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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NOW THAT college is in full swing, parents of the migrating students have started to sweat out the dearth of letters feeding back home and comparing notes on what kernels of news other parents have received from their kids.

Some report a postcard or two, some have had some good letters, and some have been pretty well "skunked".

Bill Stewart recounted the succinct message that is reported to have come from one college youth to his father, to wit:

"Dear One:
No Mon,
No Fun,
—Your Son."

To which the father wrote back:

"Dear Lad:
How sad.
Too bad.
—Your dad."

Now, hear this, all you Morrow county college kids! Get busy and write your parents. Don't go hiding under the bed. Most of you get the G-T—have got you on the subscription list, and you're reading this right now!

You're not studying that hard. We know that old dodge, we've been there. Get a letter off to your folks, y'hear!

WHAT THEY WON'T THINK OF—NEXT DEPARTMENT! Rainbow Girls have been embarking on a new venture, at least we've never heard of it. They've been out selling spook insurance for Halloween. For a couple of bucks you get a policy that entitles you to free window cleaning of all your business windows if they are soaped up on the Spook night.

Now some might give this venture the jaundiced eye. But it has its points: 1. If the girls are selling the insurance and have to do cleanup, you can bet they won't be out soaping windows (maybe even guarding against it). 2. It's probably worth \$2 to get the windows washed anyway. 3. It is easier for those of us who are Rainbow parents to buy the insurance rather than juggling up out of pocket to donate for costs of the upcoming dance. This is what proceeds are going for.

WE KNEW WE'D GET tripped up on those old 4-H pictures last week. The staff spent a good part of an afternoon trying to get the pictured parties identified, but we figured we'd go awry somewhere. We did.

Some kin of the VanWinkles read the caption which listed Mrs. Kenneth DuVall (June VanWinkle) under one photo and never questioned it. But Mrs. Kit (Shirley VanWinkle) George did! It was she who was pictured and not Mrs. DuVall.

When Shirley saw the picture, in presence of her dad, Jack VanWinkle, it is reported she tossed the paper to the floor and declared to poppa, "You don't even know your own daughter!"

They say Shirley and her auntie, June, look a great deal alike.

Well, sir, the prettier they are, the harder they are to tell apart.

We hope that helps let us off the hook!

But no one has complained on another error that we suspect in the identifications of those old pictures. Can anyone step forward and submit a challenge?

WE'VE BEEN wanting to mention, even emphasize, in the paper for some time that it is GREAT to see the work being done by the State Highway crews in taking off some of the curves on the Willow Creek highway. They have been silently at work, and the job they are doing at Jordan, near Ione, is a wonderful improvement. It will make the highway much

of the administrative expense that new systems might bring, of the cost of thousands of hours deliberation working out various interpretations.

Think of the loss that school districts might suffer in hampering educational programs after years building to current levels.

The 1 1/2% limitation was proposed from Multnomah county as a measure to save taxes for home owners. Studies show that of every \$3 in reduced taxes which might be achieved under the measure, \$2 would benefit utilities and industry and only \$1 of the saving would go to the home owner or farmer. If the measure is adopted and a sales tax is provided to fill the gap, the burden will shift to the consumer, farmer and home owner, while the utilities and industries are relieved from a substantial amount of property taxes.

Opponents to the 1 1/2% limitation are trying hard not to pose the possibilities as "threats". We know of some possible stringent cuts that might be taken in Morrow county if this measure passes, but we do not propose to elaborate on them in view of the fact that to do so might be misconstrued as a "threat".

This proposal is very difficult to understand in all of its ramifications. It has the best tax experts confounded in some areas. But we urge every voter to bear down and study its provisions, and we strongly recommend that local taxpayers read Ron Daniels' analysis of the proposal starting in The Gazette-Times this week. He has devoted a great deal of study to it.

Articles in the East Oregonian recently have left one erroneous impression inadvertently which should be corrected. They stated that Morrow county taxing agencies would not stand to lose revenue by passage of the measure since the county now levies average taxes right at the 1 1/2% limitation. This was true on the figures for prior years used in the articles, but under the 1968-69 tax roll, taxing agencies here would lose some \$206,000. If the proportional reduction method should be applied by the state, the loss could be much greater.

It is well established that some relief is desirable to relieve property taxes in this state. We well know the plight of the farmers here, and as a property taxing business we certainly know the burden to business, but this regressive action, while it may seem enticing to some who are desperate for relief, cannot provide the answer.

better. Thank you, thank you!

QUOTE OF NOTE: "We wonder if those biologists who asserted there isn't a perfect man on the globe ever heard a campaign speech?"

THE DICK WILKINSONS, Dick Krebses and Markham Bakers covered a goodly segment of the earth's surface on their recent People-to-People tour in three weeks time, going as far as a place called Krasnodar, in the USSR.

These faraway places with interesting names reminds us of the two women talking:

"Where did you go on your vacation?"
"Majorca."
"Majorca? Where's that?"
"How should I know? We flew."

School Bells

HEPPNER HIGH SCHOOL GENERAL WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM
Report for 1967-68 School Year
By HAL WHITAKER, Coordinator

The controlling purpose of a general work experience program is to give teenage boys and girls maturing experiences through supervised part-time employment that will help them to become productive, responsible individuals. This part-time work need not be related to the occupational goals of the student. It may be performed either in the school or in public or private establishments outside the school, and all or part of the work may be done during school hours. Students receive school credit for this general supervised work experience education.

The approach was to work with students who were in need of additional income to remain in school, students who did not plan to continue their education beyond high school, students who had special needs, and students who were having problems in other classes but could work with their hands and do many jobs well that did not involve too much reading, or only simple math.

The program is designed primarily for seniors, juniors, and sophomores were not excluded.

The following are the objectives of the program. They are to help the student develop:

1. Understanding of the employment opportunities available and the preparation needed to enter and make progress in occupations.
2. An appreciation of the scope and importance of industry.
3. Effective work habits and attitudes, and understanding of employer-employee and customer relationship.
4. Awareness of personal-social traits which are essential for successful worker-patience, personal appearance, cooperation, consideration of others, initiative, reliability and trustworthiness.
5. Skills and procedures performed by the workers in the occupation.
6. Abilities needed to exercise and follow effective leadership in fulfilling occupational, social and civic responsibilities.
7. Ability to use communication skills related to the occupational area involved.
8. Ability to identify needed health and safety practices.
9. Ability to manage time, energy and money as a wage earner.
10. Ability to carry out proper procedures in applying for a job.

We worked with the students in the class room for six weeks.

worked.

Pioneer Memorial Hospital, 184 hours worked.
Heppner Elementary School, 140 hours worked.
Morrow County Grain Growers (Machinery Division) 155 hours worked.
Heppner Gazette-Times, 25 hours worked.

Lott's Electric, total student work hours—\$40.
Central Market, 240 hours worked.
Farley Motor Company, 530 hours worked.
Jim West Ranch, 320 hours worked.
Heppner Auto Parts, 128 hours

Marsha Sowell Has College Play Part

Marsha Sowell of Heppner will appear in Pacific University's production of "Arms and the Man," October 17-19, 24-26, at the Tom Miles Theater on the Pacific University campus, Forest Grove. She is the daughter of Mrs. Nona Sowell, Heppner.

Set in Bulgaria around 1880, "Arms and the Man" is a light romantic anti-war comedy by George Bernard Shaw. It will feature three elaborate sets and special costuming. Prof. Ted Sizer directs the play.

Miss Sowell, a graduate of Heppner High school with the class of 1967, is a sophomore at Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Connor and four children of Springfield visited from Friday through Sunday at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Connor, and family. Joining them for dinner on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Albert Connor. Connor is assistant principal in the Junior High school in Springfield.

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to Mrs. Joyce Ritch, Morrow county special assessor, or to P. O. Box 418, McMinnville, Oregon 97128 under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

QUESTION: I have a small tract of timber which has not been classified as forest land. If I apply for a Special Assessment as Timber land under the new law, do I have to file each year?

ANSWER: No. An initial filing continues until property is sold; or the Assessor notes a change in use; or you notify him that you wish the designation removed.

Barclay Service Held October 14

Funeral services were held Monday, October 14, for Lewis Barclay, 71, who died Thursday, October 10, at Pioneer Memorial hospital. He had been a resident of this area for many years and was formerly employed at Tum-A-Lum Lumber Co.

Mr. Barclay was born May 9, 1897, to Jess Barclay and Marjorie Napier Barclay in Missouri. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mae McPherrin, Milton-Freewater, and Mrs. Marjorie Smith, also of Milton-Freewater, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services were held at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel with Rev. Melvin Dixon of the United Methodist church, officiating. Interment was at Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Commendation Goes To Spray Sailor

Seaman Ronny L. Brisbois, USN, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brisbois of Spray, has received a Letter of Commendation from his commanding officer.

He received the commendation for helping apprehend a man who had stolen money from the American Shoe Repair Company in San Diego.

He is currently serving aboard the amphibious flagship USS Eldorado, now operating in the Western Pacific.

Before entering the service in October, 1966, Seaman Brisbois attended Blue Mountain Community college in Pendleton.

Dr. Blake Visits On Statewide Tour

Dr. Walter Blake, candidate for state superintendent of public instruction, brought his campaign to Heppner on the last leg of his 1600 mile statewide journey last Thursday.

Blake came to town in his brightly decorated, self-contained van in which he is making a two-weeks tour that is taking him to every corner of the state.

The candidate eats and sleeps in the van, which is being furnished to his campaign by Oscar Funke of Portland, who serves as driver and cook.

Among points covered by Blake in his local appearance were these: Merit pay for teachers, protection of the public's right to elect the state superintendent of public instruction instead of making the office appointive, retaining the public's right to vote on school budget expenditures, closer relationship between teachers and parents, improved system of reading and spelling, and teaching respect for law-and-order and justice.

66-Year Resident Dies October 10

Hugh O'Rourke, 84, a resident of Heppner for 66 years, died Thursday, October 10, at Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Born March 28, 1884, in County Leitrim, Ireland, he came to the Heppner area in 1902. He worked for several years on ranches in the Butter Creek and Hinton Creek areas. He was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic church.

Survivors include a brother, Bernard O'Rourke, of Redlands, Calif., a sister, Mary Fax of Lowell, Mass., and a nephew, Peter O'Rourke, of La Grande.

Recitation of the rosary was Monday, October 14, at St. Patrick's Catholic church. Funeral mass was held Tuesday, October 15, with the Rev. Raymond Beard officiating. Burial was in Heppner Masonic cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Reed and daughter, Rhona, of Lafayette, enjoyed a week-end visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Keithley.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

HEPPNER HIGH FOOTBALL
Wahtonka at Heppner, Oct. 18, 8 p.m.
Pilot Rock at Pilot Rock, Oct. 25, 8 p.m.
Grant Union at Heppner, Nov. 1, 8 p.m.
Support the Mustangs!

FALL RUMMAGE SALE
Sponsored by Heppner Civic League
Friday & Saturday, Oct. 25-26
Former Tryco building, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Baked Food Sale on Friday

TURKEY DINNER
Sunday, Oct. 20, 12:30 p.m.
St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Come and bring the family
Hunters and visitors welcome

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

FARM-CITY BANQUET
Wednesday, Oct. 30, 7 p.m.
Heppner High Multipurpose Room
Walter Leth, guest speaker
\$100 diamond given away
Tickets now on sale

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TWADDLE

IN WRITING AND SPEAKING MOST PEOPLE USE WORDS FOR EXPRESSING THEIR VIEWS AND PROSPERITY; BUT HIGH-FLYING PHRASES ARE JUST FOR THE BIRDS AND INVARIABLY SOUND NONSENSIBLY.

THE POET, FOR INSTANCE, WHO LIKENS THE MOON TO A TRANSLUCENT ORB OF RECRUDESCENCE WITH MAIDENS COLLAPSED IN A SOLSTITIAL SWOON AND IMMERSED IN A NUPTIAL DESUDASCENCE;

SUCH LANGUAGE ELICITS MOST READERS CHAGRIN CAUSING FEELINGS THAT VERGE ON THE MURDEROUS; AND WHEN POLITICIANS EMPLOY THE SAME SIN SUCH REACTION HAS ALSO OCCURRED TO US.

WHEN SEEKING OUR VOTES HE WILL SELDOM COME OUT AND EXHIBIT HIS AIMS LIKE WE KNEW HE SHOULD, AVOIDING THE ISSUES WHICH LEAVES US NO DOUBT HE'S DOOMED TO INOCUOUS DESUETUDE.

SO MAKE SIMPLE STATEMENTS IN USE EVERY DAY AND AVOID ALL PRETENSE AND POMPOSITY, AND NEVER, NO NEVER BE CARRIED AWAY BY EXUBERANCE OF YOUR VERBOSITY.

HARRY W. FLETCHER

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