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## Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

WITH THE PASSING OF Frank S. Parker another great story remains unwritten. We deeply regret that we never found the time, before his health started to fail, to sit down with him and urge him to tell of the days in Alaska and more of the incidents of his colorful career.

Maybe someone did in years past, but, if so, we don't know of it. Frank was a good friend, and he seemed to feel a kinship to the newspaper, probably because, through his marriage, he was connected with the Crawfords, a newspaper family.

We used to enjoy having him drop in for short visits and passing the time of day. We picked up snatches of the story of his life in this manner but never got to the place where we actually sat down and pressed him to tell all about it.

Whenever a man like Frank Parker dies, one realizes that someone irreplaceable is gone. He was indeed a grand old timer.

DICK KREBS, who, with his wife, the Dick Wilkinsons, and the Markham Bakers, have just returned from a People-to-People tour, was thoughtful enough to bring us a newspaper from Russia. This was a copy of the Moscow News of September 14, printed in English, for the consumption of tourists and other "capitalistic imperialists," no doubt.

The paper seems to seek to convey that the Russians are artistic; "Art is Part and Parcel of Soviet People's Life," is a headline; that they are scientific; "Riches of the Earth's Crust"; and that they are athletic; "Is There a Substitute for Champions?" (on the Soviet Olympic boxing team).

Indeed, it is established that they are all of these. But they are also master propagandists; "Calculations and Miscalculations of Foes of Socialism"; "Vietnam—Symbol of Heroism and Staunchness"; and "Intelligentsia in Socialist Society: Its Present and Future." "Vietnam has become a symbol of heroism and staunchness of a people defending its independence," says one article. "It has shown the failure of the policy of the United States, which is aimed at imposing its will on a people inspired by the idea of freedom."

As to the Paris peace talks, "Mr. Averill Harriman, the US delegate, has taken the floor on twenty occasions and each time all he did was to defend the invaders who have got themselves in a tight corner but who still hope to get the upper hand. Every time Harriman speaks of one and the same

thing: 'reciprocity of concessions'. However, what is a concession to an aggressor if not a reward for piracy?"

A Moscow News is a very interesting paper, but we would be happier if it were printed in Russian.

Maybe more People-to-People tours will promote better understanding, but we doubt that those who go from here will ever come back with the feeling that Russia has anything in its system that we wish to emulate.

POLITICAL CANDIDATES have a rough course as they take the campaign trail, expose themselves to close scrutiny, criticism from the opposition, spend funds that they can ill afford, make speeches until they are hoarse, travel until they are worn to a nubbin, yet must come back with a smile and a handshake for everyone.

We citizens should be grateful that there are competent people willing to make these sacrifices in order to preserve our democratic system—and we're not kidding or being sarcastic!

BUT IT HAS ITS compensations and its times of humor. George Van Hooissen, Multnomah county district attorney and Demo candidate for Secretary of State who visited here Monday, told of an incident that happened to him in another town.

He was passing out campaign literature and handed a piece to a fellow, saying, "I'm George Van Hooissen."

"Yes, I know," came the reply. Then a pause, and "You don't remember me, do you?"

Van Hooissen looked closely at the fellow, then said, "No, I don't."

"Well, you once prosecuted me for stealing a car, remember?"

The candidate did remember. Easing the embarrassing situation, he said, "Well, I can't expect you to vote for me, but here's a folder anyhow."

"Oh, I'm going to vote for you," replied the fellow. "I was guilty."

ONE THING that Clay Myers has over George Van Hooissen is that he has considerably more chance to get his name in a headline—a 10 count name as compared to 20 in the latter.

THE CANDIDATE'S VISIT here, scheduled for some time, was a sad coincidence in a way. John Parker, son of Frank S. Parker, is a brother-in-law of Van Hooissen. Frank Parker's funeral was here on the day of the latter's visit.

## Social and Criminal Relationships Noted In Corrections Work

Mrs. Grace Drake, Morrow county juvenile counselor, was among those who attended a three-day conference of the Oregon Correctional Association in Salem last week.

An address by Attorney General Ramsey Clark on Friday gave a good summary of the important discussions of the conference. Mrs. Drake reports. He stressed the interrelation of the four divisions of criminal justice: police, prosecution, courts and corrections. The failure of one of these at any point spells failure for the whole system, he pointed out, and each division should realize its stake in the success of the other.

Corrections are not only concerned with criminal justice, but also with society and social conduct, he said. Attention was called to the "repeater" who commits 80% of all crimes, urging more attention given to the person's return to society and more data kept on what happens to him, resulting in a cut in the number of crimes committed, as he is one who is identified and may be worked with.

Mr. Clark pointed out that at the present time, 95% of money spent on corrections in the nation is spent for custodial care; to spend 80% on re-integration would be a better proportion. He also stressed the relationship between mental health, alcoholism, dope and general instability and crime, stating that, "those in the system of corrections, at whatever point, should ask if they are causing crime or curing it."

## New Nursing Skills Shown on TV Series

Announcement of a television series for professional nurses that presents core concepts and principles needed to update skills in nursing has been received by Mrs. Lowell Chally, R. N., Morrow County Health Department.

The 25, 30-minute programs will be broadcast on KOAC-TV, Channel 7, and KOAP-TV, Channel 10, at 11:00 a.m. and repeated at 5:30 p.m. The series runs Monday through Friday for five weeks, and started October 7.

Marjory Keenan, R. N., Associate Professor of Nursing, Russell Sage College, Troy, N. Y., serves as television instructor. This series is underwritten by the Oregon Association of Hospitals, Oregon League for Nursing, and Oregon Nurses Association.

## Conservation Plan Group Slates Meet

Planning group for developing the 1969 agricultural conservation program for Morrow county will meet at 1 p.m., October 17, at the Morrow county fair pavilion, Heppner. Consideration will be given all practices to be included in the 1969 program.

Anyone interested in local conservation problems and solutions is invited to attend this meeting.

## Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Parsons of Beaverton announce the birth of their third daughter, Kelly Annette, born October 3 at Bess Kaiser hospital in Portland. The little girl weighed 8 lb., 9 oz., and joins two older sisters at home. Teri Lee, age 5, and Shelley, age 3. Grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Heppner; Mrs. Della Parsons, Jonesville, Va., and Mrs. Mary Nogowski of Ledgewood, N. D.

Mrs. Nash and daughter, Mrs. Dean Connor and three children, traveled to Beaverton for a short visit at the Parsons home on Saturday and Mrs. Connor and her family also spent time in Aloha visiting at the Johnnie Williams home.

## Scouts' Goodwill Days Announced

Dates for the annual Good Turn for Goodwill Day conducted by the Boy Scouts of the Blue Mountain Council are announced by Charles Maylender, Scout executive.

Bags will be distributed on Saturday, October 19, and picked up on the following Saturday, October 26.

The filled bags will be taken by the Scouts to a central location, where they will be picked up by the Goodwill truck.

Through this Good Turn for Goodwill, the Scouts are learning the value of community service and the personal satisfaction of doing something for others. The project is approved by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America and is conducted each year in many cities in the United States.

Goodwill Industries sole purpose is providing sheltered employment, work experience, training and rehabilitation for handicapped and disadvantaged persons. This is accomplished through the collection and reconditioning of usable or repairable clothing and household articles.

## Center to Survey Needs of Elderly

Needs and services of the elderly are being compiled in a survey of all persons over age 60 in South Morrow county, as a service of the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Volunteers began making the survey September 16 and expect to have it completed by October 31. Information compiled upon completion of the project will determine the extent of the needs and services that could be made to the elderly in this area through the Community Action Program.

Volunteers to complete the project were chosen at the last advisory board meeting at the Neighborhood Center.

Mrs. Jerry Sweeney is in charge of the volunteer committee and any person not contacted by October 31 may get in contact with her.

Mrs. James Hager flew to Medford last Thursday to spend several days visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Eva Wright. She planned to return home Tuesday.

Mrs. Ann Fehmerling of Seaview, Wn., is spending several days in the area visiting friends and relatives while staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. Millie Evans.

Mrs. Mildred Morris of Pendleton traveled recently to Santa Rosa, Calif., to spend time visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Turner and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Leo and two daughters, Koni and Kim, of Portland were in Heppner during the past week-end for a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox and family.

## Elks Scholarship Winners Attend Fourteen Colleges

Fourteen colleges were recipients of the Oregon State Elks Association Scholarship winners this year, with total student awards amounting to \$9,746.66.

The major part of this money, \$8,566.66, will remain in the state to be allotted to Oregon colleges and \$1,180.00 to be distributed to Washington, Texas and Idaho colleges.

These awards are going to 37 students and do not include the individual Elks Lodge scholarships which also amount to several thousand dollars. This represents only a portion of approximately \$300,000.00 well spent each year by the National Elks Foundation and State Elks Associations for future leaders of the United States of America.

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## Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL Burns High at Heppner, Oct. 11, 8 p.m. League game Wahntonka at Heppner, Oct. 18, 8 p.m. Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, Oct. 25, 8 p.m. Support the Mustangs!

GRANGE BOOSTER NIGHT Willows Grange Hall, Ione Saturday, Oct. 12 Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Booster Night program Everyone invited

PTSA MEETING Parent - Teacher - Student Assoc. meeting Wednesday, Oct. 16, 8 p.m. Heppner High Multipurpose room Students in charge of program. Parents urged to attend

SPEECH CONTEST Sponsored by Heppner Soil and Water Conservation Distr. Thursday, Oct. 24, 7:30 p.m. Heppner High Multipurpose Room Public urged to attend

PUNT, PASS, KICK CONTEST Boys 8-13, Contest Saturday, Oct. 12 Trophies and prizes in age divisions

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## Proof of the Pudding

To add a novel touch for National 4-H Week this year, the Gazette-Times, through the courtesy of Gail McCarty, county extension agent, is using some pictures that date back to 30 years ago in this week's paper.

There is more here, though, than merely noticing the physical change in the persons pictured. There is "proof of the pudding" for 4-H, for as one discovers the identity of these former 4-H'ers, he cannot help but recognize the fact that many have gone on to become outstanding successes.

Most of the girls have become homemakers; some of their husbands are prominent men in business, agriculture and professional fields. Many of the sprouting young lads pictured have made fine achievements. Some of them, like Bob Peterson, Ron Baker, Arnold Ebert and Louis Carlson, are still in the field of agriculture.

In retrospect, the pictures point up the fact that all the superlatives used to describe the 4-H movement are not exaggerations.

To reiterate the old saying, "The proof of the pudding is in the eating."

We beg indulgence for being unable to identify completely all those pictured. We have tried—but in some instances have failed—knowing that among our readers will be those who can fill in the gaps.

Nevertheless, we feel the pictures do help make the point clear. Members of the 4-H clubs are in one of the nation's greatest youth movements and leaders are making a fine contribution to the future of our nation.

It is in this tone that we add our congratulations for 4-H week.

## How Gazette Was Started

Although coincidental, it seemed rather appropriate to National Newspaper Week (Oct. 6-12) when we came across a story in the April 29, 1943, issue of the Gazette-Times, telling how the Heppner Gazette was started.

This was written by Harry L. Keyte old time printer who helped assemble the newspaper plant and put out the first issue of the Gazette here in 1883.

He wrote: "The moving spirit that caused the birth of the Heppner Gazette in the spring of 1883 was one J. H. Stine. He blew in from Weiser, Idaho, where he had just launched a weekly herald of the news in that section. If he had started any before that at Weiser I never heard, but I know of two he started since—one at Independence and one down here at Grants Pass—the Courier.

"His mode of operation was to get the merchants of the town to put up the cost of the plant and he reimbursed through advertising patronage. But after getting a paper started it seemed necessary for him to sell his interest in it in order to settle his bills in town to date and start looking for a new prospect.

"Billy Morrow, of the merchandising firm of Morrow & Son, brought J. W. Redington back with him from one of his trips to Portland and assisted him in taking over Stine's interest and the whole works by assuming the debts of the plant.

"At that time there were four large general merchandise stores in Heppner, namely: J. L. Morrow & Son, Heppner & Blackman, Dave Herren and John Maddox, the latter closing out shortly after; W. J. Leazer's hardware store; two drug stores, owned by Case Mallory and O. H. Hallock; two hotels; Minor's and Hinton's three saloons; two livery stables; two blacksmith shops; two barber shops; and Natter's brewery. The Gazette was in a small building on the corner of the Natter property. This just about comprised the business section of Heppner at that time.

"Yes, that was 60 years ago. I wonder how Heppner would look to me now."

Of course, the present G-T owners never knew Harry Keyte, who undoubtedly is long since gone, but we are indebted for his report.

It is now 85 years since the paper was started, and it has been going continuously since its founding in 1883. While other businesses here, like the paper, may have stemmed from a similar early beginning and have continued through many changes of ownership, the Gazette-Times surely must rank as one of the oldest businesses in Morrow county.

How could one measure the contribution of the newspaper to the county and Eastern Oregon through these many years? It is interesting to contemplate. During the 85 years the paper has been an excellent medium for the county; it has offered an outlet for expression of the people it serves; it has supported the American tradition of democracy; it has informed the public with the "people's right to know" as a guiding principle; and it has promoted Morrow county.

It will continue in these traditions established with the humble beginning in 1883.

## School Bells



By AL MARTIN Principal, Heppner Elementary School

Elementary remedial reading program—What is it? What does it do? "Remedial Reading" is a term that may not be fully understood by many parents. I am going to outline our program briefly so that there will be better understanding of what we are trying to do here in the elementary school.

The remedial reading program at Heppner Grade School has one objective: To help children with demonstrable reading problems to achieve skills nearer their reading limits. We cannot teach a child to his "capacity". No one can do this. We try to help the child approach his capacity as nearly as we can.

Mrs. Pauline Miller is the instructor of the remedial reading program. She is very well qualified and has done an excellent job for several years. Her program is not a copy of some prescribed lesson, but, rather, it is tailor-made for our local needs.

The program really centers around the classroom teacher who observes all the students. Those students who show that they are struggling to read or "unable" to read do, of course, make themselves known to the teacher. These students are referred for informal testing by the remedial teacher. This test determines initial problems.

Outside Factors Influence Often students do not read well due to some outside factor. These students return to the classrooms where every effort is made to help them. Those who have a real reading problem are further tested. An individual diagnostic test is made to determine in which area of reading a student needs help. Only those students who 1. Have a reading problem and 2. Show potential for improvement are accepted in the remedial reading program.

Once in the program the student spends between 20 to 40 minutes daily with the reading teacher. No more than six students may be in a reading class at any one time. This allows for a great degree of individual help. Students with severe reading handicaps are taken on an individual basis, only.

Often, students with reading problems do quite well in other areas not requiring reading as a tool. Students in remedial reading can even excel in any

of these areas. They appear to be held back in their achievement because of their inability to understand required written material.

Leave As Soon As Possible Students who demonstrate growth in the skill of reading leave the remedial reading program as soon as they are reading as well as they are able. Success of the program is measured by the number of students who leave. Many factors aid or impede success. Perhaps the most important factor to insure success is the small class size. Other factors include teacher cooperation and parent cooperation and understanding.

Any questions concerning this program may be asked directly at the school. Parents are encouraged to visit our school and see this and other programs in action.

## Mrs. Farley Home

Mrs. Jim (Louise) Farley is home and showing improvement towards recovery following long hospitalization in Pendleton and Walla Walla. Her husband brought her home Saturday, September 28, and she is now able to receive friends who may wish to call. Mrs. Farley was in the hospital for 67 days, first undergoing an operation and then having an extended stay from complications following the surgery. The Farley family expressed gratitude for the many acts of friends during the time that she was hospitalized.

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## Pioneer Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL

### "Chet" Under Fire

One of the recent absurdities to infiltrate the news is the call for an investigation of "Chet" Huntley because he is part owner of a Wyoming cattle ranch and possibly a share in a packing plant. A conflict of interest is charged, and that he may have said something in his news cast that slanted toward a benefit of the cattle industry. It is not likely that he did, but if so, what the hell, a friendly word is not out of place. Even a blind man can see that the attack on Huntley is a spite movement that has nothing to do with his ownership of this or that, but a grudge against NBC's handling

## Two Wallace Boys On Leave of Absence

Two sons of Mrs. Buster Padberg, who are serving with the military are home for a 30-day leave of absence.

Staff Sgt. John Wallace, who is in air craft maintenance, is from Norton AFB, Calif., and has recently completed his seventh year in the service.

E5 Gene Wallace has recently returned from a one-year tour of Vietnam where he was stationed with the Seebes at Chu-Lai, unloading cargo boats and driving truck. This was his second tour of duty overseas. Following his leave he will report to San Diego where he has 14 months left in the service.

of the Chicago convention. If we have dropped so low in one man's measure of another perhaps we should start investigations by investigating the investigators.

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