

EARLY-DAY HEPPNER HISTORY IS REMEMBERED BY FORMER RESIDENT

A few weeks ago The Oregonian carried a story about Heppner's connection with Owen Wister, the author of The Virginian. Mention was made that possibly some of Heppner's citizens of the 1900's were represented in the book.

Below is a portion of a letter received this week by Mrs. Frank S. Parker of Heppner from her brother Garfield Crawford of Arlington, Texas. Mr. Crawford, formerly with the Gazette and the old Gazette at the time Wister was here and during the reign of John Watermelon Reddington, one of the paper's best-known early day editors. The letter was not written with the idea that it would be published, but Mrs. Parker felt it might be of interest to many. It relates many interesting points of early day Heppner history that has probably been forgotten by many.

Dear . . .

In the mail Saturday came a letter from Alberta informing us that their trip back to Hood River had been interesting and satisfactory. We enjoyed having them the very short time they were with us. They were a direct tie-up to our past in the Blue Mountain foothills of the Heppner country. We did discuss many of the old timers, but neither Vawter or any of his family could go back to the 1890's and the turn of the century, the days when I was circulating in and about Heppner. Well, Alberta enclosed a clipping from the Oregonian of July 6, giving a bit of history involving the late Owen Wister, who wrote the Virginian, the late Col. John Watermelon Reddington and some other characters of the 1900 era. You will recall that I was Reddington's assistant editor, shop foreman, pressman and roustabout. I knew Owen Wister quite well. He spent considerable time questioning me relative to some notable pioneers as he made the Gazette office his headquarters I was available for conversation. A couple of times there was a three way conversation between Wister, Reddington and myself. This was because my connection with Eastern Oregon dated back to the era of Gazette ownership by the Patterson Publishing Company. Otis Patterson, president and Alvah Patterson secretary - treasurer. I knew ranchers and country merchants all the way from Heppner to Canyon City and picked up a vast amount of lore from such acquaintances. The old Gazette had many subscribers throughout Grant, Morrow and other nearby counties and published two columns of brands, for a fee of course. Otis Patterson and Alvah bought the Gazette from Reddington. Patterson came to Heppner from Waitsburg, where he had been principle of the public schools. It was in Waitsburg that Otis and our brother, Vawter became friends, so when he acquired the Gazette, he immediately got Vawter to give up his job on the Waitsburg Times and take over foremanship of the Gazette, published Tuesday and Friday. Heppner was a fast stepping town. It had one saloon for every 100 citizens, a Northern

Methodist, A Southern Methodist and a Baptist church. . . On the hill enroute to the cemetery was a Roman Catholic Mission being served by a missionary priest, now and then. The Christian church did not come into being until later. A few other hardy souls kept pegging away until the Old Garrigues Opera House and to a church building of their own, on the property where it now stands, but not the same building. The Christian church grew rapidly. The Baptist church, like the old pioneer Foster Adams and one of its corner stones, faded out and became Heppner history. But it is of Owen Wister and Reddington I want to write at this time.

John Watermelon Reddington, the Watermelon assumed by Reddington, was a character, and I might add a very fine character. He carved his illustrations out of hard wood. He preserved the wooden cuts of "Cut Mouth Joe" and other fictional characters and when he came back to Heppner and assumed publishing of the Gazette rewrote brief yarns about the subjects and reprinted the cuts in the Gazette. Reddington had fought in the Bannock wars and other tribal engagements and up to the day of his death in the Old Soldiers Home at Sawtell, California, drew an Indian War Veterans pension. Heppner Blackman, now deceased and I often visited Reddington in the hospital at Sawtell. In his last days he was kept under an oxygen tent and on one of our last visits the old warrior poked his head out of the tent to say: "Hell, boys, I had better tents than this thing when on the trail of the Injuns." Wister used to show up at the Gazette every morning around 7 o'clock. He would tuck a wad of "copy paper", news print, into his coat pocket and head for the Morrow Pasture and take up a seat above the wooden mill race at the bend of Willow creek at the junction of Balm Fork, where he could see not only up Willow creek, but down Willow creek for many miles. Down those canyons came ranchers, cowboys, sheep herders, and long trains of freighters. Up and down the trails banged and bumped stage coaches spreading out over the country to as far as Malheur. The big line was to Canyon City stopping at Hardman, Parkers Mill, Monument, Longcreek, Prairie City and Canyon City. I staged that line all the way to Burns, where I once edited and published the Harney County News for the Republican party. The other paper in Burns was a Democratic sheet, so the Republicans had to have a representative publication in Harney county. Judge Cate of Portland was a candidate for Senator. He was defeated. His brother Will Cate got me to go to Burns. Wister gathered a lot of Western lore sitting on the Morrow Hill above Heppner. I could see the Heppner effect upon his characters in the Virginian. Josephine Mahoney was a little girl in pig-tails. Martin Anderson was a studious young immigrant working at the Palace Hotel and attending public school and O M

Judging Standards Given for Fair And Show Flowers

(This is the third of a series of articles prepared by members of the Lone Garden Club on the proper preparation of flowers for display in flower shows or fairs. This article was prepared by Mrs. Edith Nicholson.)

The following are standards for judging horticultural classes of specific garden flowers.

Asters
General considerations: color, size, form, depth and substance. Merits: large size; regular outline; deep bloom; pure colors; freshness; one bloom to each long, stiff stem; clean foliage. Faults: Fading and wilting; secondary blooms or late budding; not at best stage of development; irregular or unsymmetrical blooms; too few rays in double varieties; short stems; poor foliage.

Carnations
General considerations: Color, size, stem, substance, fragrance. Merits: Purity of color and clearness of markings; broad petals; regular hemispherical form; unsplit calyx; strong fragrance; stiff, straight stems; freshness. Faults: Faded, dull colors; well defined markings, if any; irregular form; misshapen petals;

Gladiolus
General considerations: Color, form of spike and florets, placement of florets, proportion of open flowers to buds. Merits: Large, shapely flowers; well proportioned spike; large number of florets open; good substance; long spike; florets attractively arranged according to type. Faults: Filmy, transparent flowers; too few blooms open; withered lower florets; crooked spikes; too widely separated florets; too crowded; poor floret form; weather stains; insect injury; bruises.

Chrysanthemums
General considerations: Color, form, substance, stem and foliage. (Split or crush stems before placing in lukewarm water.) Merits: Full size; bright color; firm substance; freshness; depth in the individual blooms; healthy foliage. Form according to type. Faults: Blotched, streaked or otherwise poor color; undeveloped centers; hollow centers; shallow blooms; outer rays faded or wilted; poor condition, weak stems.

Cosmos
General considerations: Color, size, form, stem and substance. Merits: Bright, clear color; large sized broad petals, circular outline; firm substance. Faults: Small, irregular blooms; wilting, short stems.

Dahlias
General considerations: Color, substance, form, stem and foliage, condition. (Immediately after cutting place one inch of stem in boiling water for one minute, then place in lukewarm water.) Merits: Good size for type; bright, clear colors, markings and shadings, freshness; form regular or irregular according to type; center well developed before outer rays fade. Faults: Dull, impure colors; undeveloped center; wilted or faded outer rays; form poor for type; not disbudded.

PARENTS OF SON

Mr and Mrs Gene Hazelhurst (Kay Valentine) of Spokane, Washington are the parents of a 6 lb 8 oz boy born July 31. He has been named James Harry. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs James Valentine of Heppner. Mrs Valentine returned Tuesday from Spokane where she has been for a week and Linda Valentine will leave Tuesday to visit for a week in Spokane.

RETURNS FROM CONVENTION

Miss Leta Humpherys, Mrs Clara B Gertson and Mrs Pearl Devine returned the end of last week after attending the convention of the American Federation of Sororist Clubs at Huston, Texas. They left early in July and went by way of the Grand Canyon to Huston. After the convention they took a tour into Mexico visiting Mexico City and as far south as Acapulco, and they returned home by way of southern New Mexico and Arizona, going to San Diego, Los Angeles and Reno.

Justice and Municipal Courts

Carl Richard Myers Jr, disturbing the peace, \$10.
Jerry Buschke, violation of basic rule, posted \$30 bail, hearing later.

Patrick H Powers, assault and battery, \$50 fine. Also parole violation from state of Washington, returned to officers of that state.

Kemeth Allen Jones, possession of alcoholic liquor, \$15 fine.
Lindsay J Kincaid, reckless driving, \$50 fine and drivers license suspended for 6 months.

Lawrence William Schoonover, excessive motor noise, \$11 fine.
Earl LeRoy Miller, violation of basic rule, \$25 fine.

Paul Junior Willard, driving motor vehicle while license suspended, two days in jail (suspended), \$50 fine and right to drive motor vehicle suspended for one year.

Patricia Claire Painter, no operator's license, \$10 fine.
Jerry Jackson Pulley, angling prohibited methods, \$25 fine.

Vernon L Block, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine and right to drive motor vehicle suspended until Feb 18, 1960.
Jack McTimpey, illegal U turn, \$5 fine.

Jerry L Adams, speeding, \$10 fine.
John L Piper, speeding, \$25 fine.

WRONG CREDIT GIVEN

Last week's Gazette-Times story about the six Korean orphan children being brought to new homes in Morrow county erroneously stated that they were obtained independently of Harry Holt, Creswell farmer who has found American homes for many of the youngsters. The Rev Bill Collier, pastor of the Lone Baptist church made the trip to Korea with Holt and located the six babies, but adoption proceedings were cleared through Holt's agency, it was stated.

LEAVE ON VACATION

Rev and Mrs Charles Knox and family left this week for a three week's vacation at Santa Cruz, California. Conducting Sunday Services at the Heppner Christian church during his absence will be Ted Yammamori, a student at Northwest Christian college on August 10, Rev Earl Soward on August 17, and Phyllis Nolan on Sunday, August 24.

MRS ROBINSON IS GUEST OF SAGE RIDERS

Mrs Donald Robinson was a special guest of the Umatilla Sage Riders on their overnight ride last weekend. Competent truck driver that she is, Merlyn used her own truck to haul a load of horses about 35 miles to Bingham Springs, where the Sage Riders saddled up and took to the winding trails over the mountains. The Umatilla river rushing far below watched the horses scramble over cliffs and brush to top ridges and descend on Langdon Lake. Lush Target Meadows was the camping grounds. A cook had been sent ahead to prepare the evening meal and a cowboy breakfast next morning.

Also making the ride were Jacklyn and Micheal Broun who have been spending the past several weeks at the Kirk Robinson Ranch.

ATTENDS REUNION

Mr and Mrs N D Bailey will be away over the weekend attending the ninth annual reunion of her family. They will meet her six sisters and one brother and their families for a picnic at Avalon Park between Portland and Newberg.

ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev Wilbur Layton will conduct communion services at All Saints Episcopal church Sunday, August 10 at 8:00 and 10:30 am.

NAMED MUSIC HEAD

Marvin Earl Soward, son of Mr and Mrs Earl Soward of Heppner, has been appointed music director of the First Methodist church at Austin, Texas. The church is the third largest Methodist parish in Texas and has a membership of 3500 persons.

BREAKS ARM

Mrs Grace Nickerson who is visiting at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr and Mrs Francis Nickerson in Eugene, fell Sunday and broke her right arm, she will not be able to come home for at least three weeks.

HOSPITAL NEWS

New Arrival—To Mr and Mrs Dale Gene Copley, Condon, an 8 lb 5 1/2 oz girl born August 2, named Cindy Gene.
Patients—Edward N Rico, Kinzua, dismissed; Robert Ordway, Spray, dismissed; Jack Smith, Condon, dismissed; Viola Hyatt, Kinzua, dismissed; Helen Mabe, Fossil, dismissed; Sadie Sigsbee, Heppner; Barbara Blake, Heppner, dismissed; Joyce Way, Heppner; Ernie Bennett, Heppner; Newt O'Harra, Lexington; Gerald Howard, Lone, dismissed; Ted Harris, Fossil, dismissed; Neil Harris, Fossil, dismissed; Thomas Gonty, Heppner; Delia Sandlin, Kimberly; Miltie Peck, Heppner; Lulu Hanna, Heppner; Jeanette Ledbetter, Heppner, dismissed; Alex Hunt, Lexington; Juanita Brock, Kinzua; Michael S Zimmerman, Fossil.

Local News In Brief

Mrs W C McCarty of The Dalles and Mr and Mrs P A Anderson of Portland visited Mrs B G Sigsbee and other friends and relatives in Heppner Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Ambrose Chapin returned last Wednesday from a trip to Seattle where they were joined by their daughter, Mrs Clayton Slyter, and family for some fishing at Point-No-Point. Mike Sylvester returned to Heppner with his grandparents for a visit.

Emil Groshens returned from Portland Wednesday. He was accompanied by his nephew Larry Vinton who will remain for a while.

Mr and Mrs Orville Miles of Baker were weekend guests of Mr and Mrs LaVerne Van Marter Jr. Mr Miles is the newly appointed Elks District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for Oregon Northeast succeeding on August first to the position formerly held by Van Marter.

The Paul Webb family spent the first of the week at Wallowa.

Mr and Mrs Charles Colley of Lexington had as their guests last week, Mrs Arden Ellinson of Auburn, Washington. Mrs Colley and Mrs Ellinson were schoolmates. On Sunday Willard Marshall of Hermiston and Mr and Mrs Bob Parr of Madras were callers at the Colley home.

Mr and Mrs Bill McCaleb and family of Roseburg were in Heppner this week visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs Tom Wilson and Mrs W M Fisher spent several days the first of the week in Portland.

Dr and Mrs Robert W Pfeiffer and daughter Carolyn and his niece, Shirley Johnson left Wednesday for Eugene to visit his parents, Mr and Mrs Carl R Pfeiffer. They will return this weekend.

Mrs Fannie Simpson and her brother, Fred Monk of Post Falls, Idaho visited last Thursday and Friday with Mrs W M Fisher at the Tom Wilson home.

Mr and Mrs James J Farley and daughters are vacationing at the Oregon coast and in Portland.

Mr and Mrs John Pfeiffer and Julie and Johnny left Tuesday for Dee Lake in Canada where they will spend their vacation fishing.

Mr and Mrs Al Lamb and Wayne visited relatives in Salem over the weekend. Other relatives from Kansas were there also.

Mr and Mrs Robert Dobbs and family have returned from a week's vacation spent at the Oregon coast. En route home they attended a family reunion in Portland Sunday.

Raymond Walker has been home on furlough from Navy service in the Philippines.

Mr and Mrs Vernon Meyers of Almagordo, N Mex and their four children have been visiting here over the past weekend at the home of Mr and Mrs Avery Taylor.

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