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It Was a Great Success!

More than a passing "Thank You" is due Bob Henry for his work in staging Heppner's first Sidewalk Bazaar that proved to be such a wonderful success Friday and Saturday. Compliments are heard from far and near.

Bob resolved to stage the sidewalk sale which some merchants said just couldn't be done successfully here. It had been considered before, but none had the determination to see it through until this livewire man came along. He resolved that it was going to be a great thing for the town, mustered support from businesses and organizations and kept at it through the successful culmination.

It was evident that most businesses in town caught the spirit of it. Some blossomed out with really novel ideas, and the result was a carnival atmosphere unequalled since communities throughout the state observed the State's centennial in 1899.

Everyone had fun—merchants, organizations, shoppers and visitors. While there is no disguising the fact that local firms wanted to create business in the Sidewalk Sale, it turned out to be that this was secondary in importance. The prime purpose seemed to be to have a good time and to stage an event that everyone enjoyed. An evaluation at this time shows that it accomplished all purposes.

With such a good start there is little doubt that the Sidewalk Bazaar will be an annual event. At this time plans are underfoot to call a merchants' meeting to compare notes, determine what might be improved and point towards an even better Bazaar next year.

While many contributed to the success of the affair—especially with the spirit displayed—Bob Henry must receive a lion's share of credit. He did the job.

Heartly thanks are due, too, to outsiders who came along and contributed so much. How can folks adequately thank someone like Buck Lieuallen, who drove his authentic stage coach for two solid days without any charge on his part, for the enjoyment of the kids and to help the Jaycees with their projects? But while Buck lives in Pendleton, he isn't an outsider. Morrow county will always claim a big share of him.

Such things as the Sidewalk Bazaar put a new spark into the old town and show our people off as the warm-hearted friendly folks that they are. With such fine response from the public it is sure that more such events will be held in the future.

ASC Report Shows Scope of Operations

A report of David McLeod, office manager of the Morrow county ASC committee, shows the importance of operations of the committee in the county.

In submitting the report, McLeod states that agriculture and agricultural related businesses account for 90% of the total income in Morrow county.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee administers a number of federal farm programs, relating primarily to stabilization of farm income and encouraging increased soil and water conservation work.

Here is a summary of the committee's activities in the county during the past year:

Agricultural Conservation Program: Improved drainage system and developing permanent vegetative cover are the major soil and water conservation needs of the county. Last year in the county, farmers installed 2.7 thousand feet of drain tile on 27 acres of cropland. They planted 528 acres of permanent pasture. In addition, conservation practices of 1,407 acres of stripcropping, 71,850 linear feet of diversion ditches and 3,924 acres of stubble mulching, and many others were established. In doing this, farmers spent \$57,964 of their own money and \$40,675 of public money through the ACP cost-sharing approach.

Wool Incentive Program: Since 1954, Congress has authorized a wool program aimed at encouraging and maintaining a domestic wool industry large enough to supply minimum needs during an emergency. Each year a part of the tariff on imported wool is used to support the national average wool price at 62¢ a pound. In this county last year, \$28,193 was paid to wool growers under this program.

Wheat Stabilization Program: Diversion and price support payments, of \$454,501 were received by county farmers for diverting 8,744 acres from wheat production.

Feed Grain Program: Diversion and price support payments, of \$168,094 were paid to participating farmers for diverting 6,669 acres from barley production.

Wheat and barley loans in the amount of \$2,506,936 were made to producers on their 1963 production. These loans were repaid with interest at 3½ percent except for \$43,688 for which the commodity was delivered in satisfaction of the loan amount.

Members of the committee this year are Roy Partlow, Orville

Cutsforth Jr., and Hershel Townsend, N. C. Anderson, county agent, is an ex-officio member of the committee.

Every thinking adult in the county of course realizes that farm programs are of concern to all of us, as McLeod emphasizes. They affect our agricultural industry which, in turn, strongly influences our local economy. Secondly, these programs represent a substantial expenditure of public funds.

It, therefore, is pertinent to bring the report to the attention of the public in order that all may be informed and evaluate the work being done through the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Mr. Sherman:

Your references to Monument and the Sunflower Flat route (Chaff and Chatter, July 2, 1964) brings back memories of trips to Monument from lone by wagon. While they were for a summer outing the main objective was to visit my grandmother, Sarah Jenks. She lived in and near Monument from 1869 until her death there in 1930.

She was born Sarah Jane Minkler in Missouri in 1847 and was brought overland to Oregon by her parents in 1848. Her parents were Daniel and Clarissa Minkler. They settled on a donation land claim about 15 miles above Oregon City on the Willamette river and just below the present town of Wilsonville. In 1861 Sarah Jane Minkler married Isaac Compton Vilott (also spelled Violet) at Butterville, Oregon. Vilott was from Franklin County, Indiana, and had a donation land claim on the Willamette river near Dayton. The Vilotts lived in The Dalles from the time of their marriage until 1869 when they moved to the Monument country.

Some of the details of the coming of the Vilott family to Monument are set forth in the enclosed excerpts from "The Weekly Mountaineer" of The Dalles. Isaac Vilott was a one-man Chamber of Commerce. These letters are from the issues of June 18, 1869, and September 24, 1869, and give some small idea of the wealth of historical material to be found in old newspaper files.

Isaac Vilott died July 4, 1872, from blood poisoning said to have been caused by an insect bite. He was freighting supplies to Monument and his death and place of burial is said to have been Sunflower Flat. The exact spot is unknown. The route from and to the John Day country by way of Sunflower Flat is an old one as is indicated by Vilott's 1869 reference to Willow Creek and the road leading from The Dalles to Umatilla. This point was probably at Cecil. For a long period it was a much used freighting route even from as far away as The Dalles and later on Alkali (Arlington) and still later from Heppner.

My mother, who lives in Portland, a daughter (the youngest) of the Vilotts, was born in Monument in 1871. It is a family tradition that her father, Isaac Vilott, named Monument Mountain.

I enjoy reading your paper and particularly its many references having historical significance.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. D. J. Conway
3385 S. W. 100th Ave.
Portland, Ore. 97225

(From the files of the Bancroft Library, Berkeley, California. "The Weekly Mountaineer," The Dalles, Ore., June 18, 1869.)

LETTER FROM THE NEWS SETTLEMENT

North Fork of John Day's River May 30, 1869

Editor Mountaineer:

I came here alone and have seen but five men since I arrived. Birds and deer are in abundance and quite tame as no one molests them. Indians are scarce for I have not seen any. I have been here a week to-day. I should have got here sooner but was detained on the other side of the mountain by rain. I have ploughed and planted every day since my arrival, and I think I will get through in about two days more. I have not traveled over the country any since I got in here, so I can not tell you much about it. The climate I do think is the finest I ever saw anywhere in my travels. We do not have the heavy winds of the Columbia, and it is just cool enough at night to be comfortable. The soil that I have ploughed in the low river bottom, is a rich loam, and to all appearances will produce well. The season here appears to be far advanced, and I fear I am too late to raise much of a crop this season. There are a great many claims yet vacant. A man can certainly suit himself here in selecting a claim, for he can get a big farm or a small one, or a big stock ranch with meadow lands in any quantity, and everlasting hill range for miles around, which are covered with the best bunch grass I ever saw and the most of it to the acre, with timber and water in abundance. What appears most strange to me is that such a valley as this has laid vacant so long. It is an easy day's ride from here to Willow Creek on the road leading from The Dalles to Umatilla, where it is windy in summer and cold in winter. But it is no use for me to attempt to give a description of this valley or its climate, one has to see for himself to realize its numerous beauties. The easiest and shortest route to come here is to come up Rock Creek to Mr. Force's ranch, then take the timber road to the timber, then follow the 'blazed trail' to Junction Bar, and then down across the country to the John Day river. My health has been exceedingly good since I have been here and

I am in splendid spirits.

Isaac Vilott.
(News item from "The Weekly Mountaineer" Sept. 24, 1869.)

Mr. Isaac Vilott, with his family, leaves in a few days for his new home on the North Fork of John Day river. He informs us that he has found a White Sulphur spring within a mile and a half of his place, which he thinks will be of great value some of these days. Parties wishing to find good homes with any amount of good stock range, we advise them to go to the North Fork of the John Day river.

Lutheran Members Attend Bible Camp

The Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Shannon and Steven, along with at least five other young people of Hope and Valley Lutheran churches will be leaving the first of the week for six days at Blue Mountain Bible Camp at Tolgate.

Drawing youths from points all over Eastern Oregon and eastern Washington, the Bible camp is divided into three one-week periods for different age groups, this being the camp for intermediates, which includes sixth and seventh graders.

Shrine Game Tickets Available Friday

Tickets to the East-West Shriner's football game in Pendleton August 22 will go on sale this week-end, according to Larry Cook, local chairman.

Tickets for the first block of 175 good seats will be available from Dr. L. D. Tibbles, ticket chairman, by Friday. Those desiring choice seats are urged to buy early.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

COUNTY AGENT Nels Anderson left town in a hurry Monday and the state police tried to catch him, but actually it wasn't as bad as it appears.

Nels had to go to Corvallis for a meeting of county agents and will be there until Friday. He had been so busy that he left in a rush.

Several minutes after he had gone, his wife noticed his packed suitcase sitting forgotten in the middle of the floor. She grabbed the suitcase, hopped in the family car and scooted down the road, trying to catch him. She got as far as lone without catching sight of him and at that point decided to enlist the help of the state police. She called Arlington, explained the situation, and the officers on duty kept a lookout for him. However, Nels took the shortcut over the hills to Arlington and the officers came up the Willow Creek highway.

Mrs. Anderson knew that he had to have the suitcase, so she drove to Arlington and put it on the bus for Corvallis.

WE LEARNED that a fellow has to be mighty careful at one of these Sidewalk Sales. A bargain hunter can catch you unaware.

We were out taking pictures Friday and stopped to examine some goods on Wilson's Men's Wear tables. In doing so, we put the \$139 camera on one of his bargain counters.

When we glanced up, a lady had the Rollei in her hand, getting ready to pounce up the \$249 that the sign said applied to anything on the table. We had some explaining to do but she was nice about it and handed it over.

FOLKS certainly went for the pictures that the G-T had for sale at the Bazaar. Must have sold a couple hundred of them. It would have been good to have had a tape recorder to preserve the stories that the picture shoppers told. Someone would find

a picture of someone or something that recalled memories. You'd hear an exclamation and then would come out the story that was behind the picture. This counter was busy from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and got a real good play Saturday, too.

There must be 500 pictures left, and we've taken them to Lairds for those who might be interested in looking them over. The 'giveaway' prices continue. Some may be cherished keepsakes that would grace family albums.

ONE OF THE novel ideas observed at the Bazaar was the gunny sack of peanuts at Central Market. It had the sign, "Help Yourself, Throw the Shells on the Floor." It got to be a pretty crunchy place underfoot before the day was over.

Forrie Burkenbine thought it was great fun, but later on he wasn't so sure. He found peanut shells in the frozen food cases, meat cases and everywhere else. Maybe he and the rest of the staff were even combing them out of their hair that night.

"BEWARE of Beetles in Upholstery," says a news story coming from Oregon State University. Now, isn't that the doggonest thing! The beetles have permeated the whole house every since 9-year-old Cathy became enthralled and bought some of their records, but we never suspected that they would linger in the upholstery.

Returning home last Tuesday from several days of boating and fishing at Pend Oreille Lake were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thorpe, Carla Jean and Joelynn, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Prock and Terry.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Collins and family left on vacation Tuesday, planning to go to Yellowstone Park, their first trip there in 18 years.

Picks First Tomato

Mrs. Grace Wood, 660 W. Sperry St., picked the first tomato of the year from her garden July 7. This was considerably earlier than in most years, she said, and is the first local tomato to be reported.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

JAYCEE ACTIVITY NIGHTS
Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m.
High School Gym.
Activities for everyone.

LEGION MOVIES
Friday, July 17, 8 p.m.
American Legion Hall
"Davy Crockett, The River Pilot."
35¢ per person (one admission for all.)

FAIR and RODEO DANCE
Honoring Princess Dewena West, Boardman.
Saturday, July 18, 10:00 p.m.
Heppner Fair Pavilion
Music by "Harmony 5" of Hermiston.
Supper served.

HEPPNER ART CLASSES
By Sam Roberts, Portland.
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SWEEPER

Sunday, July 26, 8:30 p. m.
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