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Need For Action Is Here

Everyone is agreed the need for vigorous action is NOW or as soon as it is at all possible. Praise is due our local officials for arranging the Monday flood meeting.

This meeting was informative to the effect no immediate action can be expected on Willow Creek or Shobe as we await Federal government appropriations. However, the Soil Conservation Service and ASCS and cooperation by the ranchers on Shobe area promise a great deal that may be soon.

The Monday meeting was a bit frustrating but simply points up something almost all of us have long suspected: the wheels of big government just barely turn!

Gut issue seems to be "What is going to be done about Shobe?"

As mentioned by the G-T last week, local efforts are probably the only things that will count in the immediate future.

Soil Conservation and other ag officials have studied the Shobe problem long and hard. There is now a likelihood of even greater damage from a future flood because there is less soil and vegetation in the upper Shobe area. Measuring has been done up there and anywhere from 100 or 200 or even perhaps 300 tons of soil per acre were washed from the summer fallow area and probably 15 to 20 tons per acre on a growing grain crop.

Some \$20,000 has been applied for to be used in Soil Conservation practices in that area. It is estimated sodding, diversion ditches and terracing will cut flood flow down from 50% to perhaps as much as 80%.

We believe this is very encouraging news for the Heppner area.

The Case for Grass

Back in 1959 there was a big surplus of wheat. In order to curtail the production so more wheat wouldn't be added to the surplus, the government instigated the Soil Bank. In other words, the government "rented the production" of lands and paid the farmer enough so that he could afford not to plant wheat. The program was expensive but effective.

The City of Heppner derived great benefit from this program when the west hill was put into the soil bank and went from wheat production to grass. Every time it rained during the time it was cultivated, the water and silt had washed into town and on many occasions flowed into the City Hall.

The land has been in grass for 13 years and under the present ownership is not needed for cropland and is used for grazing. It has a good grass cover.

It is hoped that the land can be kept in pasture land. By the same token, we can hope that a ratio of benefits to all parties can be worked out for the Shobe Canyon watershed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Readers of the G-T:

I am proud to be an officer of the local American Red Cross Chapter, but at times it has been very discouraging for the few of us who have worked to keep our chapter intact.

The fact the National Chapter has been able to give more than \$5,000.00 in help for the victims of our recent flood has made it all worthwhile.

The discouraging part is that we have not been able to raise our small fund drive quota in Morrow County for several years.

This year's fund drive is still in the process, but hopefully will be completed soon. If we have missed you or if you would like to make an additional gift, it may be sent or left to: American Red Cross, Morrow County Fund-Drive, The First National Bank of Oregon, Heppner, Oregon.

Bethal Heinrichs
Heppner, Oregon

Dear Editor:

I wonder how many people remember when Heppner had "Silent Movies" and Naomi Love played the piano.

Who owned them?
J. D. Sparks, who married May Geringer of Ione or Bert Sigsbee, father of Elaine George.

Naomi later married Billy (W. J.) Hughes, who worked at the Noble Saddle Shop.

They later moved to Pendleton where he was employed at Hamley's.

I had a letter from her where she mentioned attending a luncheon where Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. C. L. Sweek, former Heppner residents, were present at the home of Mrs. E. B. Aldrich.

Sincerely,
Josephine Mahoney Baker
Terwilliger Plaza
Portland

P. S. I had a note from Robert Notson (former Heppner) now Executive Managing Editor The Oregonian congratulating me on The Paul Revere ride of

Les Matlock and Bruce Kelly. He ended saying "We Heppnerites must stick together" and we do.

To the Editor:

I wish to take this means to publicly commend Clarence McIntosh, for the work he has done in the cemeteries, of which he is care taker. The three that I viewed have never been so well cared for. It is hard to express my feelings, and find the right words of praise for Mr. McIntosh. This is the first year that we have not had to pull weeds around some of the graves. I am sure there are many others, who feel the same as I do, so let's give Mr. McIntosh a great big "thank you."

Sincerely,
Ruby Miller

News of Mark And Chris Brown

Ensign Mark Brown, U. S. Navy, is spending a 30-day leave visiting his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown. He has just completed a training period at Key West, Fla. His next assignment will be at Barbados in the West Indies. He tells his folks the temperature stays close to 80 degrees and the humidity is low due to the Trade Winds.

Lt. Chris Brown is a platoon leader for Co. D with the 198th Inf. Brigade with the 23rd Division near Chu Lai in the northern sector of Vietnam.

Recently David Huber, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. S. Huber of Heppner, who is with the Finance Office at Chu Lai picked up an order with an allotment assignment to the Bank of Eastern Oregon at Heppner, Oregon. Through their parents the boys are now aware of each others presence in the area and the next time Chris comes in from the jungles, the boys hope to get together. While they are neighbors, David is somewhat younger than Chris and they haven't known each other.



The Oregon State Highway Division wrote last week in regard to start of construction on widening the Boardman Bombing Range road. About \$600,000 is allocated to the job, as previously announced by the G-T, and plans are to go as far as the funds will carry them.

Tentatively, the project is placed on the Sept. 30 bid letting list as they are desirous of getting the job underway late this fall to take advantage of the winter months. If it is necessary to hold a public hearing on the project, the bid letting might be delayed. No changes are planned on the interchange, according to the Highway people, but Morrow County officials are in hopes of improvements there, too.

We are sold out of May 27 and June 3 issues of the G-T.

Lois Winchester said some fine stock dog puppies were available. Mother was Jean Bennett's Border Collie and father is Floyd Jones Dingo stock dog. Needed are good permanent homes in the country.

The clock on the Morrow County Courthouse chimes again! Let us hope it will chime some good luck for all you good folks.

It was a beautiful surprise last week for Mrs. Darrell James in Ione. She opened a box of seven lovely long stemmed roses from her husband, event being their seventh anniversary.

"An eye to the future, an ear to the ground" gives you a faraway look and a dirty ear.

The first signs of spring are those warning that the highway is under construction.

Draftee: "I was head of a hospital in civilian life." Sergeant: "Okay, we'll make you a semi-private."

It used to be our aim to make as much money as some folks are going broke on today!!

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

Priorities
There is much talk in government about the need for priorities in government spending of our revenue, but so far no clear cut program has been established. International attitudes may be changed by events we cannot foresee, but our domestic priorities better planned. Social welfare, unemployment, rising prices, transportation, tax control, and our military strength are subjects being discussed. About the time the decay of city centers comes up for consideration some pressure group drags a "red herring" across the trail like the revival of the SST. It has been scuttled once, leave it that way. It is proposals like that that makes a letter writer's breath so hot that every time he licked an 8 cent stamp it melts the glue.

Calling All Hardmanites

All Hardmanites, past, present and future are looking forward to the annual Leathers family reunion to be held Father's Day, June 20, at the old IOOF Hall in Hardman. All friends and relatives of the John Leathers family are cordially invited to the Potluck dinner at noon. Guests will start to assemble at 10 a.m. for a day of visiting.

Attends WSU Commencement

Etta Parker had a proud moment Sunday when she saw her nephew, Boyd Devin, receive his Doctorate degree from the College of Education at the WSU Commencement exercises. Dr. Devin is an Associate Professor at EWSC at Cheney. He is head of the Drama Dept.

Laura Lee Stotts underwent major surgery at St. Anthony Hospital last Wednesday morning.



JOE HALVORSEN and Marvin Padberg display 1st place trophy won in their class at the 50-mile Cross Country Jeep and Dune Buggy Race at Christmas Valley.

Ionians Take Trophy In Rugged Race

Marvin Padberg and Joe Halvorsen of Ione were among the 28 entries participating in the 50-mile Cross Country Jeep and Dune Buggy race at Christmas Valley over Memorial Day weekend. Tana Padberg and Janet Palmateer accompanied them to the race.

The event was sponsored by the Portland Dune Buggy Club, the Jolly Jeeps and two Motorcycle clubs in a first time venture.

Marvin and Joe, co-owners of a homebuilt dune buggy with a Turbo-charged Corvair engine came home with a first place in their class. They placed 4th in overall competition with a time of 1 hour, 26 minutes, 26 seconds, losing the 3rd place slot by a mere six seconds with the 5th place winner coming in 10 minutes later.

Marvin, who drove with Joe as an assisting passenger, described the 50 mile, uncleared course as rocky and rugged which literally tore up most competing vehicles. Some entrants who tried out the course the day before, damaged their cars so badly they were unable to compete in the actual race. During the race, one Jeep rolled several times but due to strong roll bars was able to go on and finish third.

Eastern Oregon foothill driving experience and a good skid plate to protect the underside of

Opportunity For A Fresh Start

By RUDY MENSCH, Pastor Hope-Valby Lutheran Churches

Certainly we in America would be dull-minded and hard-hearted people if these days of war and unrest did not cause us to do some serious thinking. At a time when over half the world's population is in distress from hunger, destruction of homes, loss, bloodshed, and death, it becomes desperately urgent for us to begin to ask for the old paths which had to righteousness and peace.

At the cross roads when men make their choices for good or evil there are sign posts to point the way. Jesus gave us this directive, "Enter ye in at the strait gate; for wide is the gate, and broad the way, that leads to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat; because strait is the gate, and narrow life, and few there be that find it" Matthew 7, 13-14.

The broad gate is well advertised of which St. Paul reminds the Romans as that of "rioting and drunkenness, chambering and wantonness, strife and envy." The end of this road is desolation.

The narrow way bears such names as, "faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity." The end of that road is the celestial city of happiness.

At this cross road we stand individually and as a nation. America wants to be great. What makes a nation great? Alexander Blackburn expresses it in these words: Not serried ranks with flags unfurled, Not armored ships that gird the world, Not hoarded wealth nor busy mills, Not cattle on a thousand hills, Not sages wise nor schools nor laws, Not boasted deeds in freedom's cause— All these may be—and yet the state In the eye of God be far from great.

That land is great which knows the Lord, Whose songs are guided by His word; Where justice rules 'twist man and man, Where love controls in art and plan; Where breathing in his native air, Each soul finds joy in praise and prayer Thus may our country good and great, Be God's delight — man's best estate.

Shermans Host Family Picnic

A group of relatives met Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Sherman for a Memorial Day get together. After visiting the Hardman cemetery, and decorating graves there, the family returned to Sherman's home in Heppner for a picnic on the lawn.

Coming from Bellevue, Idaho for the occasion was Mrs. Sherman's aunt and family. Mr. and Mrs. Duffrin McKittrick and Vicki. Those from Hermiston included Calvin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Haskett, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rogers and son, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nelson, Starr and Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Walt McKittrick, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Adams and Jodi, and Mrs. Esther Kirk. Coming from Pendleton were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams, Don and Teressa, and Tim Patrick. Sara Mae Simpson and family, and Dick Justus.

Visiting from Portland were, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Adams and family, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rogers and children. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Van Roekel and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Nelson, from Baker, and Mrs. Opal Cook, Heppner.

U of O Awards Degrees

The University of Oregon Commencement will be at Autzen Stadium June 13, 1971 class totals 2611.

Martha Jane Doherty will receive her Master of Science degree in Physical Education.

James Michael Jacobs will be awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science.

Both young people are from Heppner.

Lara Lee Stotts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stotts is convalescing at home after major surgery June 2 at St. Anthony. She is doing well but will be confined at home for a time.



SUE CRENSHAW

Paul Proudfoot to Marry in September

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Crenshaw of Seio are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Susan Audrey, to Paul Proudfoot, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Proudfoot of Ione. Miss Crenshaw is a 1968 graduate of St. Helen's Hall, Portland, and has attended Pacific Lutheran University, and Oregon State University. She is presently a nursing student at Linn-Benton Community College. Her fiancé, a 1969 graduate of Bishop Dagwell Hall, Portland, is an animal science major at Oregon State University. A late September wedding is planned.

Bridal Shower to Honor Aldrichs

The American Legion Auxiliary in Ione is planning a bridal shower for Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Aldrich on Monday, June 21 at 8:00 p.m. at the Ione Legion Hall. All friends are cordially invited.

Hostesses will be Mrs. John Jepsen and Mrs. Charles Doherty, assisted by other Auxiliary members.



Over The Tee Cup

By MARIE McQUARRIE

Was it really only just a week ago today we had the great deluge? So much destruction makes it seem longer ago than that. Our sympathy goes to all those that suffered so greatly.

Hardly did we think we would be playing golf at the Willow Creek Country Club the next week, when we took a look at all the mud that landed there. Clinton McQuarrie, grounds caretaker, would like to thank those that helped make our golf course playable.

This Tuesday — except for a little extra dirt and skipping hole No. 3 — was a wonderful day for playing golf. A good time was had by those that played and there wasn't even any mud to get on your shoes.

No. 9 green, that was covered with mud the day of the storm, looks just like it used to. The look on it was flushed off by a high-powered hose. No. 2 has been moved a little toward the railroad tracks, but that doesn't make any difference and it makes a nice green. Kind of hard to putt, also, which makes it more fun.

Skipping No. 3, I think we

gals teed off from the wrong place for No. 4, but that didn't make any difference. We kind of made up our own game as we went along, I guess. Marie McQuarrie won the ball for making the least score on No. 4. McNary Golf Course has invited us as guests next Tuesday, June 15. Coffee and doughnuts served before play and tee-off time at 9:00. Remember the date, gals, and you will have a wonderful time, as you are always treated royally at McNary. Call around and make arrangements to go with someone and let's have Heppner have a good show of hands. See you at McNary on the 15th.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

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

JUNE 11
Rhea Creek Grange, 6:30 potluck.
John U. Bok, IFYE student speaker.

JUNE 12
Lexington Grange at Norman Nelson home, IFYE student John U. Bok, speaker.

LITTLE LEAGUE
June 10—Dodgers vs. Giants
June 14—Giants vs. Indians
June 15—Dodgers vs. Braves
June 16—Braves vs. Indians
June 17—Giants vs. Dodgers

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