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**Editorial**

**Build fence for safety**

The City Council of Heppner should do everything in its power to ensure that a fence be built bordering Willow Creek in Hager Park, as proposed by concerned parents at an April 2 city council meeting.

So far, controversy, misunderstanding, heated emotions (understandably on the part of the parents) and seeming indifference on the part of the council have surrounded the issue. Controversy over construction of a fence in Hager Park should be reduced to the bottom line ... no, not money, but safety. We're talking about the safety of all the children, not specifically theirs, yours, mine or ours, but all.

As suggested by backers of the plan, the proposed border need only be three or four feet high. Such a fence could stop very young children from wandering in the creek and would slow older children, without hindering an adult from crossing if the need arise.

Although the fence issue was broached by parents in the Hager Park neighborhood, their children would not necessarily benefit most from the construction. These children have been educated, instructed, lectured and perhaps even threatened with bodily injury in regard to safety do's and don'ts and dangers in the creek, which can, in the matter of a few hours, swell from a trickle to a sizeable and rapid current.

On the contrary, it is the occasional park visitor, perhaps unaware of the creek's danger who would be protected most.

Older children, curious and mobile and not always under parental supervision, might just think twice when encountering a fence. Younger children, also curious and mobile, can dash across the park and down the creek bank in a moment, despite the supervision of a watchful parent.

And, as for the parents who are not so attentive — isn't a child's life too great a price to pay — even for the crime of neglect? Let's erect that fence.

(See related story, Page 1)

**Hospital Notes**

The following patients were admitted and released from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:  
Kevin Florea, Heppner - admitted April 2, released April 4;  
Carmel Lennon, Heppner -

admitted April 3, released April 6;  
Eric Siebert, Fossil - admitted April 4, released April 6; and  
Johanne Wood, Heppner - admitted March 30, released April 3.  
Roberta Garrison, Heppner, was admitted to the hospital April 3 and was still receiving care as of press time Monday.

Friends and Relatives are cordially invited to a  
RECEPTION  
to celebrate Ida Coleman's 80th Birthday.  
Saturday afternoon, April 14, 1984  
from two to four o'clock.  
Morrow County  
Fairgrounds Annex Building  
No gifts please



**Letters to the Editor**

**Concerned for children's safety**

To the editor:  
Monday, April 2, several parents near Hager park approached Heppner City Council about the possibility of the construction of a fence along the creek side of Hager Park. Our concern has been with a playground with such a threat to a child's safety within 30 feet of play equipment and play area. In the past the rise and fall of the creek's water level has been seasonal. No with the construction of the dam the water level has gone from summer low to spring run-off in a very short amount of time. The water level is now unpredictable. Once the construction of the ball park is complete there will be an increase in the use of Hager park by children of this and surrounding communities. It

is my understanding that the Corp of Engineers will be fencing both sides of their channel above the Alfalfa street bridge; I believe that this shows their concern.

We are not asking for anything extravagant just a barrier to deter a small child from entering the creek in that split second when a ball is rolling away or he is playing chase and getting too close to the edge. If you share our concern please make your feelings known to Heppner's City Council by writing a letter or attending the next meeting on Monday, May 7, 8:00 p.m.

Hager Park is a wonderful asset to this community; I believe it should be made safe.  
(s) Marcia Anderson

**Unfair to single out one group**

To the editor:  
I feel that it was totally unfair that only one group, the Ione Band, was singled out by last week's "Hutch's Helper" to receive special recognition for their participation in the

St. Patrick's Day parade when so many others, like the Cub Scouts, participated and received no such recognition.

(s) M.G. Warren  
Rt. 1 Box 3068  
Heppner

**Recalls building snack shack**

To the editor:  
Well, I guess I'm that old curmudgeon; at least, they call me saying they'll furnish the paper and postage if I'll keep writing.

It was brought to my attention that the participants of the bike-a-thon which was done to help St. Jude Hospital for child cancer patients.

The fair snack shack was wanted to heat water and cook hot dogs at the finish of the race but the fair board would charge \$25 for its use which forced them to transfer the finish and hot dog awards to the city park.

Now this brings back memories of the great difficulty we had building the fair pavilion. I worked in 1950 with the cooperation of three good men, Ray Ferguson on the board with me; Jack Loyd, of Tum a Lum; and Eddy Thorpe, the carpenter. Without any of these men we never would have gotten it built. But build it we did. It was for the free use of Morrow County people organizations, I thought.

A little history. We had \$18,000 to build the biggest fire proof building in Morrow County 60' x 180'. We contracted the blocks for \$4,000; the nine

trusses for \$2,700; roofing and shiplap for \$3,200; Labor, "mine free," but Eddy Thorpe's three men \$2,000; architect \$3,000. Then I was called to the courthouse and our judge had given one half, or \$9,000 of our funds to Boardman. That \$18,000 was all ours, so much to each, but Boardman with 200 souls got half. Heppner with 1,500 people got their "\$9,000."

With the resistance of the judge, we cancelled the architect and the trusses. Jack Loyd got us 34 ft. No. one 2 x 6's for rafters and we built it with no floor.

Julian Rauch got on the ball and called the neighbors. Bring a load of gravel and cement to pour it, next Saturday. And they brought 21 loads of gravel and cement and that Rauch floor was poured.

Well the state condemned it as I knew they would. The next Saturday the queen's dance was scheduled with a 2 x 4 nailed across the doors and notices on them. At four o'clock Saturday morning, I knocked the 2 x 4's down and tore up the notices and we never heard from the state since.

(s) O.W. Cutsforth

**Correction**

Last week's Sheriff's Report included an error in the March 30 entry. The press log stated that Kenneth Smouse had been cited for Careless Driving regarding an accident on Jordan and Baseline roads. Smouse was not cited. The item should have read that Mark Soule, 23, of Lexington was issued a citation for Careless Driving in the above mentioned accident.

Published in last week's Gazette-Times was a letter to the editor, "Band needs positive feedback," which had a sentence missing from the fourth paragraph.

The letter which was submitted to us read "It was a constant struggle to obtain full participation from all of the band students even though pep band is a number one priority in the school music program. I attribute this lack of interest to dwindling school spirit and to the lack of interest in the community to show support for the kids themselves."

The Gazette-Times regrets the error.

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Hill and  
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Klukkert

invite you to share in the joy of their children when they exchange marriage vows

Barbara Jean Hill  
to  
Kenneth Allen Combs

on Saturday, April 21, 1984, at 2p.m. at the Klukkert home, Alpine.

Reception following immediately.

**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 April 3, the Lexington Fire Department responded to a residence fire. The fire was allegedly caused by a stove burner which was left on and caught some cookbooks on fire, then spread to a wall and burned out a window casing. Damage is estimated between \$600 and \$1,000.

On April 4, the Morrow County Sheriff's office took a report of the theft of a Blue Merle Collie dog valued at \$200.

On April 5, a Heppner ambulance responded to a call in Heppner. A young boy with a broken leg was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Also on April 5, a Boardman ambulance responded to U&I Corp. A subject who had stepped into a grate was transported to Consolidated Good Shepherd Community Hospital in Hermiston.

On April 7, a Boardman ambulance responded to the Dodge City Motel. A five year old male from Milton-Freewater, had sustained head injuries allegedly caused by a fall from a horse. The ambulance was met at the high school football field by Life-guard III which then transported him to Kadlec Hospital in Richland, Washington.

Also on April 7, the Boardman Fire Department responded to a grass fire at Man Camp on Kunze Road and Paul Smith Road, Boardman. The fire was contained quickly. Unknown value of damage.

**Gladys Lorine Walker**

HEPPNER—Gladys Lorine Walker passed away Thursday, April 5 at Heppner Memorial hospital at the age of 76 years.

She was born Nov. 6, 1907 near Lexington. Her parents, George R.W. & Lizzie Waters Mead had a homestead in Blackhorse Canyon. It joined her Grandfathers James Mead's place. She was raised here and attended school in Lexington. She was the youngest of 13 children.

On June 19, 1937 she married Sie Walker and they resided in the Heppner area for many years. They both worked at Camp 5 and Central Market.

They later moved to Lebanon and after Sie had open heart surgery they had a "Mom & Pop Grocery" in Portland. Gladys then worked for Morningside and Holliday Park Hospitals in Portland.

After she retired in 1976 at the age of 69, she returned to Heppner in July of 1979, where she has since made her home.

She is survived by one sister Etta Dollarhide of Everett, Washington, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1960.

Funeral services were Monday, April 9 at 2 p.m. at the First Christian Church in Heppner. The Rev. Don Shelton officiated. Casket bearers were Bill Lynch, Bob Lovgren, Eddie Gunderson, Jim Lovgren, Howard Bryant, and Fritz Cutsforth. Music was provided by organist Kathryn Hoskins and vocalists Harley and Kim Sager.

Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements. Interment is at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

**New managers at Ione business**



Jim and Karen Phegley are the new managers of The Office Tavern in Ione. They plan no major changes in the business, but will continue much as it has been run in the past. They are planning a grand opening in the future, but have not set a date.

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