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Obituaries

Ivan H. Severance

Ivan H. Severance, 99, of Quincy and formerly of Manson and Wenatchee, died Wednesday, July 18, 1990 in Central Washington Hospital in Wenatchee, WA. Services were July 21 at the Precht Rose Chapel with Pastor Don Campbell officiating. Committal services and interment were at the Fraternal Cemetery.

He was born Oct. 2, 1890, at Franceville, Ind., the son of William and Nettie (Chapin) Severance. He spent his early years there and moved with his family to Heppner in 1899. Mr. Severance was educated in the Burton Valley School, near Hardman and Hardman, Pilot Rock and Heppner public schools. He later attended what is now known as Oregon State University at Corvallis. He participated in the intercollegiate track program, where he ran the 3,000-meter and the 5,000-meter events. He also participated in cross country.

He was a veteran of World War I, serving in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he returned to Oregon and married Anna M. Johnson on Dec. 31, 1919. They made their home in Montana for several years and later in Texas where he was employed with Standard Oil of California in the oil fields.

After he retired in 1952, they moved to Manson, WA, on Lake Chelan. In 1977, they moved to Wenatchee. Mrs. Severance died in April of 1985 and he had lived the past month in Quincy, WA.

Survivors include three nephews, Robert and Roger Campbell, both of Lexington and Donald Campbell of De Soto, Texas.

Precht Rose Chapel, Chelan, WA, was in charge of arrangements.

William W. Brannon

A memorial service for William "Bill" W. Brannon was held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 1990.

Mr. Brannon, 51, was found dead Friday, Aug. 10, 1990 at his home in Heppner.

He was born Oct. 10, 1938 in Heppner to James and Mary Cunningham Brannon. He attended elementary school in Heppner and graduated from Lone High School. He attended Oregon Technical Institute in Klamath Falls for two years, then served with the U.S. Army from 1960-63. Following his discharge, he returned to Heppner where he has worked as an auto body repairman.

Survivors include daughters, Tammy Berthold of Moser, Karmin Jacobsen of Santa Clara, Calif., and Kelly Brannon of Heppner; sons, Russell and Marty, both of Heppner; sister Darlene (Mrs. Harry) Snider of Pilot Rock; stepfather, Herman Blettell of Heppner and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Fund, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836.

Man found dead

William Wesley Brannon, 51, was discovered dead Friday, Aug. 10 at his home at Evergreen Terrace Apartments in Heppner.

Heppner Police Chief Doug Rathbun said that Brannon died of natural causes.

Sheriff's Report

The Sheriff's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports dispatching the following business during the past week:

August 2: Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon park to investigate a reported theft of picnic tables. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy recovered a vehicle stolen out of Portland early in the morning. Fernando Marquez, 21, Jorge Garcia Ramirez, 20, Francisco Martinex, 23, and Lopez A. Celso 25, address unknown, were arrested for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and lodged at Benton County Jail;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a possible civil problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of theft of gas and batteries from a barn. Amount of value was unknown;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a report of shots fired.

August 3: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance and fire department to a motor vehicle accident on I-84 milepost 160 east bound lanes. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a motor vehicle accident at I-84, milepost 161 east bound lane. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner fire department to a wheat fire above the Willow Creek Dam. Fire was extinguished;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a reckless driver. Deputy was unable to locate driver upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of shots fired. Officer was unable to locate problem upon arrival;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Heppner fire department to a flare up of a previous fire at Willow Creek Dam;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Patterson Ferry area to start an investigation on a juvenile problem. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Boardman for a civil matter. Problem will be handled through civil channels.

August 4: Morrow County deputy responded to a neighborhood disturbance in Irrigon. Problem was resolved;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle accident on I-84 at mile post 129;

Morrow County deputy contacted a person in the Irrigon area on a civil problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for an animal problem. Deputy assisted with getting a cow off the road and back into the pasture;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to deliver a message. Unable to locate upon officers arrival.

August 5: Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to a neighborhood disturbance. Officer was unable to locate disturbance upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy arrested Mary Arlene Timpy, 24, Irrigon for Assault IV. Timpy was lodged in Benton County Jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Taggares Farms. Male transported to Good Shepherd

Hospital with an unknown illness;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to provide mutual aid for the Rufus ambulance with an accident;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Kincaid St. in Boardman. A child with an unknown illness was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area to investigate a report of a prowler. Deputy was unable to locate prowler upon his arrival.

August 6: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to Irrigon to assist with a motor vehicle accident. Information was exchanged, no further action;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon for a report of an animal problem. Investigation is continuing.

August 7: Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area to investigate a report of a stolen vehicle. Investigation is continuing.

August 8: Morrow County deputy began investigation of a theft in the lone area of old coins and jewelry stolen from Dale Madison. Value is unknown at this time;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon Marina for a report of vandalism at the park;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Port of Morrow area in Boardman to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle. Call was unfounded.

August 9: Morrow County deputy received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Irrigon;

Morrow County deputy advised a controlled burn in the Boardman area regarding the State Wide Ban on Agricultural burning;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a possible theft. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to a one vehicle accident on Hwy 19 in front of the rail road houses in Arlington. Three males were transported to The Dalles;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Wheeler County Fairgrounds in Fossil. One male was transported.

August 10: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to mile post 165 I-84 for a two vehicle accident. Ambulance was unable to locate accident upon arrival;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Lexington to investigate a report of suspicious circumstances;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence in Irrigon to investigate a neighborhood dispute. Problem was resolved.

August 11: Morrow County deputy and Arlington fire department responded to a car fire on I-84 east bound lanes;

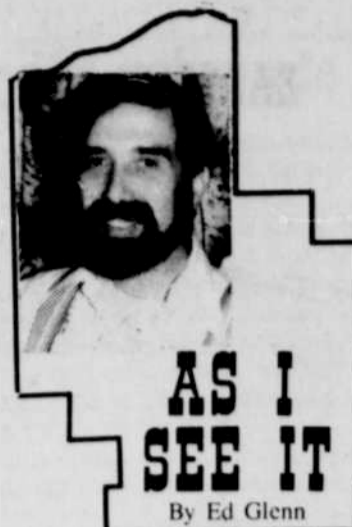
Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile problem. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area for a complaint of loud music.

August 12: Morrow County deputy cited Lester Ray Martin, 51, Irrigon, for Swine at Large.

During the week of August 6-13, Morrow County deputies assisted one disabled motorist.

Insignificant



The legal profession is noted for examining the meaning of a word with a microscope. Exact and precise meanings preoccupy the profession to an excessive degree. I remember writing a long scholarly paper one time on the difference between "inadequate" and "insignificant." Thank goodness I have forgotten the fine points, if there were any.

One word that is always bandied about in legal writing is "relevant." It means something like "logically or scientifically contented." For example, if the question is "which is the best school teacher to hire for this district?", is it relevant to know that another teacher whom the building principal respects, says "I think it is applicant A."

That opinion is relevant to the selection of a new teacher. And that relevant opinion is to be denied the building principal if the North Morrow County Advisory Committee has their way.

You see, the practice for years has been for a building principal to call in two or three teachers to help in the interview process and give him the benefit of their opinions. Generally the teachers are either experienced in the subject matter the new teacher will teach, or are long term teachers whom the principal has grown to respect.

And it's pretty much up to the principal to figure what kind of staff he really wants since the district has no policy statement on the subject. Oh, sure the board has the final say, but they have so little information or standards, any rejection of a principal's recommendation would be purely capricious.

The practice came to light at last month's board meeting, but the discussion was hidden in "executive session" so I can't write about that. One board member voiced my sentiments when saying, "I think this is discussion of policy and belongs in open session." But this is not the time to challenge the broader than necessary use of executive session to hide from the public view.

But when it jumped up in the advisory committee meeting last week and they are now formally on record of being opposed to allowing principals to consult present teachers in the selection of new teachers, well.....

In fairness to the committee, I should tell you that they believe that the practice tends to erode management prerogative in selecting employees. Well, yes, they are right. Just who a principal might select could be determined by the strong opinions of several respected teachers. I would agree that the teachers' opinions would be relevant to the selection process.

I remember a murder case in which the prosecuting attorney thought it was relevant to prove that the defendant had killed a fly at breakfast on the day of the murder. Relevant maybe, but insignificant.

So too, is the reliance and thus surrender of management prerogative when the boss asks fellow employees for their opinion of the new hire-insignificant.

Management gains so much more than it gives up that the subject requires little consideration. The only person on either the board or the committee with any experience in the real business world of hiring or promoting professional employees says this is the usual and ordinary course in business and industry. The principals throughout the district claim it's a practice used everywhere in the education industry. They claim it is so valuable they will not do without it short of explicit and emphatic instruction from the board.

As I see it, with the new support from the North Morrow Advisory Committee, the school board is on the verge of issuing those very instructions. The wrong instructions for insignificant reasons.

PLEASE NOTE

Eligibility & Health Screening will be available to area veterans on Senior Citizen Day at the Morrow County Fair, Thursday, August 16. Representatives from the Walla Walla VA Medical Center will be providing benefits assistance from 10-4 p.m. in the main exhibition building at the fairgrounds. This service is free of charge and open to all area veterans.

(Ad sponsored by American Legion Heppner Post 87)

Heppner Bowl

Will be open for lunch, dinner and open bowling on Mon. Aug. 20, 1990

LUNCH SPECIALS (Week of August 20th)
Reuben Sandwich
Turkey Croissant
Grilled Tomato/Cheese Sand
Cream of Broccoli Soup

Bowl One Game Get The Second Game FREE

Sign up for fall leagues till Sept. 1st
LEAGUES START TUESDAY SEPT. 4th
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Correction
The Morrow County Search and Rescue earned \$300 in a taco feed fund raiser, not \$500 as stated in the Aug. 8 Gazette-Times.

CHECK OUR EVERYDAY LOW PRICES WHERE YOUR DOLLAR MAKES MORE CENTS

Pedersons Econo pack		Kraft Miracle Whip 32 oz. Reg-Lite-Chol.free
Fryers	85¢ lb.	Salad Dressing 1st one \$2.39 ea.
Lean 3 lb. rolls		Western Family 7.25 oz.
Ground Beef	\$1.45 lb.	Macaroni & Cheese 4 for \$1.00 1st 8
Shoulder Clod		Green & Red Flame Seedless
Roast	\$1.79 lb.	Grapes
Western Family frozen 12 oz.		Fresh 5 lb. bag
Lemonade Limit 4 cans-2 for	99¢	Carrots
Betty Crocker 21.5 oz.		
Brownie Mix	\$1.39 ea.	Cantaloupe
Kelloggs cereal 13 oz.		Jennio Turkey 12 oz.
Rice Krispies	\$2.29 ea.	Franks
		1st 3 79¢ lb.

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SAT & SUN 8 A.M. - 6 P.M. Prices Good Aug. 16th - 20th

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111 N. Court Heppner 676-9643