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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THIS IS an anniversary edition of the Gazette-Times since it marks the end of the fifth year of the current publishers as owners of the paper, having come here June 1, 1961.

It would seem an appropriate time to commend some of the "newspaper family" who have a big share in keeping the news around the county funneling to the paper every week.

Our correspondents cover an unusually large area for a weekly newspaper, one more than 100 miles from north to south. They extend from Boardman and Irrigon along the Columbia River to Monument and Kinzua in the south.

Newest correspondent is Blanche McDaniel at Hardman who is taking over after Charlotte Walker and Alta Stevens took regular jobs elsewhere. She has sent in items since January and is doing a good job of coverage there.

Sometimes our correspondents make us feel a little guilty here in Heppner. They seem to do a better job getting the local and personal items than we do.

We feel fortunate to have this crew of writers and representatives and thank them for their good work and loyalty on this anniversary.

NOW we can congratulate Jim Barratt without qualification. He has been chosen officially as athletic director of OSU. We extended premature felicitations when he was named acting director, but it is a fact now, and his many friends here will join in sending good wishes.

WELL SIR, now that we have some rain, there seems to be a bit of disagreement about who gets the credit for it. We note that Warne Nunn, assistant to the governor, said with tongue in cheek that he followed the governor's orders in bringing it over from the valley when he attended the Memorial Day picnic here.

We'd kind of thought that the old timers returning home was responsible. They are wise in the ways of Morrow county and knew that something had to be done about the situation.

There are weeks when the paper is tight that their material is left out. But they seem to understand and don't complain. But those in the communities miss it when this happens, and we quite often hear disappointments expressed by some of the residents.

Three of our correspondents have served through the five years. They are Mrs. Charles C. (Delpha) Jones of Lexington, who was on the job when we came here; Mrs. Frank (Mary Lee) Marlow of Boardman; and Mrs. Martha Matteson of Monument.

But who's kidding who? The rain is something over which we have no control and we have to admit it.

We were real enthusiastic about it Monday and felt real good for all ranchers until we discovered that the G-T shop roof has sprung a leak. Maybe a committee of grateful farmers would like to come and fix our roof?

Delpha is a real good, dependable correspondent. She knows her community like a book, and never seems to get miffed about anything. She usually brings her material in personally and keeps us abreast of the things going on in her community.

Martha is the hardy one. She will drive in over Sunflower flats in the dead of winter when occasion demands, and she keeps us in touch with a part of our area that we seldom have opportunity to visit. But our people here feel a close kinship with Monument and Spray folks and we want to keep in touch with what they are doing.

CAN ANYONE tell us what has been causing those loud booms around here that have been making buildings quake and windows rattle? We thought someone was doing some dynamiting but we have no leads on this. Another popular theory is that the noise is sonic booms of airplanes. If so, they're flying high. We never spot them.

MANY HAVE noted the unique compatibility of south Morrow county ministers. Although representing a goodly number of denominations, they cooperate fully, share one another's pulpits on occasion, combine for community services and work together in other ways. It would seem that Heppner has its own ecumenical movement.

The ministers here are from a real fine group. Now we are sorry to see some of their number leaving. Pastor Ken Robinson of the Lutheran church has accepted a call to a Portland church. He has served Hope and Valby churches for five years and our area is much the better for having had his influence. He and his family will be missed here.

Anna Mae McQuaw, who was a freshman at Pacific University at Forest Grove this year has arrived home for the summer vacation.

Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chub Warren were Warren's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Eveett Clark and children Marilyn, Carolyn, Ronnie and Dannie of Burns, and Mrs. Warren's daughter Mrs. Russell DeMauro and daughters Anna Marie, Billie Jo and Barbara of The Dalles.

At Irrigon, LaVelle Partlow joined our "family" several years ago when we felt this city, like Boardman, should be represented in the county paper because it is a part of the county. LaVelle keeps the news coming in, and she never criticizes when Irrigon items are forced out of the paper because of a small edition, or held for later publication. She, too, is in an area where big things are underway and has a big field to cover.

Mrs. Virginia Kelso represents us at Kinzua, starting when we added this community to our coverage a couple of years ago. She does a fine job of writing and her items come in neatly typed, making the editors happy. In fact, our staff of correspondents is exceptional—all the way around—in the way their copy arrives. It's neat, clean and easy to edit.

Elder Elwood Boyd of the Seventh-day Adventist church and his family have moved to Omak, Wn., where he accepted a new assignment. He was another congenial clergyman who will be missed. We particularly enjoyed Rev. Boyd because he had some printing background, and it was nice to have him visit in our shop.

Three new clergymen are expected soon—all young men. Dirk Rinehart of Berkeley, Calif., is coming to serve All Saints' Episcopal church, Paul Cole of Walla Walla coming to the Seventh-day Adventist church, and a call has been extended by the Lutheran churches to Don Pederson, who is graduating from Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. They will find a welcome here.

## Pie in the Sky

(From THE VALLEY HERALD, Milton-Freewater)

The proposed one and one-half percent property tax limitation initiative sounds as though it promises relief to property owners, but a closer inspection of it reveals its passage could be a tragic blunder.

Property owners who expect it to relieve them of burdensome property taxes can come to learn, to their sorrow, just what it does promise.

The proposed initiative would limit annual taxes on real or personal property to one and one-half percent of its market value. However, it would repeal an Oregon constitutional provision limiting to six percent the annual property tax rate increase.

The initiative would call for about \$103 million in decreases to local taxing districts, such as schools and cities.

Unfortunately, the measure makes no provision for alternate sources of revenue. And the sources the local taxing districts can turn to for new sources of revenue are new taxes for state aid. The latter could mean the state could drastically increase its existing taxes or introduce entirely new ones.

Probably the persons most interested in seeing the tax limitation initiative pass are small property owners—those with homes, acreages and small farms. But, under the proposed initiative, more than 60 percent of the so-called "tax relief" would go, not to them, but to business and industry.

In the final analysis, taxes can come from only one source—wealth. That wealth may be income-producing property or income-producing labor. There is no other source, and as long as Oregonians continue to vote for increasing government services, then the bill must be met.

The only real answer for tax relief is for the voter to go to the polls and express his opinion on every matter which calls for taxes.

## Riverside Grads Hear Rev. Naff

By MARY LEE MARLOW

BOARDMAN — Baccalaureate services for the graduating class of Riverside High school were held Sunday night in the school gymnasium. Rev. Jack Naff, pastor of the First Christian church in Hermiston, was the speaker.

The processional and recessional were played by Mrs. Albert Partlow, Irrigon.

The invocation was by the Rev. Herbert Vaughan, pastor of the Community Baptist church in Irrigon, and the benediction was by the Rev. Herman R. Burg, pastor of the Community church in Boardman.

The Riverside High school chorus sang two hymns, "In The Garden", and "The Lord's Prayer", with Charles Moorman directing.

Rev. Vaughan presented each senior with a bible, a gift from the churches of Irrigon and Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Houston and children Leo, Ariene, Donald and Sharon were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Houston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potts. Sunday they all went to The Dalles for a family picnic with Potts' cousins, Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Chochenour and families.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Hoffman and daughter Linda went to Condon Sunday to visit Mrs. Hoffman's mother, Mrs. Frankie Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harwood spent the week-end fishing at Paulina Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walker and sons Bill and Jim of Eugene, visited at the home of Mrs. Walker's aunt, Mrs. Claud Coats, Sunday. Monday visitors at the Coats home were Mrs. Coats' brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Messenger of The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Wright and children visited relatives in Madras over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lathin and son Guy of Hood River were Friday visitors at the home of Mrs. Lathin's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Eades. Eades' mother, Mrs. R. A. Eades accompanied them and remained here this week to visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Obermeier and two children of St. Helens were week-end visitors at the home of Obermeier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Obermeier.

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Dick Skoubo, student at OSC in Corvallis spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Skoubo.

Mrs. Frank Marlow went to Pendleton Monday to visit her brother-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lafe Smith, and Mrs. Marlow.

## TO THE EDITOR

Dear Wes and Helen:

So very sorry I could not make it to Heppner this year, but I have been under the weather a lot and my daughter, Frances, is not well. I certainly want to make it back home once more, at least.

I see by the G-T that Oscar had me down for a little talk (at the Memorial Day picnic). I did want to relate a few old time stories that most people never heard of.

I think Heppner has a nice bunch of young people. Been a long time since I first started to school. The first school was set afire one night by a gang of big teenagers playing poker upstairs and accidentally set it afire.

My father and Jeff Jones, Alva's father, built the new one up on the eastern hill right where the hospital stands.

I think my old schoolmate, Len Gilliam, is too tough to be sick very long. Give my best regards to everyone in the old home town and county.

Sincerely, your friend  
O. M. Yeager  
Castle Rock, Wn.

To the Editor:  
Dear Sir:  
Audrey and I are deeply grateful to, and want to thank, the people of Oregon who expressed their confidence in me on May 24.

There is only one reason to seek governorship of Oregon, and that is to improve the vantage point from which to come to grips with the issues. And you may rest assured that my concern with the issues transcends partisanship or personal whim.

Now that each party has chosen its nominees, I'm anxious to get into the substance of the fall campaign, bringing to all corners of the state my program of progress for people.

Respectfully,  
Tom McCall

## Over The Tee Cup

By DEE GRIBBLE

Willow Creek golfers (30, including the gals) motored to Kinzua Sunday — really were supposed to play the 30th, but we went on Sunday. Adding to the fun was a flag tourney—you add your handicap to play a regular game of golf, then when you reach the total of strokes you are allowed you "plant" the flag you were given.

All the Heppner gals "died" on number 8, with Hazel Mahoney the closest to the pin, for which she received a ball. Other prizes went to Dee Gribble for closest to the pin and Bev Gunderson for long drive.

Stuart Gribble was the only man from Heppner to exceed the 9-hole tourney. He "died" about a foot from the pin on 10th hole (nearly an eagle.) Maurice Groves was closest to the pin and Lowell Gribble had long drive.

For Kinzua, Dave Lovell (17-year-old and just graduated from high school) made a clean sweep—closest to the pin, long drive and flag tourney. His mother, Lavina Conner, had closest to the pin and flag. Hazel Hulett had long drive.

Sandwiches and coffee were served by the ladies of the club.

Later a "dropout" was enjoyed by 15 men of both clubs, and our own Morrie Groves brought home the "money".

Lessons are still being given on Monday and Tuesday evenings, starting at 7 o'clock.

Wish you could have seen our Carol's eyes when her drive on number 3 hole disappeared down a gopher hole. (Jimmy Schaffitz dug it out). We had such a time convincing her it wasn't a "hole in one."

I'm almost afraid to say it—but Sunday, June 5, is the day

Clarence Thomas, and her brother, Harold Hartle.

Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie went to Lexington Sunday to visit at the homes of Mrs. Gillespie's nieces, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marquardt.

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Heppner is to play with McNary — Umatilla THERE. Tee off 8:30 a.m.  
Come on golfers! School will be out, so come have a good time with us.

Mrs. Millie Doolittle was cheered by visits with members of her family over the Memorial Day week-end. Coming from Portland were her son and wife and grandson, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Doolittle and Ronald, and her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Perrott. From Elgin on Sunday came her brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rood.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

**PUBLIC CARD PARTY**  
Episcopal Parish Hall  
Saturday, June 4, 1:30 p.m.  
Episcopal Church Women's Guild  
Bridge and pinocle  
Public Invited.

**AWARD ASSEMBLY**  
Junior High school gym  
Friday, June 3, 2:30 p.m.  
Parents invited.

**COMMUNITY AUCTION**  
Willows Grange Hall, Ione  
Saturday, June 4  
Auction starts at 10:30 a.m.  
Beef Berbecue Dinner, noon.

**COMMENCEMENT**  
Thursday, June 2, 8 p.m.,  
high school gym.

**BLOOD DRAWING**  
Mark the date!  
Monday, June 6, 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Heppner Elks' Temple  
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