000 acres of Boeing lands and another 35,000 acres of the Navy Bombing Range which may be relinquished in a few years. If this land is improved for irrigated row crops, it will help substantially in getting us out of the financial tax woods.

100,000 acres at \$400 per acre valuation would mean forty million, a hefty increase. Proposals now are almost at the point of demand to secure additional State tax relief for the schools. New proposals would increase the income tax for this purpose. We fear this would not go far enough as what is really needed by the property taxpayers is a 50% relief.

Common sense tells us Hanford will likely get the first nuclear power plant. We would guess Umatilla and Morrow County will get their nuclear plants a little later, as power deficits will grow fast. Irrigation projects and the nuclear power developments tie in together nicely. And they will surely change the face of the county, along with deep well projects now pioneering in the potato and dry bean business.

As far as tax relief is concerned, we believe local developments as far as valuation is concerned make a better bet than waiting for the molasses-slow legislature.

## A Killing Handicap

Welfare, as everyone knows, is bankrupting communities all over the nation—and no one seems to be able to do anything about it. Some figures from a state welfare office in Massachusetts explain, at least in part, why the problem of welfare is getting out of control. According to the figures, a family of four on the Aid for Dependent Children program in Massachusetts enjoys a standard of living \$1,275 a year higher than a family of the same size supported by an average wage earner. Including fringe benefits—free medical and dental care, tax relief, subsidized rent and mortgage payments, special insurance breaks—the family of four on welfare receives the equivalent of \$7,671.55 a year. The average wage earner's family gets \$6,396.00 a year. These figures from Massachusetts are very likely similar to figures for other states. No nation can live indefinitely under this kind of a handicap and still maintain the productivity of its people—or the initiative of the individual.

## Thank You, Fred!

Of course, we had heard of Fred Mankin long before we moved to Morrow County. And we would like to join many others in a big pat on the back and a Thank You for his generously providing the sound system at many events here. Furthermore, he operates the system in person, giving this his full attention. He donates his equipment and services to many things. Last week it was the Coronation of the Queen, then the 4-H Horse Show, then during Fair Week it is the annual 4-H Style Revue, the 4-H and FFA Livestock Auction, the Open Horse Show and other events; these are things he has done for many years without charge — gaining satisfaction in helping make other people happy and their projects a success. He has been active in many other ways, this year in helping Art Vance with the Open Horse Show, an event he ramrodded for about twenty years.

## A Tough Assignment

Much of the speechmaking and writing that has appeared in observance of the nation's 194th birthday last 4th of July had to do with how to remake the American system. Although many of the writers and speechmakers waxed eloquent on the "unprecedented" problems of our times and intimated the nation was in a decline, they seemed to come to a dead end when faced with the necessity of offering a substitute for the great American experiment.

Perhaps they had difficulty because there is no worthy substitute. What other nation, in a brief 200 years, has ever done so much for so many people? What other nation has enjoyed a greater degree of freedom and opportunity? In short, finding fault with America is a tough assignment—even for the skeptics.

## A Warm Welcome to You

All the folks around Morrow County wish you a warm welcome. A great amount of labor has been expended by people from all over the county to make the Fair and Rodeo a big success. No one draws down big fabulous salaries for this sort of thing. As you can guess, it's a kind of labor of love folks put forth from year to year so that you and I can enjoy the Fair which features Morrow County's lush agriculture; and the big Rodeo, featuring contests between man and animal, providing the most exciting thrills in the world. So — as Mayor Bill Collins would put it, hang in there, pardner, and have fun!

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Charlie and Dorothy:  
Here is a \$5.00 check to renew my G-T subscription in 1970.

Not much news, except that I'll be teaching second grade in a parochial school this year. There are just 3 hours left in my Master's program, and I'll take these at night this fall.

The way the smog is piling

up and the power is getting shorter, plus all the subway accidents, I'm ready to pull out in a year or so and come home, if I can find a school that needs an elementary teacher. I'm already checking around.

Sincerely,  
Sally Cohn  
6724 47th Ave.  
Woodside, N. Y. 11377



THE PRIZE SADDLE for the Morrow County Amateur Calf Roping contest gets nods of approval from Bob Steagall of Kinzua Mills, Jerry Dougherty, Morrow County Rodeo director of Trophies and Concessions and Tom Currin, director of Publicity.

## CHUCK WAGON

Gardner's Men's Wear has a display of the 1970 Morrow County Rodeo All-Around Cowboy saddle to be presented by Morrow County Grain Growers and Padberg Machinery Co. The other saddle displayed is for the Morrow County calf roping champion and is presented by Kinzua Corp.

If anyone needs a kiss, they better come to the Grand Parade here Saturday!

The Associated Press at Milwaukee has just reported something that was news to me; perhaps it is well known to shepherds. But the item illustrated the terrific changes taking place in almost every line of endeavor.

It's not unusual for a 16-year-old girl to shear a sheep. But it is unusual when she does it without any kind of shearing instrument.

The shropshire lamb that got the treatment Thursday at the state fair was owned by William McKerrow of Pewaukee, Wis. His daughter, Gail, lifted the fleece with nothing but her hands.

The lamb was fed a new defecating drug — cyclophosphamide — 10 days ago.

Dr. A. L. Pope, a University of Wisconsin professor of meat and animal science, described the drug as an antimetabolite. It causes a temporary cessation of wool or hair growth.

A team of scientists engaged in cancer research found in 1969 that patients' hair fell out after taking it.

McKerrow volunteered his sheep for experiments on the belief that the drug might help overcome the shortage of qualified sheep shearers and eliminate the need for expensive shearing equipment. Don't tell Frank Turner about this!

The Morrow County Court is studying the Federal Food Stamp program. Judge Paul Jones said Tuesday they would investigate every side of this issue and a decision will be made strictly with the idea of what is best for the welfare recipients.

The Abundant Food program here has required some warehousing and there has been a little waste. Judge Jones said in some areas sales to local merchants have shown a marked increase under the Food Stamp program. Also, he added, the Food Stamps enable the recipients to obtain more healthful, less starchy foods.

While the mechanics of the Food Stamp program are quite complicated, the amount of Food Stamps received depends on the income status of the recipient. A family of five persons with no income can pay \$2.50 and receive \$135 in food stamps.

Jack Terry who is to be the Parade Marshal this year has his own personal saddle and his old spurs on display in Randall Peterson's Jewelry window. The spurs were sent over by Ebb Hughes who said Jack made them back in 1919. Delicate silver work on them. Jack will use the spurs and saddle in the parade here on Saturday.

An editorial in last week's G-T told of what we thought was a need for a little chatter over the sound system at the 4-H Horse Show. We felt the rider's name and the horse's name would be helpful to the audience. However, we found that the reason they do not broadcast this information is to keep everything neutral. Even though the judge is from out of town, it is possible he might know the name of the horse or the rider and so these are not mentioned during the judging. (We are grateful for folks' patience with us in these matters. Sometimes we yak when we

oughta be listening!)  
We failed to mention in last week's story about the big new 12,000 gallon oil tank that it was sold by Ray Ayers and Matt Hughes of the M & R Floor Covering & Heating Company here. The tank was installed at the Junior High and the installation will be a big help as the old tank had a severe leak.

There is said to be a new TV serial. The characters are all hippies — sort of a no soap opera.

So this woman rings my bell and says, "I'm from the United Charities fund." So I says "Baby, am I glad to see you. I'm flat broke."

"I would have gotten more A's said the little girl to her frowning father, "but you know, Daddy, how men feel about intelligent women."

Father to teen-age daughter: "Either that dress is too short or you're in it too far."

A wife who had returned from a tour through Italy with her husband informed a friend that he liked all the Italian cities, but most of all he loved Venice.

"Ah, Venice, to be sure," said the friend, "I can readily understand that your husband would like Venice with its gondolas and St. Mark's and Michelangelos."

"Oh, no," the woman interrupted, "it wasn't that. He liked it because he could sit in the hotel and fish from the window."

Minister to garage mechanic, who has just finished examining the car for the cost of repair: "Your estimate runneth over."

Businessman: "My wife doesn't care how good-looking my secretary is as long as he's efficient."

POME  
Those who choose to eat and run, Know gulping food is not much fun. But doubtless avoid a greater fate, In working off that excess weight.

## Teachers Attend Summer Sessions

Heppner Elementary Al Martin, principal, Heppner Elementary, attended the summer session at the University of Oregon working towards his administrative credentials. His classes included: a seminar in Systematic Procedures in Classroom Observation, Class Room Supervision and Elementary Curriculum.

Dean Naftziger went to Oregon State summer session. His work was toward his Masters degree in Guidance and Counseling. He teaches Boys' P.E. in the Elementary School and Health and P.E. in the high school, and coaches.

Mrs. Clint Agee, who teaches Girls' P.E. in the Heppner Elementary School and Girls' P.E. and Health in the High School attended a two-weeks Gymnastic workshop at the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Inez Meador took the 8-weeks summer course at EOC in La Grande. She teaches Science in the 7th and 8th grade. This summer she took Computers, Contemporary Math and Science, Adolescent Psychology and Adolescent Literature.

Mrs. Lorena Jones who teaches 4th grade also attended the 8-week summer session at EOC. Her courses were in Elementary Education.

Pettyjohn's Farm and Builders Supply yards were getting brand new paving yesterday.

## Kinzua Woman Burned at Flagstaff, Arizona

KINZUA — Lige Long left Thursday night for Flagstaff, Ariz., after receiving word that Mrs. Long had been seriously burned in a gas explosion. She suffered burns on her face, chest, and left arm but since then word has come that she is getting along very well.

Spending the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Jiggs Bowman and family were Joe Bowman, Dr. Harold Kidd and Dr. John Rademacher, all of Portland.

Mrs. Ed Wham and Vicki went to Portland Wednesday afternoon on business. Vicki left again on Sunday for Portland Monday at Northwestern Business College. Ken Wham of Portland spent the weekend here with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyer recently spent a weekend at Oakridge where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. James Lyche and family.

Mrs. Richard Harper, Connie and Gavin, Mrs. Troy Carey, Nannette and Billy, and Mrs. Jack Wilsey spent last Wednesday in The Dalles on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McKay of Riddle brought their granddaughter Connie Harper home Monday after Connie had spent the past three weeks visiting there.

Pastor and Mrs. William Mai went to Goshen last Monday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Pat Palmer and to bring his mother, Mrs. Louisa Mai to make her home here with them.

Huckleberrying  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Porter and Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Benson, Rick and Jim spent the weekend at Cascade Locks and picking huckleberries in the Mt. Adams area. Others from Kinzua in the huckleberry patches were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dyer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Muzzy.

Mrs. Larry Larson was taken to Mid-Columbia Hospital in The Dalles Saturday night by ambulance. She was released Sunday to return home.

Mrs. John Weaser and Mrs. Jack Smiley went to La Grande last Monday to take Mrs. Weaser's grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Talbott to her home. They were also accompanied by Colleen MacCrae of Wallowa who had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Omar Stubblefield.

Mrs. Margaret McConnell was the hostess last Wednesday to the members of her card club. High was won by Marj Boring who also won one of the pinochles.

Miss Karen Mortimore, Miss Billie Jo Marler of Fossil. Miss

## Area Boys Play in East-West Game

Lee Huson described the East-West Shrine game the same as a good rough high school football game. He urges all players in this area to work hard at their football in order to better their chance of having the same marvelous experience that he has had.

Lee, with Kevin Flatt of Condon, Leland Eubanks of Arlington and Steve Hobson of Umatilla arrived on the EOC campus in La Grande on Aug. 9. Preparations got underway immediately for practice for the annual Shrine game in Pendleton on Aug. 22. Proceeds of the game to benefit the Portland Shrine Hospital for Children.

Larry Walker of St. Mary's was the coach. Lee described him as "knowing what he's doing." The players stayed at Hunt Hall and ate at the cafeteria. Their 2nd week they were joined by students there for the Band Jam-boree.

They attended the Shrine A-1 game in Portland the week before the Pendleton game.

All four boys got to play in the Saturday game which ended 14 to 18 in favor of the West. The half ended 7-0 in favor of the East.

Because the National Collegiate Athletic Association ruled that a greater percentage of the net receipts than allowed had been spent on the participants in 1968 there was no game allowed in 1969.

This year each player received a plaque. A football player with his arms around a crippled child at the top with a notation of appreciation underneath. Each player was allowed to buy a Shrine jacket and jersey and enlarged team picture.

Lee was pleased with the large delegation from Heppner who went over for the game. Lee was voted All State end in A-2 last year and the most valuable player and linemen on the Heppner squad. He will attend BMCC this fall.

Queen From Heppner—  
The boys did not see the parade. Kathy Schwarzin of Heppner was Queen. She rode in the parade and presided over the pageant that preceded the annual game. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Schwarzin.

Recent dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heard were Miss Marguerite Glavey and Ola Mae Groshens.

## Always A Queen

Wanda Smiley, and Mrs. Earl Norris, were business visitors to The Dalles last Thursday.

Camp 5 Card Party  
The pinochle party for Camp 5 was held last Monday evening at the Camp 5 Community Hall with Carol Thomas as hostess. High was won by Terry Todd, low by Carol Norris and pinochles by Dinah Jackson and Sharon Bell. Others playing were Sue Mattison, Betty Murdock, Doris Stubblefield, Rose Merry Nelson, Rose Hardwick, and Virginia Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hertz of Santa Cruz, Calif., arrived Friday to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Todd. On Friday evening a birthday party was held for Mike Todd at the Todd home and those present were the Todds, Mr. and Mrs. Denzil White, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hertz, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Wimer

and family went to Canby last Tuesday to attend the funeral services of Mrs. Evelyn Dunn at West Lynn. The Wimers visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wimer and family at Aurora.

Richard Mortimore was in The Dalles Saturday for medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Jones and Bobby were in Heppner Friday where Bobby had medical care.

Miss Genine Hardwick went to Portland last Wednesday where she visited the Northwest School of Business.

To Ritter  
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Saddler and George, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris went to Ritter Saturday for the weekend to attend the Country Cousins Square Dance Family Camp Out at Ritter Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris went to Prineville Monday afternoon for Carol to have eye care.



MR. AND MRS. ARCHIE MUNKERS

## Dimple Munkers Resigns

Not Queen for a Day but Queen for a Year in 1934 and Chaperone for the Queens for seven years is Dimple Crabtree Munkers. She has resigned as chaperone of the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court as her husband Archie Munkers completes his seven years on the Fair Board and Dance chairman.

She says, "It was a long time ago" when asked of the differences between the Court now and in 1934. Then as now each community chose a girl for the court. The summer dances were held at the big pavilion that stood where the Museum and Park are now. Admission to the dances was good for one vote for one of the girls in the court as Queen. After the last dance about two weeks before the Rodeo, the tickets were counted and then the queen was announced. Dimple had been nominated to the court by Willows Grange. Others on the Court were Lillian Carter from Spray, Beth Wright (Mrs. Barton Clark) from Rhea Creek Grange; Erma Lane, from Lexington and Mary Cunha now of Echo was from the Lena district.

Lee Beckner was president of the Rodeo Board that year.

What did the Court wear that year? Queen Dimple was the first to wear the Rodeo Board owned white leather skirt with a black fringe. With it she wore a black hat, white blouse and black tie and when she rode she had white pants. The skirt was beautiful and to be sure it would fit any and all Queens the skirt was made with four adjustments. The other members of the Court wore black pants, boots, hat and tie with a white shirt.

When asked what her favorite colors have been for the outfits, she says "not black". This comes, she thinks, from those first black and white outfits. Her favorite was the red and white ones of two years ago although she feels she has received more comments on this years burgundy and pink outfits.

They didn't travel around to the other Fairs and Rodeos like they do now but only rode in

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

SENIOR CITIZENS DANCE  
Aug. 28, 7-10 p.m.  
Hawthorne School, Pendleton

4-H STYLE REVUE  
Aug. 26, 8:00 p.m.  
Morrow County Fairgrounds

EPISOPAL CHURCH BAR B-Q  
Aug. 29, 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Church Lawn  
Adults \$2.00; Children \$1.00  
All you can eat

WRANGLERS' BREAKFAST  
Heppner City Park  
7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 30  
\$1.50 and 75c

ANNUAL SIGNING PARTY  
Heppner High School  
Sept. 1, 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
High School Cafeteria

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