

Editorial

THE GAZETTE-TIMES

a weekly ('s)

look at things by Terry Hager

To explain the heading for this column, we look to the words spoken only this week by a crosby of that locally prominent individual, C.W. Farnsworth, to wit:

There is a pleasure in being mad, which none but madmen know, John Dryden

And this column shall be devoted to bits of "madness" that we see happening about us in Morrow County...items about people, places, events...those things, we will support, endorse, chide and decry.

Some important issues are facing the people of Morrow County...an upcoming school levy vote and a strained city budget that threatens the use of library and swimming pool facilities.

On the school levy vote, we endorse and support the amount being put to voters next Tuesday and urge a "yes" vote. The cost per \$1,000 is among the lowest in neighboring counties and districts and with the quality of education and programs offered Morrow County students, we feel the budget committee has done its homework, now it's time for the voters to do theirs.

Turning to proposed cuts in library and swimming pool operations, we are for making an appeal to the community at large for help.

The city budget—strained and twice defeated—can offer no more help than

what it is this year. The county is doing what it can, and now, the people—for themselves—should do what they can.

Facilities for youth and adult entertainment are lacking enough in smaller communities without curtailing what is already there.

We propose a fund-raising drive on behalf of the pool and library. A substantial bit of cash could be raised by selling season swimming pool tickets and library cards door-to-door. The library cards could be nominally priced and to use the library, an individual would be required to purchase a card. Swimming pool tickets should be sold at the rate set by the city administration.

From there, other fund-raising events should be arranged and those funds split 50-50 between the pool and the library.

These are stop-gap measures to be sure and during the next year, efforts should be made to establish a library district...with a mobile or small library in North Morrow County taken into consideration.

We're new in the greater Morrow County community, but we plan to be here for some time because the area and the people suit us just fine.

We pledge to make the Gazette-Times your newspaper, reflecting the life and times of you, your families and your community.

Graduation ceremonies approach

Heppner

Baccalaureate service for the 1977 graduating class of Heppner High School will be held on Wednesday evening, May 25, 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 293 N. Gale, Heppner.

The Worship Service will consist of singing, special music and a message to the graduating seniors, given by one of the local ministers.

A special invitation is extended to the 1977 graduates and their parents and to the faculty and the administration of Heppner High School.

Because this is an important aspect of "graduation week," the South Morrow County Ministerial Association wishes to extend an invitation to the Heppner community to participate in the worship service.

"It's a new beginning," is the class motto of the 46 Heppner High School seniors who will participate in the

school's 1977 commencement exercises to be held Thursday, May 26, at 7:30 p.m., in the high school gymnasium.

The commencement address will be delivered by Charles Starr, Ione High School principal. Nola Binschus will give the valedictory address and Sharon McCarl will give the salutatory address.

Heppner principal Jim Bier will make the presentation of awards and Irvin Rauch of the County School Board will present the diplomas.

Class officers for the 1977 graduates include Deborah Holland, president; Sally Matheny, vice-president; Nola Binschus, secretary-treasurer; and Chris Rauch, sergeant-at-arms.

Riverside

Baccalaureate services for the 1977 graduating class of Riverside High School will be held Sunday, May 22, 7 p.m. at

the Boardman Community Church. The Invocation will be delivered by Rev. Jerry Urbach of the Boardman Community Church. The Baccalaureate sermon will be given by Rev. Robert Schmoll of the Assembly of God Church in Irrigon. Rev. Carl Riley of the Columbia Youth Fellowship will deliver the Benediction and a presentation of Bibles will be included by the combined churches of Boardman and Irrigon.

Riverside 1977 graduates, their parents, and the faculty and administration are invited to attend.

Twenty-nine seniors of the Riverside High School Class of 1977 will receive their diplomas during commencement exercises Friday, May 27, in the high school gymnasium.

The program will begin at 8 p.m., and Morrow County School Board Chairman John Matthews will present the diplomas.

School principal Dante Dal-

to will present awards and also introduce the four honor speakers from the class. The speakers are, in order, Linda Sullivan, Cecil Rock, Valarie Sullivan and John Danies.

The class motto of the 1977 Riverside graduates is, "The past is our preparation, but the future is our lives."

Ione

Ione High School will graduate nine seniors Saturday, May 28, during commencement exercises at the high school gymnasium. The program will begin at 8 p.m.

County School Supt. Matt Doherty will deliver the commencement address. The valedictory address will be given by Joan Doherty and Debora Palmer will give the salutatory address.

Harold Snider will present the diplomas and presentation of the class and awards will be made by Charles Starr, the school principal.

The class motto of the 1977 Ione graduates is, "What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us."

Hospital notes

During the week ended Tuesday, May 17, ten persons were admitted or dismissed from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Dismissed during the week were Jerry Phillips, Heppner; Suzanne Vinson, Lexington; Carolyn Cole, Heppner.

Still hospitalized Tuesday were Newton Myers, Lexington; Randall Richman, Hermiston; Elva Ruhl, Lexington; Earl Morgan, Ione; Myrtle Smith, Heppner; Marie Rinehart, Condon; Terry Rogers, Arlington.

Letters to the Editor

As Christians

Editor:

I hesitate to write this letter, simply because I have never done such a thing before. However, since I read Mark Johnson's letter to the Editor last week, May 5, I haven't been able to get it out of my mind. Perhaps expressing my own thoughts will help me and I think they will be in agreement with the "silent majority."

I believe, as Mark Johnson does, that we are all God's children and that He indeed does love all of us, righteous as well as unrighteous. I also believe that although God is a loving Father, long in patience and slow to anger, He is also a Just God and has righteous wrath. Many times the Bible tells us how God struck down wrongdoers, whole cities at a time and others one at a time as in the case of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5: Verse 4) who didn't commit murder, but only lied to God. And what about Lot's wife (Gen. 19:26) and many others?

Who gives us the right to pronounce death upon another one of God's children? I believe God does. He not only gives us the right, but He tells us to do so. The entire 35th chapter of Numbers deals with laws concerning murderers. Verse 31 states, "Whenever anyone is judged guilty of murder, he must die—no ransom may be accepted for him." (Living Bible). But, you say, that was Old Testament, and so it was, but God gave us the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament; are they also outdated?

While we as Christians have a New Commandment to love one another (John 13:34), I do not think it means we should let murderers go free. In so doing, we certainly are not showing love for the law abiding citizens who must live in fear. And in so doing, we surely encourage more crime. Murders and other crimes are constantly increasing and I fear for my children and for my children's children unless we do something to curb it now.

One more point...We do not "kill people in order to show that killing people is wrong" as Mark Johnson stated. We put murderers to death to keep them from killing again. If Michael Olds had been put to death the first time he murdered, no doubt both the young 23-year-old man from Walla Walla and our own Mary Lindsay would be alive today.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Harold (Irene) Holtz

Budget support

Editor:

On May 24th, the Morrow County School District Budget will again be presented to the voters of the County for approval.

The tax proposal has been reduced by \$127,917.00 as a result of cuts in the proposed budget and of savings in the current budget.

It now appears that the actual tax rate per thousand dollars of true cash value required for next year's school budget will be less than the current year by at least 10 cents per thousand.

The budget adjustments have been made after much consideration by Local Advisory Committees and by the District Board and Budget Committee.

We feel that we have tried to comply with the wishes of the taxpayers by significantly reducing the budget and the tax levy.

In doing so, efforts have been made to reduce the budget without actually reducing the programs that are offered for children of the district.

Any appreciable further cut would almost certainly require a reduction in the service that directly effect children.

The future of our children's education is now in the hands of the voter. Approval of the budget will result in a continuous high level of service for our children.

As members of the Advisory Committee, School Board and Budget Committee, representing Ione-Lexington-Heppner attendance area, we urge you to VOTE YES on the Morrow County School Budget on May 24th.

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TO MORROW AND TOO TOMORROW

To the Class of '77

By Tom Franks

"I grant that today's seniors may be more worldly wise, but beyond that I will not go." Anon and for good reason. Shortly before I graduated from high school, I was cut loose from a certain amount of parental control. It wasn't something that was planned—it just happened.

It all started when I borrowed the car for a date and didn't return until 4 a.m. the next day.

On arriving home, the lights were on and my parents were up—which is an understatement of the first order. There followed a long "quiz" concerning my activities and repeated questions about who I was with (I wouldn't tell) and "What kind of girl would keep a boy out until four in the morning?" Or was it five?

I explained that I had met this girl at the church retreat and we had gone to dinner, a movie and to the amusement park on the other side of Denver.

Then I informed my parents that the girl and her father had just returned from picking peaches on the western slope and that she had, "Invited me in for peaches and cream." At this, my mother exploded with the comment, "You never eat peaches and cream at home!!!" My dad couldn't keep a straight face and gracefully retired.

I was grounded (without wheels) for two weeks.

I still protest my innocence with as much success as that accorded to Richard Nixon. I am thankful that my parents stuck to the facts and never got around to my intentions! Nixon has the advantage of sticking to his intentions and never getting around to the facts. Such is the difference between politics and parents.

Graduation time

This story is thrown in because it is graduation time again. For many seniors, it is a time when "freedom" appears within reach at last, along with the prospect of "doing what I want to do."

Those of us who have "graduated" know better. We can tell you of a time when we felt the need for "freedom" and we can look back and see how free we were, without knowing the freedom we enjoyed.

On the part of some parents, there will be some very real tears shed at graduation. If you see your parents cry, and are lucky enough to have parents that do, don't think that you understand, because you don't.

Those seniors who do not plan to go on to college have gotten their last formal report card. Your parents are just beginning to get theirs and it is written in the flesh and blood of your existence.

You can understand some of the pride and love invested in you, but you cannot share now in the memories which your graduation disturbs and you cannot share in the revival of those hopes which died or were set aside because of you.

However great your heart may be, you cannot share in the secret that your parents would not trade one of those lingering hopes or one of those almost forgotten dreams for you—just where you are and just like you are.

There is no way that I can express a personal thought for every parent with a graduate. There is one thing that all of us old, untrustworthy people (over 25 or 30 or 40) might share with you in common:

We wish

—We wish for you freedom equal to your dreams of freedom.

The way each of us may express this hope and the way we go about supporting this hope may not make sense even to us. If we caution and prohibit, we do so because we see a lack of freedom ahead for you. If we say, "Go to it," we do so with the knowledge that you chance a loss of freedom even with our blessings.

If you haven't guessed by now, let me tell you a hard fact. You are as free at this point in time and in history as most of this world ever dreamed of being. If you don't realize this, you have yet to learn that freedom is a condition inside of you. Freedom does not exist "out there" in front of your eyes and there is not one person or parent who can grant or take away the freedom that really counts—the possession of a free spirit.

Buttons 'n Bows 4-H'ers meet

The Buttons and Bows 4-H Sewing Club met at Mrs. Oswalt's house on May 3, 1977.

All members were present. The meeting was used to work on our project. We are working on our oven mitts.

We had an Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 1977, at Mrs. Oswalt's house, and the Silks and Satins were invited. Our next meeting is May 31, 1977.

Reporter, Karan Taylor

Elks Calendar

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| Thursday, May 19
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Seafood Plate
Regular Lodge, 8 p.m.
Fisherman's Night
Stag Night | Saturday, May 21
Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
Live Music
Ritualistic Contest
at Condon |
| Friday, May 20
Happy Hour, 5-7
Ritualistic Contest
at Condon | Tuesday, May 24
Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m. |
| | Wednesday, May 25
Senior Citizens, 4:30 p.m. |

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Any writers ?

Editor:

I wish that anyone who knows me would write to me. I spent my childhood in Ione. I went through the "Heppner Flood."

My father's name was Archer Rice. He is gone, of course. I am now 80 years old.

My name, and the names of all of the school kids, can be found (maybe someday) buried in the ground at what was then the school in Ione.

I have outlived everybody, I think, and I have information about Ione that someone might like to have.

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