

FROM THE CORNER

By ERNIE CERESA

All newspapers receive press releases in which chairmen of various committees are listed as chairpersons. Whenever this happens we usually allow the word chairperson to remain in the story although it refers to many local people.

Editors have options as to what news stories to run, how they should be run and reserves the right to edit all copy before it goes into the newspaper. In the case of the chairperson we should have changed it to chairmen and let it go at that, however, the press release came from some of our distinguished educators.

These are the people both male and female who directly influence our children in learning the English language. There is some indication they are having problems when they use words like chairperson.

The word man, according to our dictionary means people, both male and female, and has been accepted for many years. Today women's libbers started defining every word to mean either male or female, a good way to mess up the language if it isn't stopped.

Webster also defines man as a member of a human race. While it is true that a male human being is a man, man also means the human race, mankind, human beings collectively. Without getting technical we have used the word in most of our language for years without referring to sex, such as committeeman, fisherman, watchman, flagman, policeman, just to name a few.

What is this leading to and how are we expected to define the difference between male and female can be best summed up in the salutation "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." We are not referring to men only but to all men, women, boys, girls, people. Not womankind, personkind, boykind, girlkind, but mankind.

My Dear Son

The new year is the season, in which custom seems more particularly to authorize civil and harmless lies, under the name of compliments. People reciprocally profess wishes which they seldom form, and concern which they seldom feel. This is not the case between you and me, where truth leaves no room for compliments.

May you live long as you are fit to live and no longer, or may you rather die, before you cease to be fit to live, than after. My tenderness for you makes me think more of the manner than of the length of your life, and forbids me to wish it prolonged, by a single day, that would bring guilt, reproach and shame upon you. I have not malice enough in my nature, to wish that of my greatest enemy. You are the principal object of all my cares, the only object of all my hopes; I have no reason to believe, that you will reward the former, and answer the latter, in that case may you live long, for you must be happy. Conscious virtue is the only solid foundation of all happiness; for riches, power, rank or whatever, in the common acceptance of the word, is supposed to constitute happiness, will never quiet, much less cure, the inward pang of guilt.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I consider the fair prospects which you have before you. You have seen, read and learned more at your age, than most fellows have done at ten or three and twenty. Your destination is a shining one, and leads to rank, fortune and distinction. Your education has been calculated for it, and, to do you justice, that education has not been thrown away upon you. You want but two things, which do not want covetousness, but only care, to acquire: eloquence and manners; that is, the graces of speech and of behavior. You may have them: as they are in your power; and will let the want of them obscure that shining prospect which presents itself to you? I am sure you will not. Supporting your moral character as pure, and your knowledge as sound, as I really believe them both to be: you want nothing for that perfection, which I so constantly wished you and have taken so much pains to give you, but eloquence and politeness. A man who is not born with a poetical genius, can never be a poet; or at best an extremely bad one; but every man, who can speak at all, can speak elegantly and correctly, if he pleases. I would advise those who do not speak elegantly, not to speak at all.

Know the true value of time: snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it. No idleness, no laziness, no procrastinations: never put off till tomorrow what you can do today. That was the rule of the famous and unfortunate Pensionary DeWitt, who, by strictly following it, found time, not only to do the whole business of the republic, but to pass his evenings at assemblies and suppers, as though he had nothing else to do or think of.

Farewell my dear friend, for such I call you, and as such I shall, for the future lives with you; for I disclaim all titles which imply an authority that, I am persuaded, you will never give me occasion to exercise.

The above excerpts were taken from Lord Chesterfield's letters to his son, dated Dec. 25, 1729.

Gleanings

R. A. MAXWELL

● We at the Gazette-Times extend our sincere thanks to those who have assisted us so ably this past year.

● The list is super long. If we were to attempt to name them all, surely we would miss one. May we merely say "thank you" to all concerned.

● Healthy Appetites - According to figures crossing my desk, the average person in Morrow County consumed 28 pounds of food per week and spent \$3,100 per year per family. I bet the price was no surprise to you. Perhaps the number of pounds is visible in the wasteline.

● Heated iron slugs, charcoal, alcohol and gasoline all have been used as means of heating irons before the days of electricity. And, of course, irons were heated on ranges, too. The first known electric iron was made in 1881 and a patent issued in 1882. Oddly enough, few homes had electricity and the first actual sale of an electric iron was thought to have been made in Wisconsin in 1896. Irons were called "sadrirons" because an early meaning for "sad" was "heavy." Some early irons had bells on them. Legend says this was so the mistress of the house could tell when her servant stopped ironing. And

many sadirons were sold in sets of two or three so one iron could be heating while one was in use. Special irons called "fluting" irons were designed for ironing ruffles.

● As we approach the end of another year, the things we did not accomplish begin to haunt our thoughts. Many times I wonder if people ever achieve all of the goals they set for themselves. There are some, no doubt, and we tend to say "they are lucky" but luck does not enter in. Those who accomplish, put forth effort. There is a saying which goes something like this: "If you shoot an arrow at the moon it may not hit the mark, but it will surely reach higher than if your target were at your own height." This is another way of saying we must continually have goals beyond our reach in order to keep stretching to success. We intend to reaffirm our own goals and to set some new ones. In order to realize these objectives, we will have to reach out. In reaching out we hope to be more sensitive to the needs of others; to be fair and impartial in our associations with all concerned; to be contributors to our society and not takers only.

May we encourage you to join us in renewed efforts to improve our contributions.



The mail pouch

EDITOR:

I would like to call your readers' attention to a problem with the new "Voter Registration By Mail" form that could work to the severe disadvantage of voters who have already used, or will use that form in the future. Registration by mail is a significant step forward in the administration of our election laws, but as with so much new legislation, bureaucratic rule making to implement details of the new law has bungled rather badly.

The traditional Oregon primary law now in effect in this state and 39 others allows voters principally as Democrats or Republicans to register as Democrats or Republicans (or as a member of a minor party) that their Primary Election vote will be confined to voting in non-partisan races and in primary measures.

The new mail form does not contain that information. Voters filling out the form on their own, as permitted under the new law, are being misled by a faultily designed card. A party preference box in the upper right hand corner of the form offers the option, "I do not wish to indicate any affiliation", with no explanation whatsoever that the voter choosing that alternative will not receive a partisan ballot on Primary Day. Secretary of State Clay Myers is an ardent supporter of the Washington state "blanket hybrid" primary system initiative petition to change our traditional primary system. In conjunction with the Attorney General's office, he appears to have drafted a mail registration form in the spirit of a system which is not the law in Oregon rather than follow the letter of our traditional primary law in this state.

What can concerned citizens do? I suggest two immediate steps: (1) write the Office of Secretary of State, Capitol Building, Salem 97310, asking that the form be revised right now in accord with the spirit of our traditional primary law on the books; and (2) contact your state legislators requesting that the committee empowered by the past legislature to oversee administrative rule making put machinery in motion to produce a mail registration form which fully informs voters of the consequences of their actions.

JAMES R. KLONOSKI, Chairperson Democratic Party of Oregon

EDITOR:

I have never had much education and never gone to school very much, however, a job has been placed on my shoulders and I guess I'll have to saddle up and go do it. In regards to this corporate farming, maybe there's a difference. When a group of fellows get together to improve themselves it's called a co-op. But when the same group gets together to corner a market on something then it's called a corporation.

My dad got smarter and wiser as I grew older and he used to say, "Industry is the number one enemy of the farmer, because industry buys raw materials as cheaply as possible from the farmer who produces all of the raw materials."

The difference may be that a farmer buys retail and sells wholesale, while a corporation buys wholesale and sells retail.

Most people know I was on a five-man committee to formulate an Anti Corporation Act. We worked on this all summer and in the fall came up with an act that covered the subject, without trying to harm any individual. We also considered the present acts now in effect in six different states.

We placed no limit on family farm corporations. There are about five presently in operation in this county. We also exempted corporations with five stockholders. There are no limits to acres or dollars, as we were directed to protect the family farm and its market.

We know what happened when a few corporations got control of the sugar market. Although we had a surplus we all know what happened to the price. We talked about 20 cent sweater calves and \$2 steaks. We were afraid of what could happen to the price of bread and spuds. We talked about what has happened in California where corporations own entire counties. Local small towns have dried up and blown away.

We talked about the great amounts of production that is going to come from this development that will surely depress the market to the individual farmer but will not affect the cradle to the grave corporation and will not benefit the consumer.

We listened to farmers who said they wished the new land had never been developed. The same land is now going to corporations based in Idaho, Washington and Montana.

What happens if the price of wheat goes down a dollar or two due to the great deal in the North of Oregon and the South of Washington because of the great new development? There has never been a surplus of soft white wheat before yet it will cost the farmer more than the benefits he will reap.

Wouldn't it be a lot better to have a couple of hundred farmers along the north end with homes, a hundred cows, some hay and grain; families building together. We would like the privilege of building something together besides more schools and jails.

O. W. CUTSFORTH

EDITOR:

This is the season which, more than any other time of the year, invites us to reaffirm our deepest personal beliefs and our lasting commitment to family, to friends, and to brotherhood.

These holidays bring us the simple pleasures of sharing... decorating the tree... exchanging thoughtful gifts... warm and festive reunions... thinking about friends and loved ones far away and knowing they are thinking of us.

It is especially important to remember that we truly share our blessings when we share them with those upon whom fortune has not smiled so brightly... to extend a helping hand, not in charity but in concern.

And, what better time to strengthen family bonds of faith and love? What better time for spiritual fence-mending? What better time to resolve old conflicts?

What better time to willingly assume a larger share of the responsibility for the maintenance of human dignity and the survival of truth, compassion and peace? As Governor of Oregon, and on behalf of my family, I extend holiday greetings and best wishes to all.

BOB STRAUB, Governor of Oregon

EDITOR:

It has become apparent that the only way an equitable and economic liquor control system is going to be contrived, is by the abolishment of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission. A new system which will function under the jurisdiction of the cities and counties will be implemented.

We, (the AAOLCC) have taken the first steps to achieve that end. The following are some advantages to the new control system:

1. Increased revenue to the cities and counties.
2. Stabilizing the assessments on liquor.
3. New education programs on the use and abuse of liquor.
4. Expanded alcoholic rehabilitation programs.
5. A new license system under a lottery system.
6. Cities and counties will have more latitude in solving their liquor related problems.
7. A new community and state quota system for licensing liquor outlets.
8. Replacing OLCC liquor stores with private enterprise stores.
9. There will be a \$9,000,000 savings biennially after the OLCC is abolished.
10. We will delete the administrative costs at the general fund level concerning the disbursement of liquor revenues.
11. The cities and counties will have increased employment.

There is, of course, much more and many ramifications to each item listed above.

The anticipated transition period will probably be within the next four to six years. This new control system is promulgated by lecturing to organizations, educational institutions, and holding press conferences. We are getting considerable support from the public, including cooperation from city and county officials, because the new control system is designed to accommodate (as nearly as possible) all segments of our society. Public in-pat and participation, is of course, encouraged.

BUD NIXON, President Association for the Abolishment of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission

EDITOR:

On behalf of the 70 KAO patients throughout Oregon, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for your continuing support by informing the public about our program and our financial needs to maintain their lives.

Through such informed public help, we will be able to continue to maintain our current patients and also give aid to an increasing number of new patients by providing artificial kidney machines, and medical supplies to these victims of kidney failure.

Best wishes for the holiday season.

GEORGE E. WANN, Public Relations Director Kidney Association of Oregon, Inc.

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Mayor of Hardman

DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I hope by the time this little piece gets to you that you can see some light at the end of the tunnel, as them economists like to say. I know this has been a busy time for you, as it has for us out here in the country. I hope now you can catch your breath and starting enjoying the holidays like normal folks.

The fellers got down to the country store earlier than usual Saturday night on account of wanting to get out of the house afore their old ladies thought of someun else they had forgot to tell them to do. The feller that runs the store had a chance to get a word in the discussion, and he was complaining about all the inventory and tax records he's got to take care of afore the end of the year. He claims he spends 10 hours a day trying to make a living, and another two hours ever night keeping books for the Government free.

The store feller said he's got more records now than when the OPA was in charge during the war. He recalled when OPA took price ceilings off it felt good to be running your own business, but now he can wait on a customer only now and then when he ain't filling out tax forms. But he said he was happy this Christmas, especial since he had a six-month-old grandbaby. He said he got her a electric swing.

Mister Editor, the fellers perked up their ears at that. Bug Hookum said he knewed about automatic card shufflers and electric fruit ripeners and rings you wear that change colors to show the mood you're in, but a swing that swings itself put the stopper in the jug of modern conveniences. A grandpa that would rather plug in a swing than swing the baby hisself ought to be chained to his tax books, was Bug's words. Bug said we got power gadgets that do everything from shine our shoes to comb our hair, and if he had any money today he's buy stock in the battery companies.

The fellers got to talking about the old days, and in their cases that goes back some. Ed Doolittle had saw this report where babies that are born at home are healthier and have fewer problems, and Ed says this goes back to when nobody was born in a hospital. We passed through a period where if you weren't born in a hospital you were sure to catch some terrible ailment, and now we're swinging back. It's kinda like the way doctors treat burns, Ed said, one year they cover 'em, the next they leave 'em out where air can get to 'em. Ed said medicine, like everthing else, runs in cycles.

Speaking of cycles, I was wondering whatever come of them folks that was waiting for a flying saucer to take them to another world. I saw where a man in Oregon won custody of his children on grounds that their mother had left on a UFO trip to eternity.

Usual, the man is the one that cuts a streak when the going gets to rough at home. Personal, Mister Editor, that story about leaving on a UFO ain't near as good as some of the tales I made up when I would drag home in the wee hours back in my gallivanting days.

Yours truly, MAYOR ROY.

Editorial

WHEN IT BEGINS

When does juvenile delinquency begin? In the teens or at an earlier period in a child's life?

This question was answered clearly and effectively at a medical convention held recently in Salt Lake City, attended by doctors and their wives from all parts of the west including Hawaii and Alaska.

The subject was developed by a panel made up of Agnes N. Plenk, Ph. D.; Merrill H. Egan, M.D.; and A. Mason Redd, M.D.

Although the panel discussion pertained to problems facing the families of doctors, the conclusions are applicable to families everywhere.

When does juvenile delinquency begin? The panel explained that the seeds of trouble are planted within the first four years of a child's life.

Habits, thinking patterns, the formation of values, traits of good character, are all developed in those early years. Likewise undesirable habits and traits are born during that same period, depending upon the attitude and action of the parents.

All parents could well profit by this view. How much time do we spend with our little ones? What amount of effort goes into their teaching and training at that period? What of children who are left for hours every day by parents who find other activities more pressing?

Wise parents will teach and train their little ones in those first few years most diligently as a means of setting character patterns. It is an endless task, of course. It must be done hourly, almost minute by minute. Even the smallest events in a little child's life can become significant.

Those are the years to begin teaching children to pray. That is the time to teach them gospel truths in simple understandable terms. That is the time to acquaint them with the scriptures by telling them bedtime stories from sacred writ. That is when prominent persons in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and Church history, may be made heroes and ideals in the minds of a child.

Naturally wise parents will project that training into subsequent years as a constant follow up.

It is easily understood why the great Solomon taught that if we train a child when he is small, he will not depart therefrom when he is old. (Prov. 22:6)

Postal rate

hike delayed

Recently a federal judge issued an order prohibiting an increase in postage rates. The rate increase was scheduled for Dec. 28 with a Jan. 3 increase for special delivery and other special services.

All post offices have been notified that no increase will be implemented until further notice.

The ruling came in a lawsuit filed by the associated third class mail users who argue that the Postal Service Board of Governors failed to approve each postal rate change individually and in sufficient detail.

An appeal will be filed on the court order. If the court order is overruled on appeal, a delay in the implementation of the new rate could take as long as 180 days. The Board of Governors will meet to reconsider the rate proposal, however, if the appeal is successful this delay could be shortened or eliminated.

20 Years Ago

Gerald Bergstrom, 23, was inducted into the U.S. Navy at Portland, Dec. 23.

Ronald E. Gepner, a former Heppner resident, was inducted into the Army in December.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Lindstrom and Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth returned from a round-the-world trip which they covered over 40,000 miles.

Al Lamb, manager of the Morrow County Grain Growers was elected president of the Agricultural Cooperative Council of Oregon at a meeting held last week in Portland.

A quick thaw caused high water and road closures in the area. The Heppner-Condon highway was closed due to high water in the Rock Creek area.



The stork is held sacred in Sweden, from the legend that it flew round the cross crying "Stryka, Stryka," when Jesus was crucified.