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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

The letter to the editor, written by Mrs. Merlyn Robinson, that appeared in last week's edition of the G-T raised several questions that I feel deserve an answer.

Perhaps clarification of the points raised in her letter will serve to provide a broader understanding regarding the duties and functions of the local advisory committees, procedures used in teacher evaluation, and the system used in considering teacher contract renewals.

Each attendance area in Morrow County has a local advisory committee whose members are elected at the annual school election on the first Monday in May. Advisory committee meetings are held once each month on a regular meeting schedule. The Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, the Lone Advisory Committee meets on the first Thursday, and the Boardman-Irrigon Advisory Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The County School Board Members meet with their respective advisory committees.

The duties of the advisory committees are no ambiguous as was indicated, but are in fact very clearly defined by law. The Morrow County School Board has expanded those duties by adopting a two page school board policy that leaves little doubt as to the duties and the importance of the local school advisory committees.

The duties of local advisory committees, as provided by official School Board policy are as follows:

1. Determine use of school buildings for civic purposes.
2. Inspect school buildings and make recommendations for repair and maintenance.
3. Make recommendations on rehiring of certificated and classified employees.
4. Visit the schools at frequent intervals.
5. Consider local school grievances or problems and make recommendations to the County School Board when official board action is required.

Advisory committee members are notified in advance of each meeting and they receive a complete agenda for the meeting as well as a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting.

We also send a complete packet of information regarding the County School Board meetings to each member of the advisory committees. This packet is the same one sent to all Board members and its intent is to keep advisory committee members informed regarding actions of the board. The packet contains the meeting agenda, a monthly financial report, minutes of the last County School Board meeting, and a list of the bills for the current month.

The school district also has an established procedure to be followed in the evaluation of teachers and in teacher contract renewals. Last year we made a complete revision in our teacher evaluation forms and in the procedure for conducting the evaluation. Our new forms provide an evaluation by the local principal, and also a system for recording comments during the year. Every staff member is evaluated annually on a three page evaluation form. The written evaluation is discussed with the teacher and he receives a copy of the evaluation. The principal places a second copy in the teachers folder and a third copy is sent to the district office for placement in the teachers personal file. These evaluations are then available to board and advisory committee members during the time when teacher contracts

are under consideration.

Teacher contracts are discussed at the local advisory committees January meeting. If there appears to be a problem the administrator then discusses the problem with the teacher prior to the Feb. advisory committee meeting. The advisory committee at its regular Feb. meeting again discusses contracts and makes its official recommendation to the County School Board. The County School Board then takes official action on the recommendations at its regular Feb. meeting. This early action is necessary as the law requires that teachers be notified no later than Mar. 15th. Two specific points were raised by Mrs. Robinson, one related to the right of board members to vote by secret ballot when voting on teachers contract renewals, and the other referred to the question of whether a teacher, whose contract may not be renewed, is entitled to a hearing.

The law does not specifically relate to the legality of a secret ballot, but it does specify that all action and motions must take place in an open meeting. The law also states that at the request of any board member the yeas and nays votes must be recorded. This would seem to indicate that all members would need to agree to the secret ballot and even then its legality could be questioned. At the March meeting of the Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee there was some discussion on whether the vote should be open or by secret ballot. Several members at that time expressed a preference for an open vote and that is what was done. Since all action is taken at an open meeting it is impossible to exclude the teacher from being present.

As to granting teachers a hearing, it is not specifically required by law, but our school board members have always granted hearings to those who have requested those employees who have requested one. Feelings expressed by School Board Members on this point is that they feel it is only fair to provide the teacher an opportunity to hear the reasons for which the contract is not being renewed and to give them an opportunity to present their side of the issue.

I am in agreement with Mrs. Robinson that we should give preference to Oregon graduates when we hire employees for the school district. I assure you that when other factors are equal Oregon graduates will receive primary consideration when consideration for school district vacancies. There are however times when it is not desirable to exclude other applicants from consideration. As a final item I would like to extend an invitation to each and every one of you to attend at least a few of the school meetings and become better acquainted with the operation of the schools. All school meetings are open to the public.

Sincerely,
Ron Daniels
District Superintendent

BETTY BUNCH phoned to report that Eugene Normoy, formerly of Ione, was on T.V. Ch. 2, on St. Patrick's Day noon show. He was teased about being the "Songbird of Ione". All this came about because Betty sent Ch. 2 a clipping from a G-T Reminiscence column which mentioned Eugene.

MRS. BARBARA WARE of Corvallis visited during spring vacation with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl King.

Shelley Wolff Named Heppner

Homemaker

Shelley M. Wolff has been named Heppner high school's Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for 1972. Selected on the basis of her score in a written knowledge and attitude examination administered to senior girls last Dec. 7 she will receive a specially designed award charm from General Mills, sponsor of the annual educational program. She is now eligible for state and national honors.

Shelley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wallace Wolff has taken Home Ec four years in High School and has had nine years in 4-H. She likes making desserts best. A Senior this year she plans to enter



OCE or OSU this fall majoring either in Home Ec. or Medical Technology.

MRS. DAN BROSNAN SUFFERS INJURY

Mrs. Dan Brosnan (Doris Morris) and son Damon were thrown from a horse at the Brosnan Ranch on Buttercreek last week. Doris was seriously hurt and was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital where 8 stitches were taken on the top of her head. Damon was only slightly bruised.

Mr. and Mrs. Brosnan and children Damon and Darcy were enjoying a vacation with Dan's parents, his Grandmother, Mrs. Zeta Brosnan, and brother Eddie and family. They also visited Doris' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Morris, and sisters and families, The Vern Nolans and The Maynard Struthers in Heppner.

They have now returned to their home near Bend where Dan is employed by the State Police.

The More Dads . . . The Merrier

Submit the winning name and win \$10 for your organization. This is what you do. Complete one of the Oregon Cowbelles "Father of the Year" contest application blanks. The person you submit will be judged on his family life, youth activities, community activities, leadership, religious activities, self accomplishments and children's accomplishments. If yours is judged the winner, he will be guest of honor at the annual Barbecue here in Heppner. He will also be eligible for the Oregon Cowbelles Father of the Year contest. Your group will receive the \$10 prize for suggesting the winning name.

The state winner receives a \$100 Beef Certificate. All expense paid trip to Portland before Father's Day. Weekend at a Portland Hotel; luncheon guest of a Portland service organization and will have a celebrity tour of radio and TV stations.

The group submitting the name of the State winner will receive \$25 cash.

April 15 is the deadline. But there's a catch so get your entry in early. If the same name is submitted more than once the group whose entry came in first will win the \$10. Act fast. Newspaper clippings will help. Entry blanks are available at the Extension Office and Gazette-Times. This is all part of the Cow Belles' "Eat more Beef" promotion.

Good Friday Services for All People

Good Friday Services (Mar. 31) sponsored by the South Morrow County Ministerial Ass'n. will focus on the subject "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". The service will begin at 2 p.m. to close at 4:20 p.m. at the Heppner Christian Church.

The service is divided into 20 minute periods with each of the participating churches providing a speaker for each period. Everyone is invited to attend the complete service or come and leave as time permits. An offering will be received to help support the work of the association.

Following is a list of the subjects and the church presenting each message.
2:00-A Friend to the Betrayer-Assembly of God; 2:20-A Friend to the Persecutors--All Saints Episcopal; 2:40-A Friend to the Imprisoned--Hope Lutheran; 3:00-A Friend to the Denier--Ione United Church of Christ; 3:20-A Friend to the Mockers--United Methodist; A Friend to the Malefactors--Lexington Christian and 4 p.m. A Friend to You and Me--Heppner Christian Church.

Bill Sherman to Preach Here

William Sherman, formerly of Heppner, now a student at Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Ca. is applying for admission into the Christian ministry in the Oregon-Idaho Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Bill is the son of Mrs. Wesley Sherman, Dalles. His parents formerly published the Heppner Gazette-Times. Presently a member of the Heppner United Methodist Church, he will be in town on March 26, during spring vacation when he will preach at the morning worship service at this church. Board members and the congregation of the Methodist church invite everyone to a potluck dinner after the worship service on Mar. 26. Members of the Sherman family will be pleased to visit with their Heppner friends. Mrs. Ida Farra will supervise arrangements for the dinner.

Grazing on Wilderness Areas

Section 251.76 of the Wilderness law pertaining to the Grazing of Livestock reads: a--"The grazing of livestock, where such use was established before the date of legislation which includes an area within the National Wilderness Preservation System shall be permitted to continue under the general regulations covering grazing of livestock on the National For-

ests and in accordance with special provisions covering grazing units of National Forest Wilderness which the Chief of the Forest Service may prescribe for general application in such units or may arrange to have prescribed for individual units. The Chief of Forest Service may permit, subject to such conditions as he deems necessary, the maintenance, reconstruction or retention of those livestock management improvements and structures which existed within a Wilderness when it was incorporated into the National Wilderness Preservations System. Additional improvements or structures may be built when necessary to protect wilderness values."

Two Churches Join Pre-Easter Plans

Rev. Don Johnson announces that the members of the Heppner Christian Church and the Lexington Church of Christ have planned for special communion services next week.

A Bible study concerning The Lord's Supper will precede the celebration of communion on Wed., Mar. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Church.
At Lexington a candlelight communion service will be held at 8:00 on Thurs., Mar. 30.

AVAILABLE JOBS LISTED at the Extension office include - two jobs with an Implement Company in Condon area, numerous farm jobs, waitress, backhoe operator and heavy equipment operator. Apprenticeship applications are currently being taken for the following positions in Eastern Oregon: Electrical Inside Wireman (Construction Electrician), Carpenter, and Automobile Mechanic. For further information, please contact the extension office--676-9642.
Employers needing help finding suitable workers may contact the Extension office for people with the following experience who are looking for employment: Mechanic, mill workers, truck drivers, bookkeepers, secretaries, clerks, farm hands, store manager, typist, and medical voucher clerk. One applicant wishes to do typing in her home.

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Judges Training For 4-H Animals

A tri-state judges clinic for 4-H meat animal projects is scheduled April 4-6 in Pendleton, reports Don Stangel, Morrow County Extension Agent.

The clinic will provide training for persons wishing to qualify to judge junior livestock shows in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Persons interested in attending must register by Monday, March 27, with Duane Johnson, 105 Extension Hall OSU, Corvallis 97331. A \$25 registration fee, which includes five meals and transportation during the conference is being charged.

Headquarters for the clinic, which will utilize Pendleton area ranches and meat packing plants as training sites, will be at the Indian Hills Motel in Pendleton.

MR. AND MRS. SAM McDANIEL of Hardman received word from their grandson, Mike Mahon of Elgin on his birthday entertainment, honoring his recent 14th birthday. A birthday dinner was at his home given by his mother, Maxine Mahon. Others there were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Mahon and Joey and their uncle, Jack Mahon and family of LaGrande. Mike is an avid skier and his cake was decorated like a small mountain with tiny fir trees and a skier poised to descend. He received many gifts and money and cards.

MRS. BILL STRUTHERS Tracy and Trudy of Portland visited here several days with her mother, Mrs. Marie Wadholm and Richard.

KLINGERS MOVE
Mr. and Mrs. Vic Klinger and Sheridan are now living in Portland. Their address is 5310 NE Cully Blvd. Vic is employed at Bingham Wilamette Iron and Steel Co. Darlene writes they like their apartment very much. They even have a heated swimming pool. They just don't like Portland so well.

Degree of Honor Dates Inspection
Seventeen members attend the March 14 meeting of the Degree of Honor at the New Lodge Hall. The chairs which the lodge recently purchased were used for the first time.

It was reported Mrs. Clive Huston is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Parker in Washington after suffering a broken hip and a long term of hospitalization.

Inspection will be April 11. Members will practice on Mar. 21 and work on their drill. It was decided the secretary would invite the Pendleton lodge to the inspection.

Martha King served the refreshments of supreme cherry cake, coffee and tea. Ardith Hunt received the Sunshine prize. The next meeting will be March 28 at which Oma Cox will serve.

School Lunch Menus
Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch



HEPPNER ELEMENTARY AND HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL
Monday, March 13--Tacos, buttered corn, shredded lettuce, cake and fruit, milk.
Tuesday, March 14--Fluffy rice with beef gravy, cabbage salad, upside down cake rolls and butter with milk.
Wednesday, March 15--Creamed turkey with toast, vegetable salad, fruit jello, cookies and milk.
Thursday, March 16--Piz-za, buttered carrots, cole slaw, fresh apple, milk.
Friday, March 17--Irish potato soup, Green vegetable salad, peanut butter sandwiches, ice cream and milk.

TURKEY SHOOT
Wasco Trap Club
Wasco, Oregon
March 26, 1972
\$2.00 per ticket
Starting Time 11 a.m.
Prizes: Hams & Bacon
Shells will be available at the Trap Club

Tire Sale Continued!
Free use of Fertilizer Spreader with the purchase of Pacific Weed and Feed or Lawn and Turf Complete Line of Lawn and Garden Chemicals Fertilizer and Tools



Due to popular demand we are extending our pickup and truck tire sale thru March 31.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- March 24 Pinocle Party, Willows Grange, Ione, 8:00
- March 25 Work Day at Little League Field starts at 8 a.m. Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society, Conference Rm, 1st National Bank, 7:30 p.m.
- March 27 Ione Lions Ladies Nite, Wagon Wheel Cafe, Cocktails 6:30, dinner 7. Lions and guests.
- Cub Pack Meet, Elem. School Multi-par, rm., 7:30.
- March 28 Ione Planning Commission, second meeting, 8:00 Willow Creek Little League Assn., second meeting
- March 29 Study class and Communion Celebration, Heppner Christian Church, 7:30 p.m. NFO National Speaker at Indian Hills Hotel 7:00 No Host Dinner
- March 30 Candlelight Communion, Lexington Church of Christ, 8:00
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