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We're all very proud of the young people of this area. There have been a great many instances of neighborliness and helpfulness of all kinds, above and beyond the call of duty and by all kinds of people in all walks of life. We are particularly impressed by the very young, older grade schoolers and high school students who very selflessly piled in to help people who needed help. They hardly waited for the flood waters to subside before they started to help folks. Thanks, Kids.

From all parts of Morrow County we've heard compliments galore on the attractive condition of the cemeteries. All it takes is kind loving, tender care and a lot of back breaking work.

Miss Opal Briggs said she heard the announcer's wail of the coming flood, grabbed her purse and the cat—"Kitty Cat"—and headed for the hill.

We don't think we're any more superstitious than anyone else. However, it seems a wee bit peculiar that our linotype machine developed a short a couple of hours before the flood last week. It took six hours to repair, raised heck with our edition. Some day we'd like to push that ole machine over a cliff.

Two cuddly white pups with black spots were abandoned down below Jone. They need good homes. If you need a dog and will offer a permanent home, please call Lois Winchester. (These dogs will be sizeable. Might be ranch type dogs).

Ron Curria still has his right thumb! About three weeks ago, the thumb was almost jerked off when a rope looped about it. The thumb is healing together and we hope will be as good as new pretty soon.

Crop losses have been quite extensive. The folks who lost considerable grain and alfalfa in the May 25 storm, mostly from hail damage, included Ron Hagewood, Merritt Gray, Johnny Eubanks, Ralph Beamer, Don Greenup, Don Bennett, Boice Fullerton and Kenneth Cutsforth.

Frances Snouse called and believes farm laborers should not be put down so much. They are often referred to as transients, a poor connotation. She suggests they be called harvesters, gleaners or laborers. This sounds like a very good idea as they are hard workers and vital to the farming industry, meaning the difference between getting the crops harvested or not.

Ladd Dick lost a wheelbarrow in the flood. If anyone finds it, please tell Ladd. He's posting a reward.

We've been enjoying the wonderful, colorful display of iris in the flower bed of Gonty's Corner on Gale Street.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

Thurs., June 3—Senior Citizens crafts and social afternoon, refreshments furnished by the month of June by the Methodist Ladies. Unemployment compensation claims processor (10 a.m.-noon) and (1 p.m.-2 p.m.)
Fri., June 4—Iris Howell, 10:30 p.m.
Tues., June 8—Advisory Council meeting, 8:00 p.m. (Advisory Council meeting date has been permanently changed to the second Tuesday of the month).
Wed., June 9—Nutrition class (10:00 a.m.)
Thurs., June 10—Abundant Food Demonstration. Senior Citizens (2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Fri., June 11—Social Security representative (10 a.m.-noon) and (1:00-2:00 p.m.)

Has Heart Attack

Mrs. Bryce Keene had a heart attack recently when she spent some time at St. Anthony Hospital. She is home now but must stay in bed most of the time for awhile. Their daughter, Kathy Keene was home from Portland over the Memorial Day weekend. Mrs. Keene and Mrs. C. H. Brandhagen are sisters. The Brandhagen's house was one of those badly damaged in the flood. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Reed of Spokane came down for the weekend to help her folks. Mr. and Mrs. Brandhagen. They stayed at the Keenes.



TWO KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES receive their diplomas during the last-day-of-school party: Wesley Marlett and Shane Laughlin.

Red and White Is Color Theme For KDG. Graduation

Parents, grandparents, friends and children who will attend kindergarten next year came Thursday morning to see the annual Kindergarten Graduation. There were 23 in the graduating class. The two unable to present that morning received their diplomas the next day.

Dressed in mortar boards and red "gowns", the class sang five songs. A favorite is their snapdragon song. The snapdragon is their flower.

Mrs. Jones was presented with a gold soap dish for her bathroom by the students. Mrs. Lyle Jensen presented the diplomas. Room mothers for the morning kindergarten are Mrs. Bob Mahoney, Mrs. Padberg, Mrs. Stone. For the afternoon, Mrs. Vinson, Mrs. Jerry Anderson and Terry Fraser.

Students were Christine Anderson, Greg Connor, Tim Everhart, Shelly Fraser, Duane Garrett, Shawn Gibson, Arlene Gray, Laurel Groce.

Benne Jensen, Jennifer Johnston, Shane Laughlin, Elita Lovgren, Curtis Lynch, Tara Mahoney, Wesley Marlett, Darlene Mellon.

Dennis Papineau, Kim Petty, John, Kim Privett, Kirby Rogers, Shalley Parsons, Mark Vinson and Judi Ward.

Little Flood Stories

Has Flow-Through-House—Marjory Brandhagen was alone at home at 260 South Main (just across from the swimming pool) when she heard the High Water alert. She grabbed her coat and purse to go out the front door just in time to see the wall of water coming around the swimming pool towards her. She slammed the door and braced herself against it. The door panels broke through and she ran to go out the back door. Here the water was splashing high over her neighbor's house, the McDaniels.

She jumped upon the kitchen counter right by the door and for some reason unknown to herself, she held the back door open with her feet. The debris came in the front door and went out through the back door. The house shivered and shook as the heavier pieces banked against the house. The basement apartment where Elwayne Bergstrom lived was filled level full with water and silt.

Know by Experience—Marcel Jones says he didn't need an "alert". He knew as soon as he saw that downpour of rain, that we were in for a flood. He and Darrel Hams ran down to the pasture and started carrying irrigation pipe to high ground. They saved a lot of it. They were at the upper pond working at the pump when they saw the sheep and cattle running for high ground and they started running, too. They haven't counted the sheep but they don't think they lost any. There were 22 head of cattle who plowed right through the fence to safety.

The garage on the other place used for storage went down. Marcel says he hardly knows what was in that. Tires he knows. Four tires have been returned. A mounted combine tire was found down by John Ceghian. The three pumps have been found, all down by the bridges at Pettyjohns. One was buried with only a small tip showing, the other one out on top of the ground and one under the bridge.

The fish were all washed from his pond. Eddy Gunderson says he found a lot of the fish on his property. The fish pond was filled with flood water.

Phil Ayres has been home on leave for graduation. He is in the U. S. Marine Corps.

22 from Area in BMCC Exercises

Two hundred associate degrees and certificates will be awarded at commencement services on the Blue Mountain Community College campus Sunday (June 6), according to President Wallace W. McCrae.

The ceremony, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. on the lower campus, will feature an address by former Congressman Robert Duncan.

Receiving degrees and certificates will be 154 graduates from Umatilla and Morrow counties. The remainder are from out of the college district, including one from Hong Kong, China.

Sixty-two students will receive certificates, requiring at least one year of study in a specific program. The remainder will be presented associate degrees, marking two years of study.

Among the 20 graduates in the Licensed Practical Nursing program whose studies continue until August, are from this area: Geraldine Ruth and Marian Sampson, both of Echo.

Among those receiving certificates in Dental Assisting are Judith Hinton, Boardman; Katherine Dill, Condon; Cynthia Williams, Echo; Vickie Nash, Fossil; Rhonda Bellinger, Jana Everett, Joyce Jackson, all from Irrigon.

Associate in Arts Degree in Liberal Arts: Kathryn Hinton, Boardman; Emmet Koffler, Echo; Carol Sue Jones, Heppner; Jodene Snow, Jone and Diana Olsen, Olex.

Associate in Science Degree in Secretarial Science: Constance Emert, Echo. Associate in Science Degree in Diesel Technology: Jerry Luther, Fossil; Melvin McDaniel, Heppner.

Associate in Science Degree in Law Enforcement: Robert Dobbs, Heppner. Associate in Science Degree in Auto Technology: Bruce Jones, Irrigon.

Associate in Science Degree in Civil Engineering Technology: Albert Osmin, Heppner. From Lexington

Mary K. Hughes will receive a Certificate in General Office. Richard O'Brien will receive an Associate in Science Degree in Production Agriculture.

Guests of Mrs. A. G. Pieper over Memorial weekend were her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall, their small daughter, Jodi and their grandson, Clinton Holliday; also Gary Dick, all of Portland.

On Monday, Mrs. Pieper's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pieper and son, Jim of Hermiston joined them for the day.

A few days ago, CPT and Mrs. Robert Nichols were guests for a couple of days en route from Ft. Lewis, Wn. to Ft. Rucker, Ala., where Bob will have special training and then a leave before going to Vietnam for the third time. Bob has been a Helicopter pilot for some time.

Barney and Kevin Go For Seven

Although Barney Marshall hurled his best, 134 feet, in the Discus at the State Track Meet at Pleasant Hill, he came in 7th. He was 10th in the Shot Put when he put 45' 4", which is under his usual distance.

Kevin ran the two mile in 10 minutes, 9 seconds which was the fastest he'd ever run it to come in 7th. He had hoped to break a Heppner High School record but his time was 11 seconds slower than the previous record.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Naffziger and Dale Conklin accompanied the boys to the meet.

St. Mary's of Medford was first and Condon second, Sherman County had the fastest relay.

David Conn, Heppner High School teacher, will leave for Europe June 15.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

JUNE 4
Conservation tour sponsored by Extension Service, 10:00 a.m. beginning at fairgrounds, public invited.

JUNE 4
Heppner Garden Club Flower show at Ford Garage Showroom. Open to public at 1:00 p.m. Everyone invited to enter flowers and arrangements.

JUNE 5
Ione United Church of Christ 5th annual church auction and barbecue at Willows Grange Hall.

JUNE 6
Devil's Half Acre 4-wheel drive tour, beginning 10:00 a.m. at Cutsforth Park.

JUNE 10
Flag Day Services at Heppner Elks Lodge, 8:00 p.m. Public invited.

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Grass Shobe Canyon — Top Priority

The place to start on the Shobe problem is at the root of the trouble. The root in this instance is at the head of the canyon. Wheat doesn't hold water like grass. The Soil and Water Conservation people say that grass will hold 70% more run-off than wheat.

In that case the government be it county, city, state or federal should buy or lease the land at the head of the canyon and put it back into grass. Further conservation practices such as diversion ditches should be implemented on the slope.

This would hold and slow down the water. Then by keeping the channel cleared, the run-off would very likely be contained within the creek banks.

Channel improvements along the recommendations of the Corps of Engineers such as channel widening, cementing, straightening, bridge lengthening, all are effective but the head of the canyon should have the top priority.

For years the greatest fear in a man's life was to be poor. It was about the worst thing that could happen. But, gradually that is changing in fact, nowadays, you can get subsidized housing, health and dental care, university scholarships and various other welfare benefits, provided you are poor enough. All you need to enjoy many of the advantages of life is proof that you are disadvantaged.

Nobody can complain about that. It's human and kind. However, in curing poverty, society has created another problem group and that is the middle class.

Instead of living downtown, (like the rich and the poor) the poor sap has to buy a crummy lot 35 miles from town because that's all he can afford. Then he spends the rest of his life trying to pay his bills, educate the kids and meet the mortgage because nobody will help him out. If poverty gets any more attractive, this is the sort of thing we may run into at the office:

"Mr. Goodie, I wonder if I could speak to you for a minute?"

"What is it, Smedley, I'm busy."

"It's about my salary, Mr. Goodie, I wonder if you could give me a decrease?"

"You had a decrease last year, Smedley."

"I know sir, I wouldn't ask if it wasn't important, but I sure could use less money."

"What size decrease did you have in mind?"

"I was hoping for a \$25.00 cut in salary."

"\$25.00? That's a big slice, Smedley. What have you done to merit it?"

"I've worked for the company 23 years, Mr. Goodie, and I've never let you down. My work has always been up to standard."

"I realize that, Smedley. But \$25.00! Wouldn't you be satisfied with a \$15.00 cut? We have a budget right now. We're already below last year's salary figures. And I hear the union is furious, taxwise."

"Mr. Goodie, a \$15.00 cutback is better than nothing, but my wife and I had our hearts set on a \$25.00 decrease."

"How about \$20.00?"

"If I made \$25.00 less, we'd be eligible for an apartment in the city's new development, the one downtown with a pool, sauna, and tennis court. Besides, my son would qualify for a government scholarship, and we would get his teeth fixed."

"You drive a hard bargain, Smedley. But you win. You get your \$25.00 decrease on this condition. If your work slips, you'll take a \$10.00 raise, no questions asked."

"Bless you, Mr. Goodie."

"And Smedley, will you invite me over for tennis and a swim some night when you get into your new place?"

"Certainly, sir, I believe the poor should share with the less fortunate!"

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TO THE EDITOR...

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

May 31, 1971
Ritter, Ore.

Editor, Gazette-Times:
And to the citizens of Morrow County and City of Heppner.

The privilege of being chosen Father of the Year for Morrow County is thankfully accepted and I feel it my duty to express my sympathy to all the people of the City of Heppner and the County in their loss and clean up. Also the County Court for their great help. I am sure that our delegation in the Nation's capital has done all they can do to get funds for flood protection of Willow Creek dam and now we have a concrete example at our doors and the floors.

But we as citizens must remember that thru reapportionment at the national and state levels we will get less and have less to say as to who gets what. As I sit here it is raining hard at Ritter. Hope it is in Morrow County.

Will see you all June 19.

Thanks again for the privilege of being a citizen of Morrow County.

Henry E. Peterson

IT'S A BOY!

Mrs. A. G. Pieper learned by phone Saturday morning of the arrival of a new great-grandson, May 28. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Holliday of Aloha are the proud parents of a son, Troy Arnold, who weighed 6 lb., 5 oz. at birth. He joins a small brother, Clinton Lee at home. Troy is Mrs. Pieper's sixth great-grandchild.

Is The Dollar Damaged?

I don't know. If I did, I wouldn't be writing this article. I would be in action somewhere. As a country we are in the world wide market with our goods and services with considerable success as long as we give our customers dollars in grants and loans to pay for them. To provide those dollars without taxing ourselves for them we resort to deficit spending and our national debt grows rapidly with a corresponding burden of interest charges. To escape the pressure of our debt and operating costs, some of the big boys have gone to foreign countries with their dollars and bought into enterprises there to such an extent foreign reserves have more dollars than they want. Maybe the only way they can stop the flow is to demand gold, or revalue their currency. Is the dollar in danger? I still don't know.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Dean, Linda, Tammy and Terry lived over her brother, Reggie Pascal over Memorial Day weekend. Mrs. Dean recently opened a Second Hand Store in Beardsden, Wn.

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