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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

SOLACE for unsuccessful deer hunters: One way you could have gotten your buck over the week-end would have been to bet a dollar on the Orioles.

AT EACH place at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday was a wooden nickel. This was the joint enterprise of Gene Pierce and Barney Malcom. Now that Barney's Heppner Lumber Company sawmill is closed down, they have conceived the idea that the wooden nickels could furnish the answer to his problem in two ways.

First, Barney could get back into production making wooden nickels. Second, when they were put in circulation they would help ease the "tight money" situation.

Maybe the idea wouldn't work, but you have to admire guys like them for keeping up a good spirit in the face of a tough situation.

AFTER VIEWING OSU and Northwestern at Corvallis Saturday, we're convinced that the Beavers sorely need more football players like our Dick Ruhl and his running mate, O'Billovich.

And we note that Coach Dee Andros has the same general idea. The morning press reported that he felt one of the Beavers' great weaknesses is in their secondary on defense. Northwestern passed the podwads out of the Beavers, and there was nobody like Ruhl or O'Billovich to stop them.

WITH THE construction of the new highway stretch well underway north of town, a person can begin to see what a great improvement this will be. What a great difference, too, to get those power poles out of the way and off the highway shoulders. It doesn't look like the same road. This is a neat bit of work by Columbia Basin Electric.

Drivers traveling over the construction at night need to proceed with caution. Sometimes piles of rocks are left jutting into the highway, and when one is facing lights of an oncoming car, he can ram into such an obstruction without seeing it. We think that the construction company could do a better job of marking these hazards, particularly at night.

We heard one complaint by a driver whose car was nearly run down by a grader. The construction man had expected him to stop, but the motorist didn't realize his peril since there was no flagman at that spot.

Bob Henry reports that he is amazed at the support that is being given the Arbuckle Mountain ski project this year. Many persons have turned out on work days to help clear brush and make other improvements. On one recent day, 20 came up voluntarily to help out, and they really made progress. One enthusiast says that Arbuckle is beginning to look just like a state park.

In previous years when a few faithful souls were trying to get the Arbuckle project off the ground, it was mighty hard to enlist help. This was true even last year.

But there seems to be a change this year. Why the sudden surge? It's hard to figure out. Maybe at long last interest in the project and skiing are beginning to snowball.

AT LIONS club Monday night in lone, Bernice and Deniece Matthews, Virgil Morgan and Pat McElliott gave talks on their experiences at Boys' and Girls' State in Corvallis and Salem during the summer. When you listen to such excellent reports as theirs, you realize what fine training the American Legion and Auxiliary are giving youth of today through these sessions.

At a time when demonstrations, protests and revolts against established traditions and institutions seems to be in vogue, it is delightful to hear such fine young people talk with real enthusiasm on Americanism and what it means to them.

The Legion posts and auxiliaries in Heppner and lone are doing a fine thing in supporting Boys' and Girls' State sessions, as are all the other organizations, like the Lions club, who help sponsor the youths' attendance.

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SOME VERY FINE little paper back books have been published by Oregon writers in recent years, such as "Oregon for the Curious," by Ralph Friedman; "The Big Blow" on the Columbus Day Storm of October 12, 1962 (just four years ago today) by Ellis Lucia and "Don't Call It Or-e-gawn," also by Lucia.

This week another one arrived on Oregon's Historical Markers by W. M. Scofield. It is put out by Souvenir Publishing Company, Pleasant Hill, Oregon.

Maybe you have driven by many of the historical markers in the state when you were in a hurry to get somewhere, but like us, wondered in passing, what they said and what they commemorated.

Well, this new book has good-sized pictures of most of these markers, and the inscriptions loom up so that they are easily read. Compiled together, in this novel publication, they comprise quite a history of Oregon. A map is included to show where each is located around the state.

We haven't checked to see if Murray's Drug has it in stock, but if not, they can undoubtedly get it for you. It sells for \$1.95 and would seem like a splendid gift idea for those interested in Oregon history or for tourists who would like to take a souvenir home.

TO THE EDITOR.

To the Editor:

I wonder if anyone has figured the agriculture potential of the Boeing leased lands of 100,000 acres in the North End? If irrigated, it could produce \$14,000,000 worth of alfalfa alone, six tons at \$25 or about \$140 or \$150 per acre, and the gross agricultural income of Morrow county is but \$7,000,000 new. Which is double our present income.

However, if planted to potatoes, asparagus or like crops it would produce at least \$500 per acre or \$50,000,000 annual income, all of which would be spent here at home.

And now here comes a letter from Congressman Al Ullman and the Bureau of Reclamation for grass roots backing to get \$230,000 for a survey toward a 300,000 acre reclamation project in the north end of these three counties. We had better get on the ball so our representatives will be able to get these funds.

Now I honestly believe we'll never get any support toward this move from our present industry-minded state government, and this Boeing Blunder will set as is for the next 80 years with no Columbia River water being used unless public opinion forces it and the state government is changed.

Candidate for governor, Bob Straub, his wife and I visited the Boeing based lands recently and I believe that if he could be elected we would get something done for these arid lands of these three counties. At least we'd get more than lip service.

O. W. Cutsforth, Sr.

Selective Service Test Applications Due by October 21

Oregon State Headquarters, Selective Service System, has announced that high school and college students wishing to take the Selective Service College Qualification Test on November 18 or 19 must mail applications for the test not later than 21 October 1966.

Students must be 18 years of age to apply for the test and are not eligible if they have taken the test previously. Applications may be picked up in person at any Selective Service Local Board. Some colleges are also assisting in distribution of the test applications. The test will be given at most Oregon colleges and universities under the auspices of the Educational Testing Service of Princeton, New Jersey.

A passing score of 70 or higher provides a student with a possible basis for deferment for undergraduate study. Graduate students and students of law and the healing arts must achieve a Qualification Test score of 80 or be in the upper one-quarter of their last year of undergraduate study.

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We don't think they could have chosen better. Pierce has all the qualities that represent the best in his profession — honesty, community spirit, progressiveness, stability, and so on.

His election to the top spot in this association is a credit to Heppner and Morrow county and to the Bank of Eastern Oregon, which he represents as president.

Margaret Marks Gets Scholarship

Margaret Marks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Marks of Fossil and graduate of Heppner High school with the class of 1965, has received a \$300 scholarship from National Institute of Ford Technology and a \$200 scholarship from General Foods it is announced.

The awards were made at a banquet on October 12. Miss Marks is now attending Oregon State University and is secretary of the Food Technology club on the campus.

While attending Heppner High school, she resided with the Robert Abrams family.

Danny Leathers Aids In Boating Rescue

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Leathers had reason to be proud of their grandson, Danny Leathers, when he helped in the rescue of two men survivors of a capsized boat near Long Beach, Wn., recently.

The 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Standerfer saw the men in distress from the shore, ran a considerable distance to secure help from a woman with a car, then with her, made contact with the Coast Guard which brought help to the boat victims. A small girl was found drowned under the boat, but with help by Danny and first aid treatment, the two men survived.

County School Calendar

- MONDAY, October 17**
A. C. Houghton PTA at Cafeterium—7:30
- TUESDAY, October 18**
PSAT Tests for lone Juniors
College Visitation at Heppner High
Preliminary Aptitude Tests, Riverside High Juniors & Seniors
- WEDNESDAY, October 19**
College Visitation continue at Heppner High
- THURSDAY, October 20**
Title II Workshop—Vern Memorial, Pendleton
Heppner Elementary at Arlington—2:00
Pilot Rock Frosh at Heppner
- FRIDAY, October 21**
Homecoming—Umapine at lone High
Grant Union at Heppner High
Echo High at Riverside—2:30
Mobile X-Ray Unit at A. C. Houghton—9:00-12:00
Department of Classroom Teachers—Eugene
- SATURDAY, October 22**
PSAT Tests at Heppner High
Department of Classroom Teachers—Eugene

School Yearbook Slates Campaign

Staff of Heppner High school's yearbook, the Mustang, is conducting a sales campaign between October 10 and 25. Support of the sales campaign by local people will help the Mustang become a bigger and better yearbook, Mrs. Justine Weatherford, advisor states.

Neither of the high school publications, the Mustang nor the Hehisch, school paper, sells advertising.

In the campaign the staff offers to sell two deluxe annuals—one to a student and one to a non-student—for \$9. Single annuals are \$5.50 each. Names of the owners will be printed on the padded covers in gold. Non-deluxe yearbooks are available only to registered students and members of the high school staff at \$3.50.

The high school has ordered 200 books at \$8.50, or \$4.25 each. After this contract is fulfilled additional books may be purchased by the school at less cost per book.

This year the Mustang will cover the entire school year. It will not be issued until the fall of 1967, and it will thus include pictures of the closing of the school year, of graduation and the senior banquet.

Assisting the co-editors, Martha Peck and Marsha Sowell, in the sales campaign are Maralee Murray and Nonda Clark, seniors, and Norita Marquardt, junior. Any of the four will be glad to explain the sales campaign and take orders until October 25.

College People To Visit Schools

Representatives of State System colleges will visit lone High school on Wednesday, October 19, at 8:45 a.m. and Heppner High school on Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Students will be informed of the importance of seeking post-high school education and training and will be given first hand information about course offerings, admission requirements, costs to attend, financial aids and other concerns in attending Oregon public colleges.

Parents are invited to attend any of the sessions and are urged to discuss post-high school plans with their sons and daughters before and after the conference.

Representing the various institutions will be Don DuShane, counselor, Office of High School Relations and Jack Rye, director of information, Eastern Oregon College, who is team captain. A representative from Oregon Technical Institute will also be present.

School Bells

By DAVID POTTER
 Superintendent,
 Morrow County Schools

Teachers throughout the state of Oregon will take part October 14 in what has been labeled as "Professional Day."

Approximately 75 percent of Oregon schools, including all schools in Morrow county, will be closed this day to allow teachers a day to learn and hear new teaching techniques and more about their teaching areas.

The idea for Professional Day originated with the Oregon Association of School Administrators, a department within the Oregon Education Association. More than 20 subject matter departments within the OEA will provide programs for teachers, ranging from "The Two-Party System" for mathematics teachers.

Teachers of Morrow county have planned a series of programs which will follow the "Professional Day" theme. A number of teachers will attend their professional meetings in other parts of the state. The elementary teachers have planned a workshop at lone to exchange ideas, prepare new materials,

and to assist each other in the solution of teaching problems.

The high school teachers are planning a trip to Pendleton to visit the instruction materials center which is located in the Umatilla County Intermediate Education District office. This visit will allow the teachers to examine the teaching materials that is now available to them.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
 Friday, October 14, 8 p.m.
 Heppner vs. Sherman
 Sherman High School Field

HARVEST - SMORGASBORD
 Sunday, October 16, 3-7 p.m.
 St. Patrick's Parish Hall
 Public Welcome — Hunters, come as you are

BENEFIT CARD PARTY
 American Legion Auxiliary
 Monday, Oct. 31, 8:00 p.m.
 Bridge and pinochle, prizes, dessert
 Public welcome.

ELKS CRAB FEED
 Saturday, October 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Dance following.
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 By Heppner Civic League.
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G-T Marks Newspaper Week

This is (Oh, dear, did that folder quit again?) National (Excuse me, the phone is ringing — somebody has a late item.) Newspaper (What? Didn't we get some of those proofs out?) Week, and (Yes we have a cut of Bob Straub to go with his story.) the Gazette-Times (Penney's needs to know the circulation figures in our trading area) should join (You say the phone man wants to know where to install the phones in the new office?) all other weeklies (No, we can't go to the high school reception tonight. Maybe Marion can represent us.) in observing (Yes, we'll be glad to take your Card of Thanks) it.

As we were saying, this is National Newspaper Week, but there isn't much time to get philosophical about it, what with trying to get repairs made on the folder before press time, trying to get the new office in shape, trying to get the writing done and the paper out on schedule.

We hope to observe the week belatedly—when we have completed the move to the new office in a week or so.

But there are a couple of things we do want to say about National Newspaper Week.

First we would like to pay tribute to our newspaper neighbors. As we scan them each week, we think the weekly newspapers in Oregon are getting better and better, and it appears to us that the portended demise of the rural press in years to come is a lot of bosh.

Their circulations are growing, and this is evidence that they are doing good work in their respective communities. Their editorial pages are better. Not so many years ago, many weekly newspapers carried no editorials, and we consider this opinion portion the "soul" of the paper. But most of them today have good thought-provoking editorials regularly. We notice that production of the weeklies is better, that they have more and better pictures, that their news coverage is better, and so is their advertising.

We think the weekly press is doing an excellent job around the state of Oregon and it kind of makes us proud to be associated with these fellow publishers.

Man, they work hard! Wally Cowan and Harry Ringhand at Milton-Freewater, Marge Bartlett at Hermiston, Jim Mahaffey at Condon and Fossil, Charlie Heard at Pilot Rock, Dick Nafsinger at Hood River, Dwight Hinshaw at Burns, Connie Johnson at John Day, Bill Robinson at Madras, Dan Bartlett at Moro—just to mention a few in our part of the country.

—And just one thing before we go check on that folder again this Wednesday night. We are grateful for men like Hugh McGilvra of the Washington County News-Times, Earle Richardson of the Itemizer-Observer, Dallas (now retired), and Lawrence Spraker of The Stayton Mail (also now retired) for their influence in years past. We always have felt fortunate for having had the opportunity to develop in the "newspaper game" under these men, not only for sharing their knowledge and ability, but for the integrity, honesty, community spirit and the strong unswerving traits they possess.

They are the salt of the earth, and as long as there are editors like these men, the weekly newspaper will be an important institution in this nation for years to come.

—And so to check that folder. May her gears never strip again!

Fire Week Thoughts

Every hour 63 American homes are destroyed or damaged by fire.

Every hour and a quarter one person—most frequently a child or elderly person—dies in a dwelling fire.

These figures, from National Fire Protection Association research, are the measure of our failure to heed fire hazards and to take corrective action.

Fortunately in Heppner and Morrow county at large, major fires have been held to a minimum, and this is a credit to the care and precautions taken by our people.

But the threat of fire is ever-present.

The causes of most home fires are no mystery. A carelessly discarded cigarette is left to smolder in an overstuffed chair, a portable oil heater is refilled while still lighted, electrical circuits are overloaded and overfused, uncleared rubbish becomes a breeding place for fire.

There is nothing mysterious about the causes of most fire deaths in homes. They occur when the simple rules of safety from fire are violated—smoking in bed, leaving children alone in the house, allowing youngsters to play with matches.

A critical failure is being unprepared for fire emergencies in the home—no family planning of escape routes, no periodic family fire drill to make sure that both adults and children can act quickly and without panic.

Fire Prevention Week—November 9-15—is a time to recognize that fighting fire is everyone's job, now and throughout the year. It is time also to correct hazards, to exercise care, to be prepared.

Your actions and attitude now can make you and your family safe from the tragic consequences of fire in the months ahead.

Fire Prevention Week is also an appropriate time to pay tribute to the volunteer firemen who serve our community with very little credit. When the fire alarm sounds, we know that they will respond; that they will drop whatever they may be doing to come to the aid of fellowmen in distress.

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