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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WELL, SIR, football season can't be too far off. We note with some interest a rather indignant letter to the editor in the East Oregonian from Jim Barratt, athletic director at OSU, relative to an editorial, "Bad Day in Corvallis," referring to the traffic snarl last grid season prior to the OSU-USC football game.

The editorial apparently said that there was "no evidence that anybody is doing anything about it."

This is what our Jim sets about to correct. He says that his office has had six meetings with the Highway Department, and that a highway news release has been issued on the situation.

Jim says that one possibility for correcting another traffic jam was to make the highway to Corvallis from the freeway one-way going into Corvallis for two hours prior to the big games and one-way going east for an hour after the games. He says a poll taken among residents along the route found them heartily in accord.

However, the idea apparently had to be abandoned because someone, not knowing that the highway was temporarily one-way, might turn on it in the face of oncoming traffic and a bad accident might ensue.

Knowing Mr. Barratt, we'll wager that the traffic snarl situation will be handled in some manner before the season starts. As he points out, part of the trouble experienced on that Black Day in Benton County was due to the fact that Albany was having a big celebration, and many avoided taking the alternate route through Albany thinking that they would get into a snarl in that city.

That's what happened to us. Our oldest son was driving and started to turn through Albany, but we interceded on account of the doings there. This put us plunk in the middle of the traffic jam.

While it was a disconcerting experience, it does give us something to look back on and talk about—still with a tinge of amazement that it is possible to literally block a freeway in such a manner.

Some might think that the gang in Beavercreek is being a bit optimistic to think that there is even the possibility of such jams this year on the grounds that OSU may not draw such crowds.

With their showing last year and their possibilities this year—with a large number of the Giant Killers back—it would seem that the team will draw big crowds. OSU should be ranked among the top teams at the start of the season, and whether they show by their performance that they merit this continued rating will have to be seen.

Maybe they should do like the weather forecasters do now. Instead of saying, "50% chance of rain tomorrow," the Beavers might say, "50% chance of a national championship," or "75% chance of a Rose Bowl bid."

As for us on that traffic snarl—if we get to go to any of the big ones (and we surely hope we do), we'll lay off that freeway like the plague. We'll take the back country routes, even if we have to go in a

prairie schooner. We'll head through Atrile, Suver, Pedee and Kings Valley.

And for Jim's sake, we hope that every game at Corvallis brings 40,000 fans.

KIPLING SAID, "East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet..." In the field of music today, perhaps adults are east and teenagers are west, for they surely don't seem to appreciate the musical tastes of the other.

This comes to light again with the criticism heard from some youngsters about the western rodeo dances. We hasten to inform the kids that most of the upcoming music is of the razz-dazz variety (for want of a better name!) that they will enjoy.

Adults can't dance to this; and the kids can't dance to western or ballroom music.

So it doesn't seem that the "twain" will meet at the dances any more.

But there is a case for the adults, and there is something to be said for the "old-fashioned" music. Lions clubbers are going to bring back some of the oldtime nostalgia at their Box Social at Ione Saturday night when ballroom and square dancing will follow.

Remember those box socials where the gals so gaily decorated the lunch boxes? They were once the real McCoy for a first rate time on a Saturday night.

Maybe kids today think that square dancing is strictly for squares. But when their joints get stiff so that they no longer can shimmy and shake, maybe they will get back to it.

Or maybe some day, they will "discover" square dancing and ball room dancing—old style. Then that will be the rare again.

But we aren't holding our breath. Probably running boards will be back on cars before that happens.

Projects Discussed As New Soroptimist Officers Take Duties

Newly installed officers of the Soroptimist club of Heppner assumed duties last Thursday noon at the first business meeting of the current year, under the direction of Mrs. Elaine George, president.

Following the reading of the annual treasurer's report by Mrs. Glenn Smith, outgoing treasurer, correspondence was read from Mrs. Dorothy Berry, district director, Portland; Mrs. Leta Thomas of Willamette View Manor, Portland, and from the Morrow County 4-H Council.

Mrs. George outlined some of the summer projects for which plans are now being made. Included are a bulletin board for the municipal swimming pool, preparation of a country store booth at the county fair, and preparing and entering a float in the annual rodeo parade.

Future projects include supplying favors for a breakfast at the district meeting in Hing River in September; promoting a foreign exchange student program, and also sponsoring a "Keep Heppner Clean" community program.

Miss Terry Lincoecum, float chairman, opened discussion on work days for this year's float, with Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, during the two weeks prior to the parade, approved as work nights.

Plans for entertaining the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court are being made for Thursday noon, August 8, with the girls, their mothers and court chaperone, Mrs. Dimple Munkers, as honor guests.

New constitution and by-laws books, with general standing rules of the club included, were distributed by the committee leaders, Mrs. Charles Starks and Mrs. Conley Lanham.

Kilkenny Honored With Birthday Party

Bob Kilkenny of Lexington was honored with a surprise birthday party Saturday night when some 20 friends and relatives came for the evening.

The event was arranged by his sister, Mrs. Ilene Wyman, and Cindy Lemon of Elko, Nev. Mrs. Wyman baked a birthday cake that was served to guests, together with other refreshments.

Preceding the party, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Alderman of Milton-Freewater were dinner guests.

Others coming to extend birthday greetings were Mr. and Mrs. Don Greenup, Mr. and Mrs. Butch Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Prock, Mr. and Mrs. Wyane Prock of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dougherty, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ployhar, Russell and John Kilkenny and Pat Sweeney.

Sowards are Visited By Week-end Guests

Overnight guests Saturday of Rev. and Mrs. Earl Soward were her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Alva Ferebee of Prineville. During the July 5 storm in Prineville the Ferebees had their carport damaged and moved on to their neighbors property by a small cyclone storm, one of three small twisters which damaged property in the Prineville area.

On Monday, Rev. and Mrs. Soward were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Johnson of Austin, Texas, who were returning from the Calgary Stampede in Canada. The Johnsons are parents of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Marvin Soward, also of Austin. They enjoy rodeo action and plan to return here in September to take in the Pendleton Round-up. He is a field representative for the Bendix Company, with headquarters in Austin.

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COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM
High School Gymnasium
Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Planned recreation

POMONA GRANGE
Greenfield Grange Hall,
Boardman
Saturday, July 27, dinner at 6 p.m.
Guest speaker, Mrs. Margaret Rice, State Lecturer

HARVEST BOX SOCIAL
Saturday, July 20, 9 p.m.
Ione Legion Hall
Modern and Square dancing
Everyone invited
Sponsored by Ione Lions Club

MORROW COUNTY PICNIC
Laurelhurst Park, Portland
Sunday, August 4, picnic dinner, noon
All present and former County residents and families invited

FAIR & RODEO DANCE
Dance honoring Princess Sue Ellen Greenup of Lena Community
Saturday, July 20, 9:30-1:00
Heppner Fair Pavilion
Music by Tommy B. & Chain Reactions, Hood River
Dance Honoring Princess Kathy Hinton, Boardman
Saturday, July 27
Music by The Henchmen, Heppner combo

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Conflict Explained

William A. Hazzen of Pendleton, publicity chairman for the Shrine All-Star East-West A-2 and B football game, has explained reasons for the conflict of dates this year with the Morrow county rodeo. He does this in a letter to the Chamber of Commerce, replying to one pointing out the conflict.

Because of the general interest in the matter, his letter is reprinted below:

"The fact that the Heppner Rodeo will conflict with our Shrine Football Game on August 24 this year is most disturbing and I appreciate the concern of the fine members of the Heppner Chamber of Commerce who are loyal to both functions. Unfortunately, we are like the painter who painted himself into a corner—we have no place to go. Each year our game date is controlled by the following factors:

"1. It must follow the Portland Shrine Game in August

"2. It must be played at least one week before September 1st in order to permit the team coaches to start football practice at their respective high schools, which they are permitted to do under present OSAA rules.

"From past experience, it appears that the third Saturday in August usually ends up as the selected date. Looking at the calendar for next year, it appears that August 23 will probably be our game date; however, since there can be no conflict with the Portland game, we must await selection of their date, which is not announced until early in February. Their date is dependent on pro football preseason game contracts involving the Multnomah Athletic Stadium. All in all, it is quite a complicated process.

"Although there is nothing we can do about changing the game date this year, at least the parade time should not interfere with each other. Our parade assemblies at 2:30 p.m. and kicks off at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. The pre-game pageantry begins at the Round-Up Grounds at 7:00 p.m. and the game itself at 8:00 p.m.

"Thank you again for your concern and for your offer of continued cooperation. Perhaps if you avoid the August 23rd date next year, there will be no conflict and both events will profit all the more."

TO THE EDITOR...

On Behalf of Becky

July 11, 1968

To the Editor:
Just a note to express our thanks to all the fine people of Morrow county.

As you know the community of Hermiston has a 7-year-old girl in need of a heart transplant. This is scheduled to be performed as soon as a donor is available. This will all take place at Stanford University. The expense of something like this is tremendous. The people of Hermiston formed the "Becky Howland Heart Transplant Fund". The next step was taken by the Hermiston Kiwanis. They set up an auction for June 29, with all proceeds to the "Becky Howland Fund".

As a member of the Hermiston Jaycees, I wondered what we could do to help relieve the financial burden on the Howland family. Our best idea was to have a beef raffle. A local farmer donated a 1100 pound steer. We had some tickets and posters printed and we were in business. This is where the Jaycees of Morrow county came in. They, as well as many merchants, were selling tickets for our project. With the help of many people in many local towns just like yours we were just two weeks away from success. Many other groups had and are having fund raising projects to help build this fund.

To make this long letter short, no one from Morrow county won a quarter of the steer, but if you sold or bought a raffle ticket, you have shared in helping a little girl named Becky.

Again we say thank you.
Sincerely,
Hermiston Jaycees
Al Frost and Riek Rebmen,
Co-chairmen

Appreciates Support

To the Editor:
Since it is impossible to contact everyone to thank them personally, I would like to use this means to thank those willing to help by writing in me as a candidate for Senator for the eighteenth district.

While this was a late and unexpected move on my part, I appreciate the discretion of your deferring your final choice until the November election.

I also respect the rights of those who made their choices at the primary.

Sincerely,
W. W. Weatherford

Good Job

July 15, 1968

To the Editor:
I would like to commend the County Court and Road Department for the wonderful road oiling job on the Baseline Road. I think it is tax money well spent.

Ray Boyce
Ione, Oregon

From Vietnam

Dear Mr. Sherman:
I have received the Gazette-Times for a few months now, after being here in Vietnam and I enjoy reading it. It keeps me up on what is going on back home. My wife and I are planning on making our home in Heppner when I get out of the service, so by getting the paper I can sorta keep up on things. I won't be too far behind when I get back.

I have a few friends from Pendleton and Baker that enjoy reading it also.

Well, we are not getting hit too bad over here right now, a few small N.V.A. patrols we run into now and then. We have moved out of Kha Lahn Base, getting ready to blow it up, and we are on the hills around it keeping enemy troops from entering it while we destroy bunkers and other articles around the base. We plan to move to Deng Ha River, where at last reported are N.V.A. troops and booby traps around, other than that things are fairly quiet.

I plan on going back to the company in about a day or two, after being in Phy Bai medical care where I was being treated for a gun shot wound.

Thanks again.
Sincerely yours,
L/CPL Simon B. Winters
(Dated July 7, 1968)

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hudson and family have returned from a vacation trip spent visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Martin and family in Redmond. Traveling on to Portland, the family spent a few days shopping and visited Jantzen Beach with their children.

On Thursday they traveled to Pend Oreille Lake, where they joined her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ployhar and family and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Moe at the Moe's summer cabin at Hope, Idaho. The group spent the remainder of the week fishing and boating.

Pioneer Ponderings



By W. S. CAVERHILL

Ananias Spring

I may have called attention to his spring in an earlier article, but a second warning will do no harm. It was named after the famous biblical liar by one of the early settlers because there was a substantial evidence that any person drinking its cooling water had difficulty in telling the truth about anything thereafter. It is located in a beautiful grove of trees on the Tom Colvin ranch near Ritter. The last time that I talked to Tom he was thinking about fencing and posting the water to protect inquisitive visitors against themselves. My advice is to stay away from it. The temptations might be too great. I took a drink from it sixty years ago, and have not completely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Omer Huston and two boys have returned from a week's vacation trip which they spent with relatives in the Portland area and along the beach at Lincoln City, where they enjoyed perfect weather. In Clackamas the family spent time visiting at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cross and family, before going on to visit another brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Applegate and family in Portland. In Milwaukie they visited another of her sisters, Mrs. Stan Nelson and family, and her grandmother, Mrs. Francis McMillan.

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