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Letters to the Editor

Thanks from Adventists

To the Editor:
 Each year more than 13 million people around the world receive help through the community services, education and international service branches of the Seventh Day Adventist church. Without your continued support many of these people couldn't receive such aid.
 We want to take this opportunity

to thank you for the contributions, the caring people of Heppner and surrounding area have made this year to meet the humanitarian needs here in our own area as well as other parts of the world.

We wish you God's blessing in this holiday season.

Sincerely,

(s) The Adventists of the Heppner church

Heppner Police Report

The Heppner Police department reports handling the following business during the past week:

December 10: 6:50 p.m.-request officer for Security Check.

December 11: 12:45 p.m.-assist Children's Service Division.

December 12: 3:28 p.m.-report of Worthless Document; 10:26 p.m.-report of Suspicious Call.

December 13: 3:42 a.m.-assist Air Life; 6:15 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 9:15 p.m.-report of Suspicious Noise; 11:10 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department.

December 14: 12:13 p.m.-report of Prowler; 2:32 p.m.-civil matter; 3:38 p.m.-assist Morrow County Sheriff's department; 7:42 p.m.-Dog Complaint; 7:56 p.m.-report of Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants; 10:24 p.m.-request officer for Security Check; 11:10 p.m.-report of Driving While Suspended Driver.

December 15: 3:03 p.m.-Motorist Assist; 6:45 p.m.-Parking Citation Issued.

Justice Court

The Justice Court office at the courthouse annex building in Heppner reports handling the following business during the past week:

Angela Marie Currin, 18, Heppner-Excessive Tire Noise, \$20 fine;

Brent Philip Lackey, 33, Portland-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$43 fine;

Wallace Albert Turner, 68, Tigard-Exceeding the Maximum Speed Limit, 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$65 bail forfeited;

Scott Edward Peck, 22, Tigard-Violation of Road Closure (passenger), \$90 bail forfeited;

Edward George Peck, 48, Tigard-Violation of Road Closure, \$90 bail forfeited;

Craig Darin Hams, 30, Umatilla-Borrowing a Deer Tag, \$90 fine;

Frank Orlando Jameson III, 29, Adams-Violation of Cooperative Road Closure, \$53 fine;

Donald John Dority, 46, Hermiston-Violation of Road Closure, \$58 fine.

Obituary

Helen O'Brien

The funeral for Helen Shafer O'Brien was Tuesday, Dec. 11 at Bishop Funeral Chapel in Pendleton with interment at Olney Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Brien, 70, of Pendleton, died Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1990 at Delamarter Care Center in Pendleton.

A member of a pioneer family, she was born June 18, 1920, at the Shafer farm near Adams to David W. and Erma Haight Shafer. Her family had come to Oregon with the Applegate Wagon Train in 1843. Her grandfather, Jim Shafer, staked claim to railroad land in Umatilla in 1877.

She grew up in the Adams area and started school at a one-room country schoolhouse across from her grandparents' farm. She later attended school in Pendleton, graduating from High School in 1938.

In 1937 she was a princess on the Pendleton Round-Up Court and rode in the Happy Canyon Quadrille.

After graduating from high school, she attended Oregon State University where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

She returned to Pendleton after college and was employed at the First National Bank.

On Aug. 21, 1942, during World War II, she married Captain Alfred D. Belsma. The couple traveled extensively with the Air Corps.

On Oct. 21, 1955, she married Gordon Thomas O'Brien at Vancouver, WA. They lived at Pendleton for a time before moving to the family ranchon Butter Creek. They operated the ranch for 35 years, raising sheep, cattle wheat and hay.

Mrs. O'Brien was a past secretary of the Morrow County CowBelles and a member of the Morrow County Cattlemen's Association, the Oregon Wheat League, Union County Small Woodland's Association, National Audubon Society and National Wildlife Federation. In 1980 the O'Briens were recipients of the Morrow County "Cattelman of the Year" award. She enjoyed cooking and sewing.

Mrs. O'Brien was an outdoor enthusiast who loved working with livestock. She had been in attendance when nearly every lamb or calf was born on the ranch. For 20 years, she raised Carter dogs which were especially bred for working cattle.

She supported wildlife preservation and the environment and had worked since 1956 to protect the trees and vegetation on Butter Creek. Herds of deer found refuge on the O'Brien property and her conservation efforts helped introduce and establish chukars into her area.

Survivors include her husband, at home, and a daughter Ronnie Belsma of Pendleton.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Disease Association of Oregon, 1015 N.W. 22nd, Portland, 97210, or the Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation, Box 8301, Portland 97207, directly or through Bishop Funeral Chapel, 131 S.E. Byers, Pendleton.

Sheriff's Report

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

December 12: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to I-84 mile post 175.8 for a motor vehicle accident. Two subjects were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston.

Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Oregon State Police with a motor vehicle accident on I-84 mile post 175.8;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a missing mailbox;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of a juvenile problem;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to Mt. Hood. One male was transported to Good Shepherd Hospital with unknown problems.

December 13: Morrow County deputy responded to a one vehicle accident on Hwy 74, south of Ione. One female was transported by a private citizen to Pioneer Memorial Hospital with unknown injuries;

Morrow County deputies responded to a residence in the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a neighborhood disturbance. Investigation is continuing;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a neighborhood disturbance;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Boardman area for a neighborhood disturbance. Call was unfounded.

December 14: Morrow County deputy assisted a disabled motorist on I-84;

Morrow County deputy responded to I-84 to assist Oregon State

Police with locating a stolen vehicle;

Morrow County deputy made contact with a Umatilla resident regarding a civil problem;

Morrow County deputy responded to a residence on Rt. 2 Irrigon for a domestic disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Mark Alan Cantrell, 19, Boardman, for Tampering with a Witness and Menacing. Cantrell was transported to Benton County Jail;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested Michael Orville Gunderson, 30, Irrigon for Assault IV/Domestic. Gunderson posted bail and was released;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a building check of a potential problem;

Morrow County deputy was advised of an injured deer on I-84.164 westbound lanes;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil Fire department to a possible structural fire on Hoover St.

December 15: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Fossil ambulance to the Haven House. One female was transported to Mid Columbia Medical Center;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Lexington area for a dog complaint;

Morrow County Sheriff's office responded to Ione to take a report of a break-in at the gas station. Investigations are continuing;

Morrow County deputy located a stolen vehicle that was reported stolen from Hwy 730 one mile east of I-84;

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

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington and Condon fire departments to a vehicle motorhome fire off Hwy. 206 and Ajax Road;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area to investigate a report of a suspicious person 3rd St. West. Call was unfounded.

December 16: Morrow County deputies responded to a local Irrigon business for a report of a disturbance;

Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Boardman ambulance to a one vehicle rollover on I-84 mile post 169. Two people were transported to Good Shepherd Hospital.

December 17: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Lexington EMT's to a motor vehicle accident on Hwy 74 mile post 33. There was no transport;

Morrow County Sheriff's office arrested William Charles Porter, 60, Lexington for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. Porter was lodged. He was also lodged on a Columbia County Circuit Court warrant for Show Cause Why Probation Should Not Be Revoked;

Morrow County deputy responded to the Irrigon area for a report of suspicious circumstances. Investigation is continuing;

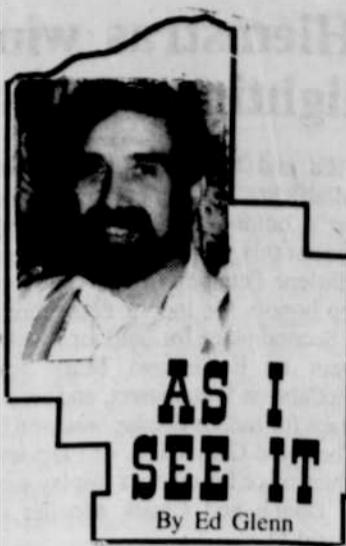
Morrow County deputy responded to the Ione area for a report of on going theft of wood. Investigation is continuing.

During the week of December 10-17, Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted three disabled motorists.

December 18: Morrow County Sheriff's office dispatched the Arlington ambulance to I-84, mile post 142 for a roll over motor vehicle accident.

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Are We Missing Any?



"Are we missing any bets?" The question struck me as kind of odd. We had just talked about the co-gen plant at the Port of Morrow. It will bring power profits to the Port, jobs to the area, new assessable property value to the county and a surplus of process steam to help attract even more industry.

We had talked about a move to redefine building, zoning and development standards to make housing more affordable for all income ranges. Population growth will add stability and growth to the commercial district and it would surely be nice to be able to buy a new shirt in Boardman.

We had talked about development of parks and recreation. The Captain Al James promises to be a major attraction. The key to recreation and tourism seems to be a concerted effort by a lot of people and that seems to be happening.

We talked about the strategic plan and how that covered the bases in agriculture, in industry and in social services.

It seemed to me that we had covered all the bases so I had no answer when my friend asked, "Are we missing any bets?" At the time that is.

But later (another entry for that book, "An Hour Later") it occurred to me that we are missing a bet. A big one that may throw a monkey wrench in it all.

Our future may well hinge on how well we deal with an ever widening gap between North and South county. North county folks are so intent on growth, development and expansion, that they are virtually ignoring their political obligations. South county folks are so fearful of the ramifications of that north county growth, they have intensified their political involvement.

A couple of examples suffice. The Republican Central Committee recently reorganized with only two of the 11 elected precinct committee people from the north county. Nine more people were appointed to vacancies, all from south county.

Monday night the school board reviewed its Advisory Committee policy. There are three committees, one at each of the high schools. The lone committee has five members, Heppner has seven and Riverside has six. In terms of number of committees, and in terms of number of committee members, one-third represents 63 percent of the students.

While place of residence does not separate good people from bad people, the two ends of the county are so separated that it will be difficult for many people to understand and appreciate the problems and concerns of the other. Much less agree on the solutions.

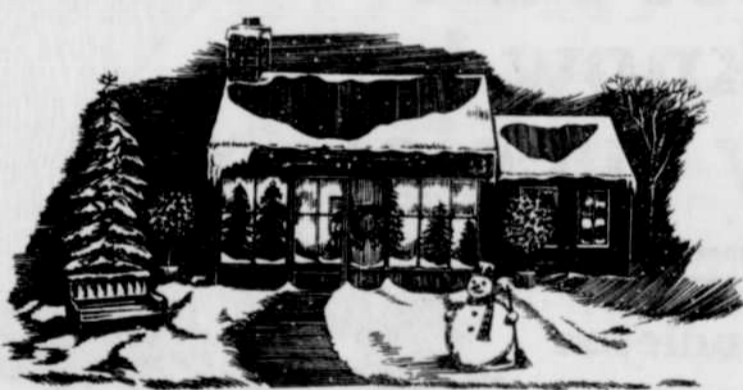
As I see it, wholesale shift of political power to the north end is not the answer. Political matters should have a strong attachment to the past, the stable, the secure. In that regard folks in the south end have it hands down over folks in the north end.

On the other hand, politics should provide a means to the future, timely, versatile and creative. That's where the north end has much to offer.

The bet we are missing is failing to overcome the barrier of 40 miles travel. We, all of us, are failing to become better acquainted with our neighbors across the county. There is precious little social interchange. There is almost no commercial interchange. There is too little political interchange.

Without some concerted effort, little interchange will occur and the chasm will grow even wider. Ultimately a major issue will come along (maybe another prison?) that will polarize the ends so strongly that the north end will demand its political right. That will likely be a majority. Without years of experience the north end will be ill equipped to handle the job and the county will suffer.

A far better bet would be to become better attuned to the political issues throughout the county.



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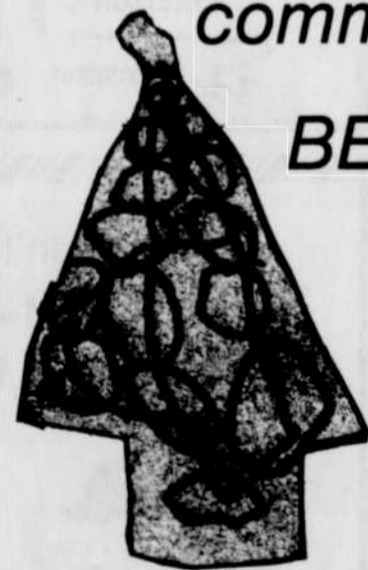
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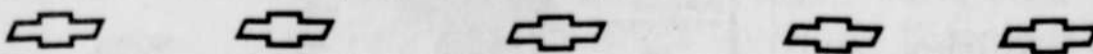
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