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## Bring Sun Into Their Lives

We seem to be better supplied with lots of questions and too few answers. Nevertheless, we think there's a real big challenge here for all of us Morrow Countians.

A sketch was shown by Bob Lowe to Pioneer Memorial Hospital board members Thurs. of a possible solarium. A number of people have pointed out that there is a great premium on space. And there is definitely a need for more sunlight.

In this proposal, there would be actually two solariums. One would be constructed on top of the other so that both floors would be served. It would mean a little addition measuring 12 ft. 8 in. by 23 feet. It would be complete with big, insulated sunny windows, would be heated from the same furnace now used, and would have air conditioning. It would provide room for both patients and visitors and could have some potted plants to add more cheer.

Several patients have told us of how much better they felt when it was a sunny day. Cost a year ago for such a project was \$23,000. Today, it might be more.

Where's the money to come from? Just after income tax time, such a proposal may seem rather unusual. But something we've noticed about Morrow Countians. If they decided those sunny rooms were really needed up there, they'd find a way to get them. Who's to take the lead for a fund drive for a fine purpose like this?

## POSTER WINNERS

"Color Your Life with 4-H" was Erin Evans' entry in the Oregon 4-H Poster Contest which was selected to go to the National Contest. This is Erin's second year to make the "National Trip".

Mari Evans entry "4-H Want You" and Peggy Schlichting's patriotic 4-H poster were selected for honorable mention.

Congratulations to our talented 4-H'ers who take the extra time to participate!

## Youth Choir Coming to Ione

The NEW MIND youth choir from the Hillsdale Church of Portland will be in Ione Apr. 29 and 30. This group of about 40 voices toured California and Washington in other years but are making weekend trips in Oregon this year.

Their Saturday night musical program will be a special one for the youth of the

community and is being planned as an interchurch fellowship time.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, they will present NATURAL HIGH a contemporary folk musical.

LAST MINUTE REMINDER Anglers Stag Night tonight (April 27) at the Elks. Lots of prizes. Drawing for the Terrain cycle. Supper is a deep fat fried prawn feed at 6:30 p.m.

## Nazarene Church Invites All

The Heppner Church of the Nazarene extends an invitation to its neighbors and friends to April "Visitor's Night." The service will commence at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, April 30.

Steven Waite who faced the charge of parole violation was sentenced Monday in Circuit Court to three years to the Dept. of Corrections. Case stemmed from an event at Dodge City Inn at Boardman some time ago. A theft had occurred there and restitution was to have been made.

Heppner, Or.  
April 25, 1972

To the Editor:

I am a farmer and cattleman with a lifetime of experience in Northeast Oregon's Blue Mountains. I have seen good and poor times as has everyone in this business. I have seen farming become more and more marginal due to increasing costs during the last few years.

I attended the Forest Services "Unroaded Area" public meeting at Pendleton, Apr. 1, and I observed it with considerable interest and concern. It came to my mind that the people who were requesting that all discussion areas be reserved virtually "wilderness classification" were overlooking one very important point. These requests were urging the Forest Service to manage most of the 34 discussion areas in an undeveloped and unmanaged condition. They did not appear to be concerned that the loss of allowable timber cut available for harvesting, by placing these areas in a deferred category, will greatly affect Northeast Oregon's economy and increase everyone's property taxes.

This economic loss and tax increase will create a sub-marginal agricultural economy. Therefore, the private land owner must make a choice of the following alternatives:

1. Lose his property by being unable to pay his property taxes.

2. Or, change his method of operation.

This management change must, by necessity, require a greater return from his property. A financial increase can be accomplished by changing from free-entry hunting to paid-entry hunting. There is presently available

an increasing demand by private sportsmen clubs who will pay lucrative prices for these hunting area privileges. The private landowner does not willingly choose to adopt these management alternatives but "locking-up" Forest Service lands for limited use will make this decision a necessity.

I firmly believe this decision can be and must be avoided by managing all Forest Service resources for all of the people. It is the management of these resources above and below the ground that makes this country economically prosperous so we can enjoy the leisure time to recreate in it.

Very truly yours,  
Gerald Swaggert

Dear Sir:

The Morrow County Rifle and Pistol Club invites the public to voice their opinions concerning deer and elk regulations for the coming seasons at the next club meeting, May 3 at 8:00 P.M. at the Morrow County Court-house.

The club annually submits its recommendations to the Game Commission concerning big game management in the Heppner, Wheeler, and Columbia Basin Units. Due to the apparent public concern this year, especially pertaining to our deer herds, the club feels that public opinion should be included in our recommendations. The recommendations which come from the May 3 meeting will then be sent to the May 7 meeting of the Eastern Oregon Sportsmen's Council meeting, and then on to the Game Commission hearing in Portland on May 20.

If you are truly concerned about the future of deer and elk in this area now is the time to speak up, attend the meeting and voice your opinion.

The club also wishes to thank all the concerned people who attended our Conservation Practices tour April 23. Your participation made the tour a success.

Sincerely,  
Donald K. Stroeber  
President  
Morrow County  
Rifle and Pistol Club



Rod Murray discovered fuel oil all over the back alley behind the drug store and the Gazette-Times Mon. Morning. Someone had drained fuel oil from big tanks - probably about 200 gallons. The tanks provide oil for the Oddfellows Hall. Most of the oil went over the ground, some entered a ground-level window and entered the drug store basement, some went under a corner of the G-T building. Some oil appeared to have leaked from a bucket all the way around to the back of Elma's Apparel. Because of the danger of fire, the volunteer Fire Dept. sprayed foam all over the area, some 600 gallons. The G-T and Murray's gratefully thank the firemen for their good efforts.

A big thanks to the Jaycees for their time and efforts, too. They have installed an underground sprinkler system at the City Park playground. This will do away from a dusty play area.

When we say DOWN, we must mean UP. Anyway, last week we had a story headed "First National Deposits Down". Actually, they are way up this quarter, some \$756,988 over a year ago.

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Three I beams were missing last week that had been used in the Kirk Street Bridge. They were used before the U.S. Corps of Engineers did their work and had been borrowed by the City from Morrow County. The 24 foot steel beams - weighed a ton each and were worth about \$220 a piece. Any volunteers to help nail down our new prestressed concrete bridges?

Someone sent us a comparison on meat prices as put in the Congressional Record by Sen. Curtis of Nebraska. Prime cattle Jan. 9, 1952 were \$39 per hundred weight. Twenty years later (Feb. 16, 1972) prime cattle were \$38 per hundred weight. Retail meat, however, showed hamburger in 1952 at 49c a pound. In 1972 it was 96c a pound in Nebraska supermarkets. It didn't get that high here, however. Delightful rump roast was available here last week at 89c a pound and well worth it.

Merlyn Robinson dropped us a nice note the other day. "It was certainly terrific being honored by being recipients of the Honorary Chapter Farmer award presented by our son at the annual FFA banquet. Don and I should have stated that the rewards of eighteen years of trials and tribulations are not often publicly applauded. This seems to be asking a lot after living here most of our lives. If our children weren't so involved with ranch and livestock, our do-it-ourselves thing, we would have arrived more promptly for the banquet. The boys and girls involved deserve a large hand themselves for a most rewarding evening for all."

## School Lunch Menus

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Heppner Elementary School Monday, May 1-Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Salad, Peach Halves, Raisin Bread, Butter and Milk.  
Tuesday, May 2-Chili Con Carne, Molded Vegetable Salad, Corn Meal Buns-Butter-Jelly, Apricot Pineapple Cobbler and Milk.  
Wednesday, May 3-Pork Chop Suey with Rice, Buttered Corn Fruit Mandy, Whole Wheat Rolls, Butter and Milk.  
Thursday, May 4-Potatoes with chicken Gravy, Lettuce Wedge with Dressing, Fruit Jello, Cookies, Rolls, Butter, and Milk.  
Friday, May 5-Old Fashioned Bean Soup, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Cabbage Salad, Chocolate French Cream Dessert and milk.

The Oregon Highway Commission is distributing \$5,774,965.37 in highway user tax funds to the 36 counties. Morrow County, with 4422 vehicles, is to receive \$8,107.67.

(Ed. Note: This is fine and all appreciate it. However, as has been pointed out before, our county desperately needs more money to maintain its vast network of roads. Morrow County is larger than some eastern states. Road crews have done a good job of maintenance and repair in the face of an unkind winter whose freezing and thawing almost wrecked some of our roads. In addition, blowing sands in the North End have cost about \$10,000. Therefore, \$8000 from the state is hardly a bonanza. We would dearly enjoy seeing a bigger slice for our rural area roads. We may not have the big population of western Oregon, but we have some mighty long roads.)

Frank Ayers who has been manager of the Heppner Hotel for the bankruptcy court receiver, said he expected the hotel may be closed soon. However, he is hopeful the hotel may only remain closed for a month.

He is hopeful of keeping the laundromat open. The Hotel Cafe expects to be closed tomorrow (Friday).

Dr. Ed Schaffitz office will remain open as usual. With Heppner's tight housing situation, it is predicted as unusually difficult to locate rooms for those who are living there. Vel Robinson suggested some time ago that the Condon Air Base facilities be made available to retired folks. A government agency is reported as fixing to get ready to "Make a study of the feasibility of this matter."

Ed Dick advertised that he had misplaced his tool box. A G-T want ad got it back for him, he reports.

THE HORN & HOOF meeting was called to order by Mark Schlichting, secretary, on April 13.

There was a discussion about putting trash cans along the highway.

Shelley Thompson gave a demonstration on Creep-feeding.

Don Stangel, County agent, gave a presentation of slides on nutrients. The slides illustrated the effects of unbalanced diets.

Mark Sargent will give a demonstration at our next meeting on May 11.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Reporter,  
Rhonda Sargent

## 'Moc' Minton Dies

Osborne Austin Minton, "Moc", 59 years of age died at his home on April 19. He was born Jan. 14, 1913 in Rich Hill, Missouri. He was a member of B.P.O.E. 1026 Rich Hill and a member of The American Legion No. 46, Butler, Mo. He was an overseas American veteran of World War II. He is survived by a daughter Bonnie Lee Reed, Rich Hill. Remains were forwarded by the Sweeney Mortuary to Rich Hill, Mo. for services and interment.

## HORSEMANSHIP CLUB

Vice Pres. Dana Creamer was in charge. Club will earn money to make breast collars. There is to be a meeting May 17. Work days are May 6 and 13. Present were Randall Matthews, Mary Ann Proctor, Teresa Proctor, Bobby Handabab, Cynthia Matthews, Danny Creamer, Dana Creamer, Rocky Handabab, Nora Pourier, Patty Proctor.



April 28  
Elementary School class and group pictures to be taken Elementary School baseball at Condon, 1:30

April 29  
4-H Horse Training, Dick Meuret, Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.

Boardman Lions Charter Night Banquet, Catholic Parish Hall, Hermiston, 7:30

April 30  
2nd Wranglers Play Day begins with potluck at noon Reception honoring Lynda Baker, Masonic Hall, 2:00 p.m.

May 2  
Wranglers meeting, Fairgrounds Dormitory, 8:00 p.m.

May 3  
Drama Workshop play "Plaza Suite" 8:00, Heppner High Family Life series, 7:30

May 4  
Pre-registration of First Grade for '72-'73, grade school, 10:00 a.m. Drama Workshop play "Plaza Suite" 8:00, Heppner High

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