

Two Heppner Girls Make Trip to Hawaii

Misses Jan Hager and Jennie Smith returned to Heppner last week from a month's visit in Seattle and the Hawaiian Islands.

Jan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hager, accompanied Jennie to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Smith in Seattle, at the end of school. On June 9 the two girls and Mr. Smith traveled by plane to Hawaii where they enjoyed three weeks of fun and travel around the islands. After returning to Seattle June 30, the girls visited several days, then arrived by plane in Pendleton the end of last week.

Enters Hospital

R. B. Rice, Heppner old timer, was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital for observation and treatment Tuesday. He said that he felt weak and wanted to go there for a rest. Mrs. Rice said, Mr. Rice will be 92 years of age on August 4.

Examiner Coming

A drivers license examiner will be on duty in Heppner Tuesday, July 21, at the courthouse between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., the Department of Motor Vehicles announces.

Vacationers Enjoy Trip to California

Points of interest in California and Oregon were enjoyed on a vacation trip by Mrs. Harold Erwin, daughter Shirley, and Mrs. Erwin's sister, Mrs. Wynona Duckworth of Clarkston, Wn.

The three returned Saturday from a trip south to Chino, Calif., where they visited a brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. George Clifton, and a sister, Miss Una Clifton. They did considerable sight-seeing in the Chino area and a highlight was the viewing of the stage-play, "Unsinkable Molly Brown," in the civic auditorium in Santa Monica. Tours of national parks, Disneyland, Marineland, Knott's Berry Farm, and others, were enjoyed by the travelers.

Princess Dewena To Be Honored

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retary of her class during her freshman and sophomore years, and she represented her class as carnival princess in her sophomore year.

She has been a member of the band for four years, serving as secretary and treasurer and has led the marching band as one of its majorettes. Dewena has held offices in her girl's athletic association and is looking forward to serving as its president next year, as well as serving as secretary of the Riverside student body.

The honored princess has been active in various 4-H organizations, serving as secretary of the 4-H Horse club in Boardman, as well as holding offices in other clubs. Two years ago she represented Morrow county at the State Fair in Salem by modeling. An obvious first choice on her list of favorite hobbies is horseback riding, with dancing, swimming and "traveling" close behind.

After high school graduation, Princess Dewena plans to enter nurse's training.

Kickoff dance, opening this year's series of pre-rodeo dances and honoring Queen Shannon Mahoney and her court Saturday night at the fair pavilion, was well attended. The Hitchin' Post Quartet of Boardman provided the music for the gay and lively evening.

Playing for Princess Dewena's dance this week will be the "Harmony 5" musicians from Hermiston, dancing from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., with supper served during the evening.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial hospital during the past week and still receiving medical care include the following: Sally Combs, Fossil; Helen Cohn, Heppner; Homer Scheil, Kinzua; and Paul Jewell, Kinzua.

Those receiving medical care, then dismissed include: Earl F. Loomis, Fossil, and R. B. Rice, Heppner, Alex. Huber, Cecil, deceased, 11:35 p.m., Wednesday, July 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Gerloch, Condon Air Force Base, are parents of their second child, a daughter, Deborah Jan, born Sunday, July 12. She weighed 6 lbs., 10 oz.

Mrs. E. A. Pieper, Portland, was a guest Friday night at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Pieper. She was accompanied by her three children, Ricky, Lisa and Raylene, who will spend the next few weeks with their grandparents.

Old-Time Rancher Dies Here Friday

Tilman Hogue, 84, former wheat rancher in the Gooseberry area for years, died at his home in Heppner Friday, July 10.

Funeral services were Monday at 11 a.m. in the Heppner Christian church with the Rev. Charles Knox officiating. Burial was in the IOOF cemetery, Hardman.

Mr. Hogue was born in Brownling, Mo., on June 4, 1880. He came to Morrow county at the age of four years and settled in the Hardman area. He was married to Nora Brannon in 1906 and they went to the Gooseberry area where he engaged in wheat ranching until 1934. Since that time he has made his home in Heppner.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nora Hogue; a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Stefani of Ione; a son, Earl Hogue; two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A daughter, Mrs. Beba Grabill, preceded him in death.

Mr. Hogue was a member of the Christian church.

Lightning Sets 9 Forest Fires

Lightning which accompanied storms early this week set nine forest fires in the Heppner Ranger district, according to W. S. (Sam) Miller, district ranger.

None of the fires exceeded four acres in area but they kept the full complement of personnel on the go in battling them. All were out as of Thursday and heavy rains in the forestry area considerably improved conditions. The fires were roughly between Tamarack lookout and Madison Butte, Miller said.

The fires brought the total for the season to date to 15. A crew of 10 firefighters from the district was called to Walla Walla one day last week to battle a blaze. Jim Sutherland was foreman of the crew which made the trip by helicopter.

An airplane patrol was used to spot fires here after the lightning storms, the planes coming from Gar Aviation, Lexington, and from Condon.

Mrs. Max Harris returned Wednesday from spending two weeks visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. Mollie Hayes, who resides in Pocatello, Idaho.

Editor, Friend Get First Hand Harvest Lesson

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top with plenty of hand holds and "hanging on" was no problem. All that was missing to spoil the ship, Hinson was a speaking tube to the engine room. The sea of wheat would suffice for the "ocean."

With the practiced eye of an experienced harvester, he kept a weather-eye out for rocks and high spots in the ground while the hungry header gobbled up the wheat. He kept raising the 18-foot header to avoid such spots with a sensitive touch on the control lever.

While the combine roared powerfully uphill and coasted easily on the flat and downhill terrain, Del tried to shout over the engine noise what he was doing, at the same time praising the machine—the first land leveler that he has had. To us, it seemed to want to yaw from side to side on its big bouncy tires, but D. G. easily kept it straight except when he diverted his attention to talk to us.

Suddenly he moved Dave behind the wheel and our valley friend grabbed it with both hands with the same tenacity that would be expected from an old lady taking her first auto driving lesson. He kept his eyes strictly on the "road" while Delwyn handled the other controls.

The wheat kept pouring into the hopper behind us while the header voraciously gobbled up the stalks.

Two other combines were at work, and it occurred to us how efficiently harvest is accomplished on big ranches today in contrast to the "old" days—and not so long ago at that. Counting himself, Del has only five in his crew. Included are his brother, Kenneth; Gary Van Blokland; Wayne Evans; and Kenneth's son, Kenny. Though only young men, Gary and Wayne are veteran combining hands, and Kenny drives truck with competence.

In this year of early drought, yield isn't good at the Nelsons'. Being far north in the county, with the ranch bordering bomb range country, rain is lighter than in the southern part, but the late rains, as in other parts of the county, saved the crop. Del figures his average in the Gaines to be about 15 bushels, but weight has gone as high

as 61 pounds. With his characteristic optimistic nature, Nelson said that even at 15 bushels he'd make out all right—just try to cut down on expenses.

Once when Nelson visited the Gazette-Times shop and saw the crew putting the paper together, his eyes expressed bewilderment at some of the things that looked complicated to him. He must have seen the same look in

our eyes when we wondered at the gadgets and thingamajigs of his big combine.

The editor and friend got a thrill out of the ride—howdah or not—but when we clambered down and headed for home—hot and dusty—we agreed that the best part of a day in harvest was getting home to a cool shower.

Back home, a glass of plain ice water tasted like nectar.

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