

Luther Jordan Dies; Pioneer Family Recalled

Death of Luther Jordan in Portland last week was noted by Bert Mason Sr., now living at Willamette View Manor, 2705 S. E. River Road, Portland, and he calls attention to Jordan's family, pioneers in Morrow County.

The deceased was a son of John Jordan, first settler to come to what is now Morrow county, Mason wrote.

"John Jordan, a native of Ohio, migrated to Oregon in 1849 and went to California to engage in gold mining. He returned to Salem, Oregon, in 1852 where he engaged in farming until 1859. Then he decided to raise cattle and came to Willow Creek and found a place which suited him. That was at the point where Rhea Creek entered Willow Creek, and he built the first log cabin ever built in that region. His first neighbor was T. W. Ayers who settled on Butter Creek in 1852.

"These pioneers assisted each other in harvesting their crops. The large number of emigrants coming over The Oregon Trail kept the grass eaten off, and they decided to lay out an alternate route which would save time and afford more watering places and good feed.

"The chosen route left The Oregon Trail at Pilot Rock and came via the Ayers ranch and South Springs to the Jordan ranch, and thence to Shuttle Flat and joined The Oregon Trail near John Day Ferry.

"Many places bear the name Jordan. Jordan Fork is the name of a large canyon which runs into Eight Mile Canyon. Jordan Butte is the highest point near lone. Jordan Elevator is another.

"John Jordan married Missouria Haney and several boys were born. Mr. Jordan sold his home and went to Arlington where he built and operated the Jordan Hotel. Three small boys died and the family went to Monmouth where he built another hotel and expected to educate the remaining children. A son, John Jr., passed away and they returned to their former home and engaged in raising hops. Mr. Jordan passed away at the place where he first lived, and they left one son, Luther, who farmed and raised stock until he moved to Portland."

Stuck School Bus Causes No Damage

Having a car stuck in this kind of weather is nothing unusual, and many residents have been obliged to receive a helping hand from others even to back out from parking at the curb on Main street.

However, getting stuck with a busload of school children has repercussions far beyond anything one would expect, according to Ray Ayers, Heppner school bus driver. Ayers, who has driven a bus for 15 years without any trouble, took too wide a turn in front of the new Unit-A school December 6. This was the day before the snow came and stayed, and the ground was dry.

Weight of the bus forced wheels on one side to sink in the new fill, tilting the bus to a slight degree. Ayers unloaded the children. He and teachers Tom Hughes and Clint Agee, using a chovel from Agee's car, dug a pathway for the mired wheel and Ayers re-loaded the children and delivered them to the elementary school still on time to catch buses for their homes.

"The location was on the same level as the school building. There was at no time any danger of the bus turning over, nor was it near any bluff," Ayers said, in refuting stories going around that the children were in danger.

"I've been stuck much worse and in worse places with a private car. My only worry about this was getting the children to the school without holding up other bus runs, so we sent for another bus but fortunately were able to be on our way before it arrived."

Lexington Lighting Prizes Announced

Prizes for the home decoration and lighting contest for residents in the Lexington area, under the sponsorship of the Lexington PTA, are announced in two divisions. First prize for residences will be \$20, and a second prize in this division will be \$7.50. One prize, \$10, will be given to the best entry in the downtown business district.

Judges have been selected and the judging on entries will be done December 23, according to Mrs. Vesta Kilkenny, PTA president. Registration of entries for both town and rural residents may be made at Gene's Chevron Station, or by contacting Mrs. Kilkenny.

Christmas Program Given At Grange Meeting Saturday

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON — The Grange party at the Lexington Grange hall on Saturday night was most enjoyable with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p. m. to start the evening. Following the dinner, the lecturer's program was given with the young people of the grange taking part, which consisted of tableaux and musical numbers. During the tableaux of the nativity, members brought gifts to the Christ Child and these will be sent to the Oregon State hospital in Pendleton. Musical selections were given with the following children taking part: John and Steven Waggonblast, Karen and Keith Neilson, Cherilyn and Carl Smouse and Kristen and Charles Nelson.

Preceding the program a Christmas greeting was given by Carl Smouse.

The Christmas proclamation was read by Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth and the Bible Story was read by Charles Nelson. Following this, the regular Grange meeting was held with Armin Whilun being elected as secretary and Ralph Richards as assistant steward. It was announced that cards were being sent Mrs. Carl Miller who recently underwent major surgery in Portland. HEC was also announced and this will be the Christmas meeting, with an exchange of gifts.

Mrs. Carl Miller recently underwent major surgery at a hospital in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers have been recent Portland visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Way were in Vancouver, Wn., recently at the home of his brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Way. Raymond Schoonover spent the week-end in Oregon City where he visited his father, Bill Schoonover and family.

Mrs. Clarence Hays of Corvallis, Mrs. Vernon Warner of Portland, and Mrs. Lou Broadley of Kelso, Wn., arrived in Lexington on Thursday afternoon to help prepare for the 50th anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McMillan and children, and Mrs. Francis McMillan of Portland were week-end visitors in Lexington. Mrs. Francis McMillan was a house guest of Mrs. Bertha Hunt. Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter was a Portland visitor a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt were in The Dalles visiting one day last week.

The Lexington Oil Co-op Bowling team played in the bowling tournament in Walla Walla on Sunday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Munkers, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Joel Engleman.

Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. Dean Hunt and Mrs. Opal Keys were Pendleton visitors on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Armin Whilun were Prescott, Wn., visitors Sunday at the home of Mrs. Whilun's sister.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Peck and daughter Joyce were guests at the O. W. Cutsforth cabin on Sunday.

David Campbell, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell, underwent a tonsillectomy at Pioneer Memorial hospital last week.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from Daniels Funeral parlors in La Grande for Mrs. Jesse Henderson, mother of Alonzo Henderson of Lexington. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Henderson and children attended the services. Mrs. Henderson is well known in Lexington, having visited here quite often.

Tuesday Meeting Set

An important business meeting is planned for members of the American Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday evening, December 19. The group will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Hamlin at 8:00 p. m.

Griffith Wins World Bronc Title



MAC GRIFFITH of Pendleton, son of Mrs. Eva Griffith, Heppner, holds World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider saddle that he won in Chicago last week. (G-T Photo)

If Mac Griffith is as cool in the saddle as he is nonchalant in talking about his riding achievements, it's no wonder he brought back the World Bronc Riding championship of the Interstate Rodeo association from Chicago last week.

Visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Eva Griffith on West Willow Friday, the young man who graduated from Heppner High school in 1958, regarded his latest achievement on the rodeo trail quite calmly. He indicated that it was equally as thrilling to win the Northwest Saddle Bronc Riding championship at the Heppner rodeo in 1959.

Griffith, who now makes his home in Pendleton, captured the championship through points piled up at Baker and Morgan, Utah, as well as those earned in Chicago at the show indoors in the amphitheater there from November 26 to December 2. The place was packed with spectators throughout the show.

Trophy that symbolizes the championship is a hand-tooled and silver-studded saddle, valued at \$500. Mac also picked up a fistful of prize money but preferred not to say how much.

Besides the bronc riding he also entered bareback riding, bull riding and bulldogging. He split first and second in bulldogging at the show and finished fourth in averages for bulldogging.

Mac got his start in rodeos when he entered junior rodeos as a lad of 12 or 13. He has been riding in the Northwest Rodeo association and once received the title of "All-Around Cowboy."

Bronc riding and bulldogging are the events he enjoys most, he declared.

"No it doesn't shake you up much if you know how to ride," the cool-headed young fellow concluded.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Tillie Trent, Fossil, dismissed; Donna Peterson, Ione, dismissed; David Campbell, Lexington, dismissed; Gail Potter, Condon, dismissed; Herbert Cole, Lexington, dismissed; Ben Anderson, Heppner; Mabel Gillette, Heppner; Betty Jean Gray, Heppner, dismissed; Fred Ely, Ione; Stanley Benson, Kinzua; Eugene Wardwell, Heppner; James Phegley, Heppner, dismissed; Raymond Pettyjohn, Arlington; Melba Bain, Condon.

To Mr. and Mrs. David Haddock, Heppner, a 7 pound 1/2 ounce son, Boone Austin, born Dec. 9.

Municipal and Justice Court

Theodore Vernon Boss, truck following too close, fined \$15. Donald Lynn Clark, passing with insufficient clearance, fined \$20.

Charles W. Stangel, failure to properly validate elk tag, \$30 bail forfeited.

Mrs. Clarence Johnson, Mrs. Gerald Jonasson, Mrs. Gordon Pratt, Mrs. Don McClure attended the Zahary Solov Ballet in Pendleton, Saturday evening, December 2.



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Former Ministers In Portland Hospitals

News of the serious illness of Rev. Glenn P. White, a former minister of the Heppner Methodist church, was received this week by Miss Opal Briggs. He is a patient in the Emanuel hospital in Portland.

Another more recent minister of the same church, Rev. J. P. Sorlien, is a patient at Good Samaritan hospital, Portland, where he is recovering from a recent operation of eye surgery.

Miss Briggs also reports Mrs. Carl Young, widow of the late Rev. Carl Young, also a former minister here, is convalescing from major surgery in the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland.

Miss Briggs returned December 3 from a trip to Portland

where she attended a retirement party given by the telephone company for twin nephews of Mrs. Della Corson, Karl and Earl Corson, who have just completed 41 years of service with the company. While in Portland Miss Briggs visited Rev. and Mrs. White.

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