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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

HEPPNER HIGH students enjoyed a delicious crab cocktail at their junior-senior banquet last week, but they didn't know what throes of agony some people went through to provide this delectable start to their dinner.

The crab was ordered specially through Central Market and was to be shipped from Portland. Unfortunately, the trucker bringing it out forgot to unload it at Arlington and it went on to Baker.

When Flatt's truck brought in its load from Arlington and the crab wasn't included, poor Ernie McCabe of Central started tearing his hair. He had faithfully promised delivery of the crab and had been assured just as faithfully that it would arrive on time.

Gene Orwick of Flatt's then started the task of telephoning to find what had gone wrong. After \$5 worth of calls he discovered that the crab was in Baker, and time was a wasting.

In checking with Flatt's office in Condon, Gene learned that Dr. Richard Schwan of Condon was in La Grande that day with the airplane that is partially owned by Bill Flatt.

So Dr. Schwan was contacted there. He flew to Baker, picked up the crab, which was a relatively small package, put it in the airplane and brought it to Lexington. Then it was ferried on in to Heppner by car in time to make the cocktails.

Add all the time, energy and mental turmoil, and this would be pretty expensive crab, but Flatt's got the job done.

Hope that cocktail was good, kids!

MRS. SADIE PARRISH is bearing up bravely even though some Heppner Republicans received Democratic voting pamphlets here. Some F. F. Montgomery supporters would like to lay the blame to Clay Myers, Secretary of State, but Mrs. Parrish says there is no blame in the state office.

She was just a victim of the machine age, and she has our heartfelt sympathy! As a story points out elsewhere, a pin wasn't inserted properly in the Ad-dressograph machine at the courthouse. This pin is instrumental in separating the sheep from the goats, so to speak (the Demos from the Republicans) as the trays of plates go through the machine. Tabs are placed on the plates in a position to indicate the party.

Well, the machine is badly

needed, all right, but Mrs. Parrish didn't get full instruction in its operation, and the serviceman or someone didn't come back to provide it—at least not without getting an additional fee.

So the GOP contingent was sent in as Democrats.

We know a little of what the county clerk is going through at this time of year with those monster ballots, the poll books to set up, county budget work to do, registration, absentee ballots, and regular work. Printing the ballots is bad enough—we know about that!

What those stubborn machines won't do sometimes!

A fellow was in our office today and told of one used by the large firm he represents. In sending out the bills, which it does automatically, the thing stuck in one spot for a few minutes, and one of their customers was appalled to receive a whole boxful of bills at his regular pay period, all signed, sealed and delivered!

FRANK TURNER reminds us that this month (May) is Senior Citizens Month throughout the United States and Gov. Tom McCall has so proclaimed it in Oregon "as a reminder that this nation owes all it possesses to those who have borne responsibilities in years past."

We join in saluting our senior citizens, bless them!

We would also salute our local Golden Age club which has done so well in giving a social outlet to senior citizens.

Frank brought in a copy of "Oregon Silver Threads," published by the Veterans of World War One of the USA, Inc. It contains an appropriate poem, "Grandma":

The old rocking chair is empty today

For Grandma is no longer in it

She is off in her car to her office or shop

And buzzes around every minute.

No one shoves Grandma back on the shelf

She is versatile, forceful, dynamic.

That is not a pie in the oven, my dear,

Her baking today is ceramic.

You won't see her trundling off early to bed

From her place in a warm chimney nook.

Her typewriter clickety clacks through the night

SCHOOL CALENDAR

MAY

17-18 District A-2 track meet, Burns

17-18 State B track meet, Pleasant Hill

19 High school baccalaureate services, Heppner, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. Riverside, 8 p.m.

20 School board meeting, Lexington, 8 p.m.

21 Heppner High awards assembly and installation of student body officers, 10:45

21 Band concert, grade and high school, Heppner, 8 p.m.

22 Ione commencement, 8 p.m.

22 Last day of school for seniors

23 Heppner commencement, 8 p.m.

24 Riverside commencement, 8 p.m.

25 Junior Olympics at Arlington

27-29 Semester exams

29 Last day of school

29 Biology field trip (to June 2)

30 No school (Memorial Day)

31 Teacher workday

JUNE

3 Report cards mailed

Mrs. Bernice Lamb visited over Mother's Day weekend with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lamb and family in Irrigon.

For Grandma is writing a book.

Grandma never takes a backward look

To slow her steady advancing.

She won't tend the babies for you anymore

For Grandma is taking up dancing.

She is not content with crumbs of old thoughts

With meager and second-hand knowledge.

Don't bring your mending for Grandma to do

For Grandma has gone back to college!

GILES FRENCH notes the response on Gooseberry and Eightmile and has sent us some more interesting information on more old post offices. As soon as we get room to run it—when elections are out of the way—we'll get back to this enjoyable material and tell you a little more about Gooseberry through the courtesy of Ann Bergstrom and Everett Keithley. Meanwhile, Harold Peck has given us the location of Sweet Milk Canyon and Buttermilk Canyon, so we know approximately where they are now—in the country towards Lonerock. Thank you!

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. McQuarrie have returned after spending a week visiting at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rubi and Dana in Roseburg. Prior to traveling to Roseburg, the couple visited their son, Dan, who is a student at Central Oregon Community college in Bend. Dan joined his parents and sister and family in Roseburg later in the week.

Pioneer



Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

A Topic for Discussion

Are you eating more these days and enjoying it less?

Those who complain are likely to be aged beyond 60 and forgetful of it. Before taking these good people too seriously it would be well to check their ages (not too closely), and remind them not too strongly) that their "taste buds" may be badly worn. It is quite likely that they are. After years of constant use in measuring the flavors of tons of food of every variety, it is not conceivable that their "taste buds" can classify victuals as accurately as they once did.

Can anything be done about it? I doubt that it can. If medical or mechanical treatment were possible the "buds" might be pointed, straightened or replaced. In that case, we might eat less and enjoy it more, but age condemns us to eat more and enjoy it less with our old worn out, and obsolete taste buds.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

TEENAGE ROAD-E-O Local competition, Saturday, May 18, fairgrounds, 1 p.m. Sponsored by Morrow County Jaycees
Enter now at School, Jack's Chevron, Ford Garage or with Jerry Hollomon

TEENAGE DANCE Saturday, May 18, 8:30-1:00 Fair Pavilion, Heppner
Music by The Henchmen, Heppner combo
Everyone invited

SENIOR GIRLS' TEA Sunday, May 19, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Sponsored by Soroptimist Club of Heppner
Home of Mrs. Wavel Wilkins, 545 N. Gale St.
Senior girls and mothers

PIONEER MEMORIAL PICNIC Thursday, May 30, Heppner Fair Pavilion
Registration from 10:30 a.m. Potluck dinner, noon
All old-timers urged to attend

HEPPNER BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT Baccalaureate, Sunday, May 19, 8 p.m., Multipurpose room
Commencement, Thursday, May 23, 8 p.m., High School Gymnasium
Public welcome

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Supt. Daniels Presents More Facts on Budget

(Ed. Note: This is the first of three articles written by Ron Daniels, superintendent of Morrow County School District R-1, designed to bring additional details concerning the 1968-69 school budget to the attention of the public and to answer questions that some may have concerning the budget. The superintendent states that he will be glad to answer any questions, and he may be reached by calling the school office at Lexington, phone 989-8123. Ensuing articles will give a budget analysis, a review of taxes and ballot procedure).

By RON DANIELS Superintendent, Morrow County Schools

In view of the decision to re-submit the Morrow County School budget to the voters, I feel that some additional information should be provided for the consideration of the patrons of the school district.

The reason for declaring the first election void is explained in a separate article in this paper and I do not wish to belittle the point except to emphasize that the Directors were not required to take this action. They could legally have canvassed the vote as 286 yes to 283 no and the budget would have been adopted as listed on the ballot. However, the decision to re-submit the budget was based on a desire to eliminate any doubts that might have existed regarding the total budget vote. It was also the director's desire to have an increase in the number of people voting on the budget.

We do not consider this a budget defeat. Due to the closeness of the vote we feel that some additional facts should be presented to the voters before the budget is voted on again.

Since no one appeared at the budget hearing and we have not heard any opposition to any particular section of the budget we must interpret the no votes as a vote against high taxes with the situation made more acute by the dry conditions in Morrow county.

Let me say that the school administration, directors, and budget committee members were well aware of both conditions during the preparation of the budget.

The dry year and high taxes were the two thoughts that controlled most of our budget preparations. Because of this we changed our budget procedure this year from one of simply submitting requests and having this request reviewed by the budget committee to a much more detailed procedure that involved many additional people.

During initial budget requests it was emphasized that teachers were to keep their requests

to a minimum and that no new programs resulting in additional costs were to be planned. This was done and resulted in dropping proposals for a new reading program and postponing for a year a change in our high school English program.

The budget preparation process started about January 2, with teachers submitting requests to their principals. These requests were reviewed at each school and cuts in requests were made where possible. The principals then submitted the school requests to the district office where the individual school requests were again reviewed and reduced. A composite district budget was then compiled showing a detailed breakdown of what the funds were to be used for and how much was budgeted for each school. The composite budget was then reviewed by the local advisory committee and additional cuts were made. The budget document was then reviewed in four budget meetings by the school directors and budget committee members. These four meetings resulted in cuts amounting to an additional \$27,168. These cuts were made as a result of a reduction in the number of teachers and dropping the purchase of several items of new equipment.

When this procedure was completed it was felt that we were presenting the minimum budget needed to operate the schools for the 1968-69 school year.

At a budget hearing held on May 13, 1968, the directors and budget committee members again reviewed the total budget and reached a decision to re-submit the same budget as any additional cuts would result in delaying needed maintenance, equipment, or dropping of certain educational programs.

The hearing produced several questions regarding the figures listed on the ballot and what they actually meant. In a later article I will explain what the ballot figures mean and how they will affect the total program as far as school taxes are concerned.

To clear up some misunderstanding I would like to point out that the total tax increase for schools will be about \$1.80 per one thousand dollars of true cash value.

The reappraisal on farm land use resulted in a decrease of \$3,551,995 in true cash value and will result in an additional levy of \$.35 per one thousand and to compensate for this loss in property value. This means the total increase would run about \$2.10 per one thousand. A home valued at \$20,000 would have an increase in school taxes of \$46.00 as a result of farm reappraisal and the budget increase.

America's agriculture is extremely efficient. Six per cent of the population produces enough food and fiber to feed and clothe our nation and millions more. Production has doubled since 1955 and the farm operator keeps getting more efficient. A continuing revolution in agriculture can be counted on to meet the demands of a population explosion that will see 32 million more people in the United States within the next ten years.

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This agribusinessman borrows significant sums of money on which to operate. He manages men. He keeps abreast of the latest business techniques such as data processing. He treats the soil like a scientist. He's a big buyer of everything from fuel to fertilizer, to keep the farm going and growing. His end products of food and fiber are the raw materials that employ multitudes in the manufacturing and marketing of consumer goods.

And the half of the world that goes to bed with empty stomachs in underdeveloped countries look to this American agribusinessman to help tell them how to satisfy their hunger.

The agricultural revolution continues. If there's a better way to do it, today's agribusinessman will find it. He has in the past and he will in the future.



The Rhyming Philosopher

DISSOLUTION

MY WIFE, BLESS HER BUSTLE, HAS FINALLY FLIPPED, WHICH ISN'T BECAUSE HER BEST CHINA GOT CHIPPED, NOR DOES IT INVOLVE WHY THE NEIGHBOR'S A SNOB OR HOW I WAS RECENTLY FIRED FROM MY JOB.

SUCH MINOR DISASTERS AS EARTHQUAKES AND ME SHE TAKES IN HER STRIDE, AS EXPECTED TO BE, BUT STUFF LIKE THE LAUNDRY ONE WOULDN'T EXPECT TO UNHINGE HER REASON 'TIL TOTALLY WRECKED. YET SOMEHOW MY SHIRTS AND MY SHORTS (IT'S SO WEIRD)

WITH SHEETS BY THE DOZEN HAVE ALL DISAPPEARED. SINCE NONE HAVE BEEN STOLEN OR MERELY MISPLACED

SHE CRACKED UNDER STRAIN OF CONFUSION SHE FACED.

BEFORE SHE PASSED OUT I DISCOVERED A CLUE TO WHAT MAKES OUR WOMEN LOOK SOMEWHAT ASKEW:

IT SEEMS THE COMMERCIALS ON TV EACH NIGHT INSISTED HER LAUNDRY JUST HAD TO BE WHITE, AND NOT ONLY WHITE BUT WHITER BY FAR THAN WIND-DRIVEN SNOW OR THE BRIGHT POLAR STAR. SHE TRIED NEW DETERGENTS, EACH OUT-DID THE REST, STILL THE SHEETS AND THE SHIRTS GOT WHITER EACH TEST.

TH WASHING WHICH SHONE IN A SHIMMERING GLARE GOT WHITER AND BRIGHTER AND LIGHTER THAN AIR, SO THIS SOLVED THE PUZZLE I FEARED WOULD DEFEAT ME—

THE WASH GOT SO WHITE THAT IT VANISHED COMPLETELY!

HARRY W. FLETCHER

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