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Chaff and Chatter Wes Sherman

THIS IS the time of year when school kids are counting the days. Just try them.

On Friday we put the question without warning to Greg Pierce, our back shop printer's devil and senior in high school, "How many more days?" He looked up from his work, rather startled, but replied without hesitation, "Seventeen."

Seventeen more days until school is out. As of this writing it is just 14—and another year has slipped by.

NOW THAT our two-day summer has gone and winter is back again, maybe we should revert to standard time once more. It's chilly, isn't it?

BUT THERE are some signs that summer is going to come—eventually. For instance, if you happen to be an early riser, and look over on Cross hill along about 7 a.m. on most mornings, you might spot a big man with a large pack on his back on the hill.

The man would be Bob Abrams. No, he hasn't gone deaf. He is just keeping in shape for his mountain climbing activities this summer. Bob expects to number Mt. Rainier among his conquests this season, and in so doing, he will have climbed all of 16 major mountains in this section of the county.

Bob is also going to lead a Mazama climb on another mountain in a few weeks, and he is making the daily assault on Cross hill with a 50-pound pack to prepare for it. He says that he should increase the pack to 80 pounds, but that might be too much of a good thing.

DR. C. M. WAGNER made a comment the other day about the large number of accidents that occur every summer from power lawn mower accidents. He feels so keenly about this that he made a short talk at the Chamber of Commerce calling attention to it and urged caution.

But now we see that Bob Lowe has blossomed out with a splinted and bandaged finger. He says that he was operating the power mower at the hospital the other day, and in going through a tight spot, raked the finger against a fire hydrant, peeling it open.

At least Bob was right handy to the hospital to get the injury cared for.

But Dr. Wagner's point, seriously, is a good one. People do some absent-minded things with power mowers, not realizing the hazard. We remember a case when a fellow was operating a power mower on his lawn and came to an obstruction in the grass. He squatted down to lift the rotary mower over the obstruction while it was still operating and absent-mindedly rested it on the upper part of his leg. It slashed off the entire top of the leg.

Many accidents happen when rotary mowers pick up stones, wire, glass and other objects and hurl them out the exhaust side. An operator should always be careful that this side isn't aimed at anyone standing nearby.

THE PTA is having a rough time trying to get a date for its talent show, and it has been



MISS NELLIE VAN CALCAR

IFYE to Jamaica To Present Talks Here Next Week

Next week Morrow county people will have the opportunity to hear of life in Jamaica from Miss Nellie Van Calcar, who has just spent several months in that country.

As an International Farm Youth Exchange delegate, she has been in Jamaica since September, living with farm families in the various provinces and assisting with various 4-H activities, including 4-H camp. Upon special request she participated in the observance of the 25th anniversary of 4-H in the island nation in early April.

Nellie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Calcar of Coos Bay. She grew up on her parents' Jersey dairy farm with three brothers. After graduating from high school, where she was a member of Future Homemakers of America, Miss Van Calcar enrolled in Oregon State University where she was active in the Collegiate 4-H club, Mu Beta Beta (a 4-H and extension workers honorary fraternity) and Home Economics club. She was a 4-H club member 13 years. Last June she received her bachelor's degree from OSU in home economics, specializing in foods and nutrition.

Miss Van Calcar will arrive in Morrow county Thursday evening, May 13, and will make presentations, including colored slides depicting her Jamaica experiences, at several gatherings between then and Sunday, May 16.

On Thursday, May 13, at 8:00 p.m., she will speak to South Morrow conference room.

On Friday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. she will speak at the Heppner Elementary school; 10:30 a.m. at Lone high school; 1:00 p.m. at Riverside High school, Boardman, and Friday evening at Rhea Creek Grange, Ruggs.

On Saturday, May 15, 7:30 p.m. she will meet with the Irrigation Community 4-H Club at A. C. Houghton school cafeteria.

All interested persons are encouraged to attend one of the above sessions. Or, if you would like to schedule Miss Van Calcar's presentation for your organization or a community gathering or group of friends, please contact Donna George at the county extension office.

Getting a Taste of the Good Rural Life

It is a bit odd in this day and age of fast transportation and communication that people can live so close together and still not know much about each other.

Portland isn't far from Morrow county any more—only about a three hour drive.

Chances are, however, that out of the group of 35 eighth graders coming to Morrow county this week-end for a visit, not more than three or four have ever set foot in the county before.

Tour Director Neil Anderson last year called for a show of hands among the group visiting here and found that only two or three hands went up when he asked how many had ever been in Morrow county before.

The county is happy to play host to the visiting youngsters, and the hospitality shown will be genuine. It is expected that the kids will discover the mode of living considerably different than that to which they are accustomed. At the same time, they may learn that there is something abundantly refreshing and invigorating about rural living in the great open spaces.

Mutual understanding and respect will tend to come from this exposure of city kids to country kids, and vice versa. If enough of this is done, maybe some day Morrow county can outgrow the popular appellation of "sagebrush county," by which it is so often described (even in an Oregonian editorial this week). At the same time our young people can learn that city kids are good kids, too, that the majority don't run in gangs, and that Portland is a City of Roses instead of a land of smog and rain.

Last year's Portlanders made a fine impression here as emissaries of their city, and it is a certainty that this year's visitors will be of the same caliber. Out of the new acquaintanceships between city and country youth will grow some lasting friendships.

The visitors will find that they do not need a "key to the county" because no doors will be locked to them and they will find a hearty welcome wherever they go. If they enjoy their visit in proportion to the interest and effort that has been given by committees and host families in preparing for them, they will have a great time indeed.

A Diabolical Plot . . .

(By Clay Brownhill, in Condon Globe-Times)

We're convinced the government's health and fitness program is a diabolical plot to do away with all newspaper publishers and editors.

As is generally known our politicians . . . especially those in Washington, have been saying more and more nasty things about the press, patting them on the back one minute (while using the news media to make contact with the public) and verbally beating the daylight out of the poor wretches the next minute.

Well anyway, while looking at TV Saturday night we watched a commercial promoting the health and fitness program in which a teenager did pushups, ending up with a flat stomach and obviously in the pink.

Lyle C. Cowdrey Dies in Portland

Lyle C. Cowdrey, 51, of Stayton and formerly of Heppner, died in a Portland hospital Tuesday, May 4. He was born in Hardman on June 15, 1913, and had been a resident here for much of his life.

Funeral services will be at the Sweeney Mortuary chapel Friday, 7, at 1:30 with Paul Jones, acting worshipful master of Heppner lodge No. 69, A. F. and A. M., officiating. Interment will be in the Heppner Masonic cemetery.

For the past 15 years Cowdrey has been a resident of Stayton. He was married to Gladys Gentry in Boise, Idaho, on August 14, 1940. He had graduated from Heppner High school in 1933 and later attended Merritt Davis School of Commerce in Salem.

Cowdrey was a member of Mill City lodge No. 180, A. F. and A. M., and was a member of Heppner lodge No. 358, B. P. O. E.

Armed Forces Day Open House Set At Army Depot

Saturday, May 15, has been designated by Colonel John Sheridan as the date for Umatilla Army Depot's annual Armed Forces Day Open House.

"Armed Forces Day is the occasion to present our annual report to the American people and to demonstrate a national unity dedicated to Power for Peace, a day the community will be welcomed to come to the Depot to view their nation's mighty defending facilities," UAD's commanding officer stated.

An interesting and varied Armed Forces Day program has been planned for the public.

But service between local communities and the depot will be furnished free of charge on May 15.

Umatilla Army Depot, near Hermiston, is under the command of the U.S. Army Supply and Maintenance Command, with headquarters at Washington, D.C.

Looking for mimeograph stencils? The Gazette-Times has them for sale, including special church bulletin style.

Judge's Statement Backs Engineers on Riverfront

Hearing on use of the riverfront in the Boardman-Irrigon area held last Thursday by the Corps of Engineers at Boardman found some 100 interested persons in attendance. Of those appearing, all were in favor of some modification of the plans that would take a large area for wildlife refuges.

County Judge Paul Jones, in his statement, said that the Morrow county court supports the adoption of a land use plan as submitted by Cornell, Howland, Hayes and Merryfield, engineers.

The hearing remains open for written statements for 30 days. Among those planning to file such statements, according to Judge Jones, is the Isaac Walton League, probably in favor of the

full wildlife refuge. The judge's statement, one of several presented on behalf of official county organizations, was as follows:

"The Morrow County Court respectfully urges the adoption of the land use plan as submitted by Cornell, Howland, Merryfield, and Hayes.

"This independent firm, which has been retained by the Morrow County Planning and Development Commission, as well as by the Mid-Columbia Planning Council, has made extensive studies of the land use potential in Morrow County and we have every reason to think that this is an impartial survey.

"Their report has taken into consideration the miles of riverfront which are suitable for industrial use. They have also studied the sites which are suitable for recreation and wildlife areas and, in the main, they conform closely to the land use plan prepared by the Corps of Engineers.

"I, as Judge of Morrow County, am not opposed to the general recreation and wildlife long range plans as submitted by the Corps today. However, since the areas which can be used as industrial sites are limited by rather rigid requirements of terrain, accessibility to rail, highway, and water, I believe that both the sportsmen and the planning groups will profit in the long run by these modest requests.

"I would like to point out that the Court does not feel that this is an inordinate recommendation. Morrow County has provided some rather large acreages to various government and state agencies. These include about 100,000 acres in the Boeiling site, some 50,000 acres in the Navy Bombing Range, some 8,600 acres in the Ordinance Depot and about 140,000 acres in national and state forests, not to mention some B. L. M. and other lands. The additional recreational areas will increase the above amounts by about 5,000 acres, which will also be tax free."

Need extra cash? Sell unused items around your place with a Gazette-Times classified ad.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASEBALL
Saturday, May 8, Burns at Burns, 1 p.m.
TRACK
Saturday, May 8, Elks Invitational, Pendleton, 9 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY DINNER
Elk's Temple, 1 to 5 p.m.
Chicken Dinner, Tickets, \$2.50, \$1.25.

GIRL'S LEAGUE TEA
Wednesday, May 12, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
High School Multipurpose room.
For all mothers; benefit scholarship fund. One-act play, program, refreshments.

PTA TALENT SHOW
Friday, May 21, 8 p.m.
Junior high auditorium.
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Rockhound Corner

By RUBY MILLER

Your reporter was attending a rock show in Sweet Home at the time of the March club meeting. Only by going to a rock show can one really appreciate the beauty there is in some rocks.

At the meeting of the Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society in March, two books were selected for purchasing, the first of a selection to start a club library.

President Ed Gonty was surprised with a birthday gift and honored with a special cake at refreshment time.

During the club meeting on April 24, several coming events were discussed, including a field trip in May, a potluck in June and the sidewalk bazaar in July, with Joan Taylor chosen as chairman.

A club donation was voted toward the special display case containing Oregon's state rock, the thunderegg, at the state capitol. The president of the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies, George Williams, presented the case to Governor Hatfield on May 3.

A report was given and a few slides shown of the rock show in Sweet Home on March 27, 28. Another report was heard on the mid-year director's meeting in Pendleton on April 17.

The door prize, a quartz crystal, was won by Mrs. Dick Robinson.

Bob Lowe showed a few slides of his trip to England, but due to projector difficulty, he was unable to complete the showing. The club is looking forward to his return soon to complete them.

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