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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

IT PROBABLY isn't news when two persons get into an argument when each thinks he should have won the top prize at a fair, but it is a little unusual when two fellows argue because neither thinks he's entitled to the award.

Henry Baker was announced as sweepstakes winner on his Gaines wheat at the county fair. But he protests that he isn't entitled to the honor because Louis Carlson grew the wheat. Louis entered it in Henry's name because he grew it on Baker's land that he farms.

As sweepstakes winner, the wheat went on to the state fair and won a second prize. Baker received a check in the mail for the premium. He came into the office, showing the check and appealing for some publicity to counter other publicity which he thinks he doesn't deserve. He hasn't been able to get Louis to accept the honors and premiums.

Well, guess you two good men will have to fight it out. All we ask is that you keep growing fine wheat on good land

that brings honor and glory to the county.

IN REPORTING the news, a journalist often finds that things aren't just the way they appear to be, and a person gets to be a little careful in reporting what he sees and hears.

When we saw Fred Gimbel, ex-Heppnerite, at Lincoln City recently, he gave us a little test that he had taken at a Pacific Power and Light meeting. It illustrates the point.

It's pretty interesting, and so we're passing it along to you. We'll give the test this week and print the answers next week. All you have to do is follow directions carefully:

**THE TEST**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Read the following little story. Assume that everything in it is true and accurate. Read it carefully because it has ambiguous parts designed to lead you astray. You can refer back to it any time you wish.

Then read the statements about the story and circle each to indicate whether you think it is: (1) definitely true (T); (2) definitely false (F); or (3) that

have toyed with the recommendation that the government subsidize the movement of rural people to the cities—where—supposedly—it would be easier to meet their needs.

"Fortunately, the 'decline and die' idea is no longer expressed in that particular report. Enough people took exception to it at the right time. These people recognized that the solution to the trouble in the cities lies in the opposite direction—finding a way to revitalize rural America and keep the people there.

"What we need to do now is to stop talking about letting rural America 'decline and die.' Instead, we need to start talking about building around its advantages. We need to quit asking if we should stop the wholesale dumping of rural people into the cities and start trying to find out how we can stop it.

"It must be pretty hard to explain to a displaced farmer in Watts or Detroit that he now has the greatest opportunity in the history of man . . . How much easier to help him find that opportunity in the land of his roots.

"It's not time to close up rural America. It's time to unlock its potential."

To this we add our heartiest editorial "Amen!" But we verily believe that people who cherish their rural living are going to have to work to preserve it. They are going to have to support one another, and each citizen must do his part in civic and community activities to help sustain the way of life that rural residents so enjoy.

### Stephens Transferred To Silver Lake Job

Moose Stephens, wild life biologist for the Forest Service here for several years, was recently transferred to the Silver Lake district, a small community between Bend and Klamath Falls, in the Fremont National Forest.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephens and their six children left August 27 for their new home where Stephens will work as a resource assistant.

you cannot be certain (?) on basis of the information presented in the story. If any part of a statement is uncertain, make it (?).

Answer each question in turn. Do not go back to change any answer. Do not re-read any statements about the story after you have answered them.

**THE STORY:** A business man had just turned off the lights in the store when a man appeared and demanded money. The owner opened a cash register. The contents of the cash register were scooped up, and the man sped away. A member of the police force was notified promptly.

**STATEMENTS ABOUT THE STORY:**

1. A man appeared after the owner had turned off his store lights.

T F ?

2. The robber was a man.

T F ?

3. The man did not demand money.

T F ?

4. The man who opened the cash register was the owner.

T F ?

5. The store-owner scooped up the contents of the cash register and ran away.

T F ?

6. Someone opened a cash register.

T F ?

7. After the man who demanded money scooped up the contents of the cash register, he ran away.

T F ?

8. While the cash register contained money, the story does not say how much.

T F ?

9. The robber demanded money of the owner.

T F ?

10. The story concerns a series of events in which only three persons are referred to: the owner of the store, a man who demanded money, and a member of the police force.

T F ?

11. The following events were included in the story: someone demanded money, a cash register was opened, its contents were scooped up, and a man dashed out of the store.

T F ?

—AND THAT'S the test, Fred said that the fellow—a psychologist—who conducted the school figured 6 or 7 correct answers out of the 11 was pretty good. Mark your answers and we'll supply the key next week.

KINDA FELT sorry for the pupils at Heppner Elementary in the two flooded rooms Monday. They milled around outside for

a while with no place to go. They didn't know whether to laugh or cry, like the fellow who watched his mother-in-law drive his new Cadillac over the cliff.

Comes word late Tuesday from Principal Al Martin: Mrs. Inez Erwin's request for a row-boat to have on standby in her room is denied. Sounds as if things are going through the wringer up there right now.

SOME CHOICE bits of philosophy gleaned from Kinzua Corporation's "Kinzua Log":

The best way to make ends meet is to get off your own.

A husband shouldn't consider himself hepped until he has to wash and iron his own aprons.

He who can do no more than he thinks he can—won't!

A good disposition will help your position.

### Pioneer



### Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

#### Another Way of Getting Land Title

In the early days of land grabbing, one could get 160 acres of land by making a "Timber Culture" out of it. He was required to plant trees on arable acres. There is still evidence of useless attempts to comply with the law. In some of the foothill country a patch of box elders struggles to survive (that was the only tree that would grow). But they brought title to the land.

Then there was "lieu land." This could be purchased in lieu of various "grant lands" granted for building military roads and railroads. In addition, land could be "isolated" in tracts of less than 160 acres. It was the general practice to arrange deeded acres to isolate as many acres and buy them in at \$125 per acre. The foregoing methods were the ways many land empires were built. They are no longer possible.

### Civic League to Meet

The September meeting of the Heppner Civic League will be Monday evening, September 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the kindergarten room of the elementary building. All parents of this year's kindergarten students are urged to attend.



### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

#### Coming Events

**HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL**  
Friday, Sept. 15, Condon at Condon, 2:00 p.m.  
Friday, Sept. 22, Burns at Burns, 8:00 p.m.  
Jayvee Game, Monday, Sept. 18, Pilot Rock at Heppner, 5:30 p.m.  
Support the Mustangs!

**FOOD SALE**  
Saturday, Sept. 16, next door to Gardner's Men's Wear By Carnation Club, Degree of Honor.  
Sale to start at 10:00 a.m.

**RAINBOW INSTALLATION**  
Sunday, Sept. 17, 2:00 p.m. Heppner Masonic Hall  
Hermiston DeMolay Chapter participating  
Lynda Orwick new worthy advisor

**FALL FLOWER SHOW**  
Sunday, Sept. 24  
By Ione Garden Club  
Ione School Cafeteria  
Public Welcome

**TEACHERS RECEPTION**  
Friday, Sept. 22, 8:00 p.m. Elementary Multi-purpose room  
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