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Action-Packed Week-end in Store Here

Now that the best of Morrow county's agricultural produce and livestock have been on display and the 4-H and FFA clubs particularly have made a proud showing at the county fair, the scene changes here this week to action and entertainment. It looms as a very full week-end with plenty for everyone to do and see.

The Wranglers' horse show, which in reality is a part of the fair, will take the center of the stage Friday, and a great deal of hard work and planning has gone into its preparation. There are many horse lovers in the county, and the animals show the good breeding and grooming about which their owners are so painstakingly careful.

Saturday morning comes the excitement and fanfare of the street parade that will thrill adults and children alike. One fine thing about the events of fair and rodeo week is that the children and young people have so prominent a part. They have a major part in the fair, they have a great place in the parade, they take part in the horse show and even have some events in the rodeo.

Saturday afternoon the rip-roaring rodeo show opens, and it will be followed by a special show Saturday night. The rodeo dance will wind up a real big day.

Probably the events of Saturday will almost merge with those of Sunday for some, because those who attend the dance and who also work on the Wranglers' breakfast will get little sleep. The breakfast opens to the public at 7 a. m. Sunday.

The morning Sunday will be open, and everyone may attend church services before the rodeo program Sunday afternoon, completing the festivities.

It is good that Labor Day is coming up because those who have been so busy with events of the fair and rodeo period may well be exhausted.

—Then comes the rush of back to school on Tuesday! This must be one of the busiest week-ends of the year in Morrow county. Our gaily-bedecked town opens its doors to all, and invites everyone to join in the happy time.

We Vote to Stay With 3 Months Vacation

At this time of summer's waning, many a mother, distraught with her youngsters' walls of "What'll I do now, mother?," longingly anticipates her offspring's return to school.

Reflecting in this vein, J. W. Forrester, in his "Of Cabbages and Kings" column in the East Oregonian recently proposed that summer school vacation be cut from three months to two months.

He writes, "The length of vacation from school is a carry-over from a condition which either no longer exists in most communities or if it does exist is of far less importance than it once was."

He declares that although there was a time when children were depended upon to do farm work, machinery now has tended to displace this need. Another point made is that labor laws now are so stringent that young people are in fact cut out of working in many jobs. The column also ponders whether teachers need three months vacation.

"If a vote were taken," writes the columnist, "we think most children and their parents would say that one month of vacation was enough. But most teachers need more than that. They would settle, we think, for two months."

But vote of the Gazette-Times editor would be to stick with three months, for many reasons.

In the first place, we believe that in many sections of the state, labor of high school students, particularly, is vital to agriculture. Just in the valley a week ago, sound trucks were going around appealing for pickers in bean fields in the Salem area. Friends of our children in the valley will be working right up to the time school starts.

We know of many cases where school boards almost annually are petitioned to postpone school in the fall to get vegetable and fruit crops harvested. There are other cases in some years where berry growers seek to have children dismissed earlier in the spring in order to get into the strawberry fields.

A good many college youths need all the work they can get in the summer to keep going in the winter. A mere two months' "vacation" would be a real hardship for them with the high cost of higher education.

We'll agree that our child labor laws do restrict employment of young people, but we also think some of these provisions are ridiculous (which probably will await expounding for another editorial). We think the laws should be amended to be fair and consistent.

While mothers may get bored with long hours of children underfoot, we also know how bored both teachers and pupils get when the sun breaks through in springtime after a long winter in class. Another two or three weeks of trying to teach children with "spring fever" would threaten mass resignations of teachers. Some are about at their wits' end now by the end of May. Students would learn little and teachers would be distraught with longer sessions.

We seriously doubt, too, if our younger elementary pupils in the culture and society we have developed for them, are conditioned to stick out a longer school year. We know they do it in other countries but they have different systems, and their children perhaps are not used to some of the luxuries and privileges enjoyed by those in the United States.

Then how about family vacations? In a small plant, such as our newspaper, for instance, when one man is gone, the rest of the staff tries to fill in for him. Thus, only one may be gone at a time. Even with three months, it is hard to find enough available time for family vacations so that all may have their turn before school comes again, and there is an inevitable rush in August. We think this holds true in many small businesses.

We know of some school boards that are now putting teachers on 10 months actual service, staying a couple of weeks after school to take care of matters that need attention and coming two weeks early in the fall to take part in workshops, curriculum conferences, and planning meetings. Maybe this is a good thing, but school boards in their salary schedules now put quite a premium on advanced training and summer-time is the only time many of them have to get it. Cut their vacation to two months, and you either cut their time for further training or cut them out of any real vacation.—And a teacher does need a vacation after facing for nine months the same children that mothers are so happy to send them.

Forrester says he'd like to see some brave school board cut the summer to two months and offers to hold their coats. This indeed will have to be a brave school board, and we might be among those yipping at their heels, for we think the traditional three months is just fine.

Chaff and Chatter

By Wes Sherman

LITTLE CATHY Jo, now six, burst into the office the other day and interrupted her dad's typing with the question, "Daddy, is it just about Christmas?"

"This did stop us cold, and the malicious thought came that some TV performer, rushing the season, must have burst out with 'White Christmas' already."

We contained our thoughts and replied, "No, Christmas is a long time away."

Then came the long puzzled look. "Well," she pondered, "the flags are out all over the streets and stores."

So we explained that this is Rodeo week and that there will be fun at the big parade. That got us off the hook.

SOME OF those who had leading roles in the fair are a little bit concerned about how they can go about thanking all those who worked so hard to make the fair the fine success that it was. It seems as if it is an almost impossible job because of the large numbers involved.

It occurs to us that with the fair, the horse show, rodeo, Wranglers' breakfast, parade and all, just about everyone in the county shall have had some connection and some work to do.

So maybe the best thing to do would be for each person to turn to his neighbor and say, "Thank you for the good job on the fair and rodeo!"

WE ATTENDED a rodeo board meeting the other night and watched Floyd Jones, chairman, Max Barclay, secretary, John Eubanks, Bill Smethurst, Jack Loyd and Bob Steagall in action. They have all their plans in good shape and the rodeo should go off like clockwork.

Smethurst has spent a lot of time as chairman of the parade for years and everyone has admired how he has put the pieces together so well.

"No, I never know who or what is going to be in it until they show up just before the start," said he. "But when parade time comes, they're there. They always come from somewhere."

Bill says he wants to retire from the chairmanship this year, figures he's had it long enough. It appeared that the rest of the board might agree to this only if he would lend his experience in an honorary and advisory capacity.

THREE CHEERS for the Heppner High school band, and three more for the Riverside band. The Mustang band won first for A-2 schools at the Shrine game in Pendleton Saturday night, and Riverside (Boardman-Irrigon) took first for B schools. These are fine honors with which to start the school year.

Director Arnold Melby whipped his band into shape quickly here, and they are marching more spritely even before the start of school than many high school bands ever do by the end of the school year.

A good marching high school band can put a lot of pep into a community and do a lot of fine advertising for it. Heppner can surely be proud of its blue and gold clad kids.

IT IS SAID that when a bigger and better mousetrap is built,

an American will build it. We'll agree. We got caught on one of those "mousetraps" Sunday night.

The family decided to take a ride, got started late and went farther than expected. We went to Ukiah and continued on to La Grande, arriving there in the dark. Headed home, we came on to the new freeway now nearing completion between La Grande and Pendleton.

Only the two lanes that will carry eastbound traffic were open and this was temporarily used for two-way traffic.

However, going out of La Grande, we started fooling with the car radio and zipped out an exit to a little community before we realized we were off the freeway.

Then we floundered around in the dark trying to get back on without getting headed toward La Grande again. There were few signs to go by on the old highway, now a frontage road.

Finally we got back on the freeway, but found ourselves headed west on the lanes that were as yet unopened. Across the fence dividing the highway, traffic was going both directions on the eastbound lane.

We had no alternative but to proceed and gingerly moved ahead, waiting momentarily to drop into the chasm left by an uncompleted span, but we had no such trouble.

The funny part came, though, when a driver, also proceeding west but across the fence from us, noticed that car was moving up (us) on the westbound lanes.

He slowed down perceptibly, and we could read his mind. He undoubtedly was terrified with the idea that somehow he, too, should be on the side that we were, and that suddenly rounding one of those sweeping curves ahead would come speeding cars, two abreast, with no place for him to go. He probably figured that he had missed a sign directing him to the other side of the highway.

The last we saw of him as we forged ahead found him almost stopped, searching for a way to get across that fence. We left him floundering, as if torn between the impulse of trying to crash the fence or of turning around. We went merrily along until we found a spot where we

could ease across the fence. All the time we were in the wrong, but the other motorist took the mental punishment.

These freeways are wonderful, but a fellow surely can get mousetrapped on them, all right.

TO THE EDITOR . .

Dear Mr. Sherman:

The recent flood conditions in the lone and Heppner areas recalled the flood of 1903.

At that time my father, Joseph A. Woolery, lived in Lone. It is my understanding that he was given a gold-headed cane by the citizens of Lone in recognition of aid that he gave during the flood.

This cane is in possession of my sister, Velmaleta Woolery Dore, Hennepin, Illinois. The initials "J. A. W.", in script, are engraved on the top and under them is the inscription "Dec. 2, 1903."

We are wondering if any of your readers recall or have information with respect to the reason and occasion of the presentation of this cane. We would be very grateful for any information.

I look forward each week to reading your newsy and friendly paper with its wealth of locals, not only from Heppner, but Lone, Hardman and Monument. How and where else could I get this news?

Sincerely yours,
Josephine Woolery Conway
1880 Funston, Ave.,
San Francisco 16, Calif.

Dear Editor:

From our peculiar vantage point we have, over the years watched the transformation from a firetrap of an old building to the lovely combination library and museum that now replaces it. They, plus the well proportioned lawn, flowers and trees surrounding it do a much larger city honor.

We would like to express an "orchid" in print to those citizens who made it possible and to the staff who are so ably maintaining it.

The Bisbees

Dear Editor and Wife:

We want to thank you for mailing the paper to our address here at our summer home on the Metolius River. We looked forward to Saturday noon when we would receive the news from home and the county.

We are sorry to hear of so

many sad deaths, and to learn of the flash flood at Lone, sorry the Masons are so discouraged. It brings back the disaster we had at Lexington May 1925, a flash flood, many places were flooded with ours a general merchandise store (W. F. Barnett & Co.). At that time we had a large stock. We lost some \$15,000 and were out of business for 30 days trying to salvage what we could. A pile of lumber broke in our warehouse, filling the basement and flooding all of the store, in which the current was so strong it tipped over the show-cases and counters with most everything in them damaged, also furnace, scales, breaking out doors, and finally washing out much merchandise.

The only things untouched were on high shelves, those were propped back as soon as we could get in.

We had much help from many people, and all was appreciated. Much has been done to control water but this is something you cannot tell about, as it comes in a different way.

Hope the Masons will take courage and go ahead. We stayed in business 21 years afterwards but never fully recovered from this loss.

Yours truly,
Dona E. Barnett
Trannie B. Parker
Sisters and members of the firm.

County Assessor Oliver Creswick and family left Tuesday to attend the state county assessor's convention at Newport. They will remain at the coast when the convention ends Friday for a few days of fishing.

Whoops! Paper Errs With Wrong Outlines

All we can say is that we hope three winners at the 4-H Style Revue at the fair. Libby Van Schoiack, Penny Jones and Julie Pfeiffer, have a good sense of humor.

In the rush of getting out this post-fair and pre-rodeo edition of The Gazette-Times, we got the wrong outlines under the picture of these young ladies on page 11. The results are rather ludicrous. The error was not discovered until the whole section was run—too late to rectify the damage.

To partially make amends, we have run the girls' picture again in this section and ask their forgiveness for the error that came in a very hectic week.

Episcopal Church Sets Rodeo Barbecue

All Saints Episcopal church will stage its annual barbecue, held each year during rodeo time on the church lawn between 5 and 8 p. m. Saturday, it is announced.

Barbecue pit is dug in a vacant lot adjoining, and a full meal is served to the public during the benefit. The public may come any time during the three hours, and both adults and children may have all they can eat for the price of admission.

The barbecued beef will be the main course, but the "trimmings" will provide a full meal.

Rhea Grange to Serve Lunch at Horse Show

Those who wish to remain at the grounds during the Wranglers' horse show Friday may enjoy eating lunch there during the noon intermission.

The Rhea Creek Grange will serve dinner at the fair pavilion, it is announced, starting promptly at noon.

Mrs. Al Parent and two daughters, Eugene, are visiting this week with her family, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Anderson.

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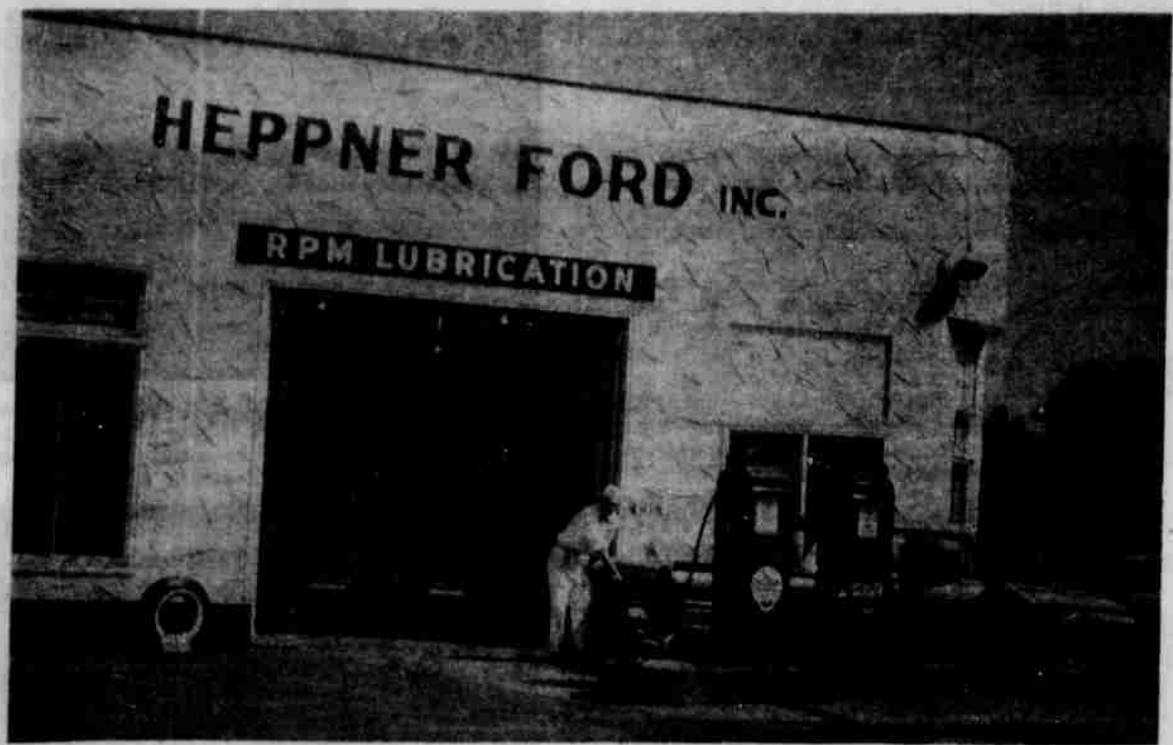
Clark Gable, Burt Lancaster. Repeat run of an excellent action film.

Starts 7:30. Feature break 8:55 at 10:30

Sun., Mon., September 3-4
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