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A Few Good Reasons to Shop at Home

Whenever merchants get together, a topic that will come up sooner or later is catalogs and how to combat them. In the old days of poor roads and slow transportation when people didn't get to town often, mail order houses filled an important need. But in these times when most people can get to town most any week they wish, that need is gone. The practice, however, continues to the detriment of every farming community, large and small.

The only reason mail order houses can stay in business is because they make people think that they save money. But when all matters are taken into consideration, mail order firms do not sell for less. That is right. There is no saving even if the mail order price, plus your time, postage and freight are less than the local merchant's price.

Here is one reason why: Mail order houses pay no state, county, city or school taxes. Home town merchants do pay these taxes through property, franchise, income and other levies. If hometown sales drop, there is a decrease in their ability to pay, which means that the rest of the residents in their community must pay more.

Here's another reason: Every time residents of a community go to the catalog or out of their community to buy something that could be purchased locally, they are reducing the inventory of stock and confidence in their community. Carried to the ultimate, should everything be purchased by mail or out-of-town, there'd be no hometown for you.

You draw dividends from every business enterprise in your community because trade builds communities with better opportunities, better schools, churches, and neighbors. There are many hidden values when you buy at home. . . . There are no such hidden values in a mail order catalog.

—The Neligh (Nebraska) News

TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:
Dear Wes:

Thanks for the nice manner in which you treated my "flood" story. No doubt our newer generations may tire a bit of having so much of the legendary thrust upon them but to the very oldsters the memories of former days remain so vivid.

Would point out that the great Fireman's Convention and Hose Cart Tournament was held in Heppner in early summer of 1902, bringing representatives from Dayton, Waltsburg and Walla Walla, Pendleton, The Dalles, Ione, Lexington, Condon and Fossil among others. Definitely it was not held in 1903 and the decorations on the Tom Ayers residence were in 1902—not 1903 as stated in the Oregonian of June 9, 1963. A remarkable panoramic photograph taken by Leonard Akers and now on display in the Heppner Museum, showing a street scene of convention activities, clearly defines the old Belvedere Saloon on the corner of Main and Willow, site of the present Humphreys building, which was erected in the months following the Fireman's Convention, and its upstairs opera house served as an emergency station for bodies recovered in the flood after the early hours following the cloudburst proved the lobby of the old First National Bank to be inadequate for that purpose.

As to the "fictional" ban on the Chinese—that's a new one on me. We must remember that practically all of the Chinese population was wiped out in the flood and many of the Chinese victims remained unidentified. Surely, if there ever was an official edict banning the Chinese from Heppner following the Ah Ling affair as related by the Oregonian and partially corroborated by former townsman O. M. Yeager, it could not have been in effect very long.

Eddie Chinn came to Heppner not too long after the flood and the Ah Ling murder case, to take over his uncle Ben's restaurant, his uncle having previously succeeded to the ownership of the Elkhorn Restaurant from the notorious Gonglane. I may add that Eddie, who was one of God's gentlemen, had several Chinese "boys" working for him in the restaurant.

The late E. M. Shutt was the Morrow county Sheriff who trailed and captured the Chinaman who was landed in the county jail and who later hung himself from the bars of the jail cage. The body, still hanging from the cell, was photographed by the late Bert Sigbee and there are no doubt some of these pictures still extant. Sheriff Shutt "ran his man to earth" as it were, when he captured him at gun's point in an office of a building somewhere in the depths of Grant county (not in "Eightmile" country as Mr. Yeager relates).

And here is a real twist—the prisoner hung himself for money—what a needless sacrifice. Otherwise the Oregonian and Yeager accounts may contain some degree of fact. Anyway, it makes charming and intriguing reading at this late date. Nothing like adding lots of glamour to the Old West. Otherwise it might have been quite

dull and in too many cases, very boring. I do hope my native City of Heppner has now released and is permitting "the heathen Chinese" to once again enter its sacred portals. Ha ha. Sincerely,
Art Crawford

Buchanan on Coontz

Robert J. Buchanan, gunner's mate second class, USN, son of Charles A. Buchanan of Lexington, is serving aboard the guided missile frigate USS Coontz, a Pacific Fleet unit which recently participated in First Fleet exercises off the coast of California during the President's two-day visit June 6-7. The operations included amphibious/mine warfare demonstrations, anti-air warfare exercises involving the attack aircraft carriers USS Oriskany and Kitty Hawk, missile demonstrations, and anti-submarine exercises. The Coontz is homeported at San Diego, Calif.

Hope to Hold Meet

On Sunday, June 23, Hope Lutheran Church will hold its semi-annual meeting following the 11:00 worship service. All members are urged to attend to discuss important items with regard to future projects and activities.

Pie Social Set For Election Time

An old-fashioned pie social is being sponsored by the Heppner PTA during the time of the school election Saturday in the Heppner High school cafeteria between the hours of 2 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Ray Massey is chairman of the event, assisted by Mrs. Alec Adams. They will offer pie, 25c; sundaes, 20c; pie a la mode, 25c; cake and ice cream, 25c; ice cream cones, 10c; and will also have coffee and soft drinks for the youngsters. Several ice cream flavors will be available and all items go on sale at 2 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Room mothers will solicit for the pies and cakes from school parents. Proceeds from the sale will be used for college scholarships and other PTA projects.

Two Climb Mountain

Tom Hughes and Bob Jepsen, Ione, Sunday accompanied Bob Abrams to Mt. St. Helens, Wn. where Hughes and Jepsen joined a group of 50 climbers to scale the mountain. The three left here Saturday via Portland and up Lewis river to the base of the mountain. All of the group attained the top, arriving there at about 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning, going through crusted snow all the way. The mountain height is 9,700 ft. On their way home Sunday they stopped in Portland at the home of Abrams parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Abrams.

Get restaurant guest checks and salesbooks, both carbonized and non-carbonized, at the Gazette-Times.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

ONCE WAS a movie made, "Bad Day at Black Rock." Could have been another made Saturday, "Bad Luck at Lex," for it seemed as if everything was going wrong down there. Strangely enough, the same doctor was called for most all the cases. It isn't quite ethical to mention the M.D.'s name, but he is the same fellow who was trying to umpire at Little League games in Heppner.

First, two youngsters fell out of a swing at the Leonard Munkers place, Greggie Paul Davidson and Linda Kay Van Winkle. The boy had some stitches taken to close up a gash in his head, and the girl seemed to be okay until later when she became ill and had to have the doctor, too.

Ken Jones, 16, was fishing on the same day and stepped from behind a tree just as Valda Irvin, a visiting cousin, tossed a big rock. The rock clobbered Ken on the head, and he developed a real goose egg on the noggin that brought the doctor out again.

Most serious accident, by far, though, was the one that involved Ralph Piper in a one-car accident just out of Lex on the same afternoon. His auto was demolished and he was seriously injured.

They can well say in Lexington that when it rains, it pours.

HEPPNER'S FLOOD of 1903 not only proved a tragedy for the closely related French, Gurdane and Briggs families, but ever since, years ending in "3" have brought sadness, Opal Briggs relates.

Grandmother French lost three in the flood, her older daughter, Mrs. Luella Gurdane (Aunt Ella the family called her), and two nieces, Florence French and Eunice Briggs (the latter sister of Opal's).

Since then, in every year ending in "3" with the exception of the year of the "double 3"—1933—someone in the family has died. In 1913, Grandmother French's oldest son, Marquis French, passed away. In 1923, Grandmother French went. The year 1933 was merciful, but in 1943 Millard French died, and in 1953, the great grandson, or the first one of the Taylor family, Robert Ray Taylor, was called by death.

The year 1963 is nearly half gone and no one has passed away in the family line this year. Perhaps this year will follow 1933.

ONCE IN the days of yore a doctor friend, Dr. LeRoy Casey (no relation to TV's Ben) and the writer decided to take their sons on a fishing jaunt to Detroit Reservoir. For Jim Sherman, it was his first trip, and with high excitement and gusto he related on the way to the dam how he would land the trout right and left.

The doctor's somewhat older and wiser youngster, whom we called, "John Dr. Casey," was a trifle irritated at Jim's bravado.

He regarded the junior lad with solemn eye and impassive face. "Fishing," he admonished, "is not all just push pull. How right he was.

For some odd reason this comes to mind when we think about the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo court winning first place in their division in the Rose Parade in Portland Saturday. It wasn't just "push-pull" as John Dr. Casey would have said.

It was a big job to get the



Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, June 21, 8 p.m.
"World for Ransom," starring Dan Duryea and Jean Lockhart.

PIE, ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Sponsored by Heppner PTA.
Election Day, June 22, during election hours 2 to 8 p.m. High school cafeteria. Pies, sundaes, pie a la mode, cake, ice cream, ice cream cones, coffee, soft drinks.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!
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Camping Season Calls for Family Planning Ahead

By ESTHER KIRMIS

Camping season is upon us and we're heading for county camps like Cutsforth Park or Bull Prairie; state parks national forest camps, or national parks. How much planning ahead of time should spell the difference between a relaxing trip out-of-doors or uncomfortable makeshift living.

For many families the planning ahead and selecting camping equipment and supplies can be almost as much fun as camping. First make a list of all the equipment that might be needed to take your family camping. Divide the list into convenient sections such as (1) shelter, (2) sleeping, (3) campsite essentials, (4) cooking, (5) dining (6) cleanup, (7) clothing, (8) toilet gear, (9) first aid, and (10) recreation.

There are several advantages to making a list. This will give an opportunity for each member of the family to check it over and see if each item is really necessary before trying to pack it all. As packing is done the list can be checked to be sure that no essential is left at home. Packing should be done so that shelter, sleeping and cooking gear are put on last. In this way they can be the first items unpacked in setting up camp. If non-essentials are packed on top of the shelter gear it will mean much confusion in unpacking and setting up camp, and in a rain might mean the difference between comfort and misery.

If you have not camped before, it would be a good idea to pack your car or trailer and spend one or two nights at a nearby camp area. This "shake-down camp" should give you valuable experience in learning both what items are really essential and how best to pack and use them. For beginning campers it might be a good idea to rent all large pieces of equipment for the first camp or two, to see if this really meets your family's needs. Many places will permit you to use the rental fee as the down payment if you decide to buy.

Other types of pre-camp preparation include: Car insurance—check especially if you are going to Mexico or Canada.

Trailer insurance—some parts of your car insurance do not apply to trailers.

Insurance on vacation equipment—especially camera, gun, outdoor motor, boat, or other special gear. Fishing or hunting licenses. Fire permit, needed in certain areas.

Saturday evening Lincoln Nash accompanied Lyle Jensen to Portland. The Dean Connors joined them at the Parson home in Portland on Sunday. The Connors and Nashes returned home Sunday and the Lyle Jensen family drove home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Hughes and sons, Scott and Richard, McMinnville, were 3-day visitors with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Hughes, last week.

Health checkups for family. Car safety check. Special gear for car or camp such as fire extinguisher, road flares, tow rope or chain, extra tools, fuses for car lights, gasoline can, folding shovel, gunny sack, axle or jack, wedge for wheels (to keep car from rolling) and electric lantern with red light.

Before leaving home check all electrical equipment, close all doors to keep down drafts and possibility of fire spreading, alert neighbors and police to keep an eye on the house to prevent burglary or vandalism. Jessalee Mallalieu, OSU recreation specialist, has put out a fine bulletin called "Family Camping." In it she has information about pre-camp plans (mentioned there), sleeping bags, cooking equipment, tents, first aid supplies, clothing, and recreation. If you'd like one call 676-9642 or write the county agent's office, Heppner.

Church Activities Reported at Meeting

June meeting of the Maranatha club of the Ione Community church was held last Wednesday at the Wate Crawford home, with 12 members and four guests attending. Mrs. Crawford and Mrs. Dale Ray were co-hostesses.

Guests were Mrs. Cleo Drake, Mrs. Ruth Benson, Mrs. Ronald Bishop and Mrs. Walter Crowell, wife of the new minister.

A report of the auction and barbecue on Saturday, June 8, was read. All appreciated the untiring work of Ione residents and help by nearby towns in helping to make the event a success.

During the month of May the younger group hired themselves out as slaves to earn money to send some of their members to Camp Adams for summer camp. A total of \$67.52 was reported earned.

Mrs. E. M. Baker explained the new working program of the Women's Fellowship, naming the three departments of work—worship, study and service. The new program covers material regarding friendly service; stewardship and woman's gift; Christian service; missionary education; evangelism and spiritual education, and Christian education and family life.

The July meeting will be held at the church parsonage, with Mrs. Crowell as hostess. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

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