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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

THOSE OF US "back at the ranch" who are a little bit stunned at hearing our Mustangs bounced out of the State A-2 basketball tournament by Stayton figure that something had to be wrong after our kids put up such a great game against Rogue River.

Kit Anderson, who has been doing a fine job covering the tournament for the Gazette-Times by telephoning a chronological play-by-play report of Heppner's games, confirmed our thoughts immediately after the Stayton game.

He said that the boys seemed tired out. They entered the game with confidence, feeling that they could sweep Stayton off the court. But they had to play the last game Monday night, which wasn't over until close to 11 p.m., and then they had to play the first game Tuesday afternoon. The Mustang team, which went full out against the Chieftains, probably went to bed dead tired and bound with tension, together with the disappointment of losing the heartbreaker. Probably they didn't get much rest sleep, and that couldn't have set them up in very good shape for a ball club as good as the Eagles.

WE KNOW something about the Eagles, their style of play and Coach Don Carey, and they never can be taken lightly. In order to get to the tournament in the first place, they have to go through the rigors of winning the very tough Capital Conference.

The Eagles specialize in a defense that is airtight, and though we weren't at Coos Bay, we can get a mental picture of the Mustangs trying to find running room through the key with Stayton working back and forth on that zone. On offense, Stayton plays for the good shot, and they weave or maneuver until they get it. Usually they don't rack up a high score, but you'll notice that they come out winners in most contests.

Nevertheless, we would like to see these teams play when both are at full strength. We can't believe Heppner was at its best Tuesday after the late night Rogue River affair. Stayton played the first game Monday and could enjoy Monday night watching the others battle.

DOWN FOR GOOD in the memory book is one of the greatest thrills of the year, anyway—Heppner's marvelous showing against Rogue River. How proud their home community is of them!

THOSE WHO tuned in on FM channel 3 a little early Tuesday to hear the Heppner game heard some dialogue that must not have been intended to go over the air. Some of the announcers or technicians were shooting the breeze back and forth, and it came in loud and clear.

"They really botched us up," said one and pointed out that the daily papers had the first consolation game scheduled for 3:45 when it actually went on the air at 2 p.m. This caused some confusion here, too.

Another comment was, "I hope that game with Rogue River didn't take too much out of Heppner." (Proved that his fears were justified.)

"What the devil is that?" was another exclaimed question that came breezing over the airwaves. The announcer was referring to a Stayton cheering section sign that had something to do with hippies, and he had some further comments about it.

A band played the Star Spangled Banner a few minutes early. The announcer in Coos Bay knew that stations around the net were cut in, but still didn't realize he was broadcasting generally.

"Don't let that get you excited," he told his colleagues, but this came through the loud-speaker, too. His reference was that the radio stations might figure since the national anthem was being played that the

game would proceed before the net's stations were ready. Well, it was interesting, anyway.

TO BANK OF EASTERN OREGON, Heppner TV, and Morrow County Grain Growers: A great big "thank you" for sponsoring these broadcasts. Without a broadcast, I'm afraid we couldn't have stood the suspense of waiting to hear the outcome. Your Nielsen rating in Heppner must have set a new record.

IT WAS GREAT how our Mustangs worked to pay their way to the tournament. Band crews took in \$114 washing windows around town Saturday. Mayor W. C. Rosewall figured this was a good opportunity to get some of the vacant store fronts looking a little better. He punged up out of his own pocket to have them wash the very dirty windows of the old Tryco building.

NOW for a change of pace and adieu to basketball: They're laughing at the story that Principal Harold BERGS told, apparently at the narcotics discussion the other night.

The hippie, sitting in the barber shop, said that he was trying to find himself. He got a hair cut, and there he was!

NOW, APPARENTLY, from the item brought in by Postmaster Jim Driscoll, the P. O. Dept. ain't gonna bow no hippies in the postoffice. A recent item in the National Association of Postmaster's publication, "Express," is this:

"POD is planning the issuance of regulations that would cover ornamentation, clothing and coiffures. Besides the offensive appearance, several cases of long locks and dangling beads caught in canceling machines are prompting action from a safety standpoint.

"It is expected the regulations will cover items such as these: 'Employees shall not go barefoot while on official duty, inside or outside the office.

'Hair (men) must be cut—or at least pinned above the ear lobes.

'Females with long hair must wear hair nets when working around canceling or other machinery.

'Workers without uniforms who are on mail routes are to keep their shoes on at all times and not wear nonregulation bear or leopard skin vests.

"Until suitable regulations are promulgated, postmasters could require either male or female employees with flowing tresses to wear hair nets when working at or near machinery. If difficult to ascertain by visual inspection, employee sex can always be obtained from their affidavit in personnel folders."

Well, now, that's O. K. for the postmasters, but what about us of the public who don't have access to personnel folders? Maybe we won't know whether to call a postal clerk "Mr." or "Mrs."

Steve Wagenblast Wins Special Award

Steve R. Wagenblast of Lexington has received one of the special awards in the School of Agriculture at Oregon State University.

At the annual Ag Awards Banquet, he was announced as recipient of one of the \$200 Union Pacific Railroad Company Scholarships. These scholarships are given to high school graduates who enrolled in agriculture at Oregon State University.

Wagenblast is a freshman at OSU this year and is son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gray of Dexter, Ore., spent several days visiting in the Heppner-Lexington area with his mother, Mrs. Mabel Gray, also with his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray, and with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Ruhl.

The Rhyming Philosopher

MANNERS

BY ALL INDICATIONS OUR LANGUAGE IS DYING FROM WANTON NEGLECT AND A CALLOUS DISEASE; THE FACTS ARE APPALLING, THERE'S NO USE DENYING HOW OFTEN WE ASK BUT OMIT TO SAY "PLEASE."

POLITENESS COSTS NOTHING, THOUGH VALUED AS PRICELESS. IT CAN'T BE CONVERTED TO CASH IN THE BANKS; BUT RICH IS THE PERSON WHOSE MANNER SUFFICES TO NEVER FORGET, AND POLITELY SAYS "THANKS."

NO PERSONAL STATUS IS LOST TO BE PLEASANT BEGINNING AS SOON AS WE'RE STARTED IN SCHOOL; IF CHILDREN AND ADULTS AND EACH ADOLESCENT WOULD PRACTICE THE PRECEPTS OF THAT GOLDEN RULE.

THE LOVELIEST BLOSSOM IN THIS HUMAN GARDEN IS HE WHO IS GRACIOUS AND KIND IN HIS WAYS. FOR EVEN THE MIGHTY CAN SAY "BEG YOUR PARDON," AND THIS IS THE "CLASS" HIS GOOD BREEDING DISPLAYS.

SO LET US RESOLVE TO BE NOBLE AND KINDLY AND NEVER REVEALED AS AN IGNORANT ASS. WE'LL BE MORE RESPECTED AND ACTUALLY FIND WE CAN PROVE BY OUR MANNERS WE'RE REAL "UPPER CLASS."

HARRY W. FLETCHER



BILL FLETCHER of Pendleton, senior appraiser and local representative for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, presents a pen and pencil set to John Venard, manager of the Heppner branch, First National Bank, in recognition of the fact that the Heppner branch is one of the top 20 loan correspondents in the northwest for Equitable. (G-T Photo).

Heppner Branch Gets Recognition

Heppner branch of the First National Bank has been recognized by Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States as one of the top 20 loan correspondents in the northwest for the insurance firm.

Bill Fletcher of Pendleton, senior appraiser and local representative of Equitable, Friday presented a pen and pencil set to John Venard, manager of the Heppner branch, in appreciation of the achievement.

He said that the Pendleton branch of First National is among the top 10 correspondents in the Northwest and others ranking high are Condon, La Grande and Enterprise branches. Equitable takes long-term agricultural loans processed by the bank when the needed term extends beyond that of normal bank loans.

Fletcher said that Equitable is one of the largest agricultural lenders in the United States. The program here has been organized since 1944.

Lindsays Have Son

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Lindsay of Lexington are parents of a son, Alex Charles, who was born Thursday, March 7, at St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton. He weighed 6 lb., 6 oz. at birth and is the first son in the family. Sisters are Ann Marie and Mary Catherine. Mrs. Alex Lindsay of Lexington is paternal grandmother and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Remily of Milwaukie are maternal grandparents. The Remilys have nine grandchildren, but Alex Charles Lindsay is their first grandson, with eight granddaughters. Paternal great grandfather is Dan Lindsay of Hermiston. The Remilys came for a visit with the Lindsays Sunday.

Word has been received here of the illness of Mrs. Gracie Ware, former resident of the Ione area, who now resides in Morton, Wash. Mrs. Ware will be a patient in the Morton hospital for some time and would appreciate cards and letters from her many friends in Morrow county.

Legion Marks Anniversary

Looking beyond the tragedy of war, Abraham Lincoln saw a nation's obligation "to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and orphan."

The Civil War president expressed this national responsibility to servicemen and veterans when he gave one of his messages to Congress.

It was more than a half-century later before the American Legion was formed, but this year the organization is starting its 50th year fulfilling the need stated by President Lincoln.

Throughout its years of service, there has never been any doubt but that the American Legion stands for patriotism, for national security, and the significance of wearing the uniform of the United States of America, all in supporting the concept of building for freedom and democracy.

This month, March 15-17, marks the 49th anniversary of the American Legion. Now the nation's largest veterans' organization, it was founded in Paris, France, in March, 1919, shortly after the close of World War I, by representatives of the various outfits of the American Expeditionary Force. It now consists of more than 2,500,000 members, organized in nearly 16,500 posts in every state and 28 countries. Race, religion, or political beliefs are no bar to membership; it is non-political and non-sectarian. Its accomplishments have been many.

Legion posts throughout the world are planning for the 50th Anniversary—giving recognition to the 50-year members and honoring by invitation the Vietnam veterans and their families.

American Legions and Auxiliaries in the State of Oregon, under leadership of John W. Buehler, department commander, will join in observing a half century of service to the community, state and nation, and pledge their service to the nation, in war and in peace, for a second half century.

Objectives of the organization are fittingly grouped in the preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion: "For God and Country—We Associate Ourselves Together for the Following Purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and goodwill on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

With these high ideals of Americanism and the fellowship of mankind as continuing objectives, the American Legion deserves the wholehearted support of every citizen of this country and of those throughout the free world. — H. S.

Waste in the Penitentiary

Destruction in the state penitentiary at Salem this week with a terrible waste in property at a time when Oregon's budget is ill prepared to stand it, somehow brings to mind, by contrast, the matter of school budgets.

This great cost at the penitentiary is a total loss and is currently estimated at some \$2 million. Yet the cost is only a fraction of what the state pays to keep and feed the more than 1000 persons who are at least temporarily ostracized from society by their anti-social acts.

When the urge is felt to complain about the high cost of supporting schools, as the budgets come up for vote soon, let's consider the alternative when we do not prepare our young citizens for useful citizenship and productive lives that build rather than destroy.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

Colds and Cures

In company with many others I have been in the annual battle with a cold. However the ammunition we use is far different than our arsenal of defense 60 years ago.

Then we depended upon red flannel underwear, mustard plaster and turpentine. Some people carried a package of asafetida on their chests as a preventative. People were put to bed and heated up to a heavy sweat, or would sit for hours with a blanket over their shoulders and their feet in a tub of hot water. Treatment included a sack of hot onions on the chest. An ointment of lard mixed with turpentine was considered beneficial. Those who had it preferred goose grease or bear oil. There was nothing like kerosene chest applications covered with a heavy woolen pad, left over night to separate the dermis from the epidermis in blisters as large as a four bit piece. Now, it is different. We are

Oakley Otts Greet Arrival of Baby Boy

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Ott of Nyssa are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a son, named Troy Allen. The baby was born Monday, February 4, and weighed 8 lb., 8 oz., at birth.

Maternal grandparents of the baby are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chapman of Spray. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ott of Heppner, and paternal great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wetzel of Westfir, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott have made their home in Nyssa for the past two years where he is employed by the Idaho Concrete Co.

Daughter is Born To Portland Couple

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Morris of Portland announce the birth of a daughter, Kristen Ann, born Tuesday, March 5, in Portland.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mel L. Vale of Portland, and paternal grandmother is Mrs. Mildred Morris of Pendleton. Paternal great grandmother of the baby is Mrs. Cora Wilson of Heppner.

fortified by cold shots, sulfa drugs and a medicine cabinet full of Dristan, Mentholatum, Vicks, vapors and anacin. There is more on the list, but if that combination doesn't cure you, you are a "goner" anyhow. One thing is still in common with the past. I snuffle now just as I did 60 years ago, when I have a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wright traveled to Portland over the week-end to attend the Saturday wedding and bridal reception for Lynn Burkenbine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Burkenbine, former Heppner residents, and Robert John Schmorl of Portland.



Coming Events

LEGION DANCE
Saturday, March 23, 10:00 to 2:00
Heppner Legion Hall
Roy Quackenbush orchestra
Public invited

ST. PATRICK FOOD SALE
Saturday, March 16, from 10:00 a.m.
By Triple Links Club of Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge
Peterson building, next to Gardner's Men's Wear.

SPRING KAPERS
Ione High School Gymnasium
Friday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.
Variety of entertainment and surprise auction
Sponsored by Ione PTA.
Everyone welcome

PUBLIC CARD PARTY
By St. Patrick's Altar Society
Monday, April 23, 8 p.m.
Catholic Parish Hall
Plan now to attend

HIGH SCHOOL PLAY
"Arsenic and Old Lace," 3 act play
Friday, Saturday, March 22-23, 8 p.m.
High School Multipurpose Room

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