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Morrow Puts Its Best Foot Forward

Morrow county puts its best foot forward at its annual fair. It is the time when its choice products are proudly displayed. Golden wheat comes fresh from the cutting, and big brawny steers are groomed with meticulous attention. Mother picks out her best jar of pickles, and after pondering over the best potes in her garden, gets them ready, too, for the big show.

For 4-H and FFA youth, fairtime is the highlight of the year. They test the best they have to offer in good sportsmanship with that of their neighbors. At the style revue, girls unveil the dresses they have made and they eagerly hope for blue ribbons, too, on their cooking, baking and canning.

There is little froth and foolishness at the Morrow county fair, but the thrills and excitement are there in abundance.

There's feverish work of preparation after weeks of anticipation, and next week comes the culmination. From the start on Tuesday, the program is packed with interesting events until the close on Friday.

One of the most popular spots will be the new "snack shack," sponsored by the 4-H council. The aroma of hotdogs and hamburgers will waft into many a nostril, and the temptation will be strong to the hungry crowds.

Start of the fair and rodeo festivities will be Saturday night on the main intersection when Queen Marlene will officially take her place as reigning royalty following coronation ceremonies. From that time on, with the fair coming next week—August 21 through 24; the Wranglers' horse show scheduled August 31; and the rodeo due September 1 and 2, there will be a calendar full of activity for Morrow county residents and friends who come to share the fun.

It's time to get in the spirit and join the crowds.

Umatilla Papers Mark Centennial

This is centennial year for neighboring Umatilla county, and their fair, August 15-18 at Hermiston, is geared to commemorate the event with special attractions in a jam-packed program.

In a unique venture on the occasion of the centennial and Century Fair, the six weeklies of Umatilla county joined in producing a 40-page tabloid historical supplement. Staffs of the papers—Hermiston Herald, Pilot Rock News, Umatilla Sun, Athena Press, Milton-Freewater Valley Herald, and Pendleton Record—pooled their labor, talents, skills and resources in producing the paper, and the supplement went out to their combined circulation of some 10,000 with last week's editions of the six papers.

Their unified effort was well done, and the finished product is a historical work that is not only absorbing to read but provides information worth keeping for future reference.

On this occasion of the Umatilla county centennial we extend congratulations to our neighboring county and also to the papers who are doing such a good job to herald it.

Casey Stengel's First Half-Century

"Casey Stengel has been in the major leagues 50 years this year," comments the Oregon Statesman, Salem, editorially.

That is a statement that, facetiously, can be interpreted two ways. "This year" undoubtedly seems like 50 years to Old Case with the drubbing his New York Mets have been taking, but, of course, the Statesman is referring to the venerable manager's long career, including his successful years at the head of the Yanks.

Casey no longer is in the limelight as he was as manager of the Yanks, but we doubt if he has lost any of the affection that many thousands of fans hold for him.

Even with their rather dismal first-year record in the National league, the New York Mets probably have more popularity in our part of the country than the Yanks have, although the Yanks still engender a great deal of respect as a fine ball club. Ralph Houk, successor to Stengel, is proving a capable manager, and this, with all due credit to Houk, is disappointing to many fans.

Quite a few would like to see the mighty Yanks toppled from their perch in the American league, and a great many are rooting for the Mets to pick themselves off the floor and come back with a sizzling team in the National loop.

Maybe it's just the American way of sympathizing with the underdog.

TO THE EDITOR...

Sir:

We have 2700 languages in the world, a wholly unnecessary burden on the schools, the students and the taxpayers. If we had a good grasp of our own language, for communication with our own people, and a world second language, for communication with others, that is all we need. The Colorado State Board of Education was moved by our language situation to recommend a universal language, for use throughout the world. Think of the tremendous saving to the taxpayer in money and to the schools in class rooms and teachers, which we need so badly.

We already have such a language, already spoken in over 60 countries, and growing steadily. We need only finish learning it, and it is easy to learn.

On Feb. 25, 1960, an American plane and a Brazilian, landing at Rio de Janeiro, collided and fell in the sea, with a loss of nearly 100 lives, due to language misunderstanding. With our rapidly increasing air travel, that danger too, is increasing. We cannot always be sure that the control towers know the language of all the pilots, or that the pilots know the language of all the towers.

They have a World Congress yearly (62 in Denmark and '65 in Japan). It lasts about a week, with over 2000 attendance, from about 40 countries, with all proceedings in Esperanto.

Russia formerly suppressed Esperanto, apparently hoping to make Russian the world language, but has now relaxed their restrictions and there are now about 1000 Esperantists in Gorky alone.

If you want more information about Esperanto, ask your li-

brary or write to us.
The Esperanto Club
Box 792, Placerville, Calif.
H. E. Dillinger

To The Editor:

Under Real Estate, Heppner Gazette-Times, Thursday August 2, 1962, appears ad: For Sale—Remodeled 3 bedroom home. Includes birth kitchen." Please, Mr. Sherman, WHAT is a birth kitchen? As one vitally, politically, actively interested in bringing about more liberal birth control laws I find such an ad no end disconcerting. A "birth kitchen" yet! When I'm fighting might and main to bring about a lessened interest in births of any kind.

The above paragraph is facetiously intended for your area. Believe me, the same is not true in this neck of the woods. Here one is all too aware of the menace of an ever exploding population. Since I longingly look forward to eventual retirement in the less inundated country of my birth, you can readily appreciate my chagrin upon reading such an ad.

I am not a misanthrope—not yet, anyway. Too many good and true friends in Morrow County deter me from succumbing to the appellation. The Troesons of lone, especially Verner and Margaret, who for many a year have gifted me with a weekly copy of The Heppner Gazette, (Elaine, I promise not to wait till Xmas to answer your grand letter.)

Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman, on the fine job you are doing as "new" owners of The Heppner Gazette-Times. I enclose a clipping from the Los Angeles Times revealing the good judgment of one Roy Craft, who retired from the hectic Hollywood scene to edit and publish the Skamania County Pioneer in Stevenson, Washington.

Mrs. S. (Inez E.) Pomerantz
16123 Cohasset St.
Van Nuys, California

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HEPPNER WINDOWS have blossomed forth again with colorful scenes of cowboys, broncs, bulldozing rodeo. The pictures are the work of Roy (Cowboy) Larson and his wife who did the same job last year.

They come without notice—appearing from nowhere. They whizz through the town painting the windows for any merchant who wishes to pay the nominal fee, and suddenly they are gone. We would venture that they went from here to Pendleton to do the same job for the Roundup there.

Their skill is admirable, and it doesn't take more than 30 minutes for any of the windows, even the most lavish jobs.

Larson, who hails from Oklahoma, is 55 years old and has been at this window painting work for more than 40 years. He claims to have painted more windows than anyone else in the world. The pair travel all over the country and for 35 years have painted western murals for the Madison Square Garden show.

ALSO WORKING to dress up the town for Fair and Rodeo are Vic Groshens and his men. They have been working like beavers on the streets. You can hear them rustling around sweeping and scraping in the early morning hours, even before the sun seems to be up very far. They have been painting new white crosswalks and parking stalls. The white, instead of yellow, conforms to the state system, which, in turn, conforms to the federal system. Oregon has always preferred yellow, but the federal government demands white on interstate highways.

TYPICAL of the feeling about the 4-H camp, recently concluded at Cutsforth, is that expressed by Mrs. James (Myra) Harper of Boardman in a letter to Esther Kirnis, home agent, written July 16.

"This is Monday eve, and I think Carol Anne has just about run out of 'what happened at camp.'" Mrs. Harper writes. "What fun! What meals! What hikes! Oh, golly—what fun!" Unquote.

"All I can say, is if the others had half the fun Carol Anne did, they had a wonderful time. I just couldn't pass the opportunity up to tell you what a large part you had in all this. So, maybe all the work and planning and preparation you had to do was worth it after all!"

"Thank you so much for giving Carol Anne the time of her life! Thank Yogi Bear (Joe Hay), too. I guess he was the hit of the party! With much gratitude to you both, Myra Harper."

WE GET some 40 weekly papers from around the state as exchanges and enjoy reading them at odd moments. Noticed a column by Giles French of Moro in the Sherman County Journal, chiding L. H. (Lair Hill) Gregory, sports editor of the Oregonian, for saying that he (Gregory) would not dare walk through the Deschutes valley even though clad in all kinds of protective wear against rattlesnakes.

"As one whose first lesson on the outdoors consisted of instruction about what to do at the sight of a snake," quoth French, "and who has been stopped in his tracks by innumerable lizards and whose heart has fluttered by the sound of dried sun-

flower day after day, let us say that Greg could walk the entire length of the Deschutes barefooted with less danger than he would encounter by stepping out on the streets of Portland after dark. When it comes to snakes, give us the rattling kind."

Then in The Dalles Optimist, George Lindsay commented on French's remarks, saying, "Well put, Giles."

Lindsay, writing in his Barbed Wire column, mentioned the recent incident in Horse Heaven country, which he says is reputed to have more rattlesnakes per square yard than anywhere, where a young chap out coyote hunting got bit by a rattlesnake on the calf of the leg. Not having a knife, he shot a hole in the calf of the leg to induce bleeding.

"Before anyone else tries this," George advised, "we'd suggest it has hazards, mainly those induced if bullet is soft or hollow-pointed. Then it would result in a major wound."

All of which points up the fact that, regardless of how the wheat crop turns out, this seems to be a bumper year for snakes. Martha Matteson reported a man getting bitten near Monument while working in his yard, and we notice another story in Hal Schiltz' Myrtle Creek Mail about a couple of men killing a 36-inch rattlesnake there.

Ed Gonty said that someone

saw a rattler back of his place on the hill just west of Heppner earlier this summer, and he clamped the lid on the kids going up there to play.

It is common knowledge that the rattlers are in pretty good abundance up on Rock Creek, and they tell us that others are located on Hinton Creek. But Nels Anderson, who has been in the county 12 or 13 years and gets around probably as much as anyone, says that he has yet to see his first rattler in the county, although he knows they're here.

When we taught school at Elkton in 1938-39, the populace used to organize when weather got warm in the spring and went out on rattler-killing parties. They would get several hundred snakes in one spot in a crack in the rocks. Among the few who DIDN'T participate on those hunts was W. Sherman, who is pretty much on the side of L. H. Gregory in this interchange between French and Lindsay.

ONCE TRAVELING between Mountain Home and Bliss in Idaho, we stopped to rest and sauntered across the sagebrush. Accidentally kicked against some brush and heard a noise like seeds rustling in hollow pods. Looked down and there was a menacing rattler at our feet.

If Bill Collins had been there to watch us clear out, he would have sworn that the object he saw skittering over the brush would beat the one he spotted in the heavens last week. We never bothered to touch first base in getting back to the car for sure.

Used to get a charge reading some of the episodes of the late great war correspondent, Ernie Pyle, about his fear of snakes.

July Bond Sales Top \$18,000 Here

"Sales of Treasury Department Series E and H Savings Bonds in Morrow county for the month of July amounted to \$18,771," it was announced today by County Savings Bonds Chairman Jack Bedford. "The sales total for all of Oregon last month was \$2,702,306," the county chairman said.

"Since the first of the year, sales of small denomination Bonds have increased throughout the Nation. During the first quarter, for example, small denominations accounted for 57% of the National sales of \$1.2 billion. It is believed that at least part of this increase is attributable to the growing number of persons who use the Payroll Savings Plan for buying savings Bonds at the plants where they work."

He could stand the worst combat, but a garter snake would send him ki-yiling.

Good old Oregon, which is pretty much free of pestiferous things, seems to be getting pretty well populated with rattlers, wherever you go. Stayton, just west of Salem, from whence we came, had its Rattlesnake Hill where they are reputed to be in abundance.

But we have been an Oregonian all of our lives, and to this date, the cool, non-speaking relationship between us and rattlers still stands. We've had none come to visit, and we haven't gone out to call on them.

And we'd just as soon that it would stay that way.

Hunters Reminded Of Elk Deadline

Oregon elk hunters are reminded by the game commission that they have only until 5 p. m. August 29 to file applications for the permit elk hunts. The public drawing is scheduled for 10 a. m. September 7.

Applications for the elk permit hunts may be obtained at license dealers with the purchase of the general season elk tag. This application contains the same serial number as the tag and becomes a unit permit when validated by the commission. The individual may file application for only one elk permit. Successful applicants for antlerless permits last year are not eligible to apply this year.

As announced earlier, no general elk season will be held in the Catsop, Wilson and Trask units on the north coast, and in the Douglas and Suislaw units in southern Oregon. Bull elk hunts in these units will be on a permit basis only, and hunters must possess an elk permit for that unit and an unused elk tag.

Any hunter who applies for, but does not receive, an elk permit in units where no general season will be held is eligible for a refund by presenting his elk tag to the game commission. Applications for refund will not be accepted after September 27, 1962.

Who wishes to give himself an abundance of trouble, let him equip these two things: A ship and a woman. No two things involve more bother for neither is ever sufficiently adorned.

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and QUEEN CORONATION
Saturday, August 18
Downtown Heppner
Festivities start, 7:00 p.m.

Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Dance
For Queen Marlene Fetsch
Saturday, August 18
Fair Pavilion, Heppner

COME TO THE FAIR!
Back our 4-H clubs with your attendance and participation.
Tuesday, August 21, thru Friday, August 24.

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