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TO THE EDITOR...

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You are probably tired of me by this time, but I have a few excerpts from a long letter I received on August 25 from Mrs M R Abbott, of Berkeley, California. Mrs Abbott was Marian Redington, the second oldest daughter of Col John Watermelon Redington, and much of the letter was about her father. Excerpts follow:

"I can remember Leah Minor (Stanley's sister) and Blanch Redfield, who died in the flood of 1903. I must have been ten and a half years old when we went to Heppner in 1900, as I was born Dec 2, 1889. I was in the sixth grade, and I can remember being in two different rooms, upstairs in the wooden school on the hillside. We had to climb several flights of stairs to get there.

I think my father must have bought back the Gazette early in 1900. He told me in later years that he was on his way home from the Indian wars when he first visited Heppner. On hearing that he was a journeyman printer and had been a reporter for large papers in San Francisco, Salt Lake City and Portland, the local business men wanted him to take over the very small press of the new paper which had just been started a few months before. He had only "six bits" in his pocket as no army pay was voted by Congress that year, but the soldiers were paid off in script. The business men of Heppner signed notes for him so he could buy the press, type and paper and ink, so he went to work and inside of a year he had everything paid for and had money in the bank. He built himself a comfortable home on the hillside, and hired a Chinese cook. I have a copy of the Heppner Gazette dated March 13, 1884, which is Vol 1, No 5L. The masthead on the paper contains the following:

"It is an Independent Local Paper, owning its own soul, paying 100 cents on the dollar, is run as a legitimate enterprise, and not as a charity shop or begging institution. It will wear the collar of no clique, party or faction, but will work for the best interests of the people." End of masthead: "Seems to me this

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From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

Livestock operators holding range land leases with the Bureau of Land Management are reminded that the grazing district advisory board will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, September 25. The meeting will be held at the county agent's office beginning at 1 pm. Grazing applications will be acted upon and anyone with questions or problems are invited to attend.

September is the month that 4-H club members are completing their records for the year and submitting completion cards to their leaders for recognition later on of a job well done. Completion cards, and record books which will be judged, are due October 1st. The new club will then begin.

Reorganization of existing clubs and organization of new ones will be underway soon. The Hoof and Horn Livestock club of the Heppner community has won the distinction of being the first club to turn in its enrollment for the 1958-59 club year. This club was organized last

was a large order, and it seems to have been censored in subsequent editions. Maybe after the railroad started issuing free mileage to editors? "I can remember Owen Wister being at our house in Heppner. He and papa went out on a hunting trip for several days. I think Mr Wister did not stay with us long, but we were much impressed because he thought we ought to address him as "Sir". We had not been taught to do this, and I suppose he thought we were little savages. He brought us a wounded magpie which we tried to nurse back to health, but alas, the cat got it. I remember a letter among Papa's papers, from Mr Wister, acknowledging use of story material which he had sold to the Saturday Evening Post.

"I don't know whether you ever heard of the time my father was waylaid by the editor of the rival newspaper (Heppner Times) and beaten almost to death. They had been feuding for a long time in the editorial columns of their papers, and I suppose papa must have been mightier with the pen than with the fist and boot, as he got the worst of it. I think the rival's name was Shultz or some other German name. (Was named E M Shult) He went up to the courthouse and paid \$5 as a fine for assault and battery, so there was no recourse. This happened when we were all living in the house with the creek (Willow) running through our back yard. The house must have been swept away in the flood. Papa was called "the Bill Nye of the West" and was known far and wide, as he exchanged with many leading newspapers, and was frequently quoted in them. He never lost his sense of humor, and was still wisecracking from his wheelchair in his last years. My sisters wrote that they had enjoyed their visit with you and Mrs Yeager. If you come to Berkeley, I hope you will come to see me." Signed Marian R Abbott.

O M Yeager
Castle Rock, Wash

Sunday at the Marcel Jones home when officers were elected and new members enrolled. Officers for the new year are president, Douglas Anderson; vice president, Ronnie Jones; secretary, John Wagenblast; song leader, Susan Drake and news reporter, Judy Jones. New members to join the club were Alfred and Susan Drake, Steve Wagenblast, Mike and Steve Warren; all of these members are carrying swine projects as a result of a 4-H pig scramble. The nine members of the club are carrying swine and dairy projects. Leader of the club is Marcel Jones, Heppner who reports that boys or girls who are at least 9 years old by January 1 of this year are invited to join this club.

Announcement has been recently made by Oregon State college that there will be again this year a light horse judging short course. The short course was rescheduled because of the rapid growth of pleasure horse clubs and shows throughout the state. For those who might be interested, we have at this office information on the program, purpose of the school and entry blank. An entry fee of \$10.00 is required and the entries are limited to the first 120 applicants. Registration blanks are also available for the short course which will be held at OSC Withycombe hall on October 10 and 11th.

With increased interest in 4-H saddle horse clubs here in the county those who are planning to lead them would find this short course very helpful. Interest is being shown in the Butter Creek, Ione and Boardman areas for organizing 4-H saddle horse clubs as well as the reorganization of these existing clubs in the Irrigan and Heppner communities.

Quite a number of new plans for farm buildings and equipment have been made available recently by Oregon State college agricultural engineering department. These plans available at this office are for such things as variable height loading chute, cattle stock, farm gates, cattle squeeze chute, cattle hay rack, breeding crate for hogs, farrowing stalls, farrowing house, self feeder for hogs and a pig production plant. These along with other plans available at the office provide quite a selection for those who are interested in building.

"Chats With Your Home Agent"

By ESTHER KIRMISS
I'm beginning to feel like a real "westerner" now — I've seen the Pendleton Round-Up! Since I first hit Morrow county in June everyone has told me that the Pendleton Round-Up is a must! My sister has been visiting me the past two weeks so I could think of no better introduction to the west than journeying over to Pendleton to take in the works- rodeo, Happy Canyon pageant, and Western Ho parade. We were both thrilled with it all and both

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the files of the Gazette Times
September 20, 1928
J D Cash of Walla Walla, accompanied by Mrs Cash and their two children, were Heppner visitors Sunday. Mr Cash, who will be in charge of the J C Penney Co store, to be opened in Heppner in March, was very favorably impressed with the appearance of our little city.

Just one week from today, next Thursday afternoon, the gates of Heppner's seventh annual Rodeo will be thrown wide with what president McNamer declares will be the opening of by far the best wild west exhibition ever attempted locally.

Election of officers was the principal matter of business at the regular meeting of Heppner Post No 87, American Legion, Monday evening. Earl Gilliam was elected commander, W E Moore, vice commander, Alva Jones, adjutant and Harold Cohn and Paul Gemmel members of executive committee.

L E Bisbee and family expect to leave the end of the week for Palo Alto, Calif where Orrin will enter Stanford University as a freshman at the beginning of fall term.

agreed that it was the Indians that gave the Round-Up its color. The Indian youngsters dressed in all their finery stole the show! It's amazing how naturally these young ones do the Indian dances. Traditions have not died even in this modern world.

It was also the first Round-Up for Marja Virkka, I F Y E exchange student from Kaustinen, Finland, who is a guest at the E M Baker home in Ione. Marja (pronounced Marie-a) has been with the Bakers since September 3rd. I visited her at the Baker's home last Wednesday and she really has become one of the Baker household. I found her dressed in a summer cotton and her bare feet thrust into thong sandals — she looked no different than any rancher's daughter in Morrow county. She has difficulty in speaking the English language, but understands it well if she is visiting with you alone or in a small group.

"Newspaper men talk too fast," says Marja. "I cannot keep up with them. If you talk slowly, I can understand."

I think she does remarkably well — I can well imagine what difficulty I would have if I were living with a Finnish family in her home country.

Marja visited the Boardman fair last Friday afternoon. We had a short program for the fair visitors when Marja showed a motion picture film on Finland and several slides of a fair in Finland. She appeared in her native costume—a red wool skirt with a white linen blouse and green linen apron. She remarked that these native costumes were worn for holidays such as "Mid-Summer Holiday", (June 21st), fairs, folk dances, etc.

"It's just like the cowboy clothes you wear to your rodeos," commented Marja.

I was surprised at the many fine exhibits at the Boardman fair. The fruit and vegetables, to me, were especially outstanding. There were over ten booths put up by 4-H clubs, extension units, grange, and church groups. You could surely see that several people had put in many hours of work to make the fair a success. The fair might be small, but it brings pride and satisfaction to the people of the Boardman and Irrigan communities.

Mr and Mrs Frank Ayers attended the recent state fair in Salem.

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MAY BE GOOD-BYE CONCRETE

Oregon highway commissioners and engineers want to know whether the cost of concrete paving, said to be decreasing in other states, can be brought down nearer that of the lower priced but shorter-lived asphalt surfacing.

At the conclusion of the State Highways commissions September meeting, Friday morning at the Capital, instructions were given Engineer W C Williams to call for bids for concrete surfacing of a new four-lane, seven-mile section of Pacific Highway between North Albany and Lebanon Road. The project is a test case to guide further surfacing decisions.

Williams reported that maintenance costs on the Salem-Portland freeway, paved with asphalt, are \$1,000 per mile per year, while there is virtually no maintenance cost with concrete for the first ten years.

The commission approved a \$195,767,429 budget for the 1959-1961 biennium, a \$15-million increase over the budget for the current biennium.

The commission decided to hold its next meetings in Salem Oct 22-23 and Dec 11-12.

LEGAL ATMOSPHERE?

Why is it that Willamette University Law School Students consistently lead in the percentage of graduates who pass the Oregon State Bar examinations each year—year after year?

Some esthetes are saying it could be the environs of the school that inspire the law-minded students. Its just across the street from the majestic Capitol and other harmonizing state government buildings. Local Democrats (some from the Capitol) are saying its the repute of the officials in the buildings that's inspiring. Republican retort is that the stately buildings do all the inspiring.

This year Willamette University Law School had a passing average of 85.3 percent. University of Oregon Law School had a 78.9 percentage of success. At Northwestern College of Law 55 percent passed.

DEMO CAMPAIGN STARTS

The Democratic pre-election campaign kicks off in Linn

Choice Beef Cuts To Drop in Price Until Late Fall

Narrow price spreads between hamburger and choice beef cuts may shrink even more during the next few months, reflecting livestock trends shaping up

County Friday Sept 19 when Congressman Charles O Porter of Eugene will visit several areas including Mill City, Lyons, Seio, Lacombe and others to be added to the agenda.

On Friday evening he will be joined in Albany by Senator Richard L Neuberger and both will give joint talks at the Albany Hotel at 9 p m. The next day Porter will appear at the Jane Jefferson pancake supper at Sweet Home between 6 and 8 p m. The congressman will speak after the supper at the CIO hall, the session will coincide with the monthly meeting of the Democratic women.

A forthcoming date will see the appearance of Senator Wayne L Morse in Linn County.

URGES MORE ARRESTS

More arrests in traffic accident investigations and greater use of chemical tests for intoxication were among recommendations made Wednesday to Oregon Traffic Safety Commission members by A P Bunderson, district director for National Safety Council.

Bunderson's remarks were based on analysis of 1957 traffic safety activities in Oregon. Also recommended was more manpower, for state police, traffic and highway engineering, driver licensing and Oregon Highway Lifesavers Committee.

Other recommendations included doubling the number of traffic safety films in the state library and encouraging their use, expansion of school driver training programs, traffic safety training for teachers and tests for driver license renewals.

NO JOBLESS PAY

The State Unemployment Commission ruled this week that more than 1800 Oregon members of the Teamsters Union will not be paid unemployment benefits.

The commission cited a law which denies benefits to workers involved in labor disputes. Trucking firms in 11 western states shut down after California teamsters struck several trucking firms.

The commission said the ruling has been made in individual cases, but that they can be appealed to commission referees.

throughout the country, reports W Y Fowler, Oregon State college livestock marketing specialist.

Cattle held for additional "finish" with relatively cheap feed this summer will soon be reaching market at considerably heavier weights than those sold last fall, Fowler says.

As a result, fed cattle prices are likely to drop to 1957 levels and remain there until late fall, bringing food buyers their lowest prices this year for choice beef cuts.

At the same time, cows and lower grade beef animals that supply most of the hamburger are being held back from market. Cows and heifers are being kept to build herds for what looks like another good year, Fowler says. This, along with abundant feed, will keep cows and calves high in relation to prices of fed cattle, he adds.

The recent decrease in cattle numbers appears due for a reversal, says the specialist. The recovery in cattle prices during the past 18 months, along with large supplies of grain and forage, seems to have set the stage for another build-up in herds.

Beef prices, generally, are likely to hold at present levels for the coming year as herd build-ups get underway. The specialist then looks for the price level to move upward in 1960-61 when the greatest "holding back" of cattle is likely to take place and when slaughter may be the lightest.

THE STAR THEATER IS PROUD to present THE PROUD REBEL, Technician story of a man, his boy and their dog, Sunday and Monday. All this, PLUS "Vapor Trails," marvelous color photography showing the acrobatic team of the Thunderbirds, in jets, doing tremendous gyrations—and Walt Disney Cartoon.

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