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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

**IT WASN'T** much of an accident. A car, driven by a young lady, backed away from the curb Wednesday morning as another, driven by another lady, was coming down the street. They collided. Damage wasn't great but both cars will require some "hospitalization" and one was a brand new car.

The odd thing about it was the convenience of everything. It occurred in front of Ruggles Insurance office, and the two drivers got out, looked at each other and headed right into the office. It was right by the city hall—convenient for making out an accident report. It was just across the street from the newspaper, which could cover the accident with the staff members remaining in their chairs.

And—just in case it had been real serious and someone was badly hurt—it was within a hundred feet of Dr. McMurdo's office with Dr. Wagner just around the corner. Coincidentally, Father Bruce Spencer was just walking by and would have been handy to give comfort had there been serious injury!

**KEN TURNER**, who last week was named Conservation Man of the Year, apparently isn't the youngest man who has won the honor in Morrow county. The report we had last week saying that he was the youngest was in error. Jack Sumner was named Conservation Man a number of years ago, and he is the same age as Ken. That means that Jack really was a youngster when he got the award because Ken isn't getting grey hairs by any means.

**PUBLIC SERVICE DEPT.:** We received a report the other day that a herd of cattle is adding a hazard on the road to Condon, being in the area where the highway winds down to Rock creek. A person can swing around one of those hairpin curves and find himself suddenly in a herd of cattle, if he doesn't watch out. It is quite a little drop over the bluff, too, if a person should lose control of his car. If you are traveling that route, watch out.

Another call reports that some Heppner kids have developed a fad for throwing rocks, tossing them against the sides of passing cars and at pedestrians. Another resident said that his lawn is littered with rocks chucked there by the kids.

Seems like this is kind of dangerous play if it is as widespread as reported. Parents might take heed.

**IT IS** getting so that attendance at commencement at Oregon State University or University of Oregon is necessarily an exclusive privilege. OSU gave out some 2150 degrees Sunday, and each recipient was given six tickets for spectators. No one was supposed to get into Gill Coliseum without a ticket.

It can readily be seen that with six tickets per degree, the coliseum would be more than filled without any outsiders. Trouble is the six tickets don't go around for all the mothers, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, wives and sweethearts who want to come. Virtually all of those at the commencement, thus, are relatives.

We were there to see son Dick get his bachelor of science degree in mathematics Sunday and went through the same parental pride as the thousands of others present.

Although the diplomas are handed out as fast as the students can march by—not even taking time to announce the names—it still takes a long time to get the job done. It looks like mass production but grads of 25 years ago realize that it is a lot tougher to get a diploma now that it was in the "old days," competition being as keen as it is.

If college costs \$1500 per year per student, there was some \$12 million worth of education in that graduating class. No wonder the moms and dads heave a sigh of relief when they see their capped and gowned progeny pass by the podium with

diplomas clutched firmly in their hands!

**SAY FOLKS,** we'll take your word for it. There are rattlesnakes in Morrow county. Since we ran that little story a few weeks back about the snake Mrs. Bauman came across on Main street with the assumption that it might have been a rattlesnake, some folks generously have felt that they must bring us rattlesnakes so we can see what they look like.

Ray Winslow killed one on Rietmann Grade out of town Wednesday morning and was thoughtful enough to bring it in as Exhibit A. Well, we're about the same with snakes as the late Ernie Pyle, who, in his "Home Country," once wrote a humorous bit about how he came across a little garter snake near Sun Valley, Idaho, and took off like a scared rabbit.

Ray had difficulty getting us out of the office to see the snake in his truck, but we reluctantly consented. It was dead, he assured us, but the reptile was still moving. It had five rattles on it.

Ray offered to let us keep it and put it on display, but we thought that was just too kind of him and declined.

If this keeps on, you'll see the G-T editor wearing hip boots even around town right through the summer.

**NEXT WEEK** the Gazette-Times will have a couple of new editors, pro tem. Jim Morris and Sgt. Jim Chauncey, who will be the front end team for the paper while the Shermans are attending the wedding of a nephew and then take in the Oregon newspaper Conference at Gearhart. This will be the first edition that we shall have missed since coming to Heppner on June 1, 1961. In a sense the short vacation will be a third anniversary celebration.

Jim Morris has been the right hand man around here for the past eight months and Sgt. Chauncey is the fellow who produces the Air Defense Command's award winning newspaper, "The Scope," from the Condon Air Station. He is spending two weeks leave working with us and will leave for an assignment in Okinawa in August. We're also going to lose Jim Morris soon, since he will go for six months duty with the National Guard.

With the two steady old-timers in the backshop, Foreman Arnold Raymond and Printer Joe Hartle, subscribers can rest assured that they will get their papers as usual.

### TO THE EDITOR...

To the Editor:  
Sirs:  
While there is a lull in Oregon's political wars, I hope you will spare me a bit of space to thank those voters who gave me such an overwhelming expression of confidence in the Secretary of State's race in the primary.

Not only do I wish to take this means to evidence my gratitude, but to pledge to all Oregonians a continuation of the clean, hard campaigning which helped me poll 77 per cent of the Republican vote in that contest.

Sincerely,  
Tom McCall

### Pierces to Attend Bankers Convention

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Pierce will leave this week-end for the Oregon Bankers association convention which will be held in Victoria, B. C. They expect to be gone until June 16.

Pierce, president of the Bank of Eastern Oregon, is a member of the executive council of the association.

The Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon are in Salem this week attending the annual Oregon Methodist Conference.

## Irrigation Water Outlook Declines

The 1964 irrigation water supply outlook in Umatilla, Morrow, and Gilliam counties has become progressively worse and is now only near-average to fair, according to a report released today by T. P. Helseth, State Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service (USDA), co-operating with Oregon State University, Oregon State Engineer, and others. Low precipitation and drying winds have caused less runoff than was expected from a good snowpack and streamflow forecasts have again been reduced accordingly. Streamflow is now expected to drop off sooner than earlier predictions indicated, especially on lower elevation streams.

A little snow still remains at the highest and most protected locations of the watersheds in this area. Tollgate snow course shows an average depth of 4 inches with 2.2 inches of water equivalent. This is good for this late in the season and reflects cooler than average temperatures reducing the melt rate. Higher watershed soils are still 88 per cent of capacity, although beginning to dry out a little at all stations except Tollgate which is still snow covered. Lower elevation soils are drying rapidly as a result of record low precipitation in this area for the past few months. Crops and range land on these lower elevations are suffering badly because of the lack of moisture in the soils.

Streamflow during May was not as good as predictions indicated from the good snowpack yet on the higher portions of the watersheds on May 1. Forecasts of streamflow for the remainder of the May-September period have been reduced accordingly, and now range from 9000 acre feet or 67 per cent on McKay Creek to 50,000 acre feet or 86 per cent on the South Fork Walla Walla.

Butter Creek is expected to flow 3500 acre feet or 71 per cent of average for the May-September period; the Umatilla near Gibbon 50,000 acre feet or 85 per cent, and at Pendleton 84,000 acre feet or 85 per cent for the same period.

The lack of precipitation in this area during the past few months is expected to cause an earlier decline in streamflow, especially on streams heading in the low to medium elevations.

### Rockhounds Enjoy All-day Field Trip

Ten members of the Morrow County Rockhound club, accompanied by several of their children, enjoyed an excursion Sunday into the Clarno and Antelope vicinity.

The party, traveling in four cars, enjoyed a picnic lunch at Antelope creek before continuing their search for agate, opal and other interesting rocks in the area.

Making the day-long trip were Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller, all of Ione; Mrs. Alice McCabe and son, Allan; Mrs. Avery Taylor, Christy, Peggy and Butch; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty, Raymond and Doug; Walt Edger and John Piper.

### Padbergs to Gather

Padberg family reunion will be on Father's Day, June 21, at the city park in Ione. It is announced. This will be an all-day affair with potluck dinner scheduled at noon. Coffee and punch will be served by the committee in charge.

## Four-H Summer School Delegates Attend June 15-20

Twenty-six boys and girls who will represent Morrow county at 4-H Summer School on the Oregon State University campus at Corvallis, attended orientation meetings this past week in preparation for their week-long stay. Leaving Monday morning, June 15, they will have a busy week attending special classes, assemblies and parties. They will return home on Saturday, June 20. The Morrow county delegation will be representing Oregon's 35,000 club members. The group will travel to Oregon State University by bus driven by Leonard Munkers, Lexington, announces N. C. Anderson, county extension agent.

Chosen as official 4-H delegates from Morrow county on their all-around 4-H club activities are: Jeniece and Dee Ann McElroy, Joyce and Shirley Jackson, Tom Van Horn, Bruce Jones and Bryon Hobbs, Irrigon; Mike Partlow, Boardman; Sheridan Wyman, Steve Pettyjohn, Barbara Bloodworth, Ruby Fulleton, Dale Van Blokland, Kit Anderson, David Hall, Nancy Doherty and Nonda Clark, Heppner; Carol Rawlins, Susan Lindstrom, Tim Tullis, Bernice and Deniece Matthews, Arleta McCabe and Sheryl Smouse, Ione, and Keith and Karen Nelson, Lexington.

Leonard Munkers, Lexington, and Mrs. Jim Bloodworth, Heppner, will chaperone the group and assist with the program during the week-long summer school. Delegates and chaperones will be housed in dormitories on the campus and classes will be instructed by Oregon State University professors as well as visiting instructors from off-campus.

Scholarships which pay for board, room and expenses for the week-long school are provided by local individuals, and organizations. Morrow county donors are: Lexington, Willows, Rhea Creek, Irrigon, Greenfield and Pomona Granges; Inland Chemical, Mahoney and Abrams, Turner, Van Marter and Byant, Elks Lodge, Bank of Eastern Oregon, First National Bank, Humphreys Drug, Phil's Pharmacy, Soroptimist Club, Elma's Apparel, Central Market, Heppner Auto Sales, J. C. Penney Co., and Marguerite Glavey, Heppner; Lexington Oil Co-op, Del's

Market, and Morrow County Grain Growers, Lexington; Pendleton Grain Growers, U. S. National Bank and Umatilla Electric Cooperative Association, Hermiston; Inland Empire Bank and Stewart's Town and Country Store, Umatilla; Boardman Soil and Water Conservation District, Boardman.

Money receipt books in duplicate and triplicate are on sale at the Gazette-Times.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

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- SWIMMING LESSONS**  
Heppner City Pool.  
Starting Tuesday, June 16, sign up at 9 a.m. for beginners and intermediates.  
Pool open daily except Monday.  
Season tickets available.
- WILLOW CREEK GOLF CLUB**  
Guests of Kinzua Golf club, Sunday, June 21.  
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### Unique Sidewalk Bazaar Coming

There are exciting things brewing for the Sidewalk Bazaar that will be staged in Heppner on July 10 and 11.

It will be the first time that such a thing was attempted here, but the way interest is mounting, it will be one of the most enjoyable events ever to be staged under the auspices of the merchants and should attract one of the largest crowds ever assembled for this type of event.

L. R. (Bob) Henry, manager of J. C. Penney Company here, hasn't been in Heppner long, but it is apparent that when he works on a project he makes things click.

He has enlisted most of the organizations in the city to participate with food sales, car washes, sidewalk cafes or whatever they wish to stage. This, coupled with the big sidewalk sale that the merchants are planning, will mean that Main street will be crowded with displays for the bazaar. There will be some unique features coming out of the many ideas submitted, as well as entertainment for all. Bargains will be the order of the two days.

The bazaar will be a natural tie-in with the opening of the fair and rodeo season. At a meeting Monday night it was decided that all connected with it will wear western togs. Kickoff dance of the rodeo will be that Saturday night, July 11.

Perhaps it is a little early to be writing about it, but the way those connected with it are catching the spirit, it is fair to give everyone a chance to get enthused, too.

More will be chronicled as the time draws nearer, but now is the time to mark the dates on your calendar and plan to attend.

### Good Luck to Jack and Bert!

If there were some way for the community to vote on it, we're sure they would ballot strongly against Jack Bedford and Bert Huff and their families leaving the community. These two men have served very well in their positions at the First National Bank and have meant a great deal in the public service and community work they have given here.

Each man is getting a promotion in the First National bank system, and these are well deserved. Jack going to Portland to be in the administrative branch with responsibilities concerning all First National branches east of the Cascades, and Bert going to Klamath Falls in an executive position with the big branch there.

They will leave many friends here and will be missed. As they step up, however, they carry the best wishes of all.

The incoming manager, John Venard, is right at home in Heppner since he was previously assigned to the Heppner branch from 1957 to 1959. Jack Locke, who will take Bert's place, is rated A-1 and is getting acquainted quickly. He'll get initiated in community affairs fast because he will also take Bert's place as rodeo secretary and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

Good luck to the departing bankers and welcome to the new ones!

### Those Bicycles Again!

Keeping bicycles off Main street sidewalks is almost as futile an endeavor as keeping dogs from running at large.

Despite the city ordinance against it, and repeated admonitions of youngsters, the practice of riding bikes on the sidewalks continues. There have been some serious accidents in the past on this account, and there will be more.

Chief of Police Dean Gilman has impounded many bikes from time to time for infractions, and some young hearts have been hurt, but it still persists.

Calls keep coming to the Gazette-Times from those who have been near victims as they step from downtown doorways just as a bike whizzes by.

It is hard for youngsters to remember that they are in violation when they are bent on some errand or heading for the swimming hole and go pedaling up the sidewalk, but parents could be very helpful if they would sit down with their children for a few minutes and caution them about this.

If an elderly person sustains some broken bones in a collision with a bike the consequences can be serious and parents are in jeopardy of facing legal action.

Occasionally you see someone older who very well knows better. The other day an older high school age youth went whizzing down the sidewalk on a bike on the east side of Main street, cigarette dangling from his mouth.

A young man of this age should know better, and smaller children are not too young to be taught.

### Youth Invited To Church School

Final plans are underway this week to start the Methodist Church Summer Vacation Bible School on Monday, June 15. Classes will be held each morning from 9:00 to 11:30 Monday through Friday of next week.

The school will be under the direction of Mrs. Herman Green, chairman of the church commission on education. Instructors will be Mrs. David McLeod, Mrs. James Hildebrand, Mrs. Bob Henry, Sharon Dixon and high school girl helpers, Susan Drake, Margaret Green, Leslie Faye Meador and Gail Batty. Mrs. Melvin Dixon will be in charge of the music, and Mrs. Ernest McCabe is in charge of soliciting food for the morning snacks.

The school will be open to youth from kindergarten age through the 6th grade. A 50c registration fee will help cover expenses of materials and an offering will be taken each morning for use in mission projects.

Mrs. Bill Scott, Jana Lee and Jill, left Monday for Eugene where she will spend the rest of the week visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lynch.

**Week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Millie Doolittle** were her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doolittle and sons, Dennis and Ronald, of Portland.

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