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CAPT. JAY WHEELHOUSE
Jay L. Wheelhouse Promoted to Captain

Jay L. Wheelhouse, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wheelhouse of Olex, has been promoted to captain in the U. S. Air Force at Williams AFB, Ariz.

Captain Wheelhouse is an instructor pilot in a unit that supports the Air Training Command (ATC) mission of training airmen and officers in the diverse skills required by the nation's aerospace force.

His wife, Janice, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Martin of Heppner.

The captain, a member of Theta Xi, received his B. S. degree from Oregon State University and was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program there in 1959.

By CHARLOTTE WALKER
HARDMAN, RHEA CREEK — Guy Chapin went to Hermiston Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell to attend a family dinner at the home of his sister, Mrs. Blanche Jones.

Jeff Marshall of Heppner is staying at the Bechtold home for a couple of weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley left Monday for Clallam Bay, Wn., where they will vacation and fish a while.

Mrs. Debbie McDaniel is cooking at the Ed Buschke ranch near Ione during harvest.

Susan Hams, daughter of Pete Hams is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hams, Mrs. Homer Davis and family of Lone Rock called at the Blaine Chapel home on Monday.

Cecil McDaniel and Steve went to Genesee, Idaho, over the week-end.

Recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Foster Collins were Mr. and Mrs. Bob Steegs of Klamath Falls, Mrs. Matilda Van Bibber of La Grande, and Gerald Booher of Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Bechtold and Archie went to Cutsforth Park Sunday to attend the annual Odd Fellow and Rebekah picnic.

Elmer Knighton of Condon visited his brother, Wilbur, here one day last week.

Word has been received that Archie Saling is in the Veteran's hospital at Walla Walla. He has been in poor health for some time now.

Guy Chapin visited Mr. and Mrs. George Stillman in Heppner Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marts and family were visiting old friends in Hardman Sunday. They were in business here for many years, and are now living in Arizona.

Cecil and Ricky McDaniel were in Ashland for a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McDaniel and boys, former residents of Hardman, moved to Monument Sunday. Ivan has been appointed government trapper for that district.

Jeanie Stevens, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens, had the misfortune last week of picking up a piece of iron that her dad was welding, and it was necessary to take her to the doctor in Heppner for treatment of her burned hand.

Clyde Cox has been painting the picnic tables at the Anson Wright Park on Rock Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Cassie went to Lone Rock Sunday.

About 42 members of the Cecil family met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Cecil Sunday. They came from Klamath Falls, Walla Walla, Spray, Heppner and various other places. A potluck dinner was served and the afternoon spent in pitching horse shoes and visiting.

Frankie Engelman of Ione visited his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel, last week-end.

The Bleakman family's annual reunion will be held Sunday, July 26, at Bull Prairie. A potluck dinner will be served about 12:30 p.m. All relatives and friends are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adkins received word Tuesday, that their granddaughter, Miss Florence Crismon, recently enlisted in the WAFFS and is presently in Seattle. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crismon of Milwaukie.

The Don Munkers family returned last Monday from a four-day trip taking them to the coast where they visited relatives in Warrenton. Returning by way of Portland they enrolled their son, Dale, in a speech therapy clinic at Portland State College. They were guests of the Jim Angells, former Heppner residents. Dee Ann Angell accompanied the Munkers home for a four week visit.

Oregon Road Rules

EDITOR'S NOTE: Many drivers seem to have neither the time nor opportunity to study recent changes in traffic laws or to review older ones. This series of articles is designed to acquaint drivers with recent changes and to reacquaint them with other important driving rules. A motorist, for example, should understand what effect the adoption of the Driver License Compact may have on his driving record, and the meaning of a 1963 law that allows arrest or citation for a traffic violation on "reasonable grounds."

As days get longer and the sun a little warmer, cars pulling boats or camping trailers become an increasingly familiar sight on Oregon highways. Too often, however, when a boat or camping trailer has been purchased, the new owner does not check the laws governing their transportation over the public highways. This also applies to the motorist who rents a small two-wheel trailer.

Occasionally, an outdoor enthusiast will hitch both his camping trailer and boat trailer to his car and head for his favorite recreation site. Under Oregon law, this combination is illegal. The law states that except in certain specified instances, no more than two vehicles may be coupled together.

All trailers—whether a boat trailer, camping trailer, or light two-wheel trailer—must be equipped with at least one tail light and one red or amber stop lamp mounted on the rear. These lights must be plainly visible from a distance of 500 feet.

If a trailer has a gross weight over 3,000, it must be equipped with turn signal lamps. If, however, the trailer meets the following three conditions it is not necessary to have turn signal lamps: (1) weighs less than 3,000 pounds; (2) is driven only during daylight hours; and (3) if the arm signal of the driver of the towing vehicle can be seen to the rear, if the trailer carries a license plate, there must be a white light to illuminate the plate.

Not all trailers are required to have a license plate. No plate is necessary for a privately owned trailer whose total weight when loaded is not more than 1,800 pounds. All other trailers, including semi-trailers and trailers for hire, must be licensed.

There are specific restrictions placed on the manner the two vehicles may be connected together. The drawbar, coupling device, and other connections should be of sufficient strength to hold the weight of the trailer upon any grade of any highway where operated. There should be

enough play to allow for universal action of the connections. There must also be a suitable locking device to prevent accidental separation of the trailer.

In addition to the coupling device, two safety chains or two cables strong enough to control the trailer if the coupling device fails must be permanently attached to the trailer, carried through a ring on the draw-bar or on the reach of a pole trailer. The safety chains are not required when towing a temporarily disabled vehicle.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

MEN'S STAG TOURNAMENT
For all Willow Creek golf club guys and their guests.
Sunday, July 26 from 10:00 to 12:00.
Prizes, food, refreshments

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, July 24, 8 p.m.
American Legion Hall
35c per person (one admission for all.)

FAIR and RODEO DANCE
Honoring Princess Martha Doherty, Lexington.
Saturday, July 25, 10:00 p.m.
Heppner Fair Pavilion
Music by the "Slinkards" of Kinzua.
Supper served.

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By Sam Roberts, Portland.
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Politicians and News Media

It seems to be the popular pastime of many of our national politicians recently to blame all their troubles on newspapers and television. This goes as high up as ex-president Dwight Eisenhower.

Responsible journalists are well aware that there are some in the news business of the "yellow journalism" variety. Those in the ranks who are worthy of their calling are as quick to deplore this irresponsibility as the politicians are to castigate them.

Sadly, not all newspapermen are true journalists as true as most all politicians are true statesmen.

However, when the politicians pounce on the news media in general as the panacea for all their troubles, they make a sad and transparent mistake.

Governor George Wallace used several minutes of television time Sunday night to blast television, and this media can very well be complimented on maintaining the objectivity that allows him to do it. At the same time, the politicians might thank their lucky stars that the free press is big enough and broad enough to allow such tirades—however directed against it.

While the politicians are bombarding the news media they might consider where they would be without this opportunity to communicate and wonder how high they would ascend in the political heavens without their faces and utterances being given prominence in the public prints and on the air waves.

The same boys who blast newspapers and television would feel undressed if they couldn't grab their newspaper the first thing in the morning, would feel sadly depressed if some of their important speeches were not quoted, and could hardly eat if they couldn't take a newspaper to the table with them.

This puts them in a similar position to the atheist who declared, "Thank God, I'm an atheist."

Parks Important to Economy

Another illustration of the importance of parks and outdoor recreational areas to this county was given by County Agent Nels Anderson at the meeting of the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Monday.

Several years ago, 4-H clubs started using Cutsforth park for its summer camp and developing facilities for that purpose. Other counties became interested and requested use of the park for their 4-H summer camps.

This summer it was used by four counties—Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman—with a total of 210 youngsters enjoying it. Letters of appreciation have been received from the other counties.

While the youngsters were here, their parents were observed at various times at service stations, in restaurants and in other business establishments in Heppner. The 4-Hers themselves consumed large quantities of food and required other supplies, most of which came from Heppner. Attraction of the parents was a bonus for local business.

This is just another instance that shows the importance of parks to the economy of the county. There should be no hesitancy by anyone in the business community and by anyone with the county's economic welfare at heart to work for improving and developing recreation areas here. It has been said many times before, and will be reiterated many times more, that this recreation potential bids to be one of our greatest "industries."

At the same meeting, Orville Cutsforth of the county parks committee reported on fine progress being made at Anson Wright Memorial park on Chapin creek. A great deal of work has been done there on tables, fireplaces and rest rooms. Some of the development is by Rhea Creek Grange and other groups and some is by a caretaker who divides time between the new park and Cutsforth park.

The speaker said that Wright park will soon offer better facilities for picnickers than those at Battle Mountain. He suggested that residents make it a point to stop on outings and to take their friends and visitors there.

While making the county a more enjoyable place to live and more attractive to outsiders, these parks have a definite economic importance of benefit to all here. Commendation is due those who are continuously working for parks development and every encouragement should be given as well as active support for their continued expansion and extension.

Club to Sponsor Swim Lessons

BOARDMAN — The Mother's club of Boardman Grade school will sponsor taking children to Hermiston again this summer for swimming lessons during the weeks of July 27-August 7. They will be at the city park Friday, July 17 from 3-5 p.m. for registration. The charge will be \$1.50 per child for the lessons, and \$2.00 per family for transportation. The bus will leave from the school lawn each morning at 9:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kress of Lewiston, Idaho were recent visitors at the home of Kress' brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kress. Other visitors last week at the Kress home included their nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Olmstead and children Mike, Ronnie and Linda of Etiwanda, Calif., and Olmstead's brother, Ronnie Olmstead of the U. S. Air Force, who has recently returned from a year in Japan; Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Morell of Troy, Ida.; Kress' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ralston and children Jimmie and Gary; Mrs. Kress' mother, Mrs. Frances Myer, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Whitlock, Joyce Whitlock and daughter Kathy, all of Lewiston, Ida., and Mrs. Kress' brother, Elmer Meyer of Portland.

When you patronize Gazette-Times advertisements, you help make a better paper. Tell them you saw it in the Gazette-Times.

Mrs. Glass Takes New Job in Indiana

A letter to the Gazette-Times from Mrs. Velma Glass, former county health nurse, reports that she is taking a position as consultant nurse for the child care centers in the state of Indiana. She is living in Brownsburg, Ind.

She states that it will also give her an opportunity for classes in Indiana University extension. At the present time she is taking two courses and states, "I enjoy the mental exercise tremendously. My brain is almost greased again and in gear."

Her son, Tom, visited her for three weeks but is now in Washington, D. C., for a job in the office of the Assistant Secretary of State.

McMurtrys Attend Philomath Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMurtry were among the alumni who returned to Philomath college campus Sunday, July 12, for the annual college reunion picnic. An interesting program was enjoyed following the potluck dinner. Special memorial services were included in the program.

The McMurtrys also visited at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James L. McMurtry in Philomath, while there.

THEY SAY Don Turner has been wearing a Goldwater button as big as a saucer and at least one informant claimed he got it in San Francisco during the convention. We didn't know Don planned on going to the convention and couldn't say for sure that he made the trip.

He came in about 10 a.m. Tuesday and we started to ask him about it so that we could get a firsthand report.

"I don't talk politics from 9 a.m. until noon on Tuesdays," he declared. So that ended the interview.

This will remain one of the inexplicable mysteries of the GOP convention.

NEW LICENSE plates are blossoming out on cars around the state of Oregon and they bear three letters ahead of the numbers. Hugh McGilvra, editor of the Washington County News-Times, Forest Grove, points out in his recent column, "Hm," that Oregon took advantage of California research to make sure that none of the letter combinations formed embarrassing words.

For instance, no Oregon license plate will ever say HEK, or FEW, URP, BLA, ESK, HAI or SOB. Neither will they proclaim GYP, SEX, BUB, GAG, END, NAG or JAZ, PUP is out. And so are APE, BAR, LAF, USR, PDQ, YEP, YES, HEX and a long list of syllables that sound like well-known Anglo-Saxon swear words.

It seems that language experts at the University of California screened all possible combinations and rejected 400 as objectionable either in English or in foreign languages.

Since reading Hugh's column, however, we noticed that the state is permitting some free advertising. We saw one the other day that said "FAB." That should be of some help to the soap company.

All words are not forbidden. I think we noticed one that said "CAR-104" which sounded like a police thriller on TV.

Families on vacation might start a new travel game as they ride—trying to find words on license plates.

THERE'S A LOT of excitement around town today as Little Leaguers go to Hood River for their first game in the district tournament, facing Deschutes county.

In checking around town we find suddenly quite a few parents are going on vacation all at once. Undoubtedly these vacations will be starting at Hood River, supporting the Willow Creek leads.

The 14 All-Stars look real natty in their new uniforms. There will be none in the tournament any better dressed than they. This year's team is a dandy, and we hope they go far.

BY THE WAY, LaVerne Van Marter reminds us that those saving the potato chip coupons for benefit of the Little League should turn them in to his office (Turner, Van Marter and Bryant) right away. The deadline is approaching.

The potato chip company puts one coupon worth 5c in a box of chips. They are redeemable only by the Little League and must be turned in all at once on the August date.

La Verne already has quite a stack of them, but every one counts.

THE PHONE rang at the Ed Gonty's house early one morning this week, and the voice at the other end of the line asked if Eleanor was there. She was.

Eleanor came on with a "Hello," and the two started chatting away just as if they visited every day.

The peculiar thing, though, was that the caller was Mrs. H. F. Schultz of Portland, whom Eleanor hadn't visited for some 25 years.

Mrs. Schultz is the former Ruth Dunford and at one time, years ago, went with Norman Nelson, R.M. and Mrs. Gonty, before they were married, chummed with the Nelsons and Miss Dunford.

With her husband, Mrs. Schultz came to Morrow county for the first time in years this week on the visit. They stayed overnight with the Fred Nelsons and the visit brought back old memories of fine times together.

AT THIS POINT we strongly urge all readers not to go any farther in this column. Either put the paper aside or turn to some other page. What is coming up is the most senseless and nuttiest thing you can possibly read. We pirated it from Jack Powell's "Jack's Jokes" in a recent issue of the Stayton Mail.

yes, yes." 9. Put a circle around sentence number 7. 10. Put an X in the lower left-hand corner of this page. 11. Draw a triangle around the X you just made. 12. On the back of this page multiply 70x30. 13. Draw a circle around the word "paper" in sentence number 4. 14. Loudly call out your first name when you get to this point in the test. 15. If you think that you have carefully followed directions, call out "I have."

16. On the reverse side of this paper, add 107 to 278. 17. Put a circle around your answer to this problem. 18. Count out in your normal speaking voice from 1 to 10 backwards. 19. Punch three small holes with your pencil here:

20. If you are the first person to get this far, call out loudly, "I am the leader in following directions."

21. Underline all even numbers on the left side of this page. 22. Now that you have finished reading carefully, do only sentences one and two.

—And that's enough of that. We warned you not to go on.

All-Time Records Noted at Mid-Year By First National

A new earnings mark topped the list of mid-year records established June 30 by First National Bank of Oregon.

President Ralph J. Voss announced that earnings for the six-month period were at an all-time high for any first half year, and both deposits and loans also reached record peaks for mid-year.

The Heppner branch of First National reported mid-year deposits of \$5,312,550 and loans outstanding of \$3,887,328, according to Branch Manager John Venard.

Comparable totals for the branch a year ago were \$5,046,999 in deposits and \$3,878,706 in loans.

Voss reported operating earnings after taxes climbed to \$4,041,656, an increase of 13.8 per cent over the revised total of \$3,551,545 for the first half of 1963. This revision of 1963 income, undertaken to make the 1963 and 1964 figures comparable, gives effect to accounting changes adopted this year.

The record earnings figure is equivalent to \$1.86 per share, compared with the revised figure of \$1.64 per share in 1963. The change in accounting procedures resulted in reporting an increase of 10 cents per share in earnings for six months in 1964, and the corresponding revision to make 1963 figures comparable also was an increase of 10 cents per share.

Voss attributed the rise in earnings to deposit and loan growth coupled with savings realized from increased utilization of electronic data processing equipment.

Mid-year deposits were listed at \$1,023,137,836. The bank's 98 statewide offices reported loans of \$669,978,240 at the end of June.

Comparable figures for a year ago show deposits at \$962,633,676 and loans at \$588,144,243.

First National's total resources rose to a mid-year high of \$1,135,066,569 from the previous record of \$1,067,986,337 in 1963.

Local LDS Church Becomes Branch; Mecham President

Heppner Branch, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been sustained and set apart as an independent branch, effective July 5, according to Stake President James V. Thompson, Richland, Wn.

Elder Glen P. Mecham, ordained April 26, has been called as branch president and will preside over the local church organization. His duties will be similar to that of bishop in a larger ward. Those named to assist him are Elder Loren Bade, first counselor, and Elder Ernest Christopherson, second counselor.

Elder Mecham worked for Bell Telephone Co. in Pendleton prior to his move to Heppner and now serves the company as telephone serviceman for this area. He and his wife, Carla, have five children, Veronica, 7, Mark, 5, Michelle, 3, Rena Marie, 2, and Michael, 2 months.

Until this time the church organization has been operating as a dependent branch under Bishop Vernon P. Bennion of Hermiston. Elder Mecham replaces Arnold Raymond who has been acting as presiding elder with his counselors, Paul Warren and Christopherson.

The local church is sponsor of Explorer Post 600 and Boy Scout troop 600. Christopherson, scoutmaster for the troop, extends an invitation to all boys of scouting age to participate in the program.



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