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A Narrow Line

News reports state that a plague threatens to wipe out possibly 50 percent of the nation's 1970 corn. Unlike other countries, where crop failure means famine for the people of the United States will not go hungry. But, the incident should serve as a warning of the remorseless forces of nature that, if permitted to get out of control, would bring disaster. Plentiful food supplies come neither easily nor automatically. They are the result of an agricultural technology that has come into full bloom in the U. S. in a comparatively short time. This technology includes fertilizers, amazing new crop working implements and, finally, chemicals for controlling diseases and pests that attack food crops. We have been lax with our consumption of these chemicals, even though they are literally the life insurance of high farm production. In harnessing them from use, even where they are applied intelligently and with restraint, we are unwittingly planting a time bomb in the national larder. Failure of a corn crop can be withstood. But, with 200 million mouths to feed, the line between abundance and starvation is narrow. It is sheer folly to needlessly give the advantage to capricious Mother Nature by making a political or emotional issue of agricultural techniques and practices that go to the heart of food and fiber production.

Empty Stomachs and Communism

Columbian Bruce Blossat in the Annapolis Evening Capital has given some comparative figures on food production in communist versus noncommunist nations. Anyone who wishes to eat regularly may find Mr. Blossat's information of interest. While communist nations are great talkers, when it comes to "land reform," they are consistently the world's worst farm producers. "Not too long ago," observed Mr. Blossat, "85 percent of the Soviet labor force was still engaged in farming. . . . In the United States today, only 6 percent of the total labor force works on farms. And, out of our agricultural abundance, one fifth of all the cropland harvested in the United States produces for export. By contrast, in communist China, available food supplies, according to Mr. Blossat, . . . have remained roughly constant since 1965, though China's population keeps growing." Agricultural production in noncommunist Asian nations, such as Thailand, has soared. History and the statistics show that communism and a full stomach rarely travel in the same company.

Undercurrents of Goodwill

While most of the news seems to portray a world hopelessly submerged in turmoil and conflict, there are deep-running undercurrents of goodwill among men that occasionally surface in stories of today's happenings. Such is an item in The Chicago Heights, Illinois, Star reporting on an organization known as the American Field Service. The Star describes the AFS as a nonprofit and non-sectarian scholarship program which endeavors to bring about understanding among people of many nations. In the words of the Star, "AFS annually brings more than 3,000 students from 61 countries to the United States. Its American Abroad program sends more than 1,400 teens yearly to 44 countries overseas. In the past 23 years, more than 47,000 students from 79 countries have participated in AFS international scholarship programs." Students who participate in the American Field Service are the kind of young people who will work toward a higher level of understanding with due respect for the views and rights of others—something the world sadly needs.

Tragedy Strikes Twice

It's hard to believe that so much tragedy could strike one small town in such a short time as happened to Heppner last week. Walking down Main St. any day last week, one could feel the sadness. Little knots of people talking, you knew the conversation was about Dr. McMurdo. The first question to be asked, "Have they had any news from Dr. McMurdo?" Hearts ached for the family. Hardly a family in this interior of Oregon has not been touched by the kindly doctor who practiced in Morrow County for nearly 60 years. Three generations have crossed his door step. Even this last summer, with Dr. Wolff, Dr. McMurdo went in Bendleton to attend a Cancer Clinic held at St. Anthony Hospital. The week-long search had come to naught and then on Friday came the shocking news about Jody Rugg. Here were two extremes. Both so sad. The one who had fulfilled a life full of promise and the other a life full of promise . . . all in the future. Jody had probably chalked up more miles of driving than any other girl her age in Morrow County. She had driven into Heppner High from Parkers Mill during the fall and winter and from the mouth of Willow Creek in the spring. She held untold numbers of offices during her three years of attending High School here which indicated her immense ability as well as her standing with her peers. This week is a week of sadness that Heppner will remember for a long time.

Booster Day Enjoyed At Willows Grange

Willows Grange held their Booster Day Sunday, Oct. 11 starting with a potluck dinner at 1 p.m. The program in the afternoon was highlighted with a talk by State Deputy Robert Coble. Other numbers on the program were: a song and dance number by Harvey Children, Richard and Stuart Keene; a talk on 4-H by Cheri Carlson and Shauna Bergstrom; piano solo by Barbara Palmer, and a tableau with Lewis Halvorsen, Kathy Morser and daughter Dian, Klara Kinzer and Cleo Children. Cheri Carlson played the piano and Linda Prock and Mary Ann Palmer sang as part of the tableau. Dot Halvorsen gave a humorous reading, Gene and Larry Rietmann played several musical selections, a skit by Bryce and Louise Keene and a reading by Irene Dalzell. Lou-

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. E. CAVERHILL
BIG FOOT AGAIN

A recent article in the Walla Walla Bulletin by Vance Orchard in which he claims that he and a group of his saw something or heard something, or thought they did, in Tiger Canyon, that was Big Foot. No soap. Vance, it has been previously established that Big Foot has taken up residence in the Strawberry Wilderness and is getting his mail at War, Ore. There is no point in throwing a scare into the people of the Walla Walla Valley by locating the beast in Tiger Canyon.

CHUCK WAGON

John F. Cole in the Navy at San Diego wrote recently saying that his wife, Susan, is attending computer programming school in Silver Springs, Md. After a visit with her bridegroom, recently she returned home to Maryland to find their apartment looted. Everything they owned had been stolen, including clothes from the closets. They have been married six weeks. His address is John F. Cole, 2011-03-24, AC & E School Class 7111, SSC, USNTPC, Div. 3316, San Diego, Calif. 92133.

Bill Stewart who has been taking treatments up in Seattle is home again. We saw him riding herd on the desk Monday, a pleasant and welcome sight.

Gene Pierce tells a story of almost instant justice. This is a happening in a nearby county. A gentleman he knows pulled onto the freeway, promptly received a traffic ticket. He felt this was unjust, burned up about it all the way to Portland. Arriving at the Imperial, he walked into the lobby, spied the Justice of the Peace from that Eastern Oregon county he had just left a few hours before. He got red in the face, told his sad story to the JP. The latter, concluded Gene, pulled a gavel out of his pocket, tapped it twice on a table and yelled: "Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The justice court of _____ County is now in official session. Case dismissed."

The Northwest Ruralite is one of our most favorite magazines. It is put out by Columbia Basin Electric. This month it features on its cover a photo of Carl McDaniel and Bruce Bothwell, back to back appearing as if to have a duel. Of course, it turns out the "duel" they have is simply a little friendly competition in seeing who's the best predator shooter!

50th Wedding Anniversary Attended
Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash of Heppner visited their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons of Beaverton recently. They were accompanied by another daughter, Mrs. Dean Connor, her husband and their three children.

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Lone Garden Club Has Jr. Flower Show

By EVA HAMLETT

IONE — The Junior Flower Show sponsored by the Lone Garden Club was held at the Lone School Cafeteria on Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The show consisted of 26 horticulture and 14 arrangements, with 25 junior entries and 1 faculty entry.

Special displays were 50 varieties of Chrysanthemums grown by garden club members and 9 arrangements prepared by the members. Mrs. Garland Swanson, chairman of the "Keep America Beautiful" display was assisted by Van White, Ricky Gilbert, Brian Rietmann, Leland White and Arlene Cannon, who gathered the huge bags of litter from different sections of town.

There were 11 entries in the chrysanthemum division raised by the children from their own plants given them last spring by the garden club.

In division I, chrysanthemums, grades 2 through 4, Elizabeth McKinney and Frank Engleman received 1st place with Michelle McElligott 3rd. In grades 5 through 7, Ricky Gilbert, Natalie Teves and John Eastrom placed first; Kurt McKinney, Tammi Tucker, and Skye Krebs won 2nd place; John Doherty, 3rd; and Carol McElligott 4th.

In Division II, other flowers, Grades 1 through 4, Elizabeth McKinney, Jerry McElligott and Glen Krebs, 1st place; Margaret Ann Doherty, Craig Rea, Glen Krebs, and Michelle McElligott 2nd; Glen Krebs received (2) 4th place. Grades 5 through 7, 2nd place was won by LeRoy Rea. In the vegetable division, Ricky Doherty received a 1st, and LeRoy Rea 1st on 3 different entries.

In the arrangement division, Grades 3 and 4, Kim Akers received (1) 1st, (2) 2nd, (3) 3rd and (4) 4th places. Linda Bristol had a 1st and a 2nd place. In Grades 5 and 6, Ricky Gilbert 1st, Natalie Teves 2nd, and Jan Peterson 3rd. In Grade 7, Danny Akers had a 1st and a 2nd place. In the Faculty division Mrs. Hiernstra placed 1st with her mum display.

Special award was given to Ricky Gilbert for his Litter Tree display.

All Junior participants received spring blooming bulbs besides their award ribbons.

Judges for the show were Mrs. Vera Rietmann, Mrs. Edith Nicholson, and Mrs. Fredrick Martin.

General chairman of the show was Mrs. Lee Pettyjohn, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Jones, Mrs. F. T. Martin, Mrs. Van Hubbard, Mrs. Ciel Rea, Mrs. Ralph Crum, Mrs. Kenneth Klingler, Mrs. Irene Padberg, and Mrs. Garland Swanson.

The Lone Garden Club Chrysanthemum display (50 varieties) have been on exhibit at the Lone Branch of the Bank of Eastern Oregon this past week.

Potluck Dinner Held
The United Church of Christ held their annual potluck dinner and budget meeting following services Sunday, Oct. 11. A call was issued and accepted by Rev. William Arthur of Jennings Lodge. Rev. Arthur will begin his service with the church on Nov. 22.

Library Books Donated
The Lone Public Library has received a gift of 20 books from

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Senator Mark O. Hatfield. Among them are "Palestine, the Arabs, and Israel" by Henry Cotton, "Life as Revealed by the Microscope" by J. L. Cerof, and "Moguls and Iron Men" (Railroad stories) by J. McCague.

There are many other interesting books among this collection. Two new adult fiction books have been donated by individuals, "Deliverance" by James Dickey and "Love Story" by Erich Segal. The South Morrow County Ministerial Association has donated some religious books "Love Unlimited" by Ellen G. White, "Behind the Iron Unknown" by John Cleaver Monsma, "Victory Through Surrender" by E. Stanley Jones, "Quiet Talks on Prayer" by S. D. Gordon, "Are You Running With Me, Jesus" by Malcolm Boyd and "The Meaning of Persons" by Paul Tournier. The Library Board wishes to thank those responsible for the donations. The Library hours are 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday. The school children have a special time from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Mondays.

Lone Jr. High downs Condon
The Lone Junior High football team defeated the Condon team 38 to 20 Thursday, Oct. 8, on the lone field.

Condon remained scoreless until the last quarter when they made three touchdowns and one conversion. In the first quarter, Tom Gates carried the ball over for both the lone touchdown and conversion, Paul Peterson made the 2nd TD. In the 2nd quarter, Gates made the TD with Paul Peterson completing the conversion with a halfline score of 22 to 0.

In the 3rd quarter Bob Gates made the TD, and Paul Peterson the conversion, and the 4th quarter Paul Peterson made the TD with Tom Gates the conversion for a final score of 38 to 20.

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white roses and doves. Mary Dixon and Sarah Smith served at the punch bowl.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast, the couple plan to make their home in the area. They are employed by Morrow Produce Co. at Boardman.

The bride graduated from Riverside High School, Boardman in 1967 and from Blue Mountain Community College in 1969. The groom is a graduate of Shasta College, Cottonwood, Calif.

Pastor John Kenney received their wedding vows, at the Assembly of God Church, Mrs. Harvey Warner sang "The Lord's Prayer", accompanied by the piano by Mrs. LaVelle Partlow, who also played the organ wedding music.

The bride given in marriage by her father and mother, wore a full length white satin dress, accented at the neckline with silver lace. She wore a finger tip illusion veil held by a white satin bow and carried a bouquet of red rosebuds. The bridesmaids wore mint green satin, floor length dresses and carried a single rosebud. They were Mary Dixon, the bride's sister, and Sarah Smith, the groom's sister of Cottonwood, Calif.

The best man was Peter Smith, the groom's brother and usher was Thomas L. Dixon, Jr. of Stat, Idaho, the bride's brother, Paul Smith and Kenny Smith, of Cottonwood, Calif., the groom's brothers.

The bride's mother wore a dress of winter white wool with beaded accents, while the groom's mother wore a pink dress with a pink lace overlay.

At the wedding reception held in the parsonage basement dining room, the groom's mother served the 3 tiered wedding cake, which she had made. It was decorated with pink and

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REV. AND MRS. Kenneth E. Benintendi who will speak at the Assembly of God Church here on Oct. 25. They leave soon to serve in Taiwan.

Missionary to Speak At Assemblies Church

The Rev. Kenneth E. Benintendi, a newly approved Assemblies of God missionary to Taiwan (The Republic of China), will be guest speaker Sunday, Oct. 24, 7:00 p.m., at the Heppner Assembly of God, corner of Willow and Gale, the Rev. Donald Burwell, pastor, has announced.

Mr. Benintendi and his wife Linda will be active in Bible school work, evangelism, and establishing churches during their first term of missionary service.

Mr. Benintendi is the son of Assemblies of God missionaries, the Rev. and Mrs. Garland E. Benintendi, presently serving in Taiwan. He was raised and educated in Taiwan and speaks Chinese fluently. He says, "As I have been exposed to foreign culture, language, and peoples since childhood, God has impressed me that missionary service is the avenue I should take as a life's work."

Of the land to which he soon will return, Mr. Benintendi says, "The island of Taiwan presents a tremendous missionary challenge. Only one percent of the 12 million people are Christians."

Both Mr. and Mrs. Benintendi graduated from Northwest College of the Assemblies of God in Kirkland, Wn. Before they were approved for missionary appointment they pastored churches in Toledo and Waldport, Ore.

Slides, curios, and a challenging missionary message will be featured during this special missions rally. The public is invited to attend.

Parents Invited to School Lunch
In observance of National School Lunch Week, Oct. 11-17, Principal Mick Tolar gave an invitation to parents to visit the school and have lunch with their child, on Tuesday or Thursday.

Tribute was given to the 2 cooks who have been preparing such good meals for the school for so many years. Mrs. Verdie Isom has been preparing school lunches for 18 years, and Mrs. Vera Cooley has been working in the Cafeteria 13 years.

SSgt. Gerald Franke and family are at home on leave from the U. S. Air Force, visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Franke, Irrigon. They have recently returned from England. SSgt. Franke has been in the Air Force for 10 years. Since his next tour of duty will be in Alaska, his wife Patricia and 2 children will stay in Irrigon.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Heppner Civic League Rummage Sale
Oct. 30-31

Senior Citizens Get-Together,
every Thurs., from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Neighborhood Center

Refreshments furnished by the Methodist Ladies

FOOTBALL!
HHS

Oct. 16, Stanfield at Stanfield JV's Oct. 18, Pilot Rock, there, 6:00 p.m.

Elementary, Arlington here, 2:00 p.m., Oct. 16

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Oct. 16, Lone at Riverside, 2:30 Jr. High, Oct. 15
Lone at Riverside, 1:30

Democratic Central Committee of Morrow Co. meeting Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Conference Room at First National Bank

All Democrats in county urged to attend

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Monday, Oct. 19 — Chili, corn bread, vegetable salad, fruit crisp, milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 20 — Macaroni and cheese, cabbage salad, Harvard beets, rolls, fruit Jell-O with topping, milk.
Wednesday, Oct. 21 — Turkey and gravy on rice, peas, carrot and celery sticks, rolls, upside-down cake, milk.
Thursday, Oct. 22 — Sloppy Joes, green beans, fruit salad, cookies, milk.
Friday, Oct. 23 — Peanut butter sandwiches, vegetable beef soup, cabbage salad, cake with topping, milk.

DEADLINE ANNOUNCED FOR FEDERAL CROP INS.

October 31 is the last day to apply for All-Risk Federal Crop Insurance, according to the local agent Mary K. McLeod, on the 1971 crop.

Anyone having Federal Crop Insurance on their 1970 crop need not apply because Federal Crop is continuous until canceled. Insurance is available in Morrow County on Wheat and Barley at established rates.

For full details call at the Federal Crop Insurance office located in the Gilliam & Bisbee Building, Heppner, before October 31.