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Prepare Welcome Mat for Fair, Rodeo

This summer our state is embarked in a special "Welcome to Oregon" campaign, particularly to greet the large number of tourists who visit our state as a part of their trips to the World's Fair, Morrow county, being somewhat off the beaten path, may feel a lesser role in this campaign, even though those visitors who take the time to come our way would be more than amply repaid for a visit to our wheat and cattle country, as well as to the mountain country that we enjoy to the south.

We offer a welcome change to peace and quiet for those who rub elbows with the huge crowds at the Fair and for those who may be confused and harassed from the hustle and bustle of the big cities.

Last week-end, for instance, a visitor from Portland spent some time with the publishers of the paper. We took a trip towards Hardman in the evening, and he particularly enjoyed getting out of the car at a high vantage point and looking at the stars shining brightly in the heavens with no intruding lights to confuse the view. This pleasure, something that Morrow natives probably take for granted, was particularly intriguing and enjoyable to this city dweller.

But with our fair and rodeo coming on, there is another reason to spread the Welcome Mat. The county has attractions in these events that outsiders can enjoy immensely. Now, with fair time just about five weeks away, we should be doing all that we can to spread the word to others.

The fair and rodeo boards have been busy with preparations, and the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce is setting up committees for the parade, picnic, queen's coronation and other responsibilities.

This year, it is hoped to do a better job on publicity to tell others just what good celebrations we put on here. Our good citizens now should invite their friends who are living elsewhere, and we should prepare for a hospitable greeting to all so that they may feel a true and friendly welcome to Morrow county.

This year's fair and rodeo, if advanced preparations are any indication, may well be one of the best on record.

After all, there is something about the sincerity, excitement and simplicity of a homespun celebration, with all its imperfections, that stands up well against the marvels and awe-inspiring attractions of a World's Fair when it comes to interest and enjoyment of those who witness it.

Every Morrow county citizen can help to boost our fair and rodeo, not only by his own participation, but by inviting others and cutting off a piece of that "Welcome to Oregon" mat as a "Welcome to Morrow County."

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THE GONTY family really has the system for vacations. The son, Ray and family, of Seattle comes here to stay in the house of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, while the Heppner family goes to Seattle to live in Ray's house for a week. In so doing, Mr. and Mrs. Ed, Doug and Tom, get to see the World's Fair, lodging free, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray and children set the stage for a vacation next week at Lehman Springs or wherever they wish to go to get away from the crowds of the big city.

Ray, a city policeman in Seattle, has some interesting sidelights on his work and the World's Fair hula-balo. The crowds invading Seattle make little difference in everyday living because, as he puts it, the city can absorb another 50,000 persons without hardly noticing it.

En route to Heppner they noticed that about every other car was from out of state, going over Snoqualmie pass to the Fair.

Ray seems to enjoy his work as a big city policeman. He has issued as many as 15 tickets in a three-hour period but has very few complaints.

His philosophy is that if you greet a traffic offender with a cheery "Good morning," and a smile, the greeting is returned in kind. But if the officer launches a tirade at the violator, he gets a hostile retaliation. For every ticket that Ray writes out,

he says that he lets two off the hook on the average, the theory being that many of the offenses are unintentional and that for many of the average citizens just being stopped is enough of an education to do better in the future. So, if you happen to buy a pair of shoes at Gonty's this week, you are probably assured of a hearty "Good morning," and no chance of being issued a ticket, even if the meter where your car is parked shows no time left.

DISCUSSION came on the floor of the Chamber of Commerce Monday about asking the rodeo board to discontinue the practice of giving each child in the parade a \$1 bill.

Some enthusiastic support for the change came from one of the members, Orville Cutsforth. Last year he had 24 grandchildren in the parade (almost enough, by the way, for a pretty fair parade by themselves). When the committee got around to them, the allotment of dollars was exhausted, and to save disappointment, grandad had to puntle up \$24 from his own pocket.

Tuesday night the rodeo board also discussed the matter, and it appears that this year the participants will get ice cream bars instead of dollar bills. The tradition was too costly and too many children were missed, bringing chagrin to them. Also,

too many kids jumped in the line of march without going to the trouble of fixing a float, decorating a bicycle or putting on a costume. There is some feeling, too, that it is not a sound practice to "buy" their participation.

This year, there will be many prizes for the kids, in addition to the ice cream bars to all. In other words, those who put forth the greatest effort will get the greatest reward, since the best in each division will win the prizes.

THE OTHER DAY we indulged in one of the day's favorite pastimes, discussing the national debt and taxes with someone. In the course of the chat, it was brought up that the federal government apparently now has a debt that has hit a trillion dollars, although probably no one can say for sure.

Pretty soon our electronic computers will be outmoded because they won't be able to cope with the astronomical figures fed in to them, and we'll have to come up with some other super device to reckon with our soaring obligations.

In a recent issue of "Your Taxes," published by Oregon Tax Research, is an article on "How Much is a Trillion Dollars?"

It points out that if a person spent money at the rate of \$1000 per minute, 8 hours a day, 40 hours a week, he could get rid of \$480,000 per day, \$2,400,000 per week or \$124,800,000 per year.

Foods Source of Ills For Picnickers

The advent of summer and its higher temperatures brought a warning today from the Oregon State Board of Health.

The board asked picnickers especially to be aware of the problem of transmitting food infections or poisonings. Even though the Oregon State Board of Health receives hundreds of food poisoning reports a year, hundreds more are apparently unreported.

Those who become afflicted suffer from a gastrointestinal upset and in some cases may become seriously ill. Symptoms generally include abdominal pain, cramps, diarrhea, and vom-

iting. Most people are aware that such foods as cream pastries and ham can cause food infection or poisoning if improperly handled, but they fail to realize that many other products, such as potato salad, rice cakes, and poultry also can be dangerous if not properly prepared and refrigerated.

The three best ways to prevent food poisoning or infection are: 1) keep everything coming in contact with food as clean as possible; 2) do not handle food with bare hands if you have even a small skin infection; and 3) keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold from the time of preparation to the time of serving.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER SWIMMING POOL
Open daily, except Mondays
Swimming lessons daily
from 9:00 a. m.

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, 8 p.m., Legion Hall
Always a Good Show!
This week "The Black Arrow,"
Plus cartoon, "Bathing Buddy."

Morrow County Rodeo
KICKOFF DANCE
For Queen Marlene and Her Court.

Saturday, July 14
Fair Pavilion

AMERICAN LEGION
FAMILY PICNIC
Sunday, July 15
Frank Hamlin Cabin
Meat Dish Furnished

DEGREE OF HONOR PICNIC
John Bergstrom Ranch
Sunday, 10 a.m., July 15

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We Extend Our Thanks To Our Many Patrons During Our Ownership of Mack's Cafe. We Have Sold Out To Mrs. Celestine Randall, Umatilla. She Began Here July 9, And We Hope You Will Continue To Give Her The Patronage Which We Have Enjoyed.

—Mr. and Mrs. Max McCormac

REMINDER!

Isn't there some one you should call? A visit back home — or just keeping in touch with folks you miss.

CALL TONIGHT!

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The Total Of This Call Amounts To About \$36,000

This is money that stays in our county --- Money that would have gone elsewhere and which you would never have benefitted from had you not patronized your own association.

The Capital Reserve Certificates issued represent shares of the 1949 crop earnings and are in addition to competitive cash returns received in that year.

-AL LAMB, Treasurer

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