



By any measurement we use, the United States is a country blessed. We feed more people than any other country in the world. With a percentage of population in agriculture far less than any other country, we produce far more in agricultural goods.

Productivity per man-hour in agriculture has been increasing about twice as fast as the rate of productivity per man-hour in manufacturing. The greater the farm productivity, the more people a single farmworker can feed. Currently he is feeding about eighty people.

The United States employs about 2% of its population in agriculture. Compare that with Russia (32%), France (14%), or India (68%). Compare the United State's percentage of income spent on food (11%) with Russia (35%), France (26%) or India (64%).

The United States is an excellent example of the direct relationship between agricultural productivity and affluence. We are a wealthy nation because we are so agriculturally productive. With 98% of our people employed in producing something besides food, and with 89% of our income free to spend on other things, we are affluent, indeed.

We have more telephones per person, more cars per person, more color television sets per person, and more of our young people finish high school and go on to college than any other country in the world. We are a good example of the basic principle that the more productive a nation's agriculture, the more affluent its people.

The United States has accomplished this feat by having a strong incentive to be productive, by the creation of the Land Grant Colleges, and the research and development, the education, and the extension work done by them, and by the creation of improved technology and management tools.

If we produced today's food supply with the efficiency and techniques available at the time of World War I, we would need seven times the farm workers we have today. We would need twenty times the horses and mules (and 180 million acres more just to feed them.)

Trying to produce today's food needs with World War I technology would be a catastrophe—we lack the manpower and the land. This tells us something: In 50 or 60 years, if we don't make even more remarkable agricultural progress, the people of that time will be mighty hungry.

While it is difficult to imagine what the needs of the world will be in another 50 years, we have to do just that in order to imagine what changes need to take place in agriculture in order to meet those needs. Biotechnology is the hope of the future, promising such things as genetically enhanced productivity, pest resistant plants, crops able to thrive in areas now too dry or saline for production.

The place of the Land Grant College in the future agricultural scene is secure, therefore. It is through the research and development and the extension of that information to the industry that future advances in productivity will occur.

And it is through future advances in productivity that the wealth and prosperity of this nation will be assured. Affluence is and will continue to be a function of agricultural productivity.

W.C. Little League Schedule

Week of June 14 - 21
 Majors: Wednesday, June 14: Indians v. Angels at Ione; (M)-Heppner 3 v Heppner 2, dam; (T)-Condon 1 v Heppner 1 at Condon.
 Thursday, June 15: Braves v. Giants, Heppner; (M)-Ione v Condon at Ione.
 Friday, June 16: Angels v. Cubs, Condon; (M)-Heppner 2 v Heppner 1, dam.
 Saturday, June 17: (T)-Ione v. Arlington at Ione 10 a.m.; (T)-Heppner 2 v Condon 1 at Heppner dam 10 a.m.; (T)-Heppner 1 v. Condon 1, at Heppner dam 12 noon.
 Monday, June 19: Giants v. Angels, Heppner; Indians v. Cubs, Ione; (M)-Heppner 2 v. Ione at Heppner fairgrounds.
 Tuesday, June 20: (M)-Heppner 3 v Heppner 1 at dam; (T)-Ione v Condon 2 at Ione.
 All games begin at 6 p.m. unless otherwise specified. Teams are as follows: Indians-Ione; Braves & Giants-Heppner; Angels-Condon; Cubs-Arlington. (M)-Minors (T)-T-ball.

Lexington News

By Delpha Jones, 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge met on Thursday for the regular meeting with the NG Geri Martin presiding. Plans were discussed concerning the President's visit the 29th of June. The U.N. Pilgrimage send off dinner was held at the Pendleton Odd-fellow Hall on Thursday honoring the two boys going from the Umatilla-Morrow district. The lodges giving on the project were honored as well as the individuals giving on this worthwhile project. The boys will join others going by bus from Portland to New York, and a sight seeing trip across the United States and Canada to the U.N. The trip is sponsored each year by the Oddfellow and Rebekah Lodges of the United States, and is given to the student writing and delivering the essay. Following the meeting refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held on Thursday June 15 with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. shared with the Oddfellows.

Josie and Glover Peck have had as their guests Dorothy and Ed Tucker, a daughter of the Pecks, from their home in Salem. All enjoyed a trip with their motor homes, and some sightseeing and fishing.

Creth and Darrel Harris and Cecil Jones motored to Monument on Sunday where they met the Harris' son John who with several friends, floated down the John Day River on rafts, spending the weekend camping out on the banks of the river.

Past Noble Grand Club met at Paul's Cafe in Irrigon on Wednesday where they enjoyed a lovely luncheon hosted by Jo Irvin of Irrigon and Hilda Yocom. A clever game was at each place as a gift, and following the luncheon a short business meeting was held. The table centerpiece was an arrangement of flowers and pink candles. The visitors spent some time visiting. Those present were, Dorothy Burcham, Joyce Burcham, Leila Palmer, Delpha Jones and the hosts. The door prize was won by Delpha Jones.

Fay Ruhl accompanied Lori Ross and son Josh to Portland last week where they attended the graduation of Tracey Ruhl at Mt. Hood Community College as a dental graduate. Others motoring down were her parents and Skip and Jean Ruhl from Hermiston.

Kristin Nelson and John Grakam from Salem were recent callers at the home of her mother Jean Nelson and attended the church auction in Ione.

Kenny Lyn Smouse and sister Cheryllyn were Portland callers this past week where she went to consult a physician for her broken leg. She has been recuperating at the home of her parents Kenneth and Frances Smouse.

Jean Nelson attended the Niel-Trask-Christman reunion at Monument Sunday. This was the 57th reunion and was held at the William Niel Homestead. There were about 70 people present. There were many guests from the Willamette Valley area, and Washington, several coming by motorhome and campers. A bountiful potluck dinner was enjoyed. Others going from this area were Kenneth and Julie Nelson and girls, Fred and Helen Nelson from Pendleton and sisters and husbands of Fred Nelson, Clara and Howard Slonemaker and Bert and Ellen Mason of Oakgrove.

Cecil and Delpha Jones attended Edward and Cleo Hudson's 50th wedding anniversary in LaGrande at their home on Sunday.

Recent visitors at the John Mollahan home were his daughter and husband Captain and Mrs. Joe Borman of Fort Lewis, Washington, and a son and wife Joe and Tami Mollahan and daughter from McMinnville.

A visitor at the home of Frances and Edgar Murry was a friend Viola Weiss from Newport, Washington.

Vacation Bible School is being held at the Lexington Baptist Church.

Betty Marquardt took her parents Truman and Leita Messenger to Portland over the weekend where they attended the high school graduation of their granddaughter Joni Messenger. Joni is the daughter of Carrol and Vivian Messenger of Tigard.

Tourism meeting held in Heppner

A Tourism committee meeting was held May 30 at the Extension conference room in Heppner.

It was reported that the Port of Morrow is working with the Boardman Park District to install a sailboard park. It was noted that a parking area and sandy beach were needed.

The NCOTC committee toured the Heppner Museum, courthouse and bed and breakfast. The next meeting will be in Irrigon June 20 at 4 p.m. at the fish hatchery.

The signage subcommittee has contacted the Irrigon and Boardman chambers requesting their signage requests.

Bette Matthews is working on the information guide to Morrow County. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Fred Lundin demonstrated the static display.

The Tourism brochures are about gone. Tourism committee will assist chamber with cost of reprinting.

BOOK DROP

by Marie Struthers

It is rewarding to read a book that is written about women and from a woman's point of view. We seem to be getting more of these books in recent years and they are very welcome. Sheri S. Tepper's new novel, "The Gate To Women's Country", definitely is such a book. It is the quintessential post-nuclear holocaust tale; set far in the future. Strikingly reminiscent of "Wintermind" (Marvin Kaye and Parke Goodwin, 1982), the book is nonetheless well written and Tepper does out the underlying mystery with dexterity.

Set hundreds of years after the "convulsion", the novel presents a country surrounded by nuclear waste - the habitable land slowly extending itself. In this place, women, their children, and a few men-servants live in walled cities. Outside are the garrisons to which the remainder of the men in this rather unusual society are relegated from the age of 5 years.

Central to the story is Margot, councilwoman of Martha's Town, physician, mother and actress in the traditional Greek play "Iphigenia at Ilium". The rehearsals for this play, which is performed each summer by order of the council, parallels the story and reinforces the motivation. It is a clever device which Tepper uses skillfully.

Margot's world of walled cities and Roman styled garrisons is a bizarre world of candles and hydro electric power, herbal medicine and hormone implants; a world where all battles are fought hand-to-hand and there are no battlefield hospitals. It is also a world where every woman's son leaves for the garrison outside the gates to "women's country" at the age of five, a bitter custom with which Margot has come to terms and which her daughters Stavia and Myra handle in two very different ways.

Despite the fact that Tepper has drawn heavily on "Wintermind" for many of the incidents contained here, the book still demonstrates enough originality to earn redemption for these thefts. "The Gate to Women's Country" will be best understood and appreciated by women readers (and men who aren't afraid to eat quiche in public). Tepper shows no sympathy for "machismo" in these pages and, in fact, presents an effective apology for equal rights. It's all dressed in very entertaining garb, however, and well worth reading.

Other books by Sheri Tepper are "The Awakeners" and "After Long Silence". I haven't read either of these but after reading "The Gate to Women's Country" it sounds like a good idea. See you at the library.

Local students receive degrees

Following is a list of area graduates that have received degrees from the following colleges:

Blue Mountain Community College

Boardman: Suzanne Akers, associate of arts degree in liberal arts; Lisa Lee Cejka, associate of arts degree in liberal arts; Jackson LeRoy Sheadel, associate of science degree in civil engineering technology.

Heppner: Tonya Rene Bowers, associate of science degree in marketing and management; Marvin James Brannon, associate of science degree in civil engineering technology; Gregory Dean Connor, associate of science degree in civil engineering technology; David Wayne Green, associate of science degree in marketing and management; Kirsten Marie Green, certificate in bookkeeping; Bridgett Ilene Greenup, associate of science degree in nursing; Lana Renea Orr, associate of arts degree in liberal arts.

Irrigon: Trina Lyn Hellberg, associate of arts degree in liberal arts.

Eastern Oregon State College

Heppner: Nancy Lee Miller, BS education.

Irrigon: Leslie Creason Huffaker, BS education.

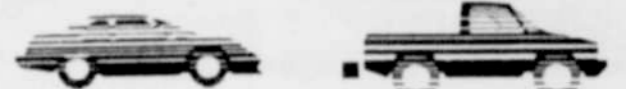
Mt. Hood Community College

Heppner: Andrea Leigh Ball, associate degree in general studies.

Willamette University

Willamette University announces that Stephanie Sue Payne, Heppner, graduated from the school on May 14, 1989. She received a BS and majored in Biology. Stephanie is a 1985 graduate of Heppner High School.

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