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Letters To The Editor

J.R.L. Haslem remembrance

To the editor:

The enclosed notice appeared in the "Yakima Herald-Republic" last Saturday, April 17. (See Obituary column.) Some people in Heppner and other Morrow County communities will remember J.R.L. Haslem. He was pastor of the Federated Church from the summer of 1921 to 1922. Baptists, Presbyterians and Methodists (both North and South) composed this fellowship which met in the present Methodist Church building.

Haslem's evangelistic ministry reached all the communities of the Willow Creek Valley and had a profound spiritual influence on all of them. The federation in Heppner broke up the year he was there, but the two Methodist churches urged Haslem to continue as their pastor. He appreciated the invitation but his loyalties were with the Baptist churches. Beside that, the deep wounds he'd suffered during the breakup necessitated his separation from the battle zone for a while. The spirit in which the young preacher bore the misunderstandings and harsh criticisms of that stormy period contributed immeasurably toward all of Heppner's churches being able to survive the setback with minimum damage.

On Sunday I attended the funeral, a joyful service of praise and thanksgiving to God for a long and fruitful life. Christine told us that her

father was still bearing witness to Christ in the hospital last week, even when he could no longer speak but could gesture and smile only.

Following the service, Pastor Robert Reid introduced me to his wife, of the Stevens (or was it Stephens) family who owned a farm near Heppner. None of the family are there now except for the ones buried in the cemetery. Also, I met Reid (Boyer) Busick's daughter who lives in Prosser. Reid was a brother to Glee and Dempsey Boyer. He was of the high school class of 1925. I believe, and a character member of the Boy Scout troop, which he helped to organize.

Mary Leach of Lexington was at the funeral. She and her husband (Green) have lived in Sunnyside many years and know Christine (Haslem) Dow very well. Her father was an uncle of Billy Leach who operated the General Merchandise Store.

Mrs. Haslem, blind and in a wheel chair will continue with live-in help to live in the little house at the upper end of Court Street in Prosser. The same quiet but indomitable spirit of good cheer and hope in God radiates from her. She is an inspiration to her family and to a wide circle of friends.

Always remembering
Heppner,
Charles Notson
605 S. 9th Ave.
Yakima, Washington
98902

Governor's statement true, but ...

To the editor:

Today (April 18) is the beginning of Private Property Week. Yesterday (April 17) an article in a newspaper stated that Gov. Vic Atiyeh has proclaimed April 18-24 as Private Property Week in Oregon. The governor said, "A cornerstone of American freedom is the right to private ownership of real property. It is here that the individuals who seek to better themselves can invest the fruits of their labors in land, industry, commercial enterprises or a home to raise their families."

The governor's statement is true. What is equally important is what he did not say. In my opinion the governor has, in the last four years, done

more to destroy this "cornerstone of American freedom" than any other man in the United States.

I do not speak from hearsay. My rights of personal property ownership have been stolen, and the fruits of my labors of a lifetime are largely gone. (Thousands of Oregonians are in the same boat.) The system of stealing these values has been promulgated and condoned by the governor with his use of the LCDC. Your readers are entitled to the facts, not just platitudes issued by the governor.

Sincerely,
Brownie Coldiron
Box 24
Gold Beach, Oregon 97444

Why change?

To the editor:

The primary election on May 18 requires that voters of Morrow County make a choice for the office of district attorney. Which one (candidate) has the experience in criminal prosecution? Which candidate reflects experience on the record?

Ann Spicer has been an attorney since 1977. Her opponent has been an attorney since January 1982.

Ann Spicer has been a professional prosecutor during her entire legal career. From 1977 to 1979 she was the city attorney for Umatilla. Then, for one full year she was deputy district attorney for Morrow Co. Following that, she was selected by Governor Victor Atiyeh for the important job of district attorney.

Her opponent worked in a prosecutor's office as a student intern for one summer.

Ann Spicer has had three years experience in prosecuting felonies ranging from burglary to murder. Her opponent has never tried a

felony as an attorney.

We know Ann personally. She takes the ethics and responsibilities of being a prosecutor seriously. Ann is doing a great job for us. Why change?

Bob and Suzanne Jepsen
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The Heppner Lions Club Presents -
'Abbott & Costello Meet Captain Kid'
Fri., April 30, 7 p.m.
(In conjunction with the Moonlight Sale)
Old Heppner Post Office
3 short cartoons featured before the main attraction. Concessions Available.
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Obituaries

Pearl Wright

HEPPNER - Pearl Wright, 85, of Pendleton, a former Heppner resident, died Wednesday, April 21, 1982 at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Mrs. Wright was born July 4, 1896, in Heppner, the daughter of William and Neva LeTrace. On December 24, 1917, she married Oran E. Wright in Heppner. The couple ranched on the family homestead on Rhea Creek for 46 years until they retired in the early 1960's and moved to Heppner. Following her husband's death in 1969, Mrs. Wright moved to Hermiston where she lived at the Good Samaritan Center. Prior to her death, she lived at Camlu Apartments in Pendleton.

She was a member of the Methodist Church, the Rhea Creek Grange and San Scouci Rebekah lodge in Heppner.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 26 at the Heppner United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Michael Sheridan officiating. Casket bearers were Gary Wright, Mike Wright, James Wright, Dean Wright, David Wright, Bob Wright Jr. and Clayton L. Zimmerman. Sacred selections were performed by Ron McDonald, soloist, and Carley Drake, organist. Concluding services and interment were at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, William Clayton Wright, Arlington; Robert N. Wright, Hermiston; and Oran Albert Wright, Heppner; a brother, Louis LeTrace, Hermiston; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

For those who wish, contributions may be made to the Oregon Heart Fund.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

The Rev. James R.L. Haslem

PROSSER, WASH. - A former Heppner minister, the Rev. James R.L. Haslem, 90, of Prosser, died Thursday, April 15, at Prosser Memorial Hospital.

He was born at Scranton, Penn., where he was raised and attended schools. As a teenager he served on the National Guard and later studied banking. He worked as a banker in Scranton before moving west to Cambridge, Ida., where he continued his work in banking.

On Sept. 4, 1914, he married Adsa Potter in Cambridge, where they both became active in church work. He began his ministry in Adams, and was ordained in Notus, Ida. in 1921. Haslem was pastor of the Federated Church in Heppner from the summer of 1921 to 1922. He assisted in revivals and helped start churches in 300 communities in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho. The Rev. Haslem was a pastor in Sunnyside, Wash. from 1942 to 1944.

In recent years, the Rev. and Mrs. Haslem lived in Prosser, where he did pastoral work and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Prosser, one of his former parishes. After his retirement in 1958, he went on 14 interim ministries.

Survivors include his wife, Adsa of Prosser; a daughter, Mrs. Preb (Christine) Dow of Sunnyside; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Harriett Blunt, Adeline Haslem and Dorothy Meyer, all living in the East.

Public Meetings

Monday, May 3 - Heppner City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4 - Ione City Council, City Hall, 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 5 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 10 - Heppner Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 11 - Lexington City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 12 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Thursday, May 13 - Port of Morrow Commission, Port office, Nelson Square, Boardman, 1 p.m.; Lexington Fire Department, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 17 - Morrow County School Board, Riverside High School, Boardman, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.; and Ione Planning Commission, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.; Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board of Directors, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Monday, May 24 - Morrow County Planning Commission, Irrigon County Annex building, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 26 - Morrow County Court, county building, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board of Directors, Library 8 p.m.

Marriage Licenses

An application for a Marriage License was accepted at the Morrow County Clerk's office from Merle Duane Barrow, 33 of Ione and Laurie Ann Childers, 22, of Ione.

Heppner Jr. High band performs at Irrigon

By CATHY PECK

Heppner Junior High band students recently participated in a Tri-County Band Festival, an all day affair in Irrigon. The Tri-County Band Festival was organized about fifteen years ago and has grown steadily. This year, thirteen

schools and over 300 students participated in the festival. The students were divided into a select band or a concert band. After a day of practice, a concert was presented with numbers played by the select band, the concert band, by the directors and finally by all the groups together.

North Morrow schools to hold visitation day

A.C. Houghton Elementary School in Irrigon and Sam Boardman Elementary School in Boardman will hold a kindergarten visitation day at the schools on Friday, May 14, said a school district spokesperson. There will be no regular kindergarten classes held that day, the spokesperson added.

The parents of next year's kindergarten students should contact the appropriate school

before May 10 to make an appointment to register their children. Parents will be able to register while children visit classrooms on the visitation day.

Children must be five years old by November 15, 1982 to be eligible, the spokesperson said. Parents must bring their child's birth certificate and immunization records to the visitation, the spokesperson added.

HHS band participates in music festival

Thirty-four junior and senior high school bands, orchestras and choirs from Northeastern Oregon, including the Heppner High School band participated in a District VI Large Group Music Festival on Wednesday, April 21, on the Blue Mountain Commu-

nity College campus. The HHS band performed two numbers and received a +2, +2 and 2 rating from the judges. A score of one was considered the highest possible score. Each group performed before the panel of judges and received a critique

Hospital Notes

Patients admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital during the past week include:

James Campbell, Condon - admitted April 19, released April 25;

Bill Lowe, Heppner - admitted April 20, released April 22; Edgar Olson, Heppner - admitted April 20, released April 26;

Flora Johnson, Condon - admitted April 20, released April 23;

Bettie Doherty, Heppner - admitted April 21, released April 24;

Jeff Stevens, Heppner - admitted April 23, released April 25; and

Rachel Dick, Heppner - admitted April 23, released April 23.

Births

Robert Lee Skillicorn - A son, Robert Lee, was born to Jeff and Christina Skillicorn of Heppner at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on April 22. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Nolan Jr., all of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Irene Nolan of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pankey, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Meyers of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Evie Wile of Westdale, Maryland.

Robert joins a brother, Jeremy, 20 months, at home.

Christi Jean Reed - A daughter, Christi Jean, was born to Robert and Betty Lou Reed of Condon at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on April 23. She weighed 7 lbs. 10 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reed of Condon and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams of Arlington.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Les Hartung of Pendleton. Christi joins a sister, Melissa, three, at home.

Cotton Dale Root - A son, Cotton Dale, was born to Guy and Karry Root of Condon at Pioneer Memorial Hospital on April 23. He weighed 7 lbs. 13 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Dale Moore of Condon.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sincice Moore, Pilot Rock and Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman Matthews of Helena, Mont.

Cotton joins a brother, Adan, two, at home.

Jared Wayne Wilson - A son, Jared Wayne, was born to Tracy and Shawna Wilson of Redmond at Central Oregon District Hospital on March 28. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Annie Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Seitz, all of Heppner.

Great-grandparents are Helen Osborn of Burns and Tina Seitz of Swartz Creek, Mich.

Road Report

The Morrow County Public Works Department has released the following Work Report for the week ending April 24:

In the Boardman-Irrigon area, potholes were patched on Washington St. and the Patterson Junction Road.

Roads bladed were: Freezout, E.W. Stock Drive, Gabbert-Eightmile, Dalzell Ridge, Lundell, Miller Lane, Johnson Grade, Alpine and J. Dougherty Road.

Roads graveled and bladed were: B. Bergstrom, No. 875 and Carlson Road. Fill material was spread on Perlberg Road and Emma White Road.

Cold mix patching was done on Dalzell-Ransom Road, Pine City to Lena, Keck Canyon and Valby Road.

Rebar was installed and concrete was poured on top of old abutments on the Wagenblast Bridge. This project is running on schedule and the bridge will be open to traffic on May 10.

Health Dept.

Friday, April 30 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Lexington Health Dept. office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handed the following case last week:

John Gregory Piening of Ione - Expired Vehicle License, \$12 fine.

Heppner news

Sharon (Mrs. Albert) Burkenbine, of Wilkesboro, North Carolina, has been a guest at her parents, Harold and Ruby Becket's home.

Sharon and her husband have three children, Michael, who attends college at Boone, N.C.; Michelle, a high school junior at Wilkesboro, and Tamara, a seventh grader, also at Wilkesboro.

During her visit, her parents showed her the Willow Creek Dam site and new Heppner stores. The group also visited in Weston, and viewed a house there, built by Sharon's great-grandfather, Cornelius Ruddle Becket in 1879.

Another interesting trip for the family was a drive to a national monument near John Day. They reported seeing many animals on the trip.

The group traveled to Portland last Thursday, and Sharon and her parents spent the night with John (Bill) Becket and his wife Sally. Mr. and Mrs. Burkenbine stayed with their daughter, Lynn for a few days.

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