

## FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

• Dr. Tibbles has announced his resignation as practitioner in Heppner after 43 years of service. His accomplishments during the years are too numerous to mention. He has served the community above and beyond the call of duty these many years, yet he refuses to accept the recognition he so rightfully deserves. He has often mentioned that the only way he could retire from practice in Heppner would be to move from the community. I hope he never does, for whenever I see Doc Tibbles on the street I will always say, "thanks," for no man gives 43 years of service to any community without gaining the appreciation of its citizens.

• For the benefit of many of the new people in the community as well as some of the older citizens, the Gazette-Times has been publishing some older pictures of buildings in Heppner. We would like to continue this policy, however, we ask for your cooperation. Do you have any old pictures or newspapers that could be run in the paper? If so bring them into the office and once photographed they will be returned to the rightful owner.

Last week Herman Green brought a copy of the Hehisch to the Gazette-Times. The book is dated 1915 and is the first Hehisch printed. There is a picture of the new high school building built in 1912-13 at a cost of \$40,000.

At that time there were four teachers and 32 students in high school. The teachers listed are Hamilton H. Hoffman, Lucy T. Wedding, Addie M. Schwittay and Marion A. Long.

The graduating class had nine seniors, Harley Adkins, Anna Howard, Grace Van Vactor, Helen Aiken, Lera Griffiths, Edith Thorley, Ina Johnson and J. Spencer Crawford.

Juniors listed are David Wilson, Loren Mikesell, Pearl Thompson, Ruth Howard, Thomas Hughes, Althea Devin, Elra Hayes, W. Pearl LeTrace, S. Delbert Wright, Clarence Scrivner, Mrs. Ester Turner and Samuel Stephens.

Sophomores were Edward Clark, Stephen Irwin, Emmett Hughes, Mary Blahm, Amelia Blahm, Cornelia Johnson and Margaret Crawford.

In the freshmen class were Waldon Straight, Garnett Barrett, Norton Winnard, Lester Parker, Edgar Copenhaver, Neva Hayes, Loa Briggs, Kenneth Binns, Vawter Crawford, Florence Ralston, Earl Gordon and Isabelle Wilson.

Also listed in the Hehisch are 12 members of the Commercial Class. They include the following students: Lamont Slocum, Charles Barlow, Delbert Wright, Henry Peterson, Hannah Wilson, Lena Hughes, Oma Bennett, Norma Friedrich, Daisy Barlow, Paul Gemmill, Bertha Cason and Minnie Winters.

If the names bring back memories perhaps some of the students activities will also bring a smile as they are taken directly from Hehisch.

Freshman Class Social. On Dec. 12, 1914 about 7:30 p.m., one might have seen the Freshman Class gaily wending their way along the street to the school house, where a merry time was in store.

The room we entered was gaily decorated with many colored pennants, but the H.H.S. "18", loomed out grandly above them all. The cozy corner with its brightly covered robes and cushions gave it an attractive appearance. The scene soon became one of gay festivity and the evening was spent in playing Millionaire, Old Maid and Peter Coddle which provided amusement for all. At intermission music was furnished by Miss Long, Oma Bennett, and Loa Briggs while we joined in singing many of our school songs.

Refreshments, consisting of apples, sandwiches, cake, cookies and cider were served by the social vice-president, Florence Ralston, who was assisted by Norma Fredrick and Hanna Wilson.

The amusement was continued until 11:30 when interest began to wane and we left for our various homes.

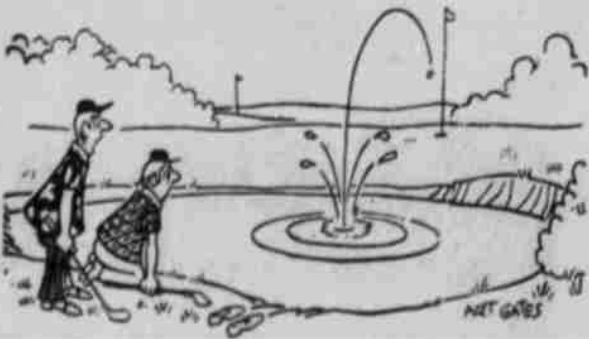
On the night of Dec. 23, 1914 the first party of the season was given by the entire high school, a Clam Feed. Professor Hoffman was declared to have eaten the largest number of clams, but the prevailing opinion was that Clarence Scrivner ate the most, Prof. Hoffman being a close second. Games were played after the feed and everyone had a very enjoyable time. The party broke up at 10 p.m., and strange to say, none seemed to suffer any evil effects from over eating.

Also included in the book is a story of two feuding families, who had waged war on each other until only one member of each family remained, John Doone and Walter MacArthur. One afternoon John Doone noticed his mare lying dead shot by a culprit. Suddenly out of the bushes steps Walter MacArthur. A fight ensues as the two men engage in a fight to the finish.

The last paragraph reads as follows: nearer and nearer they came to the edge, and it seemed every minute they must drop over the edge into eternity. Doone's shoulder next hung over the precipice, and still he held his antagonist with an almost superhuman grip. Their muscles grew tense, and once more they struggled fiercely and—(to be continued in next year's annual.)

• Winn Crist, former manager of the Heppner Elks Lodge, retired Monday night after more than five years of faithful service. Ill health was the reason Winn retired. Many thanks to Winn for the fine job he did for the club and for the many hours he spent there. Winn's successor is Al Huit. We wish him well in his new venture.

• A first grader recently proved how practical school children can be. He slipped in the hall of his school and skinned his knee. A teacher remarked, "Big boys don't cry son." The younger replied, "I'm not gonna cry, I'm gonna sue."



"It's hard to compete with a guy like Phil MacAdams!"

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## The mail pouch

EDITOR:

Thirty years ago I subscribed to the Gazette-Times. Now I have cancelled that subscription because you, or no one else is going to infer, as you did in your column, that the people of Morrow County are ignorant and accuse them of being lazy without hearing from me. Yes, I will purchase the paper now and then from the newsstand.

I am concerned about the cost of school needs due to population increase and inflation, but I am more concerned about the 2.1 million in interest than I am about the original \$1.1 million. I hope that other methods of financing could be found. The penny-ante repair bill you mention is really pretty cheap classroom rental when amortised and may allow sufficient time to balance income with costs.

Your more than 1/2 column tear-jerker concerning the Post Office can be quickly reduced to postal service, i.e. mail delivery and five o'clock mailing and pick up in a manner acceptable to the people. Remember Heppner is a flood zone. Considering your past comments, that story on page 3 by fifteen-year-old Cathy Palmer must have been quite a shocker to you. Especially in relation to the format used by you in the same edition, and you in the business.

W.W. WEATHERFORD  
Heppner.

(Ed. Note—I have never inferred the people of this or any other community to be ignorant. I will openly admit that I have referred to them as being lazy, not physical laziness only when it comes to exercising their right to vote. Whether they vote for or against an issue is besides the point, when they refuse to use their right to vote, then and only then do I consider them lazy.)

EDITOR:

During its 200 years of existence the United States of America has produced numerous courageous citizens who have sacrificed to build a strong nation, one that has historically always been willing to stand for the principle of right.

One such person who stood firm in what he considered right at whatever cost was Abraham Lincoln. His entire private and public life was devoted to proving all men, regardless of race, color and creed, are created equal and should have the opportunity to think and act accordingly. Lincoln's words endure.

As the 16th President of this nation, he stressed: "That portion of the earth's surface which is owned and inhabited by the people of the United States is well to be the home of one national family. Nowhere in the world is presented a government of so much liberty and quality. This country with its institutions, belongs to the people who inhabit it. We are bound together in patriotism and our attachment to our country. While some of us may differ in political opinions, still we are united. Our reliance is in the love of liberty."

Our country has flourished because of the guaranteed freedom of individual independence of thought and action. As interested citizens in this great land, our duty is to keep informed on issues confronting our town, state, nation and world. We must constantly strive to make our own decisions no matter how those around may react. Lincoln said, "Let us have faith that right makes right, and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it. Let none falter who thinks he is right."

Now that Bicentennial celebrations have begun, Americans can recall with gratitude lessons provided by Abraham Lincoln and others in establishing the freedom of individual independence for each citizen as a practical example of democracy demonstrated!

MAX E. SHIVELEY,  
Murfreesboro, TN.

EDITOR:

I believe the Morrow County Courthouse was constructed in 1903. From the appearance of the parked Model T's, I would guess the date of the picture at 1913 or 1914.

The old Courthouse is truly a historical landmark and we must see to it that it is never torn down or destroyed. That almost happened to the Pioneer Courthouse here in Portland.

JOHN F. KILKENNY



INSIDE RELIGION

By LESTER KINSOLVING

The weekly independent National Catholic Reporter (NCR) was launched in the early sixties with the blessing of the local Catholic Bishop, Charles Helmsing.

But not long after it became independent of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, NCR was publicly excoriated by Bishop Helmsing, who asked that the word "Catholic" be dropped from the weekly newspaper's title.

The Bishop's anathema was generally attributed by liberal and middle-of-the-road Catholics as being due to NCR's strong, frequent and often hilarious critiques of the hierarchy. NCR's peak, in circulation as well as notoriety, came after it was selected as one of two periodicals in the entire world to leak the top secret majority report of the Papi birth control commission—which report strongly disagreed with the final outcome in the anti-contraceptive encyclical Humani Vitae.

This very nearly boosted NCR's circulation to the 100,000 level. But in a matter of relatively few months, circulation, began dropping—not so much because of the Bishop's blast, but because the essence of NCR's supporters, reformist Roman Catholics, began regarding Humani Vitae as a betrayal of the collegiality promised by the Second Vatican Council. They stopped hoping for the reform which was NCR's stock in trade.

NCR's board of directors responded to this alarming trend in much the same way Notre Dame responded to losing football coach Terry Brennan: they fired editor Robert Hoyt, whose wit and editorial fervor have never been duplicated, even if Hoyt seemed categorically unable to write about the Berrigan brothers without quivering.

Still NCR's circulation kept dropping, so much so that NCR played it safe by virtually ignoring just the type of ecclesiastical scandal which it had made its reputation by exposing.

Notre Dame's President, Father Theodore Hesburgh, overruled the Dean of Men, who expelled six of the best football players, after an episode in one of the dormitories involving one teenager—which is categorized in the records of the South Bend Sheriff's office as "rape."

Five of the six who were suspended will be playing football for the Irish this fall. But it was not NCR that exposed this atrocious scandal, but rather Notre Dame alumnus Robert Sam Anson, in Manhattan's New Times magazine.

When NCR publisher Donald Thorman was asked if his failure to cover this story was in any way due to Father Hesburgh's written promotion of subscriptions for NCR, Thorman refused to comment.

Instead of embarrassing nearby Notre Dame, NCR was busy exposing far away Rhodesia. In a page one story headlined "Church Documents Terror" NCR reported a 23-page report of the Rhodesian Catholic Commission on Justice and Peace, which alleged atrocities by Rhodesian police and troops fighting terrorists at that nation's borders.

Unmentioned in the NCR story is this report's key admission that "these quotations are the personal opinions of one informant and the allegations have not been proved. . . . The accuracy of these reports has not been fully established."

Fictitious dates, names and places are used in the enclosed reports.

One of these reports, for example, cites a school teacher near the Rhodesian town of Bindura. The teacher was reportedly asleep in his bedroom, when Rhodesian Security Forces came into the area, fired shots, and threw a hand grenade into his bedroom.

The results of the grenade being thrown into this bedroom: "His feet were badly damaged."

(The report does not disclose just how big are the bedrooms of Bindura—or how small are the hand grenades used by the Rhodesian Security Forces.)

The report was prepared under the direction of Catholic Bishop Donal Lamont of Umtali in Eastern Rhodesia, whose signature appears along with several other church leaders, both Catholic and Protestant. One of these is the Anglican (Episcopal) Bishop of Mashonaland, Paul Burrough, who said during an interview:

"I wrote Donal that you can't justifiably entitle this report 'Man in the Middle' when you say nothing at all about the other side, the terrorists. I take no responsibility for any part of that report except the one page I signed asking for an independent enquiry of what anyone who has ever been in any army knows can happen in a combat zone."

## Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

Fall's in the air out here in the country, Mister Editor, and if all ain't right with the world, at least it's looking a lot better. August got over with, just like we figured, and right there is an improvement in the usual run of perdictions. I'm with the feller that said we ought to do away with August altogether and have two Septembers, or maybe two Aprils. In the tag end of summer, the fish won't bite, the snakes can't see and they will bite, ever dog is in a bad mood and things general is in a turmoil.

The fellers was in good spirits at the country store Saturday night. Clem Webster even was able to find a kind word to say about President Veto Ford. Clem said he took note that the President and the Congress final hit on someone they can agree on. When Congress raised its own wages last month, the President was quick to give his blessing. While the two branches of Government are on this honeymoon, Clem went on, maybe they can come up with a way to figger how we can keep from taking turns keeping warm this winter. Neither one has wasted any energy trying to save our energy, was Clem's words.

It used to be, Zeke Grubb said, that September was football time, but that don't go by the calendar now. We been having reruns of last fall's reruns all summer, and now we're coming around to live instant replays. Zeke had read where in the New Orleans Superdome they got ways to show people in the stadium replays of what they are seeing. Zeke said he figgers it could cloud up and rain in that place, and they would do a rerun of it.

Practical speaking, allowed Ed Doolittle, there is a way to do, undo, and redo everything. Ed had saw where telephone companies are planning to charge fer the operator to give out numbers, and he saw where this feller was thinking ahead. He has ordered telephone books from thousands of towns, so now all he's got to do is find the right book, and find room in his house fer the telephone. Ed also reported where chickens are used to direct traffic in Napa, California. Drivers that wouldn't slow down fer a policeman will stop fer a chicken in the street, so the parks in Napa have chickens running all over to keep the streets safe.

Turning to other matters, Clem wondered if there are any other Democrats who ain't running fer President. He said it looks like it's going to be easier to count them that ain't than are. Listening to all the remedies to all the country's ailments being offered by all the candidates, Clem said, you wonder if the Federal Trade Commission hadn't ought to step in and call fer truth in advertising. If Mickey Mantle has got to drink the beer he plugs there ought to be a way to make a political back up his product, was Clem's words.

The FTC probable classes politics as "fanciful," which means we ain't supposed to believe it.

YOURS TRULY,  
MAYOR ROY.

## Bicentennial Forum

### Pioneer Profiles

What indeed is an American? Our roots are as tangled as an ancient tree, our blood a mix that can be found in no other country. Our national motto is E pluribus unum—out of many, one. Yet it is not easy to see how the very different groups that settled America were able to establish one nation. Indeed, Mark Twain once wrote that the only feature of "the American character" that he had ever discovered was a fondness for ice water. What is the "American character"? What values and symbols do we share? For all our talk of integration, assimilation, "the melting pot," we often insist, by and large, on going our separate ways. Theodore Roosevelt once said, "There is no room in this country for hyphenated Americanism." But more and more people want to be known as Italian-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Afro-Americans—for reasons of pride and identity. Should we emphasize the differences that set us apart, or the similarities that bind us together? Is it better to remember—or to forget—that "I am Polish, or Irish, or Italian, or Black, or English, or Jewish . . . ?"

Umattilla County was separated from Wasco County in 1862. In 1885, the western area, especially Heppner began to plea for another county. Umattilla representative, L.B. Cox, a Pendleton lawyer, introduced the bill Morrow County HB4.

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## Adult General Education classes to begin

Registration for the Adult General Education classes, offered through BMCC at Heppner, will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 25, at the Neighborhood Center, Heppner.

Four types of programs will be offered for adults through these classes. One program is adult basic education, which is for those needing help in beginning levels of reading, math, English and other areas.

The two main programs are the ones designed to help adults obtain a high school diploma, or the equivalent. The Adult High School Diploma program, if chosen, allows a student to gain a high school diploma and there are several ways of meeting requirements for this diploma.

An individualized course of study is set up with each student.

The second main program is the General Education Development program, which is designed to prepare adults to pass the GED test. These tests, if passed by a certain percentage, can often substitute for a high school diploma.

Subjects studied are English, math, reading comprehension, science, social studies, literature and spelling.

A new program to be offered this year will be English as a second language. This program is designed for adults to whom English is a new language. Registration for this course will not be held until a later date.

Madeline Buckendorf and Anne Doherty will be co-instructors for the courses for the first month. Mrs. Buckendorf will be replacing Mrs. Doherty as instructor after that time.

Registration for students previously in the Adult General Education classes will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Neighborhood Center on 120 S. Main, Sept. 25. Those adults who have not been in the program before may register at 8 p.m. the same night. Those not able to attend registration Thursday, may begin the classes at any later date.

For further information, contact Anne Doherty, 676-9277, or Madeline Buckendorf, 676-9917. English as a second language students should contact only Anne Doherty.