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Welcome to the Cow Cutters

One of the interesting events in Heppner in springtime is the Wranglers' Cow Cutting event, fourth annual staging of which will be Saturday and Sunday at the fairgrounds.

This is an attraction for riders from all over Washington, Oregon and Idaho and will bring a goodly number of visitors to town for the week-end. We extend a welcome to them and hope that they will enjoy their stay here. Our citizenry should go out of its way to extend them hospitality.

There are divisions for all ages of cutters, both men and women, in this approved meet. Adding excitement and interest are barrel racing and team roping, the latter for Wranglers only.

Indications are that this year's event will draw one of the largest fields in the 4-year history of the spring meet. Wranglers are to be congratulated in their promotion of the cow cutting contests and should receive the full cooperation from townspeople and businessmen.

Heppner has a busy spring schedule lined up. Last week-end found the town bustling with activity with students from a wide area here for the Heppner Invitational track meet, and kiddies converging for the Elks' Easter egg hunts. On the week-end of April 26-27 will be the merchants' Spring Festival with novel events planned under the leadership of Randall Peterson, chairman of the merchants' committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the ever-enjoyable Band Carnival on the evening of the 27th.

Snow is flying at this writing, but Old Man Weather was kind enough to abstain from his capricious fling for the track meet and egg hunts Saturday. It is hoped that he will be as considerate on the coming week-end for the cow cutters and on the ensuing week-end for Spring Festival events.

It's a busy time for our town—this springtime—and those of all ages have entertainment a plenty in the offing. May all visitors take home pleasant thoughts of Heppner while our home folks are having a good time too!

Another Little Reminder

Occasionally we feel it necessary to remind the many persons and organizations who want notices, announcements and writeups in the paper that we need to have these as early as possible. We know everyone tries to be considerate on this point, but lately a good many have been slipping again, and we find ourselves submerged on Wednesdays (at an especially busy time of the year) with a late influx of copy.

We try not to set hard and fast deadlines, but we do appreciate it when folks tell us about their news or submit their written items at the earliest possible time. Our linotype oper-

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

SNOW CONTINUING into mid-April could bring wide repercussions on the news, turning things topsy turvy. For instance, high school athletes might add another event at their track meets—the snowball throw. Ken Peck, foremost ski enthusiast, might announce that the '63-'64 skiing season is starting earliest on record—in April—and start hauling his equipment out to the mothballs. The Hallmark Card Company might be in a frenzy of preparation, thinking the Christmas season is at hand and no new designs ready for the market. Flights of ducks nonchalantly heading northward might be thrown into abject confusion and Flight Leader Quack Mallard might be unjustly ostracized by his fellow quackers for getting his dates "fowled" up. Trout lure manufacturers might come out with a snowflake fly on the theory that the trout at season's opening Saturday will think that the swirling flakes are some kind of a brand new spring hatch of bugs. Randall Peterson, chairman of the Merchants Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, may at this moment be attempting to decide whether he shouldn't change the name of the forthcoming Spring Festival to Winter Carnival.

In the meantime, while the yellow daffodils are turning blue with the cold, we'll turn our attention to, something else. WHEN WE installed our big press recently, we thought surely we had cured the infestation of those pestiferous little gremlins that get into the type and mix letters, turn lines upside down and so on. But apparently the boys at Woodburn didn't fumigate it before it left there. Last week, one of the gremlins climbed into Rev. Mel Dixon's Easter message and made "anesthetics" out of the word "aesthetics." It came out in print, "Easter is more than anesthetics; it is dynamics!" But the reverend didn't feel too badly about it. Probably quite a few persons use Easter as an anesthetic anyway—to deaden their religious consciences by attending church for the only time during the year.

IF A FELLOW only read the sports pages, he would have no way of telling this is a year later than the same time last year. The New York Yanks are

right back at the top of the American league, and the New York Mets are buried deep in the cellar of the National.

WHAT NEXT DEPT? Report from the State Department of Agriculture states that latest fad among women is wearing live beetles from Mexico as jewelry. The ladies fasten chains on the bugs and they crawl around as living ornaments. Two species most commonly used for the "brooches" are the Megazopherus chillensis and Zopherus holdemani, the release said. They are said to feed on wood and have small jewels glued to their backs.

So far none are believed to be in Oregon, and it is to be hoped that none of our female population goes "buggy" enough to spread the fad here. The Dept. of Agriculture says introduction of these new species of pests could result in thousands of dollars in losses to farmers and consumers. Indeed, with the bugs fond of wood, they could literally eat milady out of her house and home.

FROM SCOTT LAMB, information director of the Farm Bureau, comes a release about a 40-hour week for agriculture being considered by the state legislature.

"Such a plan leads one to reflect on the results of such a law on, say, a cattle operation in eastern Oregon," Lamb writes.

"Come round-up time and the foreman gathers his wranglers around the chuck wagon at 8 a.m. where each punches in on a battery-powered time clock before saddling up for the day. At 10 a.m. the search for strays is halted while a 15-minute coffee break is prepared over a sagebrush fire. At noon there is a charge for the chuck wagon again, to punch out for the noon hour. Again, a coffee break in the afternoon and checkout time is 5 p.m. to avoid payment of overtime.

"Come branding time, things would really be thrown into an uproar. Jurisdictional rows might occur over who was to do the roping, holding and branding. We might even visualize the following conversation between two cowboys:

"Cowboy No. 1: 'Ah hates t' bring this up, ol' hoss, but mah card an' rate o' pay suggests Ah'm th' one who runs the electric brandin' iron. Ah hap-

pen cannot get everything through the machine when a substantial part comes in late.

So—in order that you may not be disappointed in having something left out, and to save us some grey hairs and additional night work, will you tell us—or send us—your material early in the week.

pens t' be th' only electrician in th' crew, an' Ah don't aim t' turn this job over t' scab labor.'

"Cowboy No. 2: 'Yeah, but you ain't got a wrangler permit an' statute number 1368.004 says nobody can run an iron what ain't already qualified an' a member of th' wranglers union. If'n you tetch that iron, us wranglers is goin' t' throw up a picket line aroun' this here brandin' area.'

"Western TV. shows would take on a new twist, and the U.S. Marshal would be spending all his time rounding up and settling labor disputes instead of chasing badmen.

"The rancher would be spending most of his time with his personnel manager and IBM machines, trying to hold down overtime and settling jurisdictional disputes with arbitration boards.

"In the meantime the cattle would go hungry and the rancher's wife and children would spend their time carrying water and moving the cattle to new pastures.

"The 40-hour week would sure louse up the west, and the east, too, but there would be one gratifying repercussion. There would be plenty of horse meat on the market since no self-respecting law would allow employees to ride horses during inclement weather."

Iris Miller Dies In Hospital Here

Iris Miller, 75, died Saturday in Pioneer Memorial hospital. Funeral services were Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Lexington Christian church with the Rev. Walter Smith officiating. Vocalist was Mrs. Vernon Munkers, accompanied by Mrs. C. C. Carmichael. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery, Lexington.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob L. Miller, she was born July 23, 1887, at Huntington, W. Va. For the past 23 years she had lived with a sister, Norma Marquardt, at Lexington.

Miss Miller was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Besides the sister she is survived by a brother, Claude L. Miller, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Coming from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Messenger, Mrs. Flossie Coats and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie, all of Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. David Eckman and family were week-end guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Burgess in Newberg.

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad. Minimum charge, 50c per insertion.

TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Editor:

A writer of a recent letter to your paper acidly comments upon the proposed trip of Judge Peterson and Mr. Oliver Creswick to Washington D. C. to work in behalf of the Willow Creek Dam project. We have complete faith in the integrity and ability of these gentlemen to adequately present the merits of this proposal. We also feel that this is a non-partisan project and deserves the support of all citizens in this area regardless of their political affiliation. We pledge our support to the successful completion of the Willow Creek Dam.

We would also like to thank our friends who have called, affirming their support on our behalf.

P. S. Representatives of the State Highway Commission have unofficially indicated that the bridge at the North end of Main Street in Heppner is due to be widened during the coming fiscal year.

Very sincerely,
Al Lamb
Robert Van Houtte

To the Editor:

Dear Mr. Sherman: Have acknowledged your timely article in the Gazette-Times and wish to thank you very much. I am sure you share in our thoughts that fire is man's most destructive waste. It is hoped that through newspapers like yours and other media such as radio, T.V., and certainly the Keep Oregon Green Association that fire prevention will become known to all.

Fire is a good worker but a poor boss, so let's hope we can all be a boss.

Again thanking you very much.

Very truly yours,
M. E. Crawford,
District Warden
By Henry W. Dahill
Unit Forest Warden, Fossil
State Department of Forestry

Livestock Club Meets

The Ione Livestock 4-H club held a meeting at the Herbert Ekstrom Sr. home on April 7. There were 17 present. Rolly Ekstrom gave a demonstration on beef showmanship, and Steve Lindstrom also gave a demonstration on sheep showmanship. We have a new member, Herbert Ekstrom. We discussed the tour we are going to have in the summer. The next meeting will be at the John Proudfoot home. We will study safety and will have a film on character building.

Charles Nelson, reporter

Ex-Resident Dies; Services at Everett

Memorial services for Mrs. Opal Merritt, 42, were held at Toppenish, Wn., Saturday, April 13, following her death in that city on April 10.

Graveside services and burial were at Cypress Lawn cemetery, Everett, Wn. Mrs. Merritt was born in Portland December 1, 1920. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sabin Hastings, were formerly of Hardman where she lived a part of her early life.

Surviving are the husband, Glen, who formerly worked for Kinzua Corporation and for Vic Lovgren here; one son, Allen; the parents; and four sisters.

Attending the funeral from Heppner were Mrs. Owen Leathers, Jr., Mrs. Owen Leathers, Sr., Mrs. Carey Hastings, Mrs. Larry Cook, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl McDaniel.



Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, April 19 8 p.m.
Main feature: "The Maze"
Plus 3 short subjects:
"Crocodile Thrills," "Ten Fathoms Deep," "Thrill Makers" and cartoon.

High School Elks Party
Dance and party for all high school students in the community.
Friday, April 19, 7:30-11 p.m.
Elks Temple, Heppner

WRANGLERS
COW CUTTING CONTEST
Saturday, April 20, 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 21, 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
County Fairgrounds
No Admission

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
On County School Budget
Monday, April 22
2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

BAND CARNIVAL
Fair Pavilion Bldg., Sat., Apr. 27. Full evening of fun, starting at 5:30 p.m.

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