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Development association meeting is important

An important meeting is being held in Ione next Wednesday.

The meeting is the membership drive kickoff for the Morrow County Economic Development Association—a group that can, and we think will, become an important voice in what happens in Morrow County.

Much is happening in Morrow County that needs watching and supporting. Boeing Company has a vast amount of land leased from the State of Oregon, Department of Veterans Affairs; Portland General Electric is spending in excess of \$500

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million for a power plant; some 50,000 acres of bombing range lies idle in the hands of the Navy; the Port of Morrow is already a powerful West Coast figure in food processing; and the list goes on.

The importance of MCEDA is that the association can fully represent the people of Morrow County because it is the people of Morrow County—a citizen's advisory group to city, county and state government.

We support the MCEDA and urge residents of Morrow County to do the same. When we say residents, we mean the business residents, the blue-collar workers, the large corporations.

And when we talk of support, we mean support with ideas, thoughts and suggestions and secondly, with money, because to be effective the association will need funds.

We also hope to see a large turnout of city and county government officials at the meeting. These are the people the group will talking to in the future.

The meeting next Wednesday is important to all of us. It starts at 8 p.m. at Ione High School.

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Exception taken

Editor,

I'm forced to take exception to the statement made twice at the road transfer hearing last Monday at the Courthouse dealing with Arbuckle stock driveway and the Hell's Half Acre.

The statement intimated that the Hell's Half Acre area would be a hunting preserve for the Cutsforth family, their children and their great grand children. Certainly I never thought of it as such.

This area is about three miles in diameter with a nine mile road completely surrounding it and can be entered from almost any point. We certainly don't have an exclusive there merely because we have a cabin at one corner of the tract. In our hunting up there for the past 26 years, I have shot two elk and one buck deer as has also my wife shot two cow elk and one buck deer.

None of my 11 children to my knowledge have ever hunted in this area one day and of my 27 grandchildren, only one has shot an elk there and it was crossing the road at the snow plow into Johnson Creek coming out of the Hell's Half Acre.

I would say that the hunting chances are five times better anywhere but in that brushy area. If preserved, it would become a sanctuary for game when the hunting pressure is too great.

I did not reply to the accusations at the hearing because I didn't want the discussion to become personal.

O.W. Cutsforth



Letters to the Editor

Tutoring program seeks help

Editor,

Again we'd like to use your paper to help us contact adults who have two or three hours each week that they could give to our LAPP program.

Already several people have called the school volunteering for the program, but there are many newcomers to the community that may not have heard about LAPP.

Two years ago the Special Reading teachers and I received a grant to recruit and use adults to help with the reading program in the lower four grades.

Some thirty people volunteered, and although the program did not begin till January, reading test scores showed conclusively that the extra help contributed substantially. Children were delighted to have a warm, supportive grownup to read to, and teachers most grateful for the extra set of eyes, ears, and hands.

Although unfunded by a grant, the program last year was expanded so that teachers used the aides wherever they felt a need for help.

Readers may ask why teachers need such help. One reason is that so many parents work that they find it difficult to listen to their youngsters read—and like any skill, reading must be practiced to be mastered.

Some of our children travel many miles daily on the school bus. Their hours at home are thus limited.

Reading has not seemed very important to many children in recent years. Everyone watches TV; no one reads to the child; he doesn't see adults enjoying books. When he brings a book home to show his progress, no one has the time to listen.

For some reason, also, each year more children appear with a variety of speech and other learning problems. I am a first grade teacher, and I find that most of my children need to be taught individually so that I can help each child with his special problem.

But, there isn't time to help each child! Grades 1 and 2 are in the classroom 4 hours a day. In that time, the state says we are to teach reading, math, other language arts, social studies, science, art, music, health education and physical education.

Less than half the time can be devoted to teaching reading, writing, spelling and the other language arts. Spread over 17 to 27 children, two hours or less time doesn't divide into more than a few minutes with each child if every bit of the time is used individually—and of course it can't be.

So extra help is the only answer, and we use every bit of it that we can get.

Our enrollment this year has already jumped substantially over the past two years' total, so we will again use every type

of aide program we can to do our best to give each child the sort of attention and help he or she needs.

LAPP enrollment forms have been left at many of the stores. They may be taken or mailed to the school or the information may just be phoned to the school at 676-9128.

Next week each volunteer will be contacted personally so he or she can begin as soon as possible.

If such volunteer helping appeals to you, please sign up as a LAPP aide—to Listen, Appreciate, Praise and Help the child Progress.

Thank you,
Rachel Dick

No intent to belittle

Editor,

My apologies to all musicians and music lovers, in which I hope I may still be included. I am again writing, but only in reference to my recent letter to the editor, the subject of which was a comparison of fair and rodeo coverage with that of years past. This opinion was strictly my own, but seemed to be shared by a large number of silent subscribers. However, while trying to be brief, it was not my intent to belittle the accomplishments of anyone.

As a lifetime resident of a small community, it is inevitable to have a personal involvement in all of its affairs, unless one dwells only in the activities or interests of one's particular field. Whether anyone's opinion is biased or prejudiced is not for me to judge, and as long as we still have a democracy, I think that more people should speak out, as well as listen.

I strongly feel that our agriculturally based county should be applauded for its representation at the fair, as well as the quality of the rodeo presented; maybe now more than ever, in the face of trying economics in the grass roots industry of our nation. Also, with our young people finding it increasingly difficult to finance further education, scholarships play an important role. Published accomplishments are a major item in filling out applications for same. Highlighting said activities might also encourage these future leaders of our nation.

Meanings and interpretations can be read into any written word, including the Bible. Please spare me any future kindnesses, while I turn the other cheek. The band sounds great whether in concert or on parade. Forgive me for

Sifting through the TIMES

A little excavation work by one of Orville Cutsforth's horses touched off quite a bit of speculation this week in 1967

The Times reported the discovery of a large bone believed to have once belonged to a mammoth that roamed the area in the Mesozoic era, some eight million years ago.

The bone, measuring 8 1/4 inches in diameter and 17 inches in length, was uncovered at the Cutsforth ranch when a horse pawed the dirt around it. Since it was in a crumbly condition, Heppner High biology instructor Kirk Horn was called to examine the exposed portion.

Horn said it was possible the bone was that of a mastodon or pachyderm. Tests were planned to determine the age of the bone after the high school field biology class completed the excavation.

Ten years earlier the Times reported the story of a hot load of lumber that the United Studs mill at Hamilton Creek would just as soon have done without. A flattire on a logging rig bound for the mill went unnoticed by the driver until it burst into flames, igniting the entire load. Unable to cut the binders and dump the lumber, the driver drove the remaining mile to the mill sounding his horn all the way.

When he reached the mill, the burning load was picked up and doused in a nearby pond. Mill workers and other helpers called from Heppner then turned their attention to the numerous grass fires that were started by flaming pieces of tire scattered during the emergency run.

This week in 1947, the Times told of the last remnants of a frontier tradition... the cattle drive.

"Cattle trailing to market or to a railhead is almost nothing more than a memory in Heppner these days. Time was when trainloads of range stock were herded over trails and country roads from the ranges to the south, but of recent years shipments from that area have been made largely by auto truck.

"There is one cattle raiser in Grant County who still sticks to the trail-rail delivery and that is Jack Vaughn of Long Creek. Tomorrow morning he will load seven cars out of the local yards after trailing the stock from his ranch in Fox Valley to Heppner."

This week in 1937, Merrill's Cafe in the Ed Dick Building opened for business under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Merrill. The couple had previously operated the lunch counter in O'Donnell's. And in other food news of the week, the Safeway store was offering Brown Derby beer at four tins for 43 cents and 50 pounds of spuds for 79 cents.

A decade earlier, Arthur Brisbane told of the following priestly predicament.

C.V. Miller of Toronto left brewery stock to seven Methodist ministers, who, in order to collect the \$75,000, had to draw demon dividends and vote on company policies. Miller, it seems, set up the arrangement "to see whether their avarice for money was greater than their principles".

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remiscing about times past when "our band" proudly displayed blisters as merit badges concluding a hot Pendleton parade route. The past many years of attending programs, bake sales, helping with band carnivals, making concert dresses, etc., are indeed a parents' small retribution for skills attained by students. May we all as taxpayers and property owners be able to continue the support of a school system of which we can be proud. It presently offers much more than requirements. The electives and extracurricular activities play a vital role.

Let none of us regress in trivialities, but continue to upgrade our lives, community and nation. Sounding off seems to be a severe sin and lack of simple civility sounds like a society suffering.

Sincerely,
Merlyn Robinson

Picture credit

Ever wonder who keeps the flowers blooming in the Service Club planter at the edge of Heppner? Soroptimist ladies do, who along with husbands most generally, pack the water out to the edge of town. Thanks.

Obituaries

Eugenia Huston, 88, died in Heppner Sept. 19.

She was born Oct. 7, 1888 near Heppner, the daughter of Jacob Smith Young and Martha Hooker Young.

She was a member of Rhea Creek Grange, the Degree of Honor and San Souci Rebekah Lodge.

Funeral services will be today at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Heppner, with the Rev. Edwin Sikes officiating. Sacred selections will be made by Carl and Betty

Marquardt.

Concluding services and interment will be at Heppner Masonic Cemetery with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Casket bearers are Wilbur Worden, Tom Huston, Myron Huston, William Rill, Cecil Rill and Tom Rawlins.

Mrs. Huston was preceded in death by her husband, Clive, in 1962.

Contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial

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