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Don't Say "I Did It!"

Extra super precautions must be taken in the out of doors this summer to prevent grass fires and forest fires. The woods and the grass in the empty lots in town are bone dry already. A chance spark could create havoc in a short time.

Exercise caution with cigarettes while driving or walking. Snub them out completely. Use water to kill the camp fire completely. Build fires only where allowed. Carry a bucket, shovel and axe while traveling in the woods.

It is that time of year when Morrow County takes to the mountains. Residents have a keen appreciation of the clean air, the mountains and trails, the carpet of needles underneath, the shades of green of the trees and the undergrowth, the blue skies with patches of white clouds. It's a great country and we don't want anything to happen to spoil it this summer. BE CAREFUL.

If you do spot a fire get to the nearest telephone and report it. If you're in the Fossil area call the State Forester, near Kinzua call the mill, near Heppner call the US Forestry or call the nearest guard station, Tupper, Madison Butte, Ditch Creek.

Each one will check it out and get right on it.

The Significance of Poppy Day

For more than 45 years red poppies have been worn by many Americans around Memorial Day. As this date draws near again, remember this flower's significance and the purpose of Poppy Day.

We in this country wear the poppy once a year to signify the feeling of reverence in our hearts for the servicemen who died for America during two World Wars, the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. The poppy is their flower. It grew on the battlefields of Europe where so many men fought and died. This flower grew along the battle lines and among the graves of American dead; because of this, it has become the symbol of their sacrifice.

In addition to serving as a memorial to the war dead, the poppy helps lighten the burden carried by the men who returned disabled in mind and body. Making poppies gives employment to veterans who otherwise would not be able to earn support for themselves and their families. What form of aid could be more effective than helping veterans aid themselves with productive work? Poppy Day provides an annual opportunity for the American public to offer encouragement and support to these men.

Veterans are paid for the poppies they make and all the materials are furnished by the American Legion Auxiliary. Occupational therapy departments in hospitals recognize the poppy work as having high value in terms of patient morale.

Dimes and dollars contributed during Poppy Day go directly into the rehabilitation and child welfare programs of American Legion Auxiliary.

When you are asked to wear a Poppy today and tomorrow, remember the veteran in a hospital who made this memorial flower. The Poppy Day purpose has always been to honor the war dead by assisting the living. This is the true significance of Poppy Day.

REMEMBER THIS? REMINISCE!

55 Years Ago.....1918

Morrow County's quota for the second Red Cross War Fund drive has been set at \$10,000, the same as in the first drive. The quota was largely oversubscribed in the initial war drive and Red Cross officials are going to see to it that Morrow County falls short not a dollar of the amount.

With a view to enlisting in some branch of the service which will take him to the front in France, W. G. Scott, warehouseman and banker of Lexington, departed on last Friday evening for Arlington and from there he went on to Portland for a day or so, to attend to some business affairs. Mr. Scott is sixty-five, is in the best of health, strong and vigorous and there is no doubt at all but that he can do the work and he has the determination to try.

When the registrations of voters was totaled up in the county clerk's office, it was found that there are 2,077 in Morrow County.

Emil Lundell, well known Gooseberry farmer passed away at the home of his parents near Gooseberry on Saturday evening, May 4, after a short illness.

According to the last word received from their son, Marshal, by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Phelps of this city, he is still flying in Florida, being stationed at Miami.

37 Years Ago.....1936

C.J.D. Bauman, Morrow County's wrestling sheriff, went to Pendleton Tuesday night, and backed by a large delegation of local fans, took the main event match from Oren Laman on an American Legion card. Bauman is hailed as the American Legion Champion of eastern Oregon.

City trucks were continuing hauling operations today in the process of cleaning up the city which started Tuesday. In accordance with the council's edict, the city clean-up crews have taken almost every movable object of junk, and tin can piles and other rubbish piles have been removed from the local landscape. In one instance the wrath of God was brought down upon the city powers when the crew hauled off an old automobile. The owner had used the car for driving a woodsaw. It looked like junk to the crew, however, and so took the course of all such.

Not long ago promise was made in these columns that the town clock in the courthouse tower would again be in operation. The promised event took place this week when George Hayden came in from the mountain home near Hardman and started the chronometer to clicking, and yes - striking. The sound of the bell tolling off the hour has been welcome music to old-time residents who said the town was not the same while the clock was mute.

A heavy shower that had the proportions of a small cloudburst in places hit on upper Willow creek, Rhea and McKinney creeks and upper Eight Mile Sunday afternoon. Cars returning from the ball game at Fossil reported water in the road two feet deep at one place in Eight Mile. At the Bruce Kelley ranch on Willow creek the water carried a considerable number of rocks into the road, making it difficult for cars returning from afternoon picnics in the mountains to pass.

1 Year Ago.....1972

High School Honor Students - Ione, Mary McElligott, Valectorian and Cheri Carlson, Salutatorian; Heppner, Shelley Wolff, Valectorian and Barbara Allstott, Salutatorian; Riverside, Tony Barnhart, Valectorian, and Bill Acock Salutatorian.

New Jaycee Wives officers: Mrs. Bill Lande, Mrs. Marvin Sumner, Mrs. Archie Ball and Mrs. Ed Struthers.

Five members of the Heppner High Rodeo Team joined approximately 20 other high school teams competing at the John Day High School Rodeo, May 6 and 7. Jill Rugg rode away with many honors and was named the All Around Cow Girl of the meet.

The Oregon State Scholarship Commission has picked some 1500 students from the class of 1973 of some 35,000 high school graduates this year. Heppner students selected as Oregon Scholars are Barbara Lynn Allstott and Shelley Margaret Wolff.

Heppner qualified three boys in five events for the State Track Meet coming up Friday and Saturday at Pleasant Hill. In order to qualify, one must place first or second in the District Meet or meet a qualifying time or distance set up by the OSAA. Those qualifying were Luke Padberg, Craig Munkers and Barney Marshall.

With Jack Sumner

More than three hundred people heard over four hours of testimony before the House Transportation Committee regarding the critical fuel shortages. This is the first such interest any state has taken to date.

Testimony was offered by independent dealers and minor oil companies. The major oil companies were invited to enlighten the committee to the shortages and possible solutions but their absence was conspicuous. Not one showed up to testify.

About twenty five independent dealers testifying indicated that they felt the shortage was contrived. Many have been given notices of rationing but as of the last six weeks had been encouraged to increase their sales. Many service stations have been shut down. Martin Lobel, attorney and Washington editor of "Consumer Advocate" said the major oil companies do not have a shortage. He said they have enough crude oil to meet their needs and the needs of the independents, but are not supplying the independents. He believes the shortage was deliberately created to get higher prices, remove competition and eliminate environmental standards.

Serving on the House Transportation Committee I was appointed by the Chairman to a subcommittee of four to further investigate the fuel shortages to determine if any action, either legal or statutorily, should be taken by the State of Oregon.

At this time the prospect of getting a lower rate for agricultural workmen's compensation appears shaky. HB 3216 would set a maximum rate of \$8.50 per \$100.00 payroll. I testified in favor of the bill at its first hearing. The Oregon Wheat League, the Oregon Cattlemen's Assn. and the National Farmers Organization gave supporting testimony. Farm Bureau declined to testify. If you Farm Bureau members are interested in this matter write your lobbyist and ask them to get on the stick. Send me a copy of your request.

Farm Bureau has long been an advocate against the high workmen's compensation rates. Their silence on the subject is not helpful. Again, I urge anyone interested to get busy and help this piece of legislation along in the House Labor and Industrial Relations Committee.

A brief review of the Property Tax Relief and School Finance Committee shows some initial actions taken. It was decided to keep the County School Fund and the small school correction programs. Also, transportation cost in public schools would be funded by the state at 55 percent of costs. The O and C Forests revenue funds would not be used in any school finance program. The action on the above items is no change from the present application. It was further decided that kindergartens would qualify for basic school support. This would be permissive and is a new program.

Following is a summary of the major legislation that passed the House last week:

HB 2213 - Provides unemployment insurance coverage for employees of all political subdivisions.

HB 2263 - Revises laws relating to collective bargaining for public employees. Establishes collective bargaining procedures including certification of labor organizations, strikes, binding arbitration, compulsory arbitration and duties of the Public Employees Relations Board.

HB 2282 - Limits the use of public lands by off-the-road vehicles to areas specifically designated for such use.

HB 2478 - Authorizes the Oregon Liquor Control Commission to issue a license for one day sales of wine. This would apply, for instance, to picnics, conventions, fairs and civic and community enterprises.

HB 2728 - Prohibits drinking alcohol while in a motor vehicle on a highway and also prohibits having an open bottle of alcohol in a motor vehicle except in the trunk or other storage place.

All these measures now go to the Senate for consideration. For any assistance I can offer write Rep. Jack Sumner, 18-H Capitol building, Salem, Oregon 97310.

Report from Ken Jernstedt

Lotteries, off-road vehicles, brain altering surgeries, age of majority and other subjects dominated the legislative arena this week as legislators completed their 19th week of deliberations.

The Senate approved a resolution which would permit voters to decide on a constitutional change and allow charitable organizations to conduct lotteries.

The measure now goes to the House and if it is approved, it will go to the voters. If the voters approve it, churches and social and fraternal organizations could legally conduct raffles, bingo and card games.

The House barely passed a bill to restrict the use of motorcycles, snowmobiles and other off-road recreational vehicles.

The bill would close all state-owned lands to the vehicles after January 1, 1975, except those areas where state regulations allow them to be operated. The state agencies which are in charge of the lands would be required to hold hearings to adopt restrictions on where the vehicles could be used. The bill now comes to the Senate for our consideration.

The Joint Committee on Alcohol and Drugs has approved a measure to lower the "age of majority" in Oregon to 18 and has sent it to the floor of the House.

It would lower the drinking age from 21 to 19 but virtually reduce all other legal right to eighteen. The committee originally considered putting the drinking age at eighteen but compromised at nineteen for fear the lower age would run into serious trouble when it comes to a vote on the floor of the House. Many people feel the age of eighteen would put liquor in the high schools where friends could buy alcohol for younger school mates.

The bill is aimed at granting the 18-20 age bracket the same legal rights—contracts, wills, employment, etc.—as a person over 21 now has.

In other legislative action, a bill declaring most public records to be open has passed out of committee. House Bill 2157 would require all records to be open except those exempted.

Among those records which would be exempted are trade secrets, criminal investigation records, names of employees who sign union cards, and real estate appraisals prior to acquisition. The committee was told that the present laws on public records are vague and need to be updated.

Please continue to contact me regarding any of the measures before us.

LETTERS

Dear Charlie, Dorothy & all concerned,

Heppner Community Kindergarten Mothers would like to thank you for the newspaper articles promoting our Kindergarten and the Spring Rummage Sale.

If it weren't for the wonderful cooperation of the people in the community, our Kindergarten couldn't exist.

Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Claudia Hughes, Sec.

Dear Editor,

I think it was a wonderful idea and very generous of Emma Hager to donate her land for a city park. I thank her very much as I would enjoy the view from my home if it was kept up. I went to the cemetery Mothers Day and found it needed care, in fact couldn't find my grandsons' grave so just laid the flowers where we thought he was. Also driving thru town this morning I noticed the City Park was in need of care. This has been my Home Town for 20 yrs. and I've seen quite a few changes made in that time. I should be the last to complain as my own home and yard is very neglected due to poor health.

We lost two very good men

who put in long hard hrs. of work keeping up our Fair City when Wayne Harsin left and Vic Groshens retired. So until we can take care of what we already have let's postpone a new park. It will give us all something to plan on and look forward to for the future.

Yours Sincerely,
Edna Hutchins

Holmes Gabbert Dies Suddenly

Word was received in Heppner Sunday evening of the sudden death from a heart attack of Holmes Gabbert, well-known lone rancher. Mr. Gabbert died May 17 in Mesa, Arizona. He was born Dec. 2, 1899 and came to Ione in 1942. He was a member of Ione Masonic Lodge, Al Kader, and John Calvin Presbyterian Church.

Funeral services were conducted in Mesa on May 21. Survivors include his wife, Greta; son, Dwight, of Bear, Idaho; daughter, Patricia Meyers, Portland, and several grandchildren.

Mrs. Gabbert will remain in Arizona and her address is 536 Essex Lane, Mesa, Arizona 85207.

Art Crawford Here

Art Crawford former owner and publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times was back in his old stamping grounds this week. He has a real flair for names even though he has been living at San Jose for some years. He met Delsie Chapel in the G-T office and said "Sure I remember you. Your were from Hardman".... and away they went recalling old times and people.

While here he is staying with his brother-in-law, Leonard Schwarz.

He is a spinner of tales and the ones that can't be printed are the most interesting.

Renn Harris to All Saints

On May 27th the Rev. David Blackaller will conduct services at St. James, Milton-Freewater. Conducting services at All Saints Heppner next Sunday will be the Rev. Renn Harris who is priest in charge of the Ascension Chapel in N.W. Portland. Renn is the son of Mrs. Mike Saling and grandson of Mrs. Lena Kelly and Mr. & Mrs. A.T. Harris.

Attend Search & Rescue Conference

Seven members of the Morrow County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Posse attended the Search and Rescue conference sponsored by the Oregon State Sheriff's Ass'n and the Oregon Emergency Services at Camp Rilea near Seaside last weekend.

They attended six classes: Use of Search and rescue air craft, radio communication, map and compass training, outdoor survival, search methods and patterns, protection of crime scenes.

They had three hours of demonstration courses. The Coast Guard put on an air and water rescue from helicopters. The OSEA demonstrated a blood hound search and Zellerbach put on a demonstration of Safety in tree falling.

Three hours of training was given for leaders. This was on certification. Attending this session were Don Stroeber, Bob Laughlin and Archie Ball. OSEA was urged to set up minimum standards for rescue groups. Legal aspects were also explained.

Others going were Ken Nelson, Simon Winters, Leonard Toll and Ed Tarnasky. The group felt well paid for their efforts. Bob Laughlin said, "We learned a lot."

Duty Delays Jack's Departure for Heppner

Close to 100 in attendance at the Conservation Man of the Year Field Day luncheon were disappointed when Rep. Jack Sumner missed arriving in time to be the luncheon speaker.

Jack has become involved in the workings of the legislature and was late because he stayed to testify in opposition to HB 2276 and didn't get away from Salem until nearly noon.

In explaining HB 2276 Jack said it diverts highway revenue funds from use for highways to mass transit uses. At the time he told Harold Kerr, he'd be here he didn't know it would be on the floor. It was 11:30 when he finished speaking in opposition to it. He didn't stay to vote but he was excused which is the same as voting no. He said when

he stopped in at the G-T office that he had heard later that it had passed.

He went on to say that from funds available for highway use there is more than 80 percent already dedicated for administration, counties, cities, state police, parks, bicycle paths. Another 20 percent is earmarked for maintenance which adds up to 80 percent. Then 10 percent is marked to go with federal matching money. This is on a 90-10 basis so that 19 million dollars of state matching money generates 118 million for interstate highway. This has a very high priority. State roads construction is on a 70-30 basis.

Twenty-four million dollars have been earmarked for reconstruction of broken up highways, overlays and minor betterment such as guard rails or bridges.

HB 2276 will divert off the top 8 percent of the highway gross revenues which is comparable to the amount funded for state construction which would essentially leave no funds for new construction only betterment.

House Joint Resolution (HJT 7) was on the 3rd reading Monday which would require a vote of the people next May whether they want to divert these highway funds from the dedicated use to mass transit or as it is called Public Transportation.

School Financing

In regard to the new measure for school financing and property tax relief, Jack said a measure would be introduced Monday to increase on a state wide basis school support from 22.6 to 47 percent and eliminate the IED districts. Under this plan, Morrow County would receive in basic school support \$12,000 less than is presently received because they would lose equalizing money from the IED district. Under what is known as the two-tiered distribution formula according to the interim revenue committee on school finance the district would lose again. It would affect those districts receiving federal forest fees and those districts having high transportation costs. Morrow County has the latter. The two-tier distribution formula favors those districts that expend under \$1000. per pupil. Morrow County, due to its sparse population spends more than \$1000. per pupil.

Jack says "hopefully they may take out the high transportation cost provision".

Jack prepared to fly back to Salem as he was to give testimony at two hearings yet that day.

Rhea Creek Grange News

Mrs. Emma Drake was hostess to Rhea Creek Grange CWA on Thursday with Mrs. Mildred Wright, Mrs. Doris Cutting, Mrs. Pearl Wright, Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Mrs. Martha Van Schoiack, Mrs. Frieda Slocum, Mrs. Evalyn Farrens, Mrs. Claudine Warren and Mrs. Muriel Palmer attending. Guests from Boardman were Mrs. Flossie Ball, Mrs. Hazel Carpenter and Mrs. R. Bishop.

Chairman Mildred Wright told of this past month's activities. Rhea Creek Grange had been host to Pomona Grange and to Visitation night. There had been a good crowd for both. Three card parties were held with the money from them to be used toward the cost of reshingling the hall. The shingling is now in progress, with Bob Stevens, Kenneth Wright, Harold Wright, Gerald Bergstrom, Marion Hayden, Ned Clark, Barton Clark and Elmer Palmer assisted by Don Heliker and Larry Sullivan of Ione doing the job.

The ladies of the CWA and of the Rhea Creek Study Group will help serve the Pioneer Memorial Day Picnic at the Fair building on the 28th of May. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren are in charge of the Picnic.

Mrs. Frieda Slocum will be hostess for Grange at the June 8th meeting. The CWA will hold their June 21st meeting at Wright Memorial Park with a potluck picnic.

Gary Davis thought he was living dangerously the other day. While riding through Heppner in his jeep he was greeted by a swarm of bees. We agreed - they tickle.

We surely hope TV gets some new programs. We feel almost DROWNED in the Watergate case.

The following yarn was bor-

rowed or swiped from the Wallowa County Chieftain. It has a moral to it and sounds very much like one of Banker Gene's stories.

It seems that a big Texan in his cowboy hat, boots, jeans and jacket, rolled up to a small town restaurant in a sleek new Cadillac and went inside where he sat at the counter ordering a meal. Some of the local yokels, overcome by curiosity, finally edged up alongside the Texan and the following conversation took place:

"Are you from Texas?"

"Yup."

"Do you own any oil wells?"

"Nope."

"Do you own a cattle ranch?"

"Nope."

"What do you do for a living?"

"I raise rattlesnakes."

"Gosh, isn't that dangerous!"

"Nope."

"But, what if one of them bites you?"

"You just sink your teeth in the wound, suck out the venom, spit out, and go on your way."

"Yeah, but suppose the rattlesnake hits you from behind where you can't get to the wound?"

"That, my boy, is when you find out whether you have any friends!"

So long until next week.

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May Birthdays
Steve Messick was the honored guest at a family birthday dinner in his honor on May 17, his birthday. He chose to have his mother make him a strawberry pink cake with white frosting. He was six year's old. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Messick.
On Wednesday night, he learned that Sheriff John Mollahan and Dick Schlichting also had birthdays on May 17.
Another May birthday at the Messicks was Mrs. Messick on May 23.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

May 24
Heppner High School Baccalaureate and Commencement, High School Gym, 7:30 p.m.
Indians vs Braves, Heppner, 6 p.m.

May 25
Heppner 8th grade Banquet, Elks Club, 6:30; Dance, 8:00.
Riverside Commencement, Riverside Gym, 8 p.m.

May 26
Ione Commencement, Ione Gym, 8 p.m.

May 28
20th Annual Pioneer Picnic, Fair Pavilion. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m.
May 29
Braves vs Dodgers, Heppner, 6 p.m.
Dodgers vs Indians, Ione, 6 p.m.
Girl's softball, Grade school field, 6 p.m.

May 30
Heppner Kindergarten graduation & picnic, Fair Pavilion, 11:30 a.m.
Braves vs Dodgers, Heppner, 6 p.m.
Giants vs Indians, Ione, 6 p.m.

May 31
Open House at Morrow County Mental Health Office. Girl's softball, Grade school field, 6 p.m.

June 2
Dodgers vs Giants, 1 p.m., Heppner.
Braves vs Indians, 3 p.m., Ione.
Ione Auction & Barbecue, Willows Grange, Country Store open 10 a.m.; Country Auction, 10:30.

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