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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

JAYCEES pulled the Chamber of Commerce members through the stream of water from a fire hose at the Queen's Coronation Saturday night, giving the older men a good dousing.

With that, you'd think the Jaycees would be happy, and the C of C men properly chastised. But that isn't the way it is.

Charges and counter charges still fill the air. The C of C boys say the Jaycees had it all rigged, but President John Pankey of the latter group declares heatedly, "I've heard some real insulting stories since Saturday night. They're all untrue. We only had two more men than they had."

Chamber members declared that many of their strongest tuggers were on vacation or out of town, thus it wasn't a fair test. Whereupon the Jaycees are inclined to retort, "They got out of town because they didn't want to get wet!"

Anyway, the Jaycees gained possession of the hallowed Coffee Cup and their elders can start campaigning right now on how to skulldigger it back next year.

BUT THE JAYCEES scored in more ways than winning the Tug-of-War. They staged a very fine program, the boxing bouts being a novel idea for entertainment that tickled the crowd. The participants went about it with gusto and a number of them found themselves about pooped out after the first round. With their big gloves, nobody could damage an opponent very much.

DON'T THE fair and rodeo decorations around town look nice? The boys of Columbia Basin were right on the job in getting them up last week, and businesses have responded well in putting up their own. For the first time last year, each business bought its own decorations, and so this year doesn't have to puntle up with the rental fee that formerly was charged annually. They look much nicer and brighter, too.

SPEAKING OF DECORATIONS, have you noticed the window at Gardner's Men's Wear? It features the color pictures of our photogenic fair and rodeo court. Crown-shaped decorations, made by Lois Winchester, add embellishment. Result is a very attractive tribute to the court. Mrs. Winchester, who does so much in the way of art work to add to the fair and rodeo, has always been an outstanding promoter of these events. She was one of the hostesses for the Wranglers' dinner Friday night, helps with the dances, works on the cowboy breakfast, and always has a great entry in the rodeo parade of the humorous variety.

Lois puts real spirit into the rodeo, and it is people like her who make it the great event it is.

JUST ONE MORE thing on this subject—have you seen a rodeo court any more attractively dressed than the girls this year? Their outfits are neat, trim and colorful, at the same time being in good taste. These were bought again this year at near cost through Gardner's Men's Wear. Marj and LeRoy have done a real good job in getting the gals outfitted so well.

NOW THAT John Venard kicked it off a few months back, we've had a wave of Achilles-tendon accidents. You'll recall that his snapped one day when he ran down the sidewalk to get a doctor for a man who had been stricken in the bank. We understand that Sunday another such accident occurred under different circumstances. Elwyn Hale, parts manager for Heppner Auto Sales, was out fishing. He just took a step back and suddenly the tendon in one of his legs gave way. Earl Ayres said it didn't break but shattered somehow. And now Elwyn has to be placed in a walking cast to take care of the painful injury.

CLAYTON AYRES told us Wednesday about a 5-legged lamb he saw recently on the Mona King place at the Meadows near Echo. The fifth leg grew just below the tail. Although it had a normally-formed hoof, the leg wasn't long enough to touch the ground. Age of the male animal was about six weeks, but it is several weeks older than that now. Clayton said the animal apparently had two digestive systems, too. It was just as frisky as the rest of the lambs, he said.

PHONE RANG at the G-T the other day, and the long distance operator asked for Arnold Raymond, who is our shop foreman. When Arnold got on the line, someone started talking to him about State Tax business as if he were working for the commission. Finally it came out that they were trying to get

Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Hara and children visited the past week-end with his father Nest O'Hara. They had just returned home from a two weeks trip to Hawaii. Steve O'Hara their son just returned from a stay in Washington, D. C. with his grandparents.

Ramon Arnold of Pendleton. Reminds us of the time sister-in-law called us long distance when we lived in Dallas. Somehow the operator got confused and routed the call to Dallas, Texas. The "Wesley Sherman" she heard from Dallas wasn't the voice she was used to and finally she figured out that it was emanating from the wrong state. It's rather easy to distinguish a Texas accent from an Oregon drawl. But it was interesting to learn that there is a W. Sherman in Dallas, Texas.

SAM LEVENSON said on the "Tonight" show recently that one trouble with America today is that families never get together any more. The only time there is a funeral, he said, "they enjoy seeing each other so much that they say, 'We ought to have more of them.'"

That's one thing nice about having family reunions annually. You don't have to go to a funeral to see your cousins, aunts, uncles, etc. We attended our family reunion Sunday and even got to see all our own children in the same place at one time!

We always figured we were the only black sheep in the family, being the only Sherman in the newspaper business, but find that there are at least two others on another limb of the tree, a cousin Walter Barrett, has the Sierra Sun at Truckee, Calif., and another cousin, Eldon Barrett, with United Press International in Seattle.

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Staff: There is nothing like a bit of home away from home, and the paper brings me up on all the latest, just as if I were home reading it as I did every week.

It is kind of funny, I was sitting at the table, typing away, on this borrowed typewriter, putting the finishing touches on our paper (The Hooper Bay Bulletin) when the mail plane flew over head, ready to land at the air strip. A few minutes passed, and I looked out the window to see if the mail was being distributed yet. I got my rain coat on and trooped over to the post office to pick up the VISTA mail. Along with letters from home was the Gazette-Times.

I laid my work aside, and started right in reading the paper. I let Arlene read it, and she was greatly amused with it. I tried to answer the various questions she asked (wheat, barley, and all the things a rural area has). Since she is from the East coast, and I from the West, we enjoy each other's papers.

When we publish our next issue of our paper, I would like to send you a copy just for fun. Leora Van Winkle VISTA VOLUNTEER, Hooper Bay, Alaska

Heppner young people were prominent among those winning events at the Junior rodeo of the Umatilla County Fair at Hermiston, Friday and Saturday, August 13 and 14. The rodeo was a good-sized event with a large audience and 125 entries from all over Oregon.

In over-all averages Ruby Fulleton won a buckle and individual honors as champion in the senior girls' Texas barrel race. Gale Malcom took second place honors.

Marcia Jones won the champion buckle award in senior girls' cow cutting. Coming in second in the over-all average in senior boys' cow riding was Roger Britt.

In the Friday events Ruby Fulleton placed second in the senior girls' steer dobbing and first in the senior girls' cow cutting; Gale Malcom was second in the senior girls' Texas barrel race.

On Saturday, Marcia Jones was second in the senior girls' steer dobbing, third in the senior girls' Texas barrel race, and in a tie for third in the senior girls' cow cutting.

Ruby Fulleton was in a 3-way tie for fourth in the senior girls' Texas barrel races; Roger Britt was in a tie for first in the senior boys' cow riding; Gale Malcom was first in the senior girls' Texas barrel race.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Ayres, Julie, Cathy and Mary left Wednesday, August 17, for a family trip to Wallowa Lake. Earl Jr., and Phil Ayres went up Monday to pack into the High Lakes in the Wallowa mountains with a family friend, Father Quigley of Merri, formerly of Enterprise. The family will return on Saturday.



THIS IS HOW the Morrow county courthouse looked at the time of the first county fair in September, 1913. Those lined up on the steps are having their pictures taken for some reason. Are there any old timers who can supply information on the occasion?



CURIOUS CROWD at the first Morrow county fair 53 years ago gathered around this weird looking flying machine, which was piloted by a daredevil named Silas Christofferson twice during the day's program, September 26, 1913.



THEY GREW fine agricultural products in Morrow county even 53 years ago, as this photo of an exhibit at the first fair in 1913 shows. Woman in the picture is not identified. Dr. A. D. McMurdo took these pictures of the first fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dixon of Bakersfield, Calif., and Miss Kathleen McFaul of Anaheim, Calif., were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. D. McMurdo Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Dixon and Miss McFaul are sisters and were daughters of Dr. McFaul who once practiced medicine in Pendleton. Their mother, Mrs. McFaul, was an aunt of Mrs. McMurdo. The three were here looking after business interests in the area and dropped in to visit the McMurdos.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jones, Holly and Guy of Hood River were here last week-end visiting his parents, Judge and Mrs. Paul Jones. While they were together the families celebrated Holly Jones' sixth birthday with dinner on Saturday August 13. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Jones of Heppner, Holly's great-grandparents, were also guests at the birthday dinner.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

MORROW COUNTY FAIR
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Aug. 23-25
Fair Pavilion, Heppner
Public 4-H Dress Revue, Wed. Aug. 24, 8 p.m.
Pig Scramble and auction sale Thurs. Aug. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Open Class Horse Show, Friday, Aug. 26, 9 a.m.
Rodeo Dance, Music by The Henchmen, Friday, Aug. 26, 9:30 p.m.
Big Street Parade, Sat., Aug. 27, 10:00 a.m.
Rodeo Shows, Saturday and Sunday, 1:15 p.m.
Sat. night, 7:30
Cowboy Breakfast, Sunday, Aug. 28, 7:00 a.m. Wranglers Clubhouse.
Episcopal Beef Barbecue Dinner, Sat., Aug. 27, from 5 to 8 p.m.

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Big Car vs. Small Car Safety

In driving on the open highway or in city traffic, we have been surprised and startled upon occasion when some unnoticed small foreign or sports car suddenly appeared "from nowhere" to pass, or darted in from an adjoining lane.

At such times we have wondered whether operators of the small cars realize a probable added vulnerability to accident because of their small size and greater maneuverability.

An interesting article in this connection appears in "The Oregon Motorist," publication of the Oregon State Motor Association for August, "Which is the Safer, the Large Car... or the Small Car?"

Because registrations do not show breakdowns between small cars and large cars, positive accident rates cannot be established, the article points out.

However, five special studies of The National Safety Council show that the small ones come off considerably second best. The Council reports that small cars, as a group, are not involved in accidents any more frequently than larger ones, but when accidents happen, frequency of injury and death is much higher among small car occupants.

Special studies in five states show these results:

California—Small cars had nearly twice as many casualties per accident as large cars.

Connecticut—In collisions between small and large cars, 19 per cent of small car occupants were injured as compared to 10% of large car occupants.

Illinois—Rate of driver deaths in small cars was more than twice as high as the rate in large cars, and passenger deaths were 50% higher.

Indiana—in collisions between large and small cars, occupants of the small cars were injured more severely in 85 to 95% of the cases.

Maine—in the same type of collisions, for every two persons killed in large cars, 11 were killed in small cars.

The Illinois study showed that small cars were more likely to be involved in rear-end collisions, possibly indicating that the drivers in larger vehicles might not see the smaller vehicles.

A 2-year study by the Cornell Aeronautical Laboratory showed that fatal injuries were 50% higher among small car occupants and also that the rate of persons thrown from autos was 63% more frequent among small cars.

Virginia's Traffic Safety organization pointed out that the lower heights of small cars reduce the chances of being seen by motorists in larger cars and that those in little cars are surrounded by less protective metal.

All drivers on the highway have a big responsibility these days, but the indications are that the small car operator has an added burden. Because of the small size of his car, his speed and maneuverability, he is able to zip around in traffic with ease. In doing so, however, he may make the fatal mistake of fooling the driver in a big car near him.

Three Links club of Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Mrs. Oris Padberg last Thursday for its regular meeting. Plans were made for a booth at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo with the committee of Mrs. Al Fetsch, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Archie Munkers and Mrs. C. C. Jones meeting later this week to draw up the plans. The turkey dinner date of November 5 was set at this time. This is the lodge's annual turkey dinner, and money made from this is used to repair and remodel the hall. Door prize was won by Mrs. Alonzo Henderson.

Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Ed Hunt, Mrs. A. F. Majeske, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. Frank Robinson, Mrs. Annie Keene, Mrs. Trannie Parker, Mrs. Al Fetsch, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. Joe Yocom, Mrs. Charlie Padberg and Mrs. Oris Padberg, the hostess. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Annie Keene with the club members furnishing the dessert.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske and children recently returned from Portland where their daughter Ginger was interviewed for school and a job.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall enjoyed a camping trip to Mt. Adams over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall returned home this week from a vacation to Yellowstone Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones and Earl Miller spent the week-end in La Grande at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Miller. While there Mr. Jones attended the 30th reunion on August 6-7 of his graduating class from Union. Also attending from Morrow county was Mrs. Verle Richardson of Heppner.

Mrs. Emma Breshears is spending a few days in Corvallis at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crump.

Charlene Jones of Portland is spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Steve Mounts of Bear Springs is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Majeske, for a few days.

Bill Johnson, who is employed at Seattle, is spending several days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson. They also had guests from Los Angeles, Calif. over the week-end. The group left on Monday for Seattle where they will visit.

Mrs. Roger Campbell and children and her mother Mrs. Charlie Bloodworth spent a few days last week at the Oregon coast.

Charlie Klinger had the misfortune to suffer a painful fall at his home one day last week, and is confined to his home.

Gene Wallace, who is stationed with the Seebies in California, returned to his training there recently after a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Padberg.

Dixie Kay Peck and George Peck of Pendleton were recent visitors with their father, E. E. Peck.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hunt spent a couple of days last week in Spokane and while there motored to Canada where they spent a day sightseeing. The past week-end Mr. and Mrs. Hunt were Portland visitors where they consulted a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt and children are vacationing in Central Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Davidson of Portland returned to their home after visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson.

Mrs. Alonzo Henderson and daughter Betty spent Thursday afternoon and night in Lexington.

Service Men Home on Leave

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—FA Kenneth L. Jones and FA Lynn Baustian who have just finished basic training in the US Navy in San Diego, Calif., and Jim Foster of Portland were week-end callers at the home of Kenneth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

Baustian and Jones are leaving August 24 for Long Beach, Calif., where they will be stationed aboard the USS Galveston, a missile cruiser. Foster returned to his home in Portland on Monday.

Visitors at the Jones home on Sunday, where they enjoyed a potluck dinner, were the three boys, Foster, Jones and Baustian, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hudson of Fox, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Irvin and children of Hood River, Dan McQuarrie of Heppner and Charlene Jones of Portland.

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