

Lanhams Describe French Holiday Time

Mr. and Mrs. Conley Lanhams of Heppner, now spending several months at Luynes, France, have written to describe how it felt to be in a foreign land at the holiday season and tell how the French people observed the holidays.

The letter, written January 7, to their friends here, is as follows:

"Perhaps there is no better way to start the year than to get in touch with friends at home and wish them more of everything good in '64.

"Spending Christmas in a foreign land has been quite an interesting experience. Many things are very much as they are in the States, I may be somewhat prejudiced, but it seems to me that people in the States give more thought and spend more time on making everything look like Christmas. Yes, stores were decorated but not as lavishly as many of the city stores in the States. One thing we definitely missed was seeing homes decorated. I'm sure that homes were decorated because we saw Christmas trees being transported home not only on cars but also on the ever-present bicycles. Since most of the homes are concealed behind walls, one doesn't get an opportunity to see what happens to the trees.

"From all that we have been able to learn, it seems that Christmas is the time of gifts for the little folks only, with adults exchanging gifts on New Year's Day. Madame Pitou at the grocery store gave us some facts on the French Christmas. Pere Noel makes his round while people go to midnight mass. She said that last year there were very few people at that mass because it was so terribly cold. (Incidentally, not yet have we found a church in the various countries we have traveled that had any heat and sometimes they can be frightfully cold.) She asked us to go with her and her mother to mass, saying that that way there would be at least four.

"After church the children receive what Pere Noel has left for them and then the Christmas feast begins. This must be one of the big ones because they go on and on. Madame told us, with various wines, champagne, and liquor very much in evidence. This, however, we don't know from first hand experience at Christmas. But we can vouch for it because of a dinner to which we were invited early in November.

"Our Christmas dinner was a combination French-American dinner. Mrs. Helen S. Evans and her daughter, Kathleen, added their dinner to ours at our apartment. (Incidentally, in the letter I wrote after the Kennedy assassination, I used the wrong name. It was Mrs. Evans, not Davis, who placed the wreath at the American Memorial here. Perhaps you may have seen in the Oregonian a letter which Kathleen had written on their impressions of the reaction of the French people to the tragedy.) The French part of our dinner was different, to express it mildly. The fish course consisted of snails and a special wine that our grocery lady insisted that we have. When she started on down the wine list it was

very easy to draw the line. We didn't care to go too all out French. Then, as one dessert, we had to have cheese. That is an ever-present item when the dessert course arrives. The other dessert was Bûche de Noël, a cake roll with delicious filling and beautifully decorated with a tasty icing and all sorts of things to make it not only good but pretty, and coffee, of course.

"I mentioned that New Year's is the adult time. It probably is quite enough to mention just a couple of things. Across the street was a big party which started sometime after midnight and didn't break up until after 7:30 this morning. It was held in one of the caves back of the little house where we park our car. The other thing was a little serenading this morning around 5:00 a.m. Apparently some fellows were on their way home from another party down the street. I guess there had to be some noise heralding the New Year because the church bells are not rung here in Luynes as they are in Heppner.

"January 6 we start another session of study. We're going to limit this session to two months or a little less because we have a little more traveling to do before leaving for the States. So we'll be leaving here sometime during the last week of February to begin wending our way home where we expect to be June 1.

"Again, a good 1964 to you all. As ever,
Conley and Vi"

Department Calls For Highway Bids

One project on Interstate 80N in Morrow county is among 12 projects upon which the State Highway Commission will call for bids at its January 29 meeting, a report from the highway department states.

The project for Morrow county includes grading, paving and structure work on the Airport Road-Irrigation Junction section of the Columbia River Highway. Plans call for 9.04 miles of grading and paving work on both new and existing alignment to provide four lanes of divided highway with interchanges at Airport Road and for the relocated city of Boardman and a rest area about three miles west of Boardman.

A 1.48-mile extension of Wilson county road from Root Lane to the bomb range road will be completed under this project. The work involves grading and oiling work and a precast, prestressed slab span structure to be constructed over the U. S. R. S. canal. Completion of the section is scheduled for July 1, 1965.

School Water Job Nears Completion

Project of extending water mains to the new Heppner High school to bolster supply of water there for fire protection and other uses is about completed, Vic Groshens, city superintendent, states.

One of the final steps in the project was blasting and drilling through 120 feet of solid rock to form a trench for a 6-inch pipeline.

On completion, the project will see two hydrants adjacent to the school, one on either end, to bolster the fire protection. These are located on a circulatory system.

Cost of the project was borne on a cooperative basis between the city and the school district.

Boyce in Hospital After Heart Attack

Ray Boyce of Ione is in Pioneer Memorial hospital here following a heart attack Wednesday while working for Paul Pettyjohn at Ione.

He had made his morning trip as bus driver for the Ione schools and then started to work for Pettyjohn when he was stricken with severe pains.

His doctor said Thursday that Boyce is showing good improvement but probably will be confined to the hospital for some time.

Mrs. A. G. Pieper returned Wednesday from Portland, having gone down on New Year's Day to return her grandsons, Gary, Dick and Larry Holliday, and her granddaughter, Diane Dick, to their homes. They had visited at the Pieper home since coming Christmas with Mrs. Lavelle Dick of Corvallis. Mrs. Pieper was at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall, and with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Pieper and family in Portland, and with relatives in Corvallis and Eugene during the past week.



JUDGE RALPH HOLMAN

Judge Holman Files For Supreme Court

Circuit Judge Ralph M. Holman, senior judge of Oregon's Fifth Judicial District, is a candidate for Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court.

The prominent Clackamas county jurist filed Wednesday in Salem for a non-partisan Supreme Court position on Oregon's May 15 judiciary ballot. This is the position from which Justice George Rossman is retiring.

Judge Holman, 49, has served 14 years on the Circuit Court. He was appointed to the bench in 1950 by Oregon Governor Douglas McKay, who selected Holman to succeed veteran circuit judge Earl C. Latourette.

During his service on the circuit bench, Judge Holman has served by appointment of the Supreme Court, as protempore Supreme Court Justice. In 1957, he was appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court to the Legislative Interim Committee on Judicial Administration which reported to the 1959 legislature.

Judge Holman has long been considered one of the state's foremost authorities on the handling of juvenile and domestic cases. He served as chairman of the Subcommittee on Juvenile Problems which drew the new juvenile code adopted by the 1959 legislature, and under which the courts are now working. He is a member of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges and the Oregon Juvenile Judges Association.

Altar Society Names Officers for Year

New officers of the Altar Society of St. Patrick's Catholic church presided at a meeting Tuesday evening, January 7, at the parish hall.

Mrs. E. E. Gonty, president, was in charge of the meeting. Other officers are Mrs. Dick Robison, vice president; Mrs. Butch Laughlin, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Fielder, treasurer.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Robison and Mrs. Laughlin.

'Wright' Not Right

Second baby of the New Year born in Heppner on January 1 was Gary John Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wright of Spray. The name was incorrectly reported in the Gazette-Times last week as "Wright," which was not right. Gary John missed winning the Heppner first baby prize bonanza by three hours, since he arrived that much later than the first baby, Mark Edward Booth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Booth of Heppner.

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Ione Takes Road For Two Contests

Ione High's basketball team, buffeted in league action so far this season, will seek to hit the win column this week-end when it travels to Stanfield Friday night and to Helix Saturday night.

Both Ione and Stanfield have 0-3 records in league play, and so one is bound to make the victory column. The Cardinals are determined that it will be them.

On Saturday night they take on the Grizzlies at Helix who in their most recent outing lost to Riverside, 57 to 47, a 10-point spread. On the previous night, Riverside defeated Ione, 44 to 35, an eight point difference. So on the basis of comparative scores, the Saturday tilt should be a close one.

Preliminary action will find ayeves opening the double bills both nights.

Stout Has Serious Injuries from Wound

Jerry Stout, a 26-year-old cook at the Condon Cafe, was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital last Thursday night in serious condition from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Stout was a passenger in an Air Force pickup driven by Morris Curtis of Condon Air Force Base. Curtis stopped at the Ruggs grocery store south of Heppner, went inside to make a purchase, leaving his gun in the pickup. A shot was heard and upon investigation, Stout was found outside on the ground.

He was rushed to Pioneer Memorial hospital with serious internal injuries and was then transferred to St. Anthony hospital, Pendleton. His condition is still reported as serious.

Stout, at one time, resided in Heppner.

HOSPITAL

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital for medical care during the past week were: Ida Slocum, Cecil; Boyd Johnson, Kinzua; Ray Boyce, Ione, and Leta Ledbetter, Heppner.

Those dismissed during this same period were: Betty Hausler, Ione; Jerry Stout, Condon; David Ritch, Heppner; Mike Jensen, Heppner; Helen Cohn, Heppner, and Oscar Lundell, Ione.

SURGERY POSTPONED

Mrs. Stanley Cox arrived home late Tuesday from Portland. Heart surgery had been planned for her this month but was scheduled for late in March.

School Board, Advisory Groups Meet on Policy

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R-1 Council of Advisory Boards, members of the county school board, and county school administrators met in the Ione High school multipurpose room, January 2, for the purposes of becoming acquainted socially, to learn something about mutual desires for the benefit of the schools within the county, and to agree upon the degree and manner in which the advisory committees could work harmoniously and effectively with their colleagues.

There were approximately 40 people present for the meeting. Milt Morgan, chairman of the county school board, was chairman of the meeting. He reviewed the written district advisory board policies and procedures now accepted to be official for the district.

School attorney Robert Abrams discussed the specific policies that seemed to him to need clarification from a legal standpoint, and stressed the importance of following certain policies literally. He warned that

difficulties could emerge from deviating too far from the literal definitions.

His contentions emphasized the fact that advisory committees are rightfully organized for the strict purpose of offering advice and/or counsel to the school board and administrators, and that the advisory members should not feel thwarted or rebuffed when their counsel might be seemingly ignored or unacceptable.

Abrams explained that the ultimate responsibility in all school activities lies with the district school board, and the board cannot delegate this authority to local committees or groups without being ultimately responsible for the local committee actions.

The attorney's elaboration and the viewpoints from the various members of the school board, advisory committees and the administrators did much to leave all with a clearer understanding of how the advisory committees can more effectively assist in the betterment of our county school system.

One idea that emerged from the joint meeting and seemed to warrant further study was one initiated by Don McElligott, Ione advisory committee member. The idea was to have (in addition to other established functions) three major areas of endeavor in which the advisory committees could work effectively for the welfare of the school system. The areas are: Transportation; maintenance, buildings and grounds; and education-curriculum. There would be one member from each advisory committee in the county on each of the three committees, as well as district superintendent and one or more school board members to work in one of the three areas. In essence, there would be three different committees to work in the three areas of influence.

These proposed committees would schedule visitations and inspections at the respective schools within the district and come up with recommendations to the district school board. (The advisory committee members would have no voting powers.)

There was considerable interest and sympathy with this plan. Not only was it felt that the method was efficient, but that it would end to develop the viewpoint and philosophy that the main concern is the welfare of our schools on a district-wide basis, instead of the more narrow practice of being only concerned with the school in one's immediate vicinity.

The school board accepted the plan for further consideration. If it is deemed feasible by the board at a future regular meeting, the plan will ultimately be added to the official list of accepted policies and procedures of advisory committees for Morrow county schools.

The entire meeting was conducted in an atmosphere of mutual interest and good fellowship. Although the meeting adjourned after about three hours, there were smaller groups who remained until later.

Mrs. Helen McCabe, of the Ione advisory committee, served the entire gathering with hot coffee and cinnamon rolls for late refreshments. It was the general consensus that the meeting was very much worthwhile and that it would be well to gather as a council as often as every year or two.

Cardinals Battle Friday, Saturday But Drop Games

Coach Dick Strait's game but win-hungry Ione High basketball team dropped two Umatilla-Morrow league contests over the week-end, losing to Riverside, 44 to 35, and to the classy Scotties of McEwen High of Athena, 71 to 49.

The Cards gave the Pirates a tough battle but a bad second quarter proved their undoing. Going into the stanza just three points short at 7-4, the Ione five connected for six in the second frame while Riverside, led by Dennis Gronquist, netted 16. Thus, halftime found the Pirates in front, 23 to 10.

Ione came back strong in the second half to score 25 while Riverside made 21 but the Cardinals couldn't overcome the halftime deficit.

Gronquist had 13 for the winners and Tom Heimbigner led Ione with 12.

Riverside made it a sweep by also taking the Jayvee game, 56 to 24.

Against McEwen, the Cardinals found themselves facing one of the hottest B-school teams in eastern Oregon, but they held in contention until a disastrous third quarter. They trailed 20-14 at the end of the first period and were down by eleven points at halftime, 37 to 25. But in the third quarter, the Scotties, who blistered the net with a .507 shooting mark for the night, racked up 17 points while Ione went ice cold with three.

Coming back in the final frame, the Cards bagged 20 points against 17 for McEwen, but the victory had been won for the visitors. The win placed the Scots at the top of the heap in the Umatilla-Morrow league with four straight victories.

McEwen also won the Jayvee game.

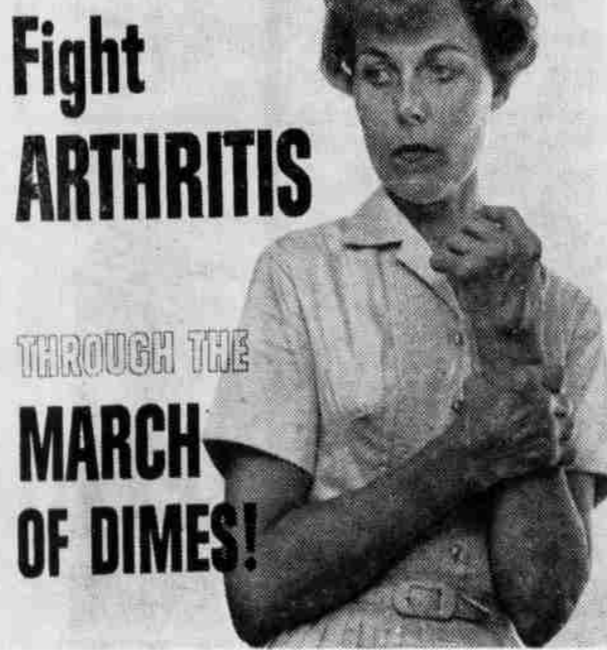
Mike Shields and Jim Whitney topped varsity scoring with 22 each for Athena, while Mark Halvorsen led Ione with 16, followed by Tom Heimbigner with 12.

Scores:
IONE 35—Ball 11, Klinger 6, Joe Halvorsen 2, Mark Halvorsen 2, Heimbigner 12, Ortez 2.
RIVERSIDE 44—Gronquist 13, Skoubo 8, Laythrop 3, Hobbs 9, Anderson 5, McCoy 2, Partlow 4.

McEWEN 71—Shields 22, Hansell 6, J. Whitney 22, McMillan 1, D. Whitney 8, Kellar 12.

IONE 49—Ball 4, Klinger 5, Joe Halvorsen 7, Mark Halvorsen 16, Heimbigner 12, Ortez 3, Hausler 2.

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