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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notice to school district voters

To the editor:
The incumbent, Gail Hughes, did not desire to run again for Position No. 5 Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee and no one filed for this position.
I was asked by some Mor-

row County voters and hereby give my consent to be a write-in candidate for Position No. 5, Heppner-Lexington Advisory Committee.
Marlene Currin
Rt. 2, Box 2290
Heppner, Oregon 97836

Better get involved

To the editor:
Alfred Hampson and Roy Hemmingway of Northwest Power Council were in Eastern Oregon last week (and in Heppner Tuesday) to get public input on future planning and wholesale power rates. The council has a great deal of control over Bonneville Power Administration. Council decisions this year are going to have profound and definite impacts on your wholesale power costs for decades to come.

Mr. Hampson and Mr. Hemmingway came to Eastern Oregon to hear from rate-payers. You may recall the much publicized meeting in Pendleton last week by our neighboring utility.
Your utility manager, Fred Toombs, and Board President, Herb Wright, wanted to meet with these men in private. They have already talked to

Mr. Hampson and Mr. Hemmingway in other meetings around the state.

Consumers themselves better get involved. What should have happened was a consumer protest against Columbia River hydropower being shipped out of the region at five mills to nine mills while your co-op is charged nearly 20 mills average from B.P.A. An objection could also be made on the economic hardship caused by wholesale power rates rising from three and one-half mills in 1979 to nearly 20 mills presently.

You also would have heard about some very costly features in the Northwest plan such as the fish flush. Let's have the board and management publicize future issues that concern us all.

Respectfully,
Marvin Padberg
Ione

My congratulations

To the editor:
Nationwide we have seen many industries cut costs and increase efficiency to stay competitive. I know, this year I will have cut expenses for my farm by more than 50 percent from 1981. I'm convinced that everyone can cut out some waste.

Columbia Basin Electric Co-op board of directors' expenses were \$27,000 for 1979 and 1980, and \$20,000 for 1981 according to my records. The manager told me last year's expenses were \$13,000 for all 10 board members.

This year the board consists of nine cost-conscious people, so costly expenses will be further reduced. I always believe that as these people spend less on themselves, they will have a more careful and conservative outlook on all aspects of Columbia Basin Electric spending.
This is especially important

to you because most of your C.B.E.C. electric bill is required to pay "in house" costs. Less than two cents per kilowatt hour of your bill is spent for wholesale power costs. All the rest of your bill is spent for such things as company debt service, wages, supplies, equipment, etc. These costs are within control of your board of directors.

This actually is one of the very good things about public power, that you have a direct voice in these spending decisions through your elected board.

My congratulations to the board on getting board spending down. If equal effort and courage can be applied to future spending decisions, we can all enjoy adequate power, acceptable service, and possibly, cheaper rates.

Respectfully,
Eric Anderson
Ione

A little history

To the editor:
Being in the hospital when Amanda Duvall died and was buried, I couldn't attend the funeral. Feeling that the various comments didn't do this family just credit, I am taking this opportunity to write a little of that family's history.

I was the best friend that Harry Duvall had, having bought his old ranch from him in 1930, 53 years ago. I did a great deal of business with and through him since, all of it very good.

He moved from the old ranch I bought, to Clark's Canyon where he rented about 3,500 acres. Against my advice he bought two Allis Chalmers Monarch tractors and two Rumly Combined Harvesters. He used those tractors through the summer and come harvest time, he hooked them to the combine to start harvest. Now you must be somewhat of a mechanic to understand this. Those tractors had chain drives in the final drive cases which were spring loaded. Going down hill with those combines pushing on the tractors reversed the tension on those chain drives. They wrapped around the sprockets and broke, letting the machines run away. One machine was destroyed and the other badly damaged. Harry sued the company for damages, but as the tractors weren't guaranteed he lost the suit. Then the company retaliated by suing him for the loss of the outfits. Now the only thing he could do was file in the bankruptcy court. I'm writing this to explain that procedure.

Harry and his family moved up Blackhorse Canyon on the Bell Ranch, courtesy of Josh Peters. They were there two years and raised bumper lambs to live. I was up there and saw he and Amanda bottle feeding 200 lambs. They pastured those lambs on my place and sold them to Al Hague-wood. With those funds he got some second hand machinery, rented that Bell ranch and thereon built a fortune.

He said to me around 1947, "Orville, this county has been awfully good to us. We ought to retaliate. What can we do?" "Well Harry, for a start, let us buy the airport for the City of Lexington." And we did, thereby starting a policy of philanthropy which his widow, Amanda, followed throughout her lifetime. I heard the late Phil Mahoney say that she had given away more than all the women in Morrow County combined, and I agree; around \$300,000 in the best museum in the state, \$100,000 including a new brick residence to the hospital, many thousands to the Methodist Church and a list of many other charities.

Now I feel I've done a little justice toward this family.
O.W. Cutsforth
Heppner
P.S. That ranch I bought from Harry turned out to be the finest land I owned; it paid for almost everything I bought. I paid \$50 an acre for it when land sold for \$10 to \$15 per acre. It is now owned by my four grandchildren and is farmed by my son, Pat.

Justice Court

Morrow County Justice Court at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following cases during the past week:

Joel Dean Bennett, Portland - Exceeding the Maximum Speed (64 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$12 fine and \$12 payment for costs.

Bobby Lee Roberts, Jr., Ione - Expired Vehicle License, \$6 fine.

Melvin Rhea Ashbeck, Heppner - Expired Vehicle License, \$6 fine.
Michael Scott Balfe, Lexington - Disobeyed Stop Sign, \$19 fine.

Brian Clayton Sweeney, Heppner - Defective Equipment, \$12 fine; No PUC Permit, \$28 fine plus \$10 in costs; Expired Vehicle License, \$6 fine; and Exceeding the Maximum Speed (68 mph in a 55 mph zone), \$28 fine.

Judge Charlotte Gray is in the Heppner Justice Court office each Monday and Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She is at the Irrigon office on Wednesdays and Thursdays; however, the office in Irrigon is open five days a week.

Public Meetings

Thursday, March 10 - Port of Morrow Commission, 1 Marine Drive, Boardman, 1 p.m.; Lexington Fire Department, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 14 - Morrow County Fair Board, fairgrounds' dormitory, Heppner, 8 p.m.; Heppner City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 - Pioneer Memorial Hospital Board, Hospital, Heppner, 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 16 - Morrow County Court, Courthouse, Heppner, 9 a.m.

Monday, March 21 - Morrow County School District Board, Columbia Junior High School, Irrigon, 8 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.; Ione City Planning Commission, city hall, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23 - Morrow County Court, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 9 a.m.; Heppner Public Library Board, library, 8 p.m.

Monday, March 28 - Morrow County Planning Commission, north Morrow annex, Irrigon, 7:30 p.m.; Heppner Fire Department, fire hall, 7:30 p.m.

D.A.'s Report

Darrell Wayne Solomon, 43, of Irrigon, was indicted by a grand jury last Wednesday on two counts of alleged First Degree Rape and three counts of alleged Sexual Abuse, reported District Attorney Richard J. McNeerney.

In other news, McNeerney reported:
— James Randall Zimmerman, 26, of Boardman, was indicted last Wednesday on a charge of alleged Felony Driving While Suspended.

— Thomas Marvin Maeche, 31, of Boardman, was found guilty by a jury in Morrow County Justice Court at Irrigon of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was sentenced to serve five days in jail, must pay a \$425 fine, and his driver's license was suspended for one year.

Hospital Notes

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Sharon Harrison, Lexington - admitted March 1, released March 3;
Heidi Woody, Arlington - admitted March 3, released March 5;
Hazel Elliott, Heppner - admitted March 4, released March 6.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital as of Monday, Mar. 7:
Alberta Johannes, Heppner - admitted March 3;
Mark Fishburn, Heppner - admitted March 5;
Bill Lynch, Heppner - admitted March 6; and
Florence Anderson, Heppner - admitted March 6.

Ione couple to celebrate 25th anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doherty invite all friends and relatives to an open house in honor of their parents' 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 20, 1-4 p.m. at the Doherty home north of Ione.
The couple requests no gifts please.

D.M.V. office announces closures

The Heppner field office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed March 16 through 25. Gene Murty of the Heppner office will be working in Fossil on March 16 and in John Day on March 17 and 18. The office will be open March 28.
Regular office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.

**Engagements
Disque - Riddle**



Duane Disque and Robanai Riddle

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riddle of Heppner and Nathaline Reed, San Jose, Calif. announce the engagement of their daughter, Robanai, to Duane Disque of Lexington. He is the son of Kahleen Disque of Condon and the late Warren Disque.

Robanai is a graduate of Heppner High School and graduated from Blue Mountain Community College as a registered nurse. She is employed at St. Anthony Hospital in Pendleton.

Duane graduated from Condon High School and is employed at Lexington Lumber Yard.

The couple will be married July 16 at 4 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, Heppner.

Political workshop to be held

A workshop dealing with the layman's involvement in politics will be held Saturday, Mr. 19, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Heppner Elks lodge, announced Ken Turner of Heppner. A no host luncheon will be served and the workshop should be completed by 3 p.m., Turner said.

Grace Olsen, Pendleton, state vice-president of the Oregon Republican Committee, will discuss political involvement on local, state and national levels.

Morrow County's newly appointed Republican Central Committee will be on hand, and any interested persons are welcome to attend, Turner said.

Shoe Box contributes to logo prize

Shoe Box, owned by Jerry and Joyce Hollomon of Heppner, was one of five businesses and organizations who contributed to the \$100 first place award in Heppner's St. Patrick's Day logo contest.

Winner of the first place award was Cathy Christensen of Pendleton.

Obituaries

PENDELTON — Rose A. Francis, a former Heppner resident, died March 1, 1983 at Consolidated Good Shephard Hospital in Hermiston at the age of 80.

She was born in Morrow County on July 8, 1902, and had lived in Heppner and Irrigon before moving to Pendleton three years ago.

She married Herbert French in 1926 in Heppner. Mr. French died in 1936.

In 1938 she married William Francis. He preceded her in death in 1960.

Mrs. Francis was a member of the Catholic Church and the Altar Society.

Recitation of the rosary was Friday, Mar. 4 at Burns Mortuary Chapel in Hermiston.

Funeral Mass was said Saturday, Mar. 5 at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church, Hermiston. Burial was at Vinson Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Raymond French of Heppner and Joe French of Salem; daughters Francine Evans of Irrigon and Dorothy O'Rourke, Pendleton; 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Burns Mortuary, Hermiston, was in charge of arrangements.

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Health Dept.

Friday, Mar. 11 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Mar. 15 - free blood pressure clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Mar. 16 - free blood pressure clinic, Ione Bank of Eastern Oregon, 3 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Mar. 18 - free blood pressure clinic and immunizations, Morrow Co. Health Department office, Lexington, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, Mar. 22 through Friday, Mar. 25 - vacation.

Sheriff's Report

The Morrow County Sheriff's Department office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls, cases and reports during the past week:

On March 2, the Heppner Fire Department responded to a fire on Quaid St. at the Tom Wicklund residence. The fire was controlled.

On March 5, a Heppner ambulance responded to a Heppner residence and transported a female patient who was reportedly having trouble breathing to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

A.A.U.W. offers scholarship

By MARY ANN CERULLO

The Heppner - Ione branch of the American Association of University Women is offering a scholarship to a qualifying Morrow County woman. This is the fifth year the award has been offered.

The scholarship is intended to serve women of the general community rather than those graduating from high school.

Requirements for consideration are that she be a Morrow County resident already involved in a course of study. She may be attending a college, professional or trade school with a minimum of one year of study behind her.

The recipient of the 1982 scholarship was Cathy Hedlund, daughter of Roger and Shirley Palmer, Heppner.

Hedlund, 22, received a scholarship of \$400 to assist her in her studies for a teaching certificate in integrated science at Southern Oregon State College, Ashland.

Scholarship applications may be obtained by calling Kathy Williams 676-5488, Zoe Watts 676-9691, or Cathy Barker 422-7530. Application deadline is April 15.

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