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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

GILES FRENCH of Moro spotted the item in the Gazette-Times recently telling of the item in Ripley's "Believe It or Not" concerning Henry Clay French, once of Heppner, who worked for 14 railroads in 36 years.

A clipping of the "Believe It or Not" item had been sent to Mayor Rosewall by someone who wanted more information. Giles possibly supplies an answer in a note to us.

"H. C. French was conductor on the Heppner Branch UPRR in 1892. He collected \$31 from passengers and others for the benefit of sufferers at Roslyn," writes Giles.

"Whether he was your lost Henry French or not, deponent sayeth not."

"I gather that he was well known about Heppner and apparently lived there, for a Master Clay French was agent for the Oregonian. H. C. French and wife took a vacation up in the Blues where they encountered many animals, lost the top of their 'covered wagon' and had other experiences which Otis Patterson, the then editor recounted."

ALSO FROM the mailbag comes a very nice letter from Mrs. Lewis Johnson of Vale, who is mother of Rick Johnson, the outstanding Viking athlete.

"I wish to congratulate you on the excellent coverage of the basketball tournament at La Grande," she writes. "It's good to see good things in papers about the good things the young adults do."

"One of the boys attending TVCC brought your Gazette-Times with an article about Rick Johnson to school and gave it to a fellow classmate who lives in Vale, who in turn gave it to Rick . . ."

"We are proud of Rick's accomplishments this year, especially since he milks 45 cows morning and night after practice or games. No one can tell me teen-agers are no good! Thank you, Mrs. Lewis Johnson."

"We've often wondered what Vale used to condition its athletes into such fine condition and thought that it might be working in sugar beet fields. Maybe Mrs. Johnson gives the clue—milking cows night and morning!"

Another sequel to the district tournament occurred recently when a John Day businessman stopped at the Gazette-Times to say how appreciative he was, as well as others from there, about the Heppner attitude following the tournament. Apparently a post-tournament G-T editorial gained widespread circulation in that area ("John Day—Winners in Losing"). The businessman made it a point to come here and say thank you while traveling through. The Heppner spirit, he said, as expressed in the editorial, has done a great deal to promote goodwill between the two towns.

SAY, WE'RE seeing a number of our local folks in television lately. We happened to tune in on Channel 2 last Saturday afternoon and saw a young man that looked exactly like Dave Hall. The reason he looked so much like him was that he was Dave Hall. He was participating in a program, emceed by Kirby Brumfield, that featured state FFA officers. Dave made quite a little speech when asked a question about whether girls should participate in FFA. Actually, quite a few girls are in the organization.

On Monday night, we stopped work long enough to see the half-hour program on Shirley Rugg's sheep operation on our channel 5 (KOAC-TV). Another half-hour will be presented on next Monday night at 8:30, same station.

Well, this made quite a presentation. It showed details of the large operation at Parkers mill, the Basque shepherders who come from the Pyrenees Mountains area (between Spain and France), the drives of the large bands of sheep to the range near Boardman and other facets

of the operation. The final installment will show the shearing and wool processing.

Shirley helped Bill Smith narrate the program and Gail McCarty, county extension agent, also appeared and spoke.

We were glad that they told us in advance that this was to be shown. Wish we had been notified on the FFA program. We'd liked to have been able to tell people this was coming up, too. (Where was the local FFA reporter?)

Any time anyone knows of such programs coming up, please let us know so we can get the word around.

THE SCHOOLS had two events last week that we thought were just great. One was the physical education program in which many, many Heppner elementary and high school students participated. It's remarkable what they are doing in physical education in the schools now, and this was a real eye opener. Mrs. Dorothy Agee and Dean Naffziger are certainly to be congratulated for their fine work.

The coordination, agility and discipline that the youngsters showed in their routines and exercises was something to behold. GAA (Girls' Athletic Association) sponsored this event,

## TO THE EDITOR . . .

### Sense of Loss

April 8, 1968

To the Editor:  
It is with great sadness and a sense of tremendous loss that I say farewell to a fellow clergyman and American, Dr. Martin Luther King. To say that his assassination was a terrible and savage act of ignorance and brutality seems mild when one realizes that this man dedicated his life to nonviolence and working for the brotherhood of mankind.

It is my sincere and fervent prayer that Almighty God will forgive us as a nation and will bring something of good from the shedding of Dr. King's blood. Without question it is a time for each one of us, each person in this community and each American to search his own soul and conscience and to work and pray for a new America where understanding, love and justice for all men may prevail. We owe nothing less to a great Christian man's memory.

Sincerely,  
The Rev. Dirk T. Rinehart

and it should have an encore next spring. With this start, this could turn into something truly outstanding.

Proceeds of the affair will go towards buying more physical education equipment. From what the kids showed, they will make very good use of whatever is obtained, and they deserve help in getting it.

SOMEWHAT THE MESSAGE of just what to expect at the Band Festival Friday and Saturday here, the second great event of the week, didn't reach the people. The crowd at the massed band concert Saturday night was woefully small, and a great many people really missed something that was stirring and inspiring!

About 280 high school musicians played in the massed band, representing seven schools—Echo, Fossil, Hermiston Junior High, Ione, Stanfield, Umatilla and Heppner. Guest conductor was John Sheeley of Hermiston High. This was tremendous!

All those who attended were very much impressed. We heard many say that they wished the program had been another hour longer. The band handled everything from Beethoven's "Eroica Overture" to "Georgy Girl" with finesse and skill even though they had only been together for two days.

If you didn't go to this band festival watch for it when it comes to Heppner again in another year. Shut off the TV set and go!

## The Rhyming Philosopher

### PROCLIVITY

THE WEATHER'S NO TOPIC FOR THOUGHTS PHILOSOPHIC,  
SINCE CUSSING CAN'T DO MUCH ABOUT IT.  
DESPITE FACT OR FICTION, I'VE REACHED THE CONVICTION

WE CERTAINLY CAN'T DO WITHOUT IT.  
THE FOG IN SOME PLACES IS BLAMED AS THE BASIS FOR THINKING THE SUN ISN'T SHINING.  
IT'S NO GOOD COMPLAINING BECAUSE IT'S NOT RAINING;  
YOU CAN'T CHANGE THE WEATHER BY WHINING.

SOME FOLKS HAVE CONTENTED, LEAST SAID SOONEST MENDED;  
BIRD IN THE POT IS WORTH TWO ON THE FENCE.  
BUT THIS KIND OF CHATTER IS NOT WHAT'S THE MATTER:

WEATHER THE WEATHER IS ALL THAT MAKES SENSE.  
SO LET'S GET TOGETHER AND WELCOME THE WEATHER.

YOU LIVE HERE BY CHOICE, OR YOU'RE NATIVE.  
YOU MAKE THINGS BY SEWING OR PAINTING OR GROWING.  
WITH WEATHER WE CAN'T BE CREATIVE.

WHATEVER THE MORAL, IT'S FOOLISH TO QUARREL,  
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU CAN'T WHIP IT.  
IF IT RAINS GO INSIDE; IF THINGS BORE YOU, GO HIDE;  
AND IF THIS SOUNDS LIKE NONSENSE—JUST SKIP IT.

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## Brother Lost

April 8, 1968

To the Editor:

I have lost a brother clergyman. A brother 'in Christ' has been cut down by an assassin's bullet. That Dr. Martin Luther King, a man who espoused and lived non-violence, a man who hated no one, should have his life cut short at the prime age of 39, is indeed the greatest tragedy of our day.

My heart is full of sorrow and compassion and pity for the sick society which breeds hatred and prejudice and violence. I am a part of that sick society and I cannot wash my hands, because I live 2000 miles away from Memphis, Tenn. I pray that God will forgive us, that we then may carry his forgiveness to all men—black and white.

One of the great prophetic voices of our century has been stilled. Nevertheless, his memory still lives on. His 'dream' will come true, make no mistake about that, and I shall use all the powers that God has given me to see that it does come true.

For because of Jesus Christ, whose resurrection we celebrate on Easter Sunday, justice will prevail in this land; freedom will ring loud and clear for 'black' as it has for 'white'; and equal opportunity will become a reality.

Sincerely,  
Rev. Donald R. Pederson

## Eugene Service Held For Former Resident, Marie Barlow Warner

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. Cecil Warner, 50, of Eugene, who died Monday, April 1, after an illness of about two years.

Mrs. Warner was the former Marie Barlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barlow. Mr. Barlow preceded his daughter in death, and Mrs. Barlow now makes her home in Eugene.

The former resident was born in Heppner in 1918 to Charles and Blanche Barlow. She lived here during her childhood, attending Heppner schools up through the time of her graduation. She was married to Cecil Warner in February, 1946, at which time she left Heppner. Warner is a member of the public relations department on the staff at Northwest Christian college in Eugene.

Survivors include her husband and two sons, her mother, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Walker, all of Eugene; an aunt, Mrs. Alma Gilliam; two nephews; and an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vaughn of Heppner.

Funeral services were held in Eugene on Wednesday, April 3.

## Warren Has Article In Student Magazine

Steve Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warren of Heppner, has an article published in the 1968 literary magazine at Ricks College, the news bureau there reports.

The article is entitled "Slipshod's Folly." It is in The Ricks magazine now being distributed by the Ricks Press. Prose, poetry and art are included.

Warren is a sophomore at the college. He is a graduate of Heppner High school with the class of 1966.

## COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

### Coming Events

FOOD SALE  
Legion Auxiliary Food Sale, Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. Peterson's Building

CAR WASH  
Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Richfield Station, Heppner  
By Ruth Assembly, Rainbow Girls  
\$1.50 per car

OES SOCIAL CLUB  
Saturday, April 13, 1:45 p.m.  
Heppner Masonic Hall

EASTER MONDAY CARD PARTY  
Monday, April 15, 8 p.m.  
Episcopal Parish Hall  
Bridge, pinochle, prizes, dessert

BAND CARNIVAL  
Sponsored by Elementary and Grade School PTA units  
Saturday, April 20  
Fair Pavilion. Lots of fun for everyone  
Dinner, Carnival, dance

PUBLIC CARD PARTY  
St. Patrick's Altar Society,  
Monday, April 29, 8 p.m.  
Catholic Parish Hall  
Public invited

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE  
By Heppner Civic League  
Friday, Saturday—April 26-27  
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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### 'WHAT IS EASTER?'

By AL BOSCHEE, Pastor  
Heppner & Lexington Christian Churches

We are now in that week which has the unique distinction of being called "Holy Week." This week is the culmination of the period of Lent or preparation for Easter by the religious or Christian community. It is the time of year when the Christian World pauses to remember the last week in the life of Jesus of Nazareth.

We, in America, are indeed fortunate to live in a land where the precepts and teachings of Christ have made their impact upon society. Yet, even here, in a setting where we claim to be "A Nation Under God," we have many people who give only lip service and fail to discover the real meaning of Easter.

For all too many people Easter will only be a time to hide colored eggs for the children to find, or spin fairy tales about the Easter Bunny. For many it will be an excuse to buy a new outfit or a new hat. Some will observe it by having an Easter Parade or by simply observing that "Spring has Sprung".

For many, many people, however, these frilly fringe benefits are not Easter but are the externals, the non-essentials which are nice but not absolutely necessary.

Easter is basically a religious or Christian observance. It is the time when the Christian World celebrates or observes and remembers once again the events surrounding the last week in the life of the Son of God as he offered himself upon the Cross of Calvary for the sins and transgressions of all mankind.

Easter is the Christ of God upon a Cross, beaten, rejected, despised, spit upon and yet somehow gloriously victorious.

Easter is an empty tomb with soldiers around it who "were like dead men", and a Risen Christ emerging from that triumphant resurrection morning to proclaim to a dying world, choking in its sin, that there was New Hope, Forgiveness, and Everlasting life because God in Jesus Christ had once and for all defeated sin and death.

THIS IS EASTER!

## IN MEMORIAM

He stood at the Gates of Forever,  
And he gazed at the Golden Land  
That a Black Man's dream had conjured  
For his mind to understand.

And sure of his understanding,  
He lifted his voice in prayer  
That all of his colored brothers  
Could build their futures there—

That Blacks and Whites together  
Could create a better land  
Than ever the Founding Fathers  
Had in grandest moments planned!

Then the flight of a tiny bullet  
Cut him down in Mid-stream—  
Shattered the life of the dreamer—  
And clouded the rainbow dream!

But a whisper out of the sunset  
Still trembles across the sky,  
"I have been to the Mountain-Top,  
And I'm not afraid to die!"

We must seek to solve our problems—  
We all must strive to see  
That our land, Through its darkest moments,  
Is better, for such as he!

And—when we find the answers—  
Though we suffer and live with pain—  
We will know that the life of the dreamer  
Will not have been lived in vain!

Clifford A. Williams  
Lexington, Oregon  
April 5, 1968

(The above poem was given to Rev. Al Boschee, pastor of the Christian church, on Sunday, April 7, by Clifford Williams of Heppner, the author. It was read during the worship service at the church and by Rev. Boschee at Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce meeting Monday. Williams is a teacher at Heppner Elementary School and was chosen as "Teacher of the Year" here recently.)

## Pioneer



## Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

In the years that I have devoted to writing feature articles, I have used every opportunity to draw attention to the interior of Eastern Oregon (back country). Others may emphasize the importance of development of the Columbia River complex. There is no quarrel with that. The upland cities of Condon, Heppner, Pilot Rock, Pendleton and La Grande will be negligent if they fail to improve their

relationship with the "back country". More personal visitations are advisable. There is livable country there, a lot of it, and likeable people. If you have a week-end to spare take a trip to the "back country"—Spray, Monument, Long Creek, Dayville, Mt. Vernon, John Day, Prairie City, Canyon City or Burns. You will find a western style welcome.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Cleo Van Winkle at her home in Lexington last week-end were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Van Winkle and family of Spokane, who also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Green in Heppner on Sunday.

Mrs. David Tottleben and two small sons, David and nine-month-old Brian, arrived Friday, March 29 from their home in Collinsville, Ill. to visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins for about a month.

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