

Chats With Your Home Agent

By ESTHER KIRMIS

There was a hanging rope, a swayed-backed white horse, and a circle of pioneer wagons. Those are the things that attracted my attention as I drove onto the Boardman school grounds on Tuesday, August 4, when the entire county turned out to welcome the famous wagon train making its way from Independence, Missouri to Independence, Ore.

According to the sheriff's posse, who met the train early Tuesday morning as it crossed the Morrow county line the swayed-backed white horse (belonging to an Irrigan farmer) was found among the horses of the wagon train. This evidence resulted in a trial of Tex Serpa, wagon master, which put him on the other end of the hanging rope!

All this "hanky-panky" set the jovial mood of the day which began when the wagon train pulled into Boardman around 12:30 P M and made camp.

The Morrow county fair and rodeo queen and her court had a busy day. They met the wagon train as it crossed the county border and accompanied it the 14 miles into Boardman, ate with them at noon when the Tillicum club of Boardman served them lunch, made appearances at the hanging, danced a can-can for the crowd, served the "twentieth century" pioneers their baked salmon in the evening; and danced at the square dance that followed. (Queen Elizabeth has nothing on these girls.)

Most of my activities were confined to the "food-end" of this celebration as our extension units spearheaded the plan of soliciting food and help from all the women's organizations in the county.

I picked up Joe Hay, our new extension agent, at the Hitchin'

Post, and we went over to be briefed by Mrs Richard Waymre, chairman of the foods committee. She told us how everyone in the community had pitched in. Gallons of potato salad had been prepared and were in the cooler of the Boardman tavern. Bob Reed, chef of the Hitchin' Post, had some 200 pounds of steel-head in the locker which he would prepare. Mr Rands had a ton of watermelon cooling in Martin Skoubo's locker.

We ran shuttle service between all these places and the school cafeteria in the afternoon and by 6:30 P M the salmon bake began.

Mrs Nathan Thorpe, who had a guest book, informed me that over 600 people from all over the country had registered. (Even a girl from Holland.)

It was close to 8:00 P M before the last person was served. But everyone had a serving of steel-head which made the wait worthwhile. Someone made the observation that the Boardman school grounds will very likely be a watermelon patch by next year because of the number of seeds which must have dropped Tuesday night.

I toured the wagons in the afternoon and wondered how so much could be packed into such a little space. (Our pioneer people must have had to choose wisely as only important items could be taken.) The twentieth-century could not help but make this crossing a little easier. They had a kitchen truck with a U-haul trailer, an oil truck and a large van to carry the hay for the horses and mules. But even at that, these "modern wagners" have a truly pioneering spirit to ride a steel-rimmed wagon that many miles, in all types of weather, and under many trying circumstances. (Just this continual celebration every night, must take plenty of stamina!)

The only member of the wagon train that I really got to talk to was a Dave Gastman of Cottage Grove, Oregon. He was deeply tanned, wore a buckskin fringed jacket and had a charm-

ing mustache and goutee. He really did a job of fraternizing with the crowd. He was selling a picture of the wagon train coming across the desert in Wyoming. I'm sure he did a good business. He has a restaurant in Cottage Grove and felt that this wagon train publicity would surely improve his business.

Going home that evening, I was following Velma Glass, county health nurse who decided to have a flat tire at the Roy Martin (Lexington) driveway. With the accompaniment of their barking dog we changed the tire. My day was complete!

Monument News

By MARTHA MATTESON

June Hutchison and four children, Orville Hunt, Theo Owings, Mrs Bob Neal the three children and Ann Hiese and daughter Patsy, drove to the Bob Holmes ranch Wednesday afternoon for a birthday party in honor of Miss Debby Holmes. Her mother and brother were there also.

Maynard Hamilton left Wednesday for Heppner, The Dalles and Pendleton, returning home Saturday.

Mrs Harold Cork and daughter Shyrel and Miss Carolyn Martin left Sunday morning for Portland where Miss Martin goes back to school and Shyrel Cork will have surgery on her arm, which was injured three weeks ago when she fell from a horse.

The Harold Lipperts purchased a new car and are on a month's vacation trip. Richard Martin is taking care of their place while they are gone.

Miss Gracie Hunt is up at Cottonwood taking care of grandmother Geinger.

Margaret Ann Martin is baby sitting for Dottie Smith this week, while she is in Pendleton on business.

Aubry Crum will be employed again by the State forestry.

Ronnie Croker is spending a while in salem with his grandmother Croker. He is to pick beans while there.

Fred Shank and Bud Engle were in Heppner Friday on business.

The Rhoe Bleakman family were in Heppner Thursday for a funeral and business.

Mr and Mrs E E Howell came in to their home Saturday from their work at the mill near Fossil.

Mr and Mrs Erhardt and son Tommy of Portland were in for the weekend with her folks, Mr and Mrs Ray Davis and children.

Miss Carolyn and Richard Martin drove to John Day on Wednesday to have medical treatments on second degree burns.

The Dane Broadfoot mill at Long Creek burned down Friday evening. The State Forest Service succeeded in saving some logs and lumber. Mr Martin stayed with the fire all night. There were three state pumpers and five state personnel on the job. The Monument unit had two fires for July and 57 hours over time for July.

Mrs Archie Geinger and Mrs Joe Wheeler of Cottonwood visited at the Mae McWillis home here Thursday.

Mr and Mrs Dick Williams and George Kirk drove to John Day on business Monday.

Mr and Mrs Gene Stelk and children of Pendleton spent Wednesday here visiting Mr and Mrs Harry Scott.

Mrs Cortina Hamilton of John Day was over Friday visiting at the Henry Durst and Earl Barnard homes.

Mrs Oleta Farrens left Friday evening for Happy Jack where her husband Darrell is working. She returned home Sunday night.

Miss Georgia Lee Stubblefield accompanied Bob Porter to Falls River Mills, California to visit his grandparents. They were to return Sunday.

Delcie Sweek and Doris Capon drove to John Day Friday on bus-

Trade Fair Still One of Centennial's Popular Attractions

With the cessation of wholesale buying at the International Trade Fair, the exhibits continue as one of the most popular attractions at the Oregon Centennial Exposition and will remain until the close of the exposition on September 17, according to Anthony Brandenthaler, Centennial commission chairman.

Twenty-two nations, largest number to participate in any similar event in this country, have spread their wares and examples of their varied cultures in settings that reflect excitingly-interesting parts of the world.

Many nations are displaying their handicrafts and industries never before seen here. Exhibits contain everything from rare wines and textiles to ceramics and glassware. At some displays, visitors may purchase items or order them from exhibitors.

An Okinawan exhibit has replaced that of Malaya, only country withdrawing from the

ness. Mr and Mrs Fred Shank made a business trip to Madras Wednesday.

Mrs Harry Scott spent Wednesday visiting in Long Creek.

Mr and Mrs Elmer Matteson were business callers in Long Creek Monday evening.

Mrs June Hutchison and Mrs Jim Croker drove to John Day Friday.

Wally Green of Hermiston was in town Monday on business.

Miss Carolyn and Margaret Ann Martin, Charlie and Walter Williams drove to John Day Friday evening to take in the show at the drive-in.

Mr and Mrs Norris Stubblefield drove to Hermiston Friday to attend the wedding of her sister Elsie Stoneman Peterson.

Mrs Bob Leslie and children of Bend are over visiting her folks, the Roy Corks. She also brought the two rounds boys to visit their grandparents, the Ed Rounds.

Mr and Mrs Sonny Helse and daughter Patsy spent the weekend at Ritter and Pendleton.

Trade Fair. The display is attracting special interest as visitors learn of life in this American protectorate.

Countries taking part in the history-making Trade Fair, in addition to Okinawa, include: Morocco, Austria, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia, Sweden, The Philippines, Ghana, Japan, Finland, Norway, Hong Kong, Korea, Israel, India, Republic of China, and a collective exhibit of six European nations-Italy, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, France and the Netherlands.

As well as the above named countries there are also an additional 24 industrial organizations who are showing their commercial exhibits.

Admission to the exposition gate entitles free viewing of the International Trade Fair, open to the public from noon until 10 p m.

Farm Census Field Assistant Named

The appointment of Homer E Rainey of Bend as a field assistant for the 1959 census of agriculture was announced this week by the bureau of the census, department of commerce.

Mr Rainey will direct a force of 10 crew leaders and 118 census takers in 18 counties in eastern Oregon including Morrow.

He will start his duties in August and will recruit his crew leaders who will in turn select their census takers who will go on duty Oct 28.

The 1959 census of agriculture will collect information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories, selected farm facilities, selected farm expenditures, farm values, etc. Information will be published for counties, states and the nation.



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