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Cheers for Soroptimists

A new year is starting for the Heppner Soroptimists, a women's organization that has a fine record of community service and achievement for the past 16 years.

This is an organization that works quietly and without much publicity. The members don't get nearly as much credit as the Chamber of Commerce, for instance, but they probably work just as hard and get a great deal accomplished for the benefit of the community.

Mrs. Jim Hager has just completed two years as president of the local organization, and as she turns over the gavel to the new president, Mrs. Wes Sherman, she can look back on two years of achievement.

For example, this year the local club reaches its assigned goal of \$400 to the National Foundation Endowment Fund for national and international projects. It was money that was not easy to raise. On the local level the club gave cash awards for scholarship and citizenship, both in the high school and in the elementary school.

This is one of a few organizations that can always be counted on for a fine float in the rodeo parade. Its prize winning entries in recent years have contributed a great deal to the parade and last year represented the town in Pendleton.

You'll find the Soroptimists backing all types of youth activity. They staged a tea for Senior High school girls this year as they do every year, and they co-sponsored parties for the students.

You'll find them taking part in the forthcoming Sidewalk Bazaar, as they do in all community enterprises.

The Soroptimists were chartered here in 1948, and in their membership are still a number of charter members. To qualify for membership, a woman must be engaged in some sort of business or profession, which, in essence, makes the organization a sort of women's chamber of commerce.

At their annual dinner Saturday night the Soroptimists reviewed their year's work and installed officers for the coming year.

We congratulate those who have done so much for their community and extend best wishes for the future.

Dirt in Swimming Pool

Here's another case of the wanton or unthinking few jeopardizing something that is for the good and pleasure of all.

Recently some rascal or rascals have been throwing paper sacks full of dirt in the municipal swimming pool at night, together with other trash. It's the latest wrinkle of petty vandalism.

To this time, Lifeguard Tom Hughes and city employees have been able to clean it out without the necessity of closing the pool, but if the practice continues it may be necessary to close the pool at least for a time.

This pool provides one of the best forms of recreation for youngsters in the summer time, and one would think that all would want to do everything to keep it as nice as they can for the enjoyment that it affords. But there always seems to be a "wise guy" or two around who insist on spoiling the fun.

This is a type of hooliganism that we hate to see get started here. Of course, there are penalties for the guilty ones if they are caught (and the city force has a pretty good idea of who is responsible).

But surely any responsible youth would have perception and decency enough to listen to an appeal to desist on a thing like this that threatens the summer swimming program.

How about cutting it out—even before getting caught?

Get Ready for Bazaar

Hey, there'll be plenty of fun in Heppner July 10 and 11! Bargain wares of all kinds will be out on the street for the first annual Sidewalk Bazaar—as the old saying goes, everything from soup to nuts.

Some 25 merchants will participate and some will have novel displays and features as well as bargains.

In addition, many local organizations will take part with auctions, cake sales, sidewalk cafes, stage coach rides, Sno Cone sale, Pronto pup stand and so on.

There will be free entertainment for the kiddies—movies at the American Legion hall at 2 p.m. each day and free tickets for out-of-towners to the swimming pool.

In addition, this will be kickoff week-end for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo with the kickoff dance set Saturday night, July 11.

These are just a few samples of what is planned for next week to give all an opportunity to save the date. It's something entirely new for Heppner and it's going to be fun for everyone.

Fast Pace Set In Little League As Finale Nears

LITTLE LEAGUE STANDINGS (Second Half)

Team	W	L
Dodgers	3	2
Giants	3	2
Indians	3	3
Braves	3	3

Little League action is fast and furious this week as the pint-sized diamondmen get set for the stretch drive in the pee wee circuit. Upsets and surprises dotted the schedule last week as the second-half crown race remained wide open.

Wednesday, June 24, the Dodgers stood firm against a strong sixth inning rally by the Braves to whip them, 11-10. The Braves scored four runs in the bottom of the sixth and had another run in scoring position when their last man was retired to end the game. Duffy was the winning pitcher and Pettyjohn the loser.

June 25, the Giants helped their cause by outlasting the Indians, 5-4 in another tight contest. A weak Indian rally in the top of the sixth failed to clinch the game for the blue and white. Stephens was the winning

chucker and Kilkenny was touched for the loss. Marquardt smacked a home run for the losers and Stephens helped his stint on the mound as he socked one for the winners.

Friday, June 26, the Dodgers lowered the boom on the Giants as they tripped the first-half winners, 6-5. The Giants scored four runs in the final frame but couldn't overcome the Dodger lead. McCabe hurled the win and Van Marter was touched for the loss.

Monday, the Dodgers trounced the Giants again, this time by a wider margin as they thumped the Dodgers, 8-3. The Giants held a brief 1-0 lead in the third inning, but faded as the Dodgers scored three in the third. From that point, the winners coasted to the victory. McCabe again pitched the win. Stephens was charged with the loss.

Tuesday evening, the Indians went on a scoring spree to down the Braves, 12-6, in a battle that saw the winners on top all the way from start to finish. Kilkenny hurled the win and helped his cause with a home run blast in the fifth inning. Watkins took the loss on the mound for the Braves.

Delvin Matteson underwent surgery Monday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton. The surgery was performed on his left foot that was injured in a logging accident last month. He expects to be released from the hospital this week-end.

Cnaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WEDNESDAY'S RAIN here was like a tropical shower. It came in the heat of the day pelted down good for a few minutes, and the streets and walks steamed in its wake, making a person feel like was in a Turkish bath.

It was interesting to watch the ladies in this welcome rain. Noticed Elaine George walking across the street at a normal pace at its height, no scarf on her head and wearing a light summer dress. Must have felt good. Mrs. Ken Smouse also was out in a light summer dress, but she had a rain scarf to protect her hair.

IT'S GOOD to see Jim Farley busting around again after his bout with the mumps. It's kind of hard on a grown man's dignity to contract this malady, but it is something that a guy just has to suffer through. Jim was quite a sick fellow for 10 days or so, and it is easy to imagine how hard it was to keep him down. One of his employees said that this was about the first time he had been sick in his life.

TOOK A JAUNT to Monument Tuesday afternoon and hate to admit it, but it was the first time we had ever been there. Paid a visit to Red Foster's Model Quarter Horse headquarters and will have a story coming up on that next week.

We were quite impressed with Monument. Didn't have long to stay, but it is set in beautiful country with the John Day's cooling waters running by. It's a bigger town than we expected and has some fine looking school buildings. Martha Matesson has been writing about Monument for us as correspondent ever since we have been here, and now we will know a little more about it.

Red Foster is going to boost the postal receipts at the Monument post office when he gets his quarter horse operation in high gear. He mails 5000 magazines monthly, and they'll probably go out through Monument. That will make a heap of mail.

WE KNOW a lot of people travel regularly to Monument via the Sunflower Flat route, and we came home that way. But to us it seemed as if we were really blazing a new trail. Seems as if you are miles from no place when you get midway. The road starts out real good on the Monument end, and a person gets a spectacular view as he drives up the hill near the Monument Lookout. Road crew is working on improvement a few miles from the start, however, and it gets a little rough. Farther towards Sunflower Flat, the route becomes pretty rutty. Some gritty traveler or travelers apparently sloughed through that route when the road was well soaked. He had a lot of courage and probably a 4-wheel rig of some sort, for the ruts he made are about a foot deep for miles.

A fellow can take his family and make a nice Sunday loop trip via Monument, taking to the highway via Ruggs, Hardman and Kimberly, and going over and coming back via Sunflower Flat (if his wife isn't the whimpering kind). The highway from Kimberly to Monument and beyond is dandy—wish the Willow Creek route was that good!

SOME HAVE been asking how son Bill fared in the Future Business Leaders spelling contest in Washington, D. C. He emerged 15th among the states' contestants. About 30 states were represented in the contest.

Bill went down on the word, "phenomenon," and he knew better. He writes that he started out, "p-h-o-n," and realized his error immediately. But in this contest there is no correcting or turning back, and that was it for him.

He has not been back in Heppner after returning from New York where he attended the World's Fair, but is staying in Stayton where he will work for Stayton Canning Company this summer. Bill had a wonderful time in the east and appreciates the help of all those who made the trip possible.

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL convention will be starting shortly at San Francisco, but Al Lamb, elected as delegate to the Democratic national convention from Oregon's Second Congressional district, has a long wait before he goes to this convention. It doesn't start until August 24, at Atlantic City, New Jersey. He and Mrs. Lamb will fly from Portland on August 23, and will spend three days at the World's Fair in New York before coming home.

THERE ARE times when Carl McDaniel doesn't know whether he is the hunter or the hunted. His work as a government hunter takes him to the sands in the northern part of the county sometimes. He was up there the other day looking for coyotes when the windstorm came up. Carl said that he figured most of the "sands" are now in the state of Washington, having been blown there by the storm.

Once in a while he gets near the bomb range when the jets come swishing in. He is there by official permission, of course, but he is on his own responsibility as far as the bombers are concerned. He isn't worried about dodging the bombs, so much, but when the planes start

strafing somewhere in the area he gets a little concerned. It isn't that he is close enough for a direct hit, but when the bullets "spat, spat, spat" around the countryside, he's afraid some might ricochet and "spat" him. He once spent considerable time "dug in" behind a sand dune when the flyboys were having their practice.

ONE OF the more interesting items in this week's G-T is that about the Albert Burkenbines, visiting her parents, the Harold Becketts, and eating some of their (the Burkenbines') wedding cake. Nothing so unusual about that except the wedding was eight years ago and the cake was that old. Portions of it had been kept frozen for eight years, and it was still delicious. Anyway, that's what the item says!

REMEMBER the Sidewalk Bazaar coming up next week-end, July 10 and 11. You'll find Charlie there.

Nozarene Assembly Sets New Record

With an attendance of 21,000 filling the main auditorium and all rooms of the Memorial Coliseum in Portland at a communion service, a new Coliseum record was set during the 3-day Nazarene General Assembly, held there Sunday through Tuesday, the Rev. J. G. Weller, pastor of the Heppner Nazarene church, said.

The Rev. and Mrs. Weller and family attended the three-day session, and the Ralph Crum family, also of the Heppner church, was present for the Sunday morning service.

Attending were representatives from every state plus many foreign mission fields. Five general superintendents were reelected, and a sixth general superintendent was elected to fill a vacancy. Decision was made to establish two junior colleges and a Bible school in addition to the six colleges and the seminary now in existence.

The business session was extended one day in order to complete the calendar. Decision to hold the Assembly in the Northwest was acclaimed by all those attending after it proved such a great success.

Don Turner Named To Masonic Post

At the 114th annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, AF & AM, Most Worshipful Grand Master Earl T. Newberry appointed Don Turner of Heppner Lodge No. 69 as grand junior deacon.

Installation was held June 12 at the Masonic Temple in Portland. Roy Lindstrom of Lone lodge No. 122 was appointed as district deputy for District No. 28.

Group to Attend Nebraska Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Wilson and family and Mrs. Edgar Morris, sister of Mr. Wilson, left Wednesday evening by auto for Nebraska. They will attend a family reunion in Scottsbluff, and it will be the first time that Mrs. Morris has been back for some 30 years.

Wilson is on vacation from the post office here. The group plans to return home next week.

Mrs. E. J. Emry of Vancouver, Wn., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Woodard of Portland were house guests for the past week of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carmichael. They came for the reunion of the Leathers' families in Hardman last Sunday.

Yeager Recalls How A Rattlesnake Went To College Many Years Ago

O. M. Yeager of Castle Rock, after reading recent stories of rattlesnakes in the Gazette-Times, has sent stories of rattlesnakes in the county, including that of how one rattlesnake "went to college."

After the recent report of finding a snake on Main street, he writes, "There are thousands of them there (in the county,) but this is only the second one that I have heard of being found right in town. Years ago, as kids found one crawling out from under my father's old furniture store that used to stand near the corner of Chase and May streets, Dr. Livingston had him on exhibit in the drug store window. But out on the old hindow in Clark's Canyon Peck raised a snake and when I used to spend much of my boyhood, they once blew up a tall cliff of rock across the canyon from the house and killed thousands of rattlers of all sizes.

"One day I killed two smaller ones right near the back door. After Burt Peck died, I wrote to the school at Forest Grove and one of the professors wrote that the snake was on the shelf in the old science building for many years, then all the old specimens had to be de-

Turner Attends GOP Convention

Don Turner, Morrow County Republican chairman, is attending the Republican state convention in Eugene today (Thursday).

Governor William Scranton of Pennsylvania is principal guest speaker, and a full program includes appearances of Tom McClure, Republican candidate for secretary of state, and Howard Belmont, Republican candidate to succeed himself as state treasurer.

Mrs. Frank Visits From Philadelphia

Here from Philadelphia, Pa. are Mrs. Margaret Frank and two of her four children, Larry and Jeanne, all visiting with Mrs. Frank's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tamblin. Mr. Frank is a vice president of Blue Cross in the Philadelphia area. Mrs. Frank says that she comes for a visit about every two years, although she considers this more "home" than a place to visit. She graduated from high school here in 1942.

Birthdays Noted At Sunday Picnic

Birthdays of Opal Briggs and Mrs. Bill Alsop were observed Sunday at a picnic gathering on the courthouse lawn. Saturday was the birthday for each of the two.

Joining with the family of the Rev. and Mrs. Alsop and Miss Briggs were the Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Dixon. Miss Briggs asked that her thanks be extended to all those who sent cards for her birthday.

Early Services Start At Methodist Church

Summer schedule for church services at the First Methodist church will begin Sunday, July 5, according to the Rev. Melvin Dixon, pastor. Sunday School classes will meet at the 9:00 a.m. hour, with worship services scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

The early schedule will be in effect through July and August, continuing through the Sunday after Labor Day, September 13.

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"Sincerely yours,
"O. M. Yeager."

A MORROW COUNTY RATTLE SNAKE GOES TO COLLEGE

The following story was told to me by my brother-in-law, the late Burton H. Peck who owned and operated a wheat and stock ranch a few miles west of Heppner, Oregon:

"In the fall of September, 1899, after spending the summer vacation on my mother's large wheat and cattle ranch in Clark's Canyon, a few miles west of Heppner, I was making plans to return to Forest Grove where I had been attending school at Tualatin Academy, Pacific University.

"Late one afternoon, I started out to our watering pond where we watered our harvest horses and cattle. I often went swimming there. I had eight head of work horses along, and was riding one and leading the others. I was dismounted, and while the horses were drinking, I walked around a little while, throwing small stones into the pond, and thought maybe I would take off my shoes and wade a while in the cool water. I was about to put this plan into operation, when ZZZZZ - ZZZZZ - ZZZZZ and that was the end of my wading plans. I knew there was a large rattlesnake somewhere within striking distance. I knew from experience that a rattler never rattles unless he thinks he is in imminent danger. I was very careful not to make a false move, as I knew if he was close enough he would sink his fangs into my legs. Finally I spotted him about five or six feet away. I knew he was beyond striking distance, so I looked around and found a small branch of a willow tree that had a fork on one end. The old story that a rattler can throw himself at the object of his attack is false. He has to coil first.

"This forked stick was about four feet long, so I carefully got close enough to him to place the fork of the stick over his neck (if he has any neck) and then I held him. I was about to destroy him when I happened to think about our science telling us that if we could catch any small animal such as mice, rats, toads, frogs, bats or anything else, to bring them back with us so we could make a study of them when we went back to school in the fall.

"Well, I thought, here is my chance to take back an Eastern Oregon specimen to study. I was sure that no one else would have anything like my specimen. I had killed over 60 rattlers that summer, and had saved the rattles and buttons from most of them. I left the horses and went to the house and got one of my mother's half gallon Mason fruit jars. I had already picked him up. If you hold a rattler tightly by the neck, he cannot strike you, though he always winds and coils himself around your arm. You have to be mighty careful not to get your other hand close to his ugly head. I put him in the jar, then went back and got the horses and put them in the barn for the night.

"The following morning, with my clothes all packed, my folks hitched up the horses to the

buggy and took me to Lexington, two or three miles away, where I took the train to Forest Grove. Little did the conductors on the train know that I had a big, nine rattle and button snake in one of my suitcases. I think they would have refused to handle it. I was so used to them that I did not give him a thought until I reached the school at Forest Grove.

"When I got there I took him to the science building and gave him to Professor A. R. Sweetser, one of our science teachers. In that room we had toads, frogs, lizards and a host of other small creatures, but mine was the only rattlesnake.

"After looking at the snake in the jar, the professor dipped a sponge into some ether, and dabbed him with it until he went to sleep. Then he filled a big jar with alcohol and put him into the jar. The professor said he had never heard a snake rattle so much or so loud as my snake did. He said, 'He knows his time is up, and doesn't like it.' As far as I know, my rattler is still in his glass jar at 'Old Pacific.'

O. M. Yeager's note: I know this snake story is true because I was with him when he found the snake. I had been chore boy at the Peck ranch that summer. Burt seemed to have no fear of them, but he said he was much more careful now than he used to be when handling rattlers.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

FIREWORKS DISPLAY, DANCE
Friday evening, July 3
Ione Memorial Field, Ione high school.
Fireworks at 9:00, dance from 10:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
Sponsored by Ione Legion.

SIDEWALK BAZAAR
Downtown Heppner, July 10 and 11.
Plan now to join in the fun. Sidewalk bargains, booths, stagecoach rides, entertainment for all.

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Saturday, July 11, 10:00 p.m.
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