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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

CONGRATULATIONS to the new official Morrow County Jaycees! With their charter all presented and a rousing sendoff by some 15 other chapters, they are now all set to go.

We've known of Jaycee chapters which have just about changed the whole complexion of a community, stirring life and activity to make a progressive area. Young men of ideas and the vigor and enthusiasm to accomplish them are a real asset to any community.

This paper will back them 100 per cent in any worthwhile activity they undertake, and we know they will get the same kind of cooperation from the rest of the public.

A DISREPUTABLE CHARACTER with a long frowzy beard, and wearing heavy and wet rain clothes, came in Friday and leaned over the counter. We gave him the querulous eye that we might use on any dubious transient before we realized he looked vaguely familiar. When the grin came on his face, we could see through the mangy growth that Fred Gimbel was behind the foliage all alone on an elk hunt, coming from his new home in Cottage Grove, and he had been camped for a week. His brother of Hermiston was going to go with him but had to back out at the last minute, so Fred did his elk hunting alone.

The ex-PP&L lineman-agent here is kind of a selective hunter. If he doesn't see exactly just the right buck deer he wants, he doesn't pull the trigger. But on this occasion he didn't see any bull elk at all and he didn't have to make a decision.

How he enjoys that camping alone in the cold and snow, I'll never know, but he does.

FRED IS KIND of like the guy described in "The Lost Forty" column in The Forest Log, publication of the State Department of Forestry.

This particular hunter would do nothing unless conditions were just right.

"One time," the column reports, "he was hunting on horseback in the Deschutes country and saw a huge buck with a tremendous rack of horns."

"Putting his rifle to his shoulder, he suddenly remembered he had neglected to clean the gun the night before. Not wishing to risk spoiling his aim because of grime in the barrel, he dismounted and carefully swabbed the firearm. Remounting, he sighted again at the animal. Then it dawned on him that he had not sharpened his knife. Realizing the folly of shooting a buck and not having a sharp blade in readiness, he climbed from the horse again. After whetting the blade to his satisfaction he mounted once more, only to find his coat was binding him across the shoulders when he looked down the sights."

"So he got down, took off the offending garment, placed it over a tree limb and swung into the saddle. Just as he raised his musket, the deer ran away and he failed to get off even a snap shot.

"The cautious one was heard to say, 'If I'd been an instant quicker, I would have bagged that buck!'"

LAST YEAR Fred could have bagged a buck on opening day, but it was too small and he didn't want to use up his tag that quick. But he never did find the buck he wanted and so went without. This year he only got in one day's deer hunting in the coast country and was skunked, and now he fails to connect on elk here.

Looks as if Fred and Betty and family will be eating chicken again this winter.

JIMMY SWANSON of lone, 13-year-old winner of the Punt, Pass and Kick contest sponsored by Heppner Auto Sales here, came within a whisker of winning a trip to San Francisco. It was learned this week.

His big point total was topped by a boy in Pendleton who thus became state winner. But the winning score was only 2 1/2 points better than Jim! That's coming so close that it hurts.

WELL, SIR, Fred Ott probably is thinking about starting a cat farm this week. In a little ditty last week, we called upon public sympathy to help him get rid of four bob-tailed cats because he didn't have the heart to end 36 feline lives (9x4).

He and his wife, Cecile, report this week that they got calls for cats from all over. Some drove in from Lexington, others from the Butter Creek area. He probably could have gotten rid of a dozen cats.

Well, don't let it ever be said that folks don't read the old G-T!

(By the way, someone on the classified page wants to give some cut little puppies away this week. They would be just right to chase bob-tailed cats.)

WE THINK we at last have found out why Claude Cox is such a happy-go-lucky man. It's because he has such a good cook at home. Some time ago this nice lady sent us a jar of plum jam. We didn't get around to trying it until the other day when Mrs. Co-Publisher brought home some of this Brown 'N Serve bread.

Maybe you think that jam wasn't delicious on that hot bread! The jar didn't last long. Next time I see that broad smile of Claude's I'll know he has been eating some of that plum jam.

SOME GOOD JOKES were told by speakers at the Morrow County Grain Growers dinner Monday night. We liked the one Marion Thomas, OSU agricultural economist, told on himself. He has written quite a few papers on various subjects in his field. One day one of his friends told him, "Your papers remind me of a kiss over the telephone."

"How's that?" asked Thomas. "They're perfectly safe but not very exciting," the disconcerting friend replied.

THERE WAS anguish in Heppnerville Saturday when Stanford cuffed Oregon State. Local folks had trouble getting the radio broadcast because reception was particularly poor.

We got the idea of getting in the car and heading for higher ground to try and get it better on the car radio. When we got to the top of the hill on the Condon highway, we found we just about had to have reservations. A good many others already had the same idea.

Everyone was disappointed at the outcome, of course, but we understand there will be a general migration to Corvallis Saturday, and the local Dick Ruhl fans hope their yelling will pull the Beavers out.

We're going to have to play this one pretty cool now that son Bill is at U of O and determined that the yellow and green are going to pick roses. Since older son Dick is OSU '64, mom and pop are pretty much on the spot. We sure hope one of the Oregon teams gets to go to the Rose Bowl!

Officers Chosen At Booster Night Grange Meeting

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — The Lexington Grange met for its regular meeting and Booster Night on Saturday, starting with a turkey potluck dinner, with the turkey being furnished by the Grange. The tables were beautifully decorated with fall colors and matching napkins.

A short program was held following the dinner at which time two Thanksgiving readings were given by Jean Nelson and two enjoyable musical numbers were presented by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, accompanied by their mother. A short talk on "What the Grange is and why we should join the Grange" was given by the Pamona Master Berl Akers of lone.

While the members held their meeting, the guests played pin-ocle and bridge in the basement. Members heard reports from Nathan Thorpe, county deputy from Hermiston, and Berl Akers, Pamona Master from lone.

Election of officers was held with the following consenting to take offices: Lyle Cox, master; Cecil Jones, overseer; Fred Nelson, steward; Edward Hunt, assistant steward; Norman Nelson, gatekeeper; Marie Steagall, chaplain; Kenneth Smouse, secretary; Delpha Jones, lecturer; Ardith Hunt, lady assist steward; Nora Turner, Ceres; Ola Ruggles, Flora; Frieda Majeske, Pamona; Jean Nelson, treasurer; Cheryllyn Smouse, musician.

Plans of ex-committee members, Florence McMillan, Norman Nelson and Ed Hunt, and the master overseer and secretary for installation of officers will be announced later.

Following the meeting the group adjourned to the basement where coffee was served. Those winning prizes at the card party were Mrs. Trudy Casebeer, high; Madge Bryant, high, and Nell Anderson and Annie Healy, low.

Next meeting is the Christmas meeting and will start with a potluck dinner and a Christmas program.

Mrs. Hunt Heads Lodge

Holly Rebekah lodge met in regular session on Thursday of last week with the Vice Grand Ardith Hunt in the chair. At this time election of officers was held with the following ladies being elected: Mrs. Ardith Hunt, Noble Grand; Mrs. Darlene Padberg, vice chairman; Mrs. Delpha Jones, secretary; Mrs. Laverne Henderson, treasurer; Mrs. Edna Fetsch, three year trustee; and Mrs. Bertha Hunt, two year trustee. Plans were made for initiation to be held the first meeting in December. Following the meeting refreshments were served in the dining room from tables decorated with fall flowers. The next meeting is a planned turkey potluck dinner with the turkey being furnished by the lodge.

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The film, "The Facts of Faith," a religious science movie, will be shown in conclusion of the event. This is the rally that was originally scheduled for last week, but was unavoidably postponed to this Sunday. A cordial welcome is extended by Margaret Green, president of the host church.

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Dovie Alderman, reporter

Club Plans for Christmas

Three Links committee of Holly Rebekah lodge met at the home of Mrs. Joe Engleman in lone with Mrs. Bertha Hunt as co-hostess. New business included the purchasing of fancy work materials for next year and for a doll to be dressed and sold. It was also decided that the lodge hold birthday parties every three months instead of the club remembering these members each meeting.

At the next meeting in December it was requested that the Secret Sister gifts be brought to club at the home of Mrs. Delpha Jones, and at lodge there would be an exchange for women and men. Plans for entertaining the children of the lodge members at the Christmas meeting were planned and a committee will be appointed to care for this. The children will be remembered before the regular meeting.

Those present for the meeting were Mrs. Charles Colly, Mrs. Ed Hunt, Mrs. Gene Cole, Mrs. Jean Munkers, Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. Joe Yocom, Mrs. Oris Padberg, Mrs. Earl Warner, Mrs. Charlie Padberg, Mrs. Blaine Chapel, Mrs. Bertha Hunt and Mrs. C. C. Jones. Refreshments were served.

A. F. Majeske is a patient in

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the Community hospital in Pendleton. Mrs. Majeske spent a couple of days this week in Pendleton to be near Mr. Majeske.

Mrs. Florence McMillan returned home Saturday after several days in Arlington at the home of her a on-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. George Irvin and family. The Irvins and Mrs. McMillan spent last Wednesday in Kelso, Wn., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pomeroy where they visited Mrs. Pomeroy who is seriously ill at her home.

Mrs. Bob Davidson has returned to her home after a stay in Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Larry Memorial spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, from his work in Hood River.

Mrs. Vera Whillock is in Eugene this week with her mother, Mrs. Emma Breshears, and with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Greg Leyva and children of Hood River spent the week-end in Lexington with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall.

Guests at the Kenneth Marshall home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Christopherson and children of Olex, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Palmer of lone, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bea and daughter of Condon, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Palmer.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

DEGREE OF HONOR
Annual Thanksgiving dinner, Saturday, November 21, 6:30 p.m.
Christian church basement, Members, families, invited guests.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Wednesday, November 25, 7:30 p.m.
Church of the Nazarene
Public cordially invited.

JUNIOR CLASS PLAY
Friday, Saturday, Dec. 4 and 5
High school multipurpose room.
"Green Valley." Tickets \$1.50c.

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Central Market
Friday, Nov. 20, 10:30 a.m.

FOOD SALE
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The Hope for the Home on the Range

Extraordinary work has been done in recent years by Morrow county students in the annual Soil Conservation speech contest. We're getting pretty used to having our representatives placing in the state finals, and it has been years since the local Morrow winner didn't advance to the state semi-finals.

This showing is due not only to the talent of the students but by the help and encouragement of their teachers and the Heppner Soil Conservation district.

But the important thing, it seems to us, is not so much that they win the contest, but what they have to say. They bring a real message, and the great pity has been that too few hear them.

This year's local winner, Anita Groves, placed second in the semi-finals and thus was eliminated from the state finals. But she gave a talk that deserved a hearing by a large audience. It was repeated at the Morrow County Grain Growers meeting and thus reached the ears of several hundred persons.

Because all in the county didn't have the opportunity to hear Anita, and because she has a message of importance, we reprint the text of her talk below.

Many years ago a song written by an unknown cowboy was dedicated to the rangeland of America. The first lines, familiar to all of us, are, "Oh, give me a home where the buffalo roam and the deer and the antelope play, where never is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day."

These well-known lines, written so long ago, describe the rangeland as it was before man destroyed so much of its beauty and value. Today, there are millions of acres in this country of ours that are sorely neglected and no cowboy or any living creature would want to call them home. Grasses are gone, weeds have taken over, erosion has left deep gullies, and rocks are sprouting from the hillsides.

In the second verse of the old song, the cowboy says, "I would not exchange my home on the range for all of the cities so bright." Today, he would probably gladly trade this worn out land for city lights, and if he sang the song he would be lamenting the loss of yesterday's range. The time is running out and the range is paying the farmer back for his poor care by feeding less livestock. A surplus production of livestock is not likely to ever become a permanent problem in the United States. With a population explosion in progress and the danger of a scarcity of feed for future generations a possibility, rangeland conservation should be a major concern to all of us. Furthermore, the wide open spaces the cowboy once knew are disappearing and every precious acre must be protected.

The phrase, "there's never a discouraging word," is not true today. When millions of acres of once lush grasslands are covered with scraggly weeds and useless plants, such as sagebrush, the outlook is dismal and discouraging. But with a wise seeding program and scientific range management, much of this land can be restored. However, this restoration is a slow process.

It takes nature several hundred years to build up an inch of topsoil, and without man's help, it may take from 20 to 50 years for grass to grow on areas where it has been destroyed. In the past, grass was taken for granted, but now with the soil conservation program, more and more ranchers are realizing that good grasslands are an essential and basic part of a ranch geared to high production. For practically all grasses and legumes conserve and improve the structure of the soil and are the principal agents for preventing erosion on sloping hillsides.

Rangeland management means planning and putting into operation a complete program of conservation suitable for a particular range as the conditions are never just alike, but the end result is the same—good grassland.

Heppner Soil and Water Conservation district ranchers use several different methods to protect and improve their grasslands. One popular practice in this district is rotational grazing which means that livestock are rotated among several grazing areas to allow regrowth during the rest periods.

Closely related to this is the practice of deferred grazing. In our area the use of separate winter and summer ranges is a successful means to increase production. Furthermore, ranchers watch their grazing land to see that it is not overstocked for the stand of grass and that it is being uniformly grazed. Along with these practices, a fencing program must be used to prevent overgrazing, to encourage uniform grazing and to successfully use rotational grazing.

We are fortunate in the Heppner district that most ranchers advocate these practices and use them extensively on their ranges. Providing several stock watering places in each field is another way to save grassland. This means well-scattered stock, less tendency to kill grass around the water, more time for the cattle to lie down, and more money in the bank when the stock is sold.

Many ranchers in our district have developed excellent ponds on their ranches. Besides providing water for livestock, these ponds attract all forms of wildlife.

The lines in the song, "Where the deer and the antelope play," can come true if individual land operators apply soil and water conservation practices that increase wildlife. The land use decisions of farmers and ranchers can mean an abundance or a scarcity of wildlife. Because so many ranches in our district provide food, water and cover so vital for wildlife survival, Morrow county is widely known as one of the best hunting areas in the state.

There is much more to rangeland management than I have presented here today. The using of fertilizers and chemical sprays, the reseeding of old pastures and the mowing of weeds are among them. I am proud of my district and what it is doing about range land conservation, but there is more to be done. If each and every rancher would use some of these practices, much of our nation's rangeland could be restored to its former beauty and productivity. Then we could again sing the sentimental ballad, "Home on the Range," as if we meant it.

However, if we do not practice sound range management, we may be singing new words to the old song that go like this:
Oh, give me a home where there is some loam,
Where the soil and the water will stay.
For I must exchange my home on the range
for some other place that will pay.

WOMAN HIT BY LANDSLIDE



The family was so proud of Mom when she was swept into PTA office by a landslide victory, they phoned all the relatives Long Distance to share the good news. (They Direct Distance Dialed 'em like a flash.) How about you? Shared some family fun, long vacations, or election victories lately? Remember, "Long Distance is the next best thing to being there." And lower rates begin after 6 PM. PACIFIC NORTHWEST BELL

Busy Needles Meet

Busy Needles 4-H club had a meeting November 3. We met at Mrs. Holz' place in town. We met again November 10 at the home of Mrs. Spohn. Teresa Tucker joined us to start her sweater. We had one visitor, who was Mrs. Herb Ekstrom. Frances Wiley, reporter

Returning to their home in Hood River on Sunday, after spending four days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones were their son and daughter-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones, Holly and Guy, Lloyd Dyer, also of Hood River, accompanied them here and enjoyed a successful elk hunting trip.

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