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Come to Morrow Today!

Communities throughout the state of Oregon this summer have been cooperating with the state's Welcome to Oregon committee to encourage tourism and boost their various localities.

Through the efforts of Fred Gimbel, Morrow county chairman of Welcome to Oregon, Morrow county's summer effort is culminated in this issue of the Gazette-Times with the special section on Welcome to Morrow County. Support and sponsorship of merchants and organizations of the county has made the section possible, and it is hoped that it will give some information of interest to friends and relatives of county residents that might attract them here for more frequent visits. It is further hoped that it will bring new friends who may be intrigued with Morrow county and what it has to offer.

The slogan for this current effort is "Come to Morrow Today," and this could be emphasized by residents when they contact others to come for visits. From two pages of the supplement in this paper, brochures will be printed for free distribution and they may be obtained from any of the sponsors or from Gimbel. The brochures will be so designed that they can be mailed easily, and the home folks are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to spread the good word about Morrow county.

Statewide, the emphasis this year is "Stay and Play Another Day." If every tourist would stay one more day when he comes to Oregon on a vacation, the total economic effect would be astounding, and that is what the committee knows.

It would seem a little crass to say that we are interested in visits only for the money that tourists would leave. Such is not the case. It is nice to have friends and relatives come so that residents may share with them the pride that the home folks have in the county.

A tourist to the state of Oregon cannot say that he has truly seen the state until he has visited Morrow county, because there are scenic attractions and other features here that are unique to this part of the state. Morrow county, despite all its other virtues, has not done a good job of heralding its own virtues and many tourists plying highway 30 zip right by without realizing what a vast and beautiful country lies just to the south.

Residents are urged to extend their hands and give warm welcomes to those who come to visit. This is probably a needless admonition for friendliness and hospitality are traditional in Morrow county.

But in correspondence and contact with those elsewhere, extend the invitation, "Come to Morrow Today!"

How About a New Heavyweight Category?

Man, through a natural evolution process, seems to be gaining in stature all the time. Statistics will show that the average male is an inch or two taller than was the average perhaps 50 years ago.

Basketball teams are taller. Players 6-9 and 6-10 on college teams are not uncommon. An owner of a bicycle shop told us the other day that bike manufacturers are coming out with taller and bigger bicycles because the youngsters who ride them are getting bigger for their ages.

New records are being set in sports all the time as man learns to use his increasing larger physical frame to better advantage. Once was a time, for instance, that the four-minute mile was deemed an impossibility. Now athletes break four minutes with regularity. Unless one does break four minutes in an international mile race the runner has little chance of coming in better than fourth.

Floyd Patterson, in the heavyweight fight the other night, was a little man in physical stature compared to his opponent. Patterson weighed only 195, and Sonny Liston had him topped in every physical category—reach, biceps, legs and every department. Liston weighed 21 pounds more.

The thought occurs that as long as we are stuck with boxing as a sport it may be time to consider setting higher limits for the heavyweight class or of establishing a "super heavyweight" division. This might include, say, those 215 pounds and over.

It was quite obvious that Patterson just didn't have the physique to cope with the bigger man, and how the American public could enjoy the second slaughter, after witnessing it before the same two opponents, is a little hard to figure. The Oregonian had six stories concerning the fight on the front page of its sports section Wednesday, almost monopolizing the page. An inside page, too, was almost completely used for carryovers on the stories. It's a little hard to stomach.

Boxing has had some long hard looks in the past couple of years because of the deaths and maimings that it has caused. But it has an appeal, perhaps sadistic, that retains some mass popularity.

It cannot be considered sporting by any standard, though, to match athletes of unequal stature. Some times the big boys can't perform nearly as well as the smaller ones, as Primo Carnera proved to his dismay many years ago, but it seems to us that the big hulks should have to compete against others of proportionate size. Otherwise it is no contest and a farce that dupes the people.

Patterson is to be admired for his pluck and courage, but he didn't have a chance, and Liston really has nothing to crow about in victory.

Legion Meet to Convene In Pendleton

Pendleton will host the 43rd annual state convention of the American Legion and Auxiliary with registration opening on Wednesday, July 31, at 10 a.m. at headquarters in the Temple Hotel. The joint confab will conclude August 3 with the Drum and Bugle Corps competition at 8 p.m. in the Round-Up grounds.

Mrs. Jack Larson, department president, American Legion Auxiliary, will preside over the Auxiliary meetings and Al Frisen, department commander of the Legion will have charge of the Legion meetings. They will be honored at a joint banquet August 1, 7 p.m., at the Pendleton High school cafeteria.

Each morning during the convention a cowboy style breakfast will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. Friday morning the Heppner Auxiliary will be hosts for the past and present secretary and treasurer's breakfast at Gunther's restaurant. The Post commanders and unit presidents are to be at a reception at the Temple Hotel from 5 to 7 p.m. August 2 and on Saturday, Aug-

ust 3, the past and present district presidents will be guests at breakfast at the Tapadera at 7 a.m. All reservations for dinner and breakfasts scheduled should be made with Mrs. Herman Desler, Box 163, Pendleton.

Meetings will be held in the Vert Auditorium with exhibits shown in the Vert club room. Committee meetings will be held in the McCune Junior High school.

At noon, August 3, C. D. DeLoach, assistant director of the FBI, will speak to the joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary. At 6 p.m. on this day, a western style barbecue will be held at the Indian Village at the Round-Up grounds with the Bugle and Drum competition concluding the annual confab.

Headquarters for Heppner Post No. 87 and Auxiliary Unit will be at the Long Horn Motel, and delegates are asked to get in touch with them now for any necessary reservations.

File cards and guides, 3x5, 4x6 and 5x8 at the Gazette-Times.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WELL, IT is appropriate to have interesting visitors to the newspaper office while we were putting out the "Welcome to Morrow County" supplement.

A very interesting visitor Wednesday was G. C. Henriksen, director of the Portland Community College, who with his wife is on a vacation trip seeking out the byways in this part of the country.

Henriksen's first trip to Morrow county was in 1912, and that is what makes this visit so interesting. His father was a minister, and the family lived in Omaha, Neb. The reverend got the urge to go west to a new mission field, but his family in their Flanders car and struck out for Portland.

Because of the early unavailability of autos, the Henriksens started out in a caravan of other cars, including such as a Duryea, EMF and other makes that now resurrect distant memories.

When the caravan arrived at Green River, Wyo., the Henriksens were forced to go the rest of the distance alone because all the others veered south to California.

For some reason, when they got to Oregon they came through Morrow county, including Heppner and Ione, instead of traveling the Columbia River. They went on northwest to the John Day River and had to make a ferry crossing between Olex and Klondike. The operator of the horse-drawn ferry charged them \$15 for the crossing and asked for another \$10 to pull them up the hill on the other side where the narrow road was composed of deep sand.

The Rev. Henriksen was irked at this treatment and refused to pay the \$10, preferring to try to battle it up the hill without help. The motorists inched ahead slowly, perspiring and working to get the Flanders to the top.

When they were about halfway up, a team and wagon appeared on the scene, headed the other direction. There wasn't room for them to pass. The minister agreed to back down if the occupants of the wagon would help the travelers up the hill, and the consent was given. So back down went the Flanders.

Then the team and wagon came down the hill and headed up the river without stopping. Now with his ministerial equanimity really challenged, the Rev. Mr. Henriksen procured a revolver from under the seat of the Flanders and shot three times over the disappearing wagon. This stopped them, and they came back to help.

Since the crooked old Columbia River highway with its loops was not yet constructed (to come three years later), the Flanders and Henriksen family had to board a boat to complete the journey to Portland.

The trip from Omaha took 23 days. Henriksen said Wednesday he has since covered the same distance in 47 hours. It cost the family \$975 and four sets of tires were worn out on the trip.

They got their gasoline at blacksmith shops since there were no service stations in those days.

Henriksen was visiting Earl Blake here also. The two are both radio "hams" and often talk by short wave. Henriksen said that he has been asked to write a book about this 1912 journey and may get around to it one of these days. He has been told that the Flanders was the only car that arrived in Portland from the east in that year of 1912.

WE COULDN'T figure out how we could possibly have rain on July 24 in Morrow county, but decided later in the day that it must be the fault of another visitor, Albert Weisendanger, Salem, executive secretary of Keep Oregon Green association.

He and Mrs. Weisendanger dropped in, and perhaps Al arranged the rain to keep things dammed down in the interests of Keeping Oregon Green! However, he declared they expected to find hot weather over here.

ONE OF THOSE pestiferous type gremlins got in the story about Phyllis Nelson going to the national FHA (Future Homemakers of America) convention, and the story referred to the national FFA (Future Farmers of America) convention. But this did not perturb Phyllis (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Nelson, Lexington.) She said that she really would have enjoyed attending the national FFA convention. She undoubtedly would be a real popular delegate there, too!

HEPPNER'S CHAMBER of Commerce is going to have a "ride-in" to the meeting on August 25 to stir up interest in the 1963 Fair and Rodeo.

Each member is to ride to the meeting place (Wagon Wheel Cafe) on a horse.

"We might as well," said Dr. C. M. Wagner, president, in proposing it to the members. "Everyone has a horse."

Yep, that's true. The C of C secretary (yours truly), who has generally depended upon Shanks' horses, has an old sawhorse out back that he can dust off for the occasion.



Students Speak At Boardman Church

BOARDMAN—Guest speakers at the Boardman Community church Sunday were Duane Hester and Wade Worthington, both students from the Multnomah School of the Bible in Portland. They were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Summers.

Week-end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Millard were Mrs. Millard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gentry, and her sister, Mrs. Harvey Schmidt and children Buddy and Gayle, all of Prosser, Wn.

Mr. and Mrs. John Summers and sons Richard and Ronnie have returned home from a month's trip, during which they traveled 3,000 miles through the western states. They also visited Summers' nephews, Eddie Summers at Salt Lake City, Utah, George Yeates in California, and Less Summers in Eugene.

Shirley Munger has been visiting relatives in Roseburg for the past month.

conjectured that the youngsters probably died of diphtheria. Can anyone shed further light on this?

Another interesting marker is that of Harrison Hale, who was killed at Willow Springs, about 15 miles south of Pilot Rock, by Indians on July 6, 1878. "Yesteryears" gives a good account of this Indian attack at Willow Springs. The state park at Battle Mountain memorializes these skirmishes.

The Lena cemetery is well-kept. We remarked to Fred as we viewed the plots that the deceased must still be highly cherished in their families because of the care shown. Despite the age of the graves some had recently been decorated with flowers.

A number of the headstones had weathered wonderfully well. Some appear as if they had been placed there yesterday, but they mark graves more than 80 years old.

All Moore business forms available through the Gazette-Times. You need not go out of the county to get the forms you need.

ON A JUNKET with Fred Gimbel, county Welcome to Oregon chairman, Saturday, we visited the Lena Cemetery which long has intrigued Fred.

If those who lie at rest in the cemetery could tell their stories, it would reveal some rich history of early Morrow county



"KILLED BY Indians near Willow Springs" says this headstone marking the grave of H. Hale in the Lena cemetery. Markers in this cemetery give clues to colorful early history of the county and of tragedies that occurred.

hardships, tragedies and fortitude by the pioneers.

One row of markers mutely tells a sorrowful story. Five children of the Crawford family died at various dates in 1878, some only a few days apart. The historical booklet, "Yesteryears of Morrow," published in 1959, mentioned these five graves and

Over The Tee Cup

By DEE GRIBBLE

With the nice weather to play in, and the course all green and mowed (thanks to Hutch and his helpers), 16 to 18 ladies have turned out for two weeks now for Ladies Day. Winners are beginning to change, with the persistent practice of mid-week play paying off. Kay Robinson has joined the gals that finally got in the 30's—she had a 38 last week, and Hester Creswick a 36. Nice golfin', gals.

I still feel that a Twilight League play would be the ideal time. Sunday was too hot at 2:30, so many played at 6:30.

This Tuesday Lucille Brown (Mrs. Hillard) was winner with the most strokes, and Leslie Meador with least putts. Play was planned by Lib Daggert and Donna McCurdy who served up the coffee and cookies and, since the young gals are playing too, there's punch at our "coffee break." My Barb wishes there wasn't a penalty for out-of-bounds on No. 4, (and Corbin's cows had better watch it.)

New faces this week were Lillian Sweek, Lib Daggert and Betty Rose, fresh from vacation. We're delighted to have all these ladies.

Ruth Van Winkle has lost her ball retriever—anyone finding it, please call her.

Happy to report that Juanita Carmichael and Nan Brown are recovering from their car accident, and when the ribs are healed, they'll try again—(they were returning from Pendleton after their first golf lesson, and flipped into the ditch.)

Be seein' ya.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty and two boys, Tom and Doug, drove to Seattle Friday evening to take their two grandchildren home. The children had been visiting here the past week. In Seattle the Gontys were guests of their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gonty. The Heppnerites returned home Sunday.

Visiting at the Bill Farra home last Tuesday were Mrs. Farra's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wiest, Sunnyside, Wn., and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hochhalter, Wishek, N. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ashcraft and sons, Grandview, Wn.; and Mrs. August Wiest, Sunnyside, Calif.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, July 26, 8 p.m.
"Sahara," starring Humphry Bogart and Lloyd Bridges.
Plus cartoon.

PRINCESS SHANNON RODEO DANCE
Saturday, July 27
Fair Pavilion building
Welcome Princess Shannon Mahoney and the Rodeo court.
Sponsored by Wranglers club.
Dancing from 10 to 2:00.
Lunch served by Degree of Honor.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING
Saturday, July 27
Rhea Creek Grange hall.
Starts at 10:30 a.m., dinner at noon. Program, 2:30 p.m., by Henry Baker.

RHEA CREEK GRANGE ANNUAL PICNIC
Sunday, August 11, 1 p.m.
Chapin Creek.

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