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## Why Shop At Home?

A number of Enterprise merchants are undertaking a campaign this week and for the next two months to encourage shoppers to do their shopping in Willowa County. The purpose of this campaign, labeled "Bazaar of Values" is to prove that local merchants have prices which will compete with the metropolitan areas and that long and costly trips to the "outside" are not necessary to make a purchase at a bargain.

Local merchants are hesitant to complain about outside shopping because most of them encourage people to shop for bargains or for the best service. But we feel that they are entitled to whatever resentment they have toward local consumers who make regular trips to LaGrande, Portland, or Lewiston to do their shopping.

There are a number of things which consumers should consider when they weigh the advantages of prices at some of the large metropolitan stores against the prices of the small local stores. Essentially, there are two factors which enter into any price differences — transportation of the goods and a higher overhead because of a smaller volume of business.

As consumers we must ask ourselves, before making any shopping excursions, about the benefits which we will reap for ourselves from our choice.

If we go to Lewiston to buy clothing will the Lewiston supplier contribute more to the county tax coffers for the support of our local schools than the merchant on Main Street in Enterprise?

If our choice for new appliances is a large store in LaGrande, will that business contribute more to our church than the local appliance man.

Does the food center at Island City pay more toward maintenance of our county road system than Don's at Willowa or Gateway at Joseph, or any of the other local food markets?

When we want an item offered at a great savings at a Portland cutrate supply house, will that business send a contribution to our local fire or police department simply because we passed up our local merchant to shop with him?

When a Christmas basket is sent out to a needy family, are the supplies found therein, and the work of putting the program together, contributed by businessmen and workers from Lewiston, LaGrande, Baker, Pendleton and Portland or does this worthwhile program receive its support from the people of Imbala, Joseph, Enterprise, Lostine and Willowa?

In speaking with a local insurance man a few days ago one of the best reasons for shopping at home was pointed out. He indicated that insurance costs are about the same where ever they are incurred. "The big difference," he stated, "is that when you have an insurance claim to make I am here to be of assistance and to fill out the necessary papers. I would never dream of mailing you a bunch of forms with a request that you forward them to the company after you have completed them."

As is true with the insurance man, so is it true with most other local businesses that with the purchase of a local product the consumer is also buying a service at a later date if it is needed. No one stands behind a product like the man you deal with every day.

We feel that the local businesses deserve every bit of support which local consumers can give them. They are the ones who will support the community and guarantee their products. The best buy is always at home.

Editor's Note: The above editorial appeared several weeks ago in the Willowa County Chieftain. Shopping at home is a perennial question and something often chewed upon in all little towns. We just thought you might enjoy Mr. Swart's slant on the subject.

## LOOKING AHEAD

The World of Work may seem far ahead to students — but sooner or later it catches up with everyone!

March 4 at Blue Mountain Community College will be the big day! All sophomores, juniors and seniors of Morrow and Umatilla county high schools will converge on campus to explore career opportunities of their choice. Full details will be available to students at schools in the immediate future.

A look at the future opportunities, trainings, or education needed, costs, and an opportunity to visit with people working in the chosen field will be included in the group sessions. Sponsors are BMCC and Extension Study Groups. How to get a job will be a special workshop open to all attending.

Sooner — or later! Now is the time to consider your future world of work!

## School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch



Heppner Elementary and Heppner High School

- Monday, February 21 — Tacos, buttered corn, lettuce salad, cake & fruit, milk.
- Tuesday, February 22 — Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, pickled beets, cherry crisp, rolls, butter, jelly, milk.
- Wednesday, February 23 — Spaghetti & ground beef, buttered spinach, carrot & raisin salad, fruit & cookies, French bread, butter, jelly, milk.
- Thursday, February 24 — Chili beans, lettuce wedge, fruit cobbler, rolls, butter, jelly, milk.
- Friday, February 25 — Fish sticks, potato chips, buttered corn, carrot & celery sticks, rolls, butter, ice cream bars, milk.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### DEAF EDITOR

How long can we, as a Nation, afford to keep the Docks open after the Strike is settled?

There have been a number of views on who is hurt worse by the Dock Strike. There seems to be at least four factions that will be directly affected by a settlement. The Strike has cost the Japanese heavily. They have been forced to buy wheat from Australia & Canada that is not the kind or quality of soft white wheat that they desire. But more importantly, they have been shut off from their number one customer of industrial goods, the good old U.S.A.

Previous to the Strike, the Japanese ships had sailed into the West Coast ports loaded with every conceivable product of Japanese industry. Machinery, automobiles, tractors, motorcycles, electrical goods, televisions, radios, textiles, and many, many other items too numerous to mention. Even the huge Gantry type cranes that loaded and unloaded the ships are "Made in Japan". The rapid growth of that country as one of the world leaders in industry has been principally due to this West Coast trade. These same ships, after unloading their precious cargoes, were filled with wheat for the return trip. This trading of manufactured goods for raw material was very profitable for Japan. In order to get paid for these finished products and maintain a semblance of Balance of Trade, they found their choice limited to raw materials for the following reasons: first, gold was not available. Maintaining a Balance of supply, secondly, our sliding dollars were a drug on the International Market, thirdly, due to the inflation, U.S. manufactured goods were priced completely out of reason. This left raw material and of the available supply wheat and logs offered the best exchange. Logs had been put on a quota basis by former Sen. Morse. Wheat offered a better financial reward. The cost to the Japanese was the World price, about \$1.55 per bu. The 21 cents per bu. freight rate is one of the cheapest in the Pacific. This made the cost of this wheat at the Japanese port approximately \$1.76 per bu. The supported price of domestic wheat in Japan is about \$3.60 per bu. This gave the Japanese Govt. approx. \$1.84 profit.

To sum this up the four principal parties to a settlement would end up in about this position.

1. Japan would gain the most from opening the docks. Their chief customer would again be available and our superior cheap soft white wheat would help balance the trade. They are making money on both ends of the transaction.

2. The Grain Buyers and Longshoremens would gain their negotiated settlement.

3. The Grain Farmer would continue to lose over 50 cents per bu. above the cost of production at the farm with a market price of \$1.55 per bu. at Portland. (Nelson & Miles of Oregon State U. reported a cost on the farm of \$1.90

per bu. as of Nov. 1970.) He will also be forced to pay the cost of the negotiated settlement between the F.M.A. and the Longshoremens Union with out ever being represented in the negotiations.

4. Now we come to the Economy of the entire United States which should be the foremost concern of our involvement. How long can Agriculture continue to sell below the cost of production? Isn't this the root of the farmers trouble and misery now?

How long can American Industry and Labor compete with foreign products in our inflated economy? These imports will eliminate our jobs as surely as if we imported the craftsmen who made them.

Is this the kind of Commerce that made America Great?

Is this Yankee Ingenuity? Is this good Business?

Gene Logan  
Arlington, Oregon

### WOW DAY

To the parents of all High School Sophomore, Junior and Senior students.

A special day has been organized for your children to help them start planning for their future.

On Saturday, March 4, High School students from Morrow and Umatilla County are invited to BMCC to meet resource persons from professions and businesses. They will learn about how to get a job, opportunities for advancement, possible financial return, social obligations, satisfactions and training needed.

Many people have cooperated in scheduling this event — representatives from 22 Extension study groups, many extension personnel from Morrow and Umatilla counties, Blue Mountain Community College faculty, approximately 100 resource people.

This day was planned at the request of concerned parents and students. Now it is your responsibility to make WOW Day (World of Work) a success by encouraging your student to fill out his pre-registration form which is due at the school this week.

This could be the most important day in the life of your child. Signed: Jean Nelson, chairman Home Economics Extension Advisory Committee.

DEBBY WARREN came from Corvallis last weekend. She visited her mother in Pendleton and was later in lone with the Art Warrens. She was in Lexington to visit her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Vic Klinger.

## EMPLOYMENT LISTING

By George M Johnston  
There is an opening for a full-time waitress listed at the Extension office at the present time. For further information call 676-9642.

If there are any employers who need help finding a suitable worker, please contact the Extension office. People with the following experience are looking for work: Journeyman Lineman, Cat Driver, Diner Cook, Log Truck driver, Hotel clerk, Police dispatcher, waitress, truck driver, light or heavy, carpenter, lumber handler, logger, faller, automobile mechanic, office manager, medical voucher clerk, bookkeeper, store manager, secretary-clerk typist, salesperson, gen., sales clerk, fountain person, motel maid, cocktail waitress, farm equipment mechanic and operator, farm hand.

Other skills are also listed at the Extension office.

## Lone Church to Begin Lent with Music Service

The church will be a service of listening to God, ourselves, and others through music, tongue and thought at the 11:00 worship of the United Church of Christ February 20, the first Sunday of Lent.

The choir will present several anthems assisted by Kevin Gutierrez, percussionist. Kevin is a member of St. Williams Catholic Church. Several lay people will participate with readings.

The Prelude and Postlude will be piano and organ duets with drums. The piano will be played by Mr. Don Rietmann, the organ by Darrell James, and the drums by Kevin. Also participating in the opening portion will be an instrumental ensemble composed of the following high school students: Joe Rietmann, Gregg Wilson, John Rietmann, Carol Holtz, Sherri Wilson, Richard Hamlett, Cassandra Chapel, and Mark Rietmann.

Participating choir members are Sopranos: Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Mrs. Ken Smouse, Miss Chapel, Mrs. F.T. Martin; Altos: Mrs. Darrell James, Mrs. Wm. Arthur, Mrs. George Dabbs; Tenors: Don Bristow and Richard Hamlett; Basses: Fredrick Martin and Jerry Martin. Mr. James, organist and choir director, assisted by Mr. Bristow, prepared the service of worship.

A coffee hour, with Mrs. Dabbs as chairman, will follow the service. Contributions toward the purchase of choir music will be welcome.

## REMEMBER THIS? . . . . REMINISCENCE!

### 37 Years Ago—1935

Elks Annual Ball "Best Ever"

The Annual Elk's Ball, which was held at the Fair pavilion last Friday night, was the "best ever" as expressed by those attending. Besides the local representation, members from Condon, Fossil, Arlington, Keno, Reddick, Hermiston, and Lone were present. Harry Duncan, J. L. Wilkins and Orve Rasmus had entire charge of the arrangements, and credit is due them for the success of the affair. The decorations were elaborate, and the large hall presented a very attractive appearance, the lodge colors, purple and white, in long strings, making a canopy of the entire floor. Bowker's orchestra of Portland, furnished the music and was a strong factor in making the Elk's Annual Ball the grand success which it was. Upwards of two hundred people attended.

### Wedding Date

Mr. R. F. McPheeters was born Nov. 2, 1829 at Bloomington, Ind. He received his higher education at De Pau University in Greencastle, Ind., began teaching school at age 21 until 1882, engaged in mercantile business and other occupations until 1903. Mrs. McPheeters was born Mary Ann Brooks, June 22, 1832 at Manchester, Ill. The couple was married at Ashmore, Ill. after which they resided at Paris, Ill. After 4 years they moved to Southwestern, Kan. where they were allotted a liberal portion of the hardships endured by the early settlers. Later they moved to various parts of Colorado, Washington and then to Morgan.

Three children were born to them, one of whom died in infancy, the other two being Jesse A. McPheeters of Spokane and Mrs. E. W. Tomlin of Morgan. They have nine grandchildren, two of whom are married.

The grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Brittner of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fickard of Los Angeles, Ca. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Weed of Cour d'Alene, Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Brittner wrote "selected not expected" to inform their friends of the new event.

### 37 Years Ago—1935

"Youthful Sleuths Find Sheriff's Stolen Guns"

What for several weeks has proved a baffling mystery to C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, and F. A. McMahon, state policeman, was solved by two youthful sleuths Monday evening.

### NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER—

- FEBRUARY—
- 17—Senior Citizens social and crafts, 2:00.
- 20—Great Decisions Study Group, 6:30.
- 21—Closed for Washington's Birthday.
- 22—Nutrition class, 10:30 a.m.
- TOPS club, 7:30.

MR. & MRS. Terry Blivins of Ukiah were here Thursday on business and to visit her folks, the Ed Gontys.

## Too Late to Classify

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FEB 17  
Boardman Ext. Study group, 10:00 a.m.  
4-H Leader's Banquet, Lone, 7:00 p.m.

FEB 18  
Basketball: Lone Jr. Hi at Heppner, 2:00; Riverside at Lone; Heppner at Sherman.  
World Day of Prayer Planning Meeting, Methodist Church basement, 10:00 a.m.

FEB 19  
ELKS 75th ANNUAL CELEBRATION, registration 11:00 a.m., Ford Garage.  
Basketball: Lone vs. Echo; Stanfield at Heppner.

FEB 22  
Immunization Clinic Lone Grade and High Schools, 8:45 a.m.

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# NOTICE

Personal property taxpayers are required to file a return of taxable property as of January 1, 1972 with the Assessor on or before March 3, 1972. A penalty is provided for late filing.

Inventory owners (including all livestock) will again be eligible for some reduction of property tax this year if the return is filed on time. The law does not permit the Assessor to allow the reduction in inventory value for tax relief under certain circumstances when the personal property report is not accurately reported or is filed after March 3.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
FUTURE PENALTY PROVISIONS — The 1969 Legislature amended ORS 308.295 (Late Filing Penalty Law), to provide: The Penalty for late filing (After March 3) of Personal Property Returns shall be \$1 for each \$1,000 (or fraction) of True Cash Value but not less than \$10 or more than \$250.

Any person who has not had an opportunity to report by mail or personal contact may obtain the forms at the office of the assessor.

Time is getting short. ORS 308.290 makes it the responsibility of the taxpayer to file these reports on time or incur the penalty provided by law.

JOYCE BERGSTROM  
Assessor  
Morrow County

## National Farmers Organization Meeting

### Lexington Grange Hall, 8 p.m.

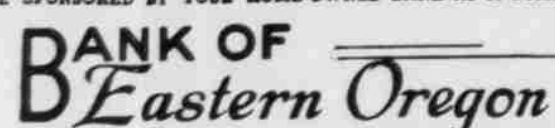
### Wednesday, February 23

**DAVE GREEN**  
Candidate for State Rep.  
District No. 55  
Will Be Guest Speaker

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

**Refreshments Will Be Served**

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