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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thank you ladies

I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to three neat ladies who put in so many hours and hard work in getting families to submit their stories for the history book of Morrow County. They got the job done, and it is such a nice book.
I am learning so much about

different families. It makes me feel proud to be a citizen of Morrow County, to know and learn more about the people of our communities.

If you haven't thanked Jean Nelson, Ruth McCabe and Delpha Jones, please do so, they so deserve much more.
Norma French

Thought control?

To the editor:
After attending lots and lots of these meetings, and reading and seeing the reported stories of what happened, I can only wonder if I and the reporter were at the same meeting. To me the basic question is why? After a lot of thought, I can only conclude that a working alliance exists between those entrenched greedy public employees, who seek to further their own interests, and those who control what is presented as "news" in this state. Thus an uninformed public must leave public business to the "experts" who can do as they please, in secret, for the public will never know.
Small things like exorbitant expense accounts are winked

at, while events of gross mismanagement go unreported. Attempts to change the system are likewise not reported. After all, if the public really knew things could get out of hand - for the experts. The various members of the Fourth Estate insist upon knowing, yet fail to inform the people. Such censorship is a direct violation of the duty and responsibility of the free press and the free media.

It shouldn't happen in the State of Oregon, but it appears that it has. Thought control in any form is disturbing, but then after all this is 1984.

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Mother and daughter to be honored at shower

Tami Rietmann and daughter, Shelley, will be honored at a drop-in baby shower on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Lone United Church of Christ from 2 to 4 p.m.
Everyone is invited to attend.

Hospital Notes

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

- Elmer Steers, Heppner - admitted January 8, released January 9, admitted January 10, released January 13;
 - Martha King, Heppner - admitted December 23, released January 10;
 - Betty Wilhelm, Heppner - admitted January 14, released January 15;
 - Edwin Brandenburg, Heppner - admitted January 14, released January 15; and
 - Helen Dyer, Heppner - admitted January 12, released January 15.
- Another patient at the hospital, Rudell Lesley of Monument, who was admitted January 12, was still receiving care as of Monday, Jan. 16.

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Engagements Fortenberry - Skillicorn



Wendy Skillicorn and Danny Fortenberry

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Skillicorn of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter Wendy, to Danny Fortenberry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fortenberry, also of Heppner. Both are students at Heppner High School. An August wedding is planned.

Extension specialist to present local programs

By BIRDINE TULLIS,
Morrow Extension Service

Marcelle Straatman, extension human development specialist, will be in Morrow County on Wednesday, Jan. 25, to provide two programs that should be of interest to all parents, 4-H leaders, teachers and others who work with children.

The first program, on self esteem, will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Kate's Pizza and Pastry in Heppner. This program covers feeling good about yourself and understanding needs of others, especially young people.
Those attending may purchase lunch while the pro-

gram is underway, or whatever arrangement works best for the individual.

"Assertive Parenting" will be held at 7 p.m. at Lone High School in room three. This program was requested by a number of parents of younger children, but the information is helpful to all parents, and others working with youth.

Knowledge shared in this session about parent-child interactions can create happier, healthier social and intellectual climates for both adults and children.

Straatman will have much to share on both topics. They are open to everyone interested and there is no charge to attend.

Rawlins' surgery considered successful

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Last Friday morning, former Heppner resident, Charlie Rawlins underwent brain surgery in Phoenix, Arizona. His mother, Jane, telephoned his oldest brother, Tom, to say the surgery was considered successful and she has not called since Friday afternoon, so everyone should presume that no news is good news.

Bishop to visit

Bishop Rusty Kimsey will meet with members of All Saint's Episcopal Church on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7 p.m. at the church's parish hall in Heppner.

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Obituaries

Elmer M. 'Bunny' Steers

HEPPNER - Funeral services for Elmer M. "Bunny" Steers, a lifetime resident, were held Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Christian Life Center in Heppner with the Rev. LeRoy Wornell officiating. Mr. Steers died Sunday, Jan. 15, 1984 at his home in Heppner at the age of 66.

Hubert Wilson was soloist and Faye Wilson was organist. Casket bearers were Delbert Binschus, Armond Britt, Elvin Britt, Bob Montgomery, Wayne Papineau, and Creston Robinson. Honorary bearers were Harold Wright, Harold Stevens, Bob Stevens, Darrel Farrins, Archie Becholdt, Don Robinson and Delmer Buschke.

Ritualistic services at the graveside were performed by officers of the Heppner Elks Lodge. Vault burial was at

Heppner Masonic Cemetery. Mr. Steers was born October 18, 1917 in Gilliam County to Richard and Pearl McDaniel Steers.

On March 14, 1954, he married Grace A. Wilson in Heppner.

He was a member of the Heppner B.P.O.E. No. 358 and the Heppner Christian Life Center.

Survivors include his wife, Grace, of Heppner, a son Harry, of Irrigon; daughter Nola Binschus of Heppner, sister Grace Buschke of Heppner; and four grandchildren. A son, Ron, preceded him in death in 1959.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice. Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Alvira Annetta 'Bobbie' Troxell

LEXINGTON - Alvira Annetta "Bobbie" Troxell of Lexington, died January 9 in Lexington at the age of 48.

Mrs. Troxell was born June 11, 1935 in Vale, S.D., the daughter of Hiram and Esther Stockton. She came to Prineville with her family in 1948 and attended Crook County High School. She later was employed at COIN, now known as American Forest Products. She moved from Prineville in 1974 to Spray then to Lexington in 1979.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ernest E. Stockton, and a sister, Ruby M. Stockton.

She is survived by her husband, Bob Troxell, of Lexington; and her children, Max Daniel Montgomery, Michael

D. Montgomery, Nancy M. Fernandez, Teresa Baca and William Landweer, all of Prineville; brothers and sisters: James Stockton of Orville Calif., Norman Proffitt of White City, Waunita Shaykett of Nisland, S.D., Verna Jean Huckins of Sturgess, S.D., Albert Stockton of Klamath, Calif., Charles Stockton of Phoenix, Ariz., Martin Stockton of Soquel, Calif., and Florence Bradford of El Reno, Okla.; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 13, at Juniper Haven Cemetery in Prineville.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements.

Eva E. Miller

MILWAUKIE - Eva E. Miller of Milwaukie, a former Heppner resident, died January 7, 1984, at a Milwaukie hospital. She was 74.

She was born August 25, 1909 at La Grande. She attended grade school in Vale and graduated from Heppner High School.

She lived in Umatilla for many years and later lived in Salem and Woodburn. She lived in Milwaukie for the last four years.

She was a member of the Umatilla Order of the Eastern Star No. 107, the First Christian Church in Salem and Amaranth in Salem.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the chapel of Wilhelm Funeral Home in Portland with the Rev. John

Waide of Oak Hills United Presbyterian Church presiding. Vault entombment was at Riverview Abbey, Portland.

Her husband, Karl G. Miller, preceded her in death in 1980.

Survivors include a daughter, Marlene O'Brien, Milwaukie; a son, James Baldwin, of Philomath; brothers Ralph Hiatt and La Vaughn Hiatt of Bakersfield, Calif., C.E. "Bud" Hiatt and Don Hiatt of Boise, Idaho; sisters Lola Eardley of Bountiful, Utah and Irene Van Schoiack of Woodburn; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Oregon Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Local woman pledged to OSU sorority

Anne Murray of Heppner has been pledged to Sigma Kappa sorority at Oregon State University, announced the Department of Information at OSU.

Murray is a freshman majoring in health and physical education.

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