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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WHAT'S ALL THIS talk about a population explosion? It took 20 days of the new year before little Ann Rinehart came poking along as daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Dirk Rinehart to save the day for the 1967 Morrow County Baby Contest.

It got to the place where some even suggested awarding the prizes to the new colt at the Fullerton ranch, but certainly that wouldn't do. The Rineharts had no thought of even being close to winning the prizes so this, indeed, comes as an extra surprise to them.

Ann Rinehart (whose middle name has not been selected as of this writing) is Miss Morrow County of 1967, all right, as qualified by the rules of the contest, but she actually was not the first baby born in the county this year.

A baby was born January 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hinkley of Irrigon, according to a letter from Mrs. Rose Brasel of Irrigon. The baby was born in the Riverside Trailer Court at Irrigon and shortly after mother and baby were taken to the Umatilla hospital.

But under the rules of the First Baby contest, the new arrival must be born either in Pioneer Memorial hospital or enroute to the hospital to qualify.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Rinehart, paternal grandparents, undoubtedly must be tickled with Ann's arrival. We knew the Rineharts "way back when" we were teachers together in Nyssa, about 1944.

HERMAN WINTER, C of C president, told members the other day—a number of clergymen were present—that ministers apparently have a monopoly on the first and last babies of the year. The Rev. and Mrs. Billie Alsop greeted a new arrival on Christmas Eve, born in Hermiston, and now the Rineharts have the first baby in 1967.

This was the first that we knew that Alsop had received such a fine Christmas present. They have named her Melody Joy, and she joins two brothers—Stephen and Donald—and four sisters—Sherry, Marcella, Starla and Pamela. The Alsops serve the Assembly of God church and the Rineharts serve the Episcopal church.

AFTER A LONG SILENCE, the city's fire horn cut loose Tuesday to keep firemen on the run, and new chief Forrie Burkenbine answered first alarms as head of the department.

The first—which came Tuesday morning—took firemen to a truck fire on the Condon hill. But the next time the volunteers hot-footed it to the fire barn to answer the alarm Tuesday afternoon, they found it was a false alarm.

Some place there is a red-faced telephone man (Glen Mecham?). He was working on the phone lines and accidentally tripped the automatic fire alarm.

Chief Burkenbine at first thought it was some practical joker trying to initiate him but when he contacted the phone trouble he discovered that it was a bona fide mistake.

ONE THING about the J. C. Fenner Company—when they decide to transfer a manager, they don't give the community much time to grieve about his leaving.

We scarcely have time to say of Bob Henry "What will we do without him and Peggy, too," before they are gone. He expected to be in Burns today and check on his new manager, ship and plans to be on active duty there as of Monday. And he had no idea the transfer was coming until the phone rang at 1 p.m. Monday.

In the three years the Henrys have been here they have contributed a great deal to the community. Anyone connected with Arbutle Ski course knows that Bob has virtually done a one-man job on keeping this project going for several seasons. He has had a good deal of help, of course, but without him, it would have folded. At the moment it is going better than it ever has, and maybe steps can be taken to keep it developing now that his impetus and enthusiasm have been instrumental in pushing it where it is.

Bob has led the merchants committee of the Chamber of

Ski Club Organizes

The lone 4-H ski club met at Arbutle Mountain on January 14. We elected officers and chose a new name for the club. Our officers are as follows: Maur-reen McElligott, president; Jane Krebs, vice president; Cathy Cannon, secretary, and D-Ann Barnett, news reporter.

For our club name we chose "The Sits Markers." Dick McElligott is our leader.

D-Ann Barnett, reporter

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Commerce most of the time since he came here. He, along with Ed Gonty, developed the Sidewalk Bazaar, Crazy Days and other promotions. The ideas met with some skepticism but they proved to be fine successes, and the Bazaar especially has been an enjoyable event.

The Henrys have been active in church and other organizations, and they will be missed in lots of ways.

We get consolation from one thing: When Mike Whitesmith left Fenner's here three years ago to go to Hood River, and eventually to San Francisco, we didn't think they could ever get a man who would serve the community so well, but they came up with Bob Henry. Now we expect that the new man, Bill Hust of The Dalles, will be a fine addition to the community.

Good luck to the Henrys in their new location!

HAVE YOU noticed the trash cans on Heppner's Main street decked in their white paint? This gives them a bright new look and should help to make it a joy to throw trash away. City crews painted them recently. The white should make them easier to find, too, especially at night.

THIS WEEK'S STATISTIC: Morrow county has 87 businesses, according to Dun and Bradstreet, in a news release. This includes manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers. Of the total, 51 are in Heppner, 13 in Ione, nine in Lexington and nine in Boardman. How about Irrigon, D & B?

TO THE EDITOR...

January 20, 1967

Dear Mr. Sherman:

I would personally like to commend Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Jr. for her letter to the editor in the Heppner Gazette issue dated January 19, which stated pertinent facts in regard to Riverside high school, which have not been presented to the general public.

As Mrs. Gunderson stated, "there have been arguments of every description in regard to location, design, cost, etc." During this time, there have been three professional recommendations made to the Board, namely:

1. First recommendation by the State Board of Education was that Irrigon, Boardman and Umatilla consolidate. This plan, without question, would have provided the most desirable education for the students of any plan that was presented.

2. Second recommendation by the State Board of Education was to build the school at Irrigon, area of greater student population. This plan, while not as feasible from an educational point of view, would have provided the greatest economy to the taxpayers of Morrow county, as Irrigon already had a domestic water system, free irrigation water, developed athletic fields and a cafeteria that could have served both grade and high schools. Also, this would have resulted in continual savings in bus transportation.

3. Recommendation by Dr. Errett Hummel, made after a 3-month study, was to have grades 1-6 in each town, with a Jr.-Sr. high school between the two towns. This plan would have proven most fair for each town concerned, and was unanimously adopted by the same board that 4 months later completely reversed their decision.

These three recommendations by professional men provided (1) the best educational plan; (2) the most economical plan; and (3) the most fair plan. However, these plans were ignored by the Morrow County School Board in favor of a plan that provides none of these features, and is most assuredly not in accord with the majority of people in the area served.

If the Corps of Engineers should agree to pay 92% of the total cost (\$1,799,500 plus architect fee) the remaining 8% would still be over \$140,000 to be raised by Morrow County taxpayers. This would be in addition to furnishing the building. I understand a good share of the \$130,000 previously raised in a serial levy has been expended on preliminary building preparations, and purchase of additional land (when they already had a very ample 28 acres).

As to the design of the building, I cannot see how fireplaces, glass domes and decorative fountains contribute anything toward education. This would be the most flagrant waste of tax money that Morrow County has yet seen.

As planned, this building would cost more than twice as much as Heppner High school, and would be built for only half as many students. Maintenance and operation of this fabulous plant would be enormous. Isn't it ironical that Morrow county, while classed as a distressed area, can build a 2-million dollar high school for an area that graduates approximately 20 students each year?

Sincerely,
Harvey C. Warner



MISS ROSE HOOSIER, A. C. Houghton 5th grade teacher, stands by one of her oil paintings of the Willowa Mountains, which will be included in a special showing in Portland during March.

Irrigon Teacher Shows Paintings

The students and faculty of A. C. Houghton school were given a surprise showing of original oil paintings in the school library Friday morning.

The paintings, which were enthusiastically received by both faculty and students, are part of a larger group done by Miss Rose Hoosier, A. C. Houghton 5th grade teacher, and were enroute to the Portland area, where Miss Hoosier will have a one-man show at "The Quay" during the month of March.

Miss Hoosier's "Vistas West" as she terms the show, include many scenes from the more remote areas of the Willowa Mountains, as well as some from the Rockies, Cascades and Olympic Peninsula area.

Miss Hoosier promises a later, more extensive showing of the paintings in this area, when the Portland show has concluded.

Robinson to Return To Vietnam Service After 30-Day Leave

Lance Corporal Frank D. Robinson arrived home from 14 months service in Vietnam on Saturday, January 14. He will spend a 30-day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, before returning to Vietnam for another six months of active service with the 1st Marine Division.

While in Vietnam, Robinson served with the combined Action Company, stationed primarily on patrol. During his stay there the only familiar person that he met from Morrow county was Gene Wallace, serving with the Seabees.

When questioned about his reassignment there, Robinson honestly answered that the service men were anxious to see that it was all brought to a fast and honorable end.

Gem Club Program Set for Saturday

First meeting of 1967 for the Morrow County Gem and Mineral club will be Saturday evening, January 28, at 8 p.m. in the former library building.

Included on the program will be a report on agates, also slides will be shown by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Edger on their Canadian trip. Refreshments will follow the program.

All former members and other visitors are welcome. Mrs. Avery Taylor, president, urges a good attendance for the meeting.

Ruggles Leads Insurance Seminar

Charles Ruggles led an insurance seminar through the three-day convention of the Oregon Association of Insurance Agents at the Eugene Hotel from Wednesday through Friday of last week.

He and Mrs. Ruggles left Heppner Monday and spent Tuesday in Portland before continuing to Eugene. On the return trip they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Bus Dodson, formerly of Heppner and now of Scotts Mills.

At the insurance meeting, plan was to hear a one-hour lecture on an insurance problem, followed by a 2-hour seminar session. Ruggles was one of the seminar leaders, and said the time spent proved very informative.

Firestone Award Given Pirl Howell

Pirl L. Howell of Heppner has received a 10-year service award from the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, according to a news release from the Department of Public Relations of the company.

The award marks 10 years of handling Firestone tires and products through Howell's Union Service Station here. The awards, made in December honored independent dealers across the nation, some of whom received awards for as many as 45 years of service with the company.

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4-H Clubs to Hold Get-Acquainted Day

Members of reorganized and new 4-H clubs in South Morrow county and their leaders are invited to attend a Get-Acquainted party Saturday, January 28, from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish hall in Heppner.

Each member who comes has been asked to bring a sack lunch and punch and cookies will also be served.

Mrs. Marjorie Wilcoxen and Gail McCarty, county extension agents, will be assisted by leaders and older 4-H members in presenting a day of food, fun and games combined with serious officer training for all the 4-H'ers.

Officers who have been elected for the coming year are especially urged to attend, according to Mrs. Wilcoxen.

Relatives Attend Wedding in Newberg

Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray and family were among the relatives present Saturday afternoon, January 21, for a quiet ceremony which joined in marriage Mrs. Gertrude Gwin, mother of Mrs. Murray, and Robert Barnett, both residents of Friends' View Manor in Newberg. Vows were exchanged at the home of another daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yackey in Newberg.

Among other relatives present were a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Gwin and family of Everett, Wn.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were honored with a reception by their friends at the retirement manor.



Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH BASKETBALL Heppner vs. Wahtonka at The Dalles, Friday, Jan. 27. Support the Mustangs!

ALASKA FILM Full length in color, sponsored by Jaycees, Tues., Jan. 31, 7:30. Junior High Gym.

MARCH OF DIMES Mothers' March for March of Dimes, Thurs., Jan. 26. House to House March in Heppner and Ione. Support the March of Dimes Campaign.

FOOD SALE Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10:00 a.m. Sans Souci Triple Links Club, benefit for IOOF Eye Bank. Next door to Gardner's Men's Wear.

CHOIR CONCERT Public Concert by Pacific Lutheran University's "Choir of the West" Saturday, Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Junior High Auditorium.

PUBLIC CARD PARTY St. Patrick's Parish Hall, Mon., Jan. 30, 8 p.m. Bridge and Pinochle.

ANYONE FOR BASKETBALL? OSU BASKETBALL, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 19, OSU vs. UCLA, KATU Channel 2.

OSU BASKETBALL, 3:00 p.m., Sunday, March 12, OSU vs. OREGON, KATU Channel 2.

Meet the man from NORTHWESTERN during breaks in the games.

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Other Editors Say— Used to Ugliness

(FROM ITEMIZER-OBSERVER, DALLAS)

"One of the curious things about community ugliness is that people get so used to it that they stop seeing it."

So says Old Oregon, the publication of the University of Oregon, in discussing thoughts on community aesthetics—beautification to most of us. The publication presented some ideas on the subject by John Donat, editor of "World Architecture," associates of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

Donat notes that the main problem with community ugliness is that people learn to live with it. To correct the situation, Donat says, "You've got to see your environment."

The architect lists seven pointers on how to get a community moving towards correcting ugliness. The magazine notes that this list ought to be pinned on the wall of every city hall, propped on the desk of every civic leader, and memorized by every citizen, who ever finds himself wondering what happened, while his back was turned, to the pretty town he used to live in.

The seven are:

- 1) Make a community-wide survey of trees, billboards, waterways, trash heaps, improvements, eyesores, utility lines, traffic patterns, everything. The act of carrying out a survey makes people see their town.
- 2) Record everything of artistic or historic interest. Save it. And put it to real use.
- 3) Form volunteer groups armed with picks and shovels, to clear up blight.
- 4) Don't let blight happen. Protest ugly construction.
- 5) Plant new trees, and preserve old ones.
- 6) Give awards for merit. People who make a town more beautiful deserve recognition.
- 7) Be noisy. Make a fuss. Tell the world. Publicity helps get others involved.

During the coming year city government plans to allocate time and money to help improve the city's appearance. Civic organizations, such as the Kiwanis and Jaycees, will continue to work on beautification. In all probability the 4-H'ers will concentrate on cleaning up the county.

But they can't get the job done by themselves. Everyone must help—around their own home and business if nowhere else.

We will attempt to help by publishing beautification efforts. Let us know if you or your group is doing something to improve the appearance of the city.

Young's Father Ill

Russell B. Young, 79, father of Harley Young of Heppner, is critically ill at Maryville, Mo. The Heppner man has been hospitalized for the past 2½ months but was reported this week to be failing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith returned home last week from a two months' vacation trip to California. Most of their time was spent visiting a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dixon T. Smith at Ventura, Calif. While there they were joined for a short visit by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith of Ione.