



When all else fails the best thing to do is to warn motorists of danger ahead! This hole in the highway to Gooseberry, about three miles from Lone High School, has been around for a long time. The Morrow County Road Department was notified, but the hole was not repaired. Lone students took the matter in hand and painted this warning sign no driver is likely to ignore!

Dorothy Krebs on BMCC board

Dorothy Krebs, lone, has been named to the Blue Mountain Community College board of education.

Her appointment was made by the college board to fill the post vacated by Bob Zerba, Athena, who has moved to Portland.

Mrs. Krebs' appointment assures Morrow County of representation on the board at least for the current school year. The position will be on the May 1975 election ballot.

Morrow County has been without a representative on

the board since July 1 when Bob Abrams retired. A Heppner attorney, Abrams had served on the board since the college was formed in 1962. His position was won in the May election by James Whitney, Pendleton, in a three-way race with Mrs. Krebs and Irvin Rauch of Lexington. Whitney received 1955 votes, Mrs. Krebs 1909 and Rauch 813.

Absence of Morrow County representation on the board has bothered the board since the May election saw defeat of

the two Morrow County candidates. BMCC board members are elected at large and the question of zoning the college district had never previously been seriously discussed because all areas of the two-county district had been represented on the board.

Several board members asked college President Ron Daniels if there was a legal way to guarantee Morrow County a position on the board. Daniels said the district could be zoned to assure one member from Morrow

County, but such zoning could be challenged in the courts under the U.S. Supreme Court's equal representation ruling of one person, one vote.

Daniels was asked by Board Chairman Joe Green, Pendleton, to prepare a detailed study of the problem for the board's Nov. 20 meeting.

In other business the board was told that current enrollment is running slightly ahead of last year's, with 950 day students and 750 evening students enrolled in the first two weeks of the fall term.

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First recipient in 30 years

Bruce Young earns Eagle Scout Award

Bruce Young, 15, Heppner, received his Eagle Scout Award at the Elks Temple Saturday night, the only recipient of the high award in the Heppner area in the past 30 years.

The last Eagle Scout award went to Glen Ward, while he was in the U.S. Navy.

Keynote speaker for the occasion was Ervin C. Williams, president of the Blue Mountain Scout Council, who said "this is a very important occasion in the life of this young man, as he has brought recognition to his family, friends and members of the community."

James L. Frost, Hermiston, Eagle Scout Board of Review,

told the audience that Bruce had passed all necessary regulations for an Eagle Scout and that he should be admitted.

Assistant Scoutmaster Herman Winter told of Bruce's scouting history, which follows:

Bruce's scouting history really started on Jan. 13, 1959, when he discovered America here in Heppner, Morrow County, Ore.

I am told that Bruce showed a propensity for Boy Scout activities as a child he often took hikes on his own, without his mother's consent or supervision.

Bruce joined Troop 661 in February of 1970. While work-

ing for his Tenderfoot Rank he participated in the Oregon Trail District's Camporee on Wall Creek. He also participated in public service activities including the cleanup of the debris on the site of what is now known as Lake Penland.

Bruce attained the rank of Tenderfoot in August of 1970. He displayed his leadership abilities early in his scouting career because he served as a patrol leader of the Elk Patrol while still only a Tenderfoot.

In February of 1971, Bruce attained the rank of Second Class Scout. While a Second Class Scout he attended Camp Wallowa in the summer of 1971 with Troop 657 of Echo, Ore. Bruce had sharpened his axe in preparation of Camp Wallowa and he apparently did such an excellent job that Steve McLaughlin cut his finger with the axe while at Camp Wallowa and had to be evacuated into Enterprise to have some stitches taken.

Bruce was working on his First Class Scout requirements when the scouting program was in a transitional period and consequently he had to wait until November, 1971, to attain the rank of First Class Scout. He continued his role as a patrol leader only this time he was patrol leader of the Flaming Arrows.

On his own, he initiated weekly patrol meetings. These meetings resulted in the manufacture of over 200 tent pegs and individual proficiency in scouting skills.

Bruce participated in Troop 661's camp out and the Oregon Trail District Camporee at Bull Prairie in December of 1972. The scouts established their camp at Bull Prairie in shirt-sleeve type weather; however, by morning, they were awakened with approximately eight inches of snow covering the ground.

Some of Bruce's friends and fellow scouts decided to use their own scouting skills and stuffed the chimney to his tent with branches and other debris causing instant smoke. This resulted in Bruce and his patrol's evacuation of their squad tent and Bruce was observed standing in his stocking feet in the snow dressed only in his set of longjohns. He demonstrated his patience with his fellow scouts because he remained cool and calm even though the following morning he and his patrol awakened to frozen trousers and frozen boots.

In March of 1973 Bruce attained the rank of Star Scout. While a Star Scout he attended the Blue Mountain Council Camporee at Meacham. The troop returned from that trip with several honors and an overall evaluation of third place out of the entire Blue Mountain Council. Throughout the entire camp-out the scout masters relied heavily on Bruce for his leadership. During the same camp out Bruce received the

'I had everything going for me'

Drug arrest clouds a promising future

By ERNEST V. JOINER

Darrel Pummel—19, intelligent and personable—had everything going for him.

He was quarterback and halfback on the Riverside High School football team in 1973; president of the student body in his senior year. He served on the Morrow County Juvenile Advisory Council. He was popular with his schoolmates and went to all the parties. He was never involved with the law.

Darrel also had the advantages of a good home. He and his brother and two sisters were raised in a religious atmosphere by middle-income parents who are respected in their home town of Irrigon where, until recently, his father was the city marshal.

Then, on July 15, he was arrested while at work by Dick Harp, Oregon State Police, for unlawful possession of dangerous drugs.

His father, Perry Pummel, had found 700 amphetamine tablets (classified as dangerous drugs) in Darrel's bedroom, and immediately reported him to the police.

Darrel was jailed overnight in Hermiston and arraigned the next day. On Aug. 27 a Morrow County Grand Jury returned two indictments against him: (1) unlawful possession of marijuana (less than one oz.); and (2) possession of dangerous drugs (700 amphetamine tablets).

The maximum penalty for Charge 1 is \$100 fine; on Charge 2, a \$2,500 fine and 10 years in prison.

He is scheduled to appear in circuit court on Nov. 1. Until then, he is suffering the agony of the damned. At worst he will go to prison for 10 years. With luck, the court may reduce the charges to a misdemeanor. Until then Darrel can make no plans, short or long-range.

Darrel came to the Gazette-Times office Saturday at the suggestion of District Attorney Dennis Doherty and his defense attorney, Bob Abrams. Doherty has been of the opinion for a long time that parents in Morrow County expect such things to happen to "somebody else but never to us." Every home, he reasoned, no matter how larded with love and money and advantage, has no right to assume that the children who live there are too good or too intelligent to experiment with drugs. So Doherty made a deal with Darrel.

"Tell the newspaper openly and honestly how you got involved with drugs, just so other parents and other youngsters will hear it from you, and it will go a long way toward my recommending leniency to the court."

So Darrel began his newspaper interview.

"I don't know why I bought those 'bits' because I never took them and I never sold any drugs in my life," he began.

He had attended a street dance in the Tri-Cities on Saturday night before his arrest and was offered the drug tablets at the bargain price of \$35 for 700. They usually sell around here for

about 25 cents each, he said. "I was drinking a little at the time, and it just seemed like a good idea," he confessed.

Questioned further, he could find no logical reason for having purchased the tablets since he neither used them nor sold them. "I just did it," he said.

Off and on for the past year and a half, Darrel has been smoking marijuana. "Pot" was found at most school parties he attended, and is available to any student, he said.

"There was absolute no reason why I should have ever smoked pot," he confided, "because I had no need for it physically or mentally. But if you run around with kids who smoke pot, you're going to smoke pot with them. Don't run with people who smoke it, and you won't smoke it either."

Adults, he said, might find it hard to buy marijuana and more dangerous drugs in Morrow County, but not young people. They can get it almost anywhere and do.

Since his arrest in July Darrel has had good reason to believe that nothing in pot or drugs is worth the price one pays in mental anguish. His friends remain loyal to him because "they all know I'm not a drug user or a drug pusher." His mother and father go out of their way to be nicer to him, and his brother and older sister love and encourage him. "But the parents of my friends would rather their sons and daughters have nothing to do with me," Darrel said. The younger people are far more tolerant of his situation than their elders, and his family know him well enough to know he is not a criminal, and that he just did a foolish, impulsive act for which he is paying the price.

It is a bit ironic that his first involvement with drugs other than pot landed him in the toils of the law. "I know a kid in Irrigon who has been a user and a pusher of hard drugs since he was 14," Darrel said, "and he has never been arrested."

"The use of drugs among school students has increased rapidly in the last five years," he said. "Today there is more open talk about it, more kids smoking it and there's marijuana growing all over the county. The pot available here is rather mild, about 2 per cent THC (the active chemical agent). Pot from Mexico and overseas, especially from Vietnam, is about 100 per cent, and is considered dangerous."

He had a word to parents who believe their own children wouldn't experiment with pot or other drugs. "I've smoked pot with nearly every one of the boys and girls whose parents now look down on me because of my arrest," he said. "They are too blind to see what's happening, or refuse to believe their own children can be involved. Well, my family background is about as good as they come, and it happened to me and it's happening to their children."

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School board resolves student busing issue

Some intense discussion between parents and school board members followed a transportation request at Monday night's school board meeting in Irrigon.

For the first two months of this school year, 12 Boardman area kindergarten children have been transported in a private van from the morning session of kindergarten in Irrigon. Parents complained that the van was over-crowded and the situation created hazardous conditions.

Their spokesman, Gene Miller, Boardman, requested that a bus be made available to transport the children back to the drop-off point in Boardman. The parents would pay for the cost of operating the bus. Miller stated that they had tried other means of transportation for two months, none of which had

worked out, and that they were concerned for the safety of their children.

Board Chairman Dr. Wallace Wolff told the delegation that noon-time transportation was not being provided for kindergarten children any place in the county because of the high operating cost involved. Board Member Don McElligott pointed out that the board had granted the inclusion of kindergartens into the school system only after parents had indicated that they would be willing to provide noon transportation.

"I don't like it," he commented on the request, to which Miller stated he felt the safety of five-year-old children was the question at present.

Board Member Pauline Winter asked why car pools were not being used as

Superintendents Don Cole and John Edmundson indicated were being operated in the lone and Heppner areas. The Boardman parents felt this method was not operable for their situation.

The board resolved the situation by voting to make a bus and driver available to transport the children from Irrigon to a central point in Boardman, providing parents pay for the cost of operating the bus and paying the driver. The parents indicated they were pleased with this arrangement, although they were informed by the board that the transportation costs to the parents would be high.

In other business Monday evening, Nita Phillips, a student at Riverside High School, requested that junior and senior students throughout the county again be

allowed to participate in the Youth Conference on Responsible Adulthood Conference scheduled for Nov. 6 in the south end of the county and Nov. 7 in the north end. The conference, presented by professionals in varying fields concerning the welfare of teenagers, deals with problems faced by young people such as drugs, alcohol and the law.

Because of the controversial nature of some of the classes being offered, parental permission is required. Last year's conference was well attended and termed successful. The board granted permission for student participation.

The board voted to develop a pad for one double-wide trailer home on its property adjacent to the Heppner Elementary School, on the

George property. The cost of development is not to exceed \$2,000. The space to be developed is near Aiken Street. To gain access to the property, the board further voted to trade a piece of property with Leonard Toll to achieve necessary access.

Dorsey Bus Co. was awarded a contract for its bid on a 30-passenger used bus at a cost of \$9,921.20. A second bus contract was awarded to Western Bus Sales on a new 1974 GMC 66 passenger bus for \$14,750.

Grace Steers was approved to replace Bert Corbin as bus driver in the Heppner area. The board approved the hiring of another teacher's aide for A.C. Houghten school at Irrigon because of increased student load. This would not increase the budget for staff

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Bruce Young accepts coveted award from Glen Ward.