

Heppner Says "Hi" to NRA

Those coming to Heppner this week for the Northwest Rodeo association convention are in no sense strangers to us. Among the members are many familiar names and faces because of their appearances through the years at the Morrow county rodeo. They're the top hands in the Northwest and come from many different cities and towns.

These NRA friends have won applause and acclaim from our rodeo crowds for their exciting and colorful performances, and it is good to have them back in our city.

Heppner extends the hand of welcome and offers its best hospitality to the end that this convention will prove to be one of their best.

Congratulations go to their officers and to the year's winners of the various events. A number of the victors gained points towards their annual trophies in participating at the Morrow county rodeo, and saddles being given for top awards were made by Gray's Saddlery in Heppner.

This is the country where the greeting, "Howdy Pardner," expresses a way of life. Heppner extends a sincere "Howdy" to the Northwest Rodeo association and hopes that this visit will not only be an enjoyable one but that it will be the forerunner of more visits to come.

Epilog on Zip Editorial

Recognizing that there are problems and adjustments necessary in implementing the Zip Code system, the Post Office Department is diligently working to correct troubles they are having.

This, in substance, is the report of H. M. Byram, Seattle, regional transportation director, and W. E. Whittier, also of Seattle, public relations officer of the department, who, in company with Jim Driscoll, Heppner postmaster, paid a visit to the editor during the week as the result of our recent editorial, "Zip Code System—Help or Hindrance."

They agreed that the problems cited in the editorial were valid but felt that we had made a wrong conjecture in trying to pinpoint the delays encountered in the mails to and from the Heppner area. The trouble is not in the Pendleton sectional center, but, at least for that going west or coming from the west, is attributed to a clog at Portland.

When the rather irate editorial focused strong attention on the matter, Byram sent out 14 test letters within the system covering areas cited in the article. Most of them came through on schedule—being delivered next day from their departure points. But two did not. These were traced, and it was learned that they were delayed in Portland where the post office center is apparently swamped frequently with mail beyond its capacity to handle promptly.

Now, realizing this condition exists, Byram said that the department will seek to bypass Portland from some of the smaller cities surrounding it by a direct pouching system, meaning that the local post offices will make up their own pouches to go directly to the train in and out of Portland without going through the Portland office.

Byram said that he felt that it will not be possible for the Zip Code system to improve mail service much better within a state than it was previously, although it will, and has, speeded service on a nationwide basis and expedited handling mailings of big users.

Aim apparently has been to give overnight service—mailing one day and arriving the next—to all points within a state. This, barring exceptional delays from severe weather conditions or other emergencies, is what the public had become accustomed to prior to Zip Code. The point now is that the department does not want the service to become any less because of the new system, and we were assured that the personnel is ardently working to iron out "bugs" as they may develop.

The two Seattle officials, who apparently made the trip here for the expressed purpose of sifting out these troubles and to seek their correction, gave the assurance that they are very much interested in hearing of any problems that develop and will devote attention to working them out.

Volume of mail is growing tremendously across the country and it will continue to increase rapidly. Zip Code should certainly help the big population areas, but the rural areas don't want to be forgotten. Obvious concern shown by these officials convinces us that they don't expect to neglect us.

The recent editorial brought a good number of phone calls and letters from those who had mail troubles, both from the Heppner area and other points around the state. We trust that steps now being implemented will help the situation. However, we accept on good faith the officials' request to report any further difficulties experienced and, to this end, will welcome reports from the public, as will Postmaster Driscoll.

Meanwhile, having had this courteous and concerned visit from the post office officials, it tends to restore our faith in the department's time-honored tradition, "Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds."

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Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

CLASSIFIED ADS turn up some pretty unusual articles for sale from time to time. This week in this paper Mrs. Don Linnell of Ione is advertising peacocks for sale. It sounds as if an interesting feature article could be developed around this since they are a bit unusual in our territory.

Apparently some peacock eggs were given to the Linnells. With proper incubation they were hatched, and the brilliant birds prospered. Now the Ione family finds it has a few too many pets and they are offering two cocks and a hen for sale.

Mrs. Co-publisher comes up with the remark that perhaps NBC-TV would be interested in acquiring them.

ONE OF THE most interesting stories we recall came out of a classified ad. It was when Mrs. Sadie Heddekopp of the Dallas area came in to the Polk County Itemizer-Observer while we were there and ran an ad on deodorized skunks for sale. A staff member wrote a little story on it, and we followed by going out and getting a feature story for the magazine section of the Sunday Oregonian.

With this publicity, it wasn't long until Mrs. Reddekopp was getting nationwide attention. She was featured in several magazines and national publications.

At a later call at her place, we found that she had her mail chucked in apple boxes. The carrier was bringing about a sack a day for a while. We opened some of her mail at her invitation and most of the letters contained checks for deodorized skunks for pets, and some contained cash.

She only had a few such deodorized skunks, and so she had the monumental task of sending back most of the checks and money submitted. She couldn't begin to catch wild ones and "purify" them fast enough to keep up with the demand.

We won't pursue this peacock business any farther because

we wouldn't want to see the Linnells deluged in a new and unwanted venture.

RON LEONNIG conceived the idea of having a copy of the front page of the 1963 flood edition of the Heppner Gazette reproduced to be given out as souvenirs from the Wagon Wheel. Pictures of the flood, which were collected by Bob Penland for his 1963 souvenir flood edition of the G-T, were printed on the back of this sheet.

We promised Ron we'd have them printed before Christmas and just barely made it, getting the job done about 6:30 p.m. Christmas eve.

Ron apparently had it figured right, for the demand for the souvenirs has really been surprising. Quite a few have come to the G-T office seeking them, but we don't have any. Apparently the Leonnigs have a few left of the one thousand printed, but they may have to have more printed.

We were sorry to learn that Ron had a heart attack Sunday morning and wish him a speedy recovery. A call to his wife just now brings the information that he is showing good progress towards getting on his feet again.

WE NOTE from the television showing of the pro football playoff game Sunday that one of the Punt, Pass and Kick winners not too far from here made it to a national championship. He was a 9-year-old from Bend. The lad was among those presented with a national award between halves at the game. This should give heart to some of our Morrow county boys who participate in the annual contest.

THIS IS the week when, as the saying goes, the sheep will start to be separated from the goats in Greater Oregon league basketball. Heppner goes to Madras Friday night to meet the White Buffaloes, after which the Mustangs go to Burns and John Day next week-end. These will be some tough games. Madras has a good reputation as a strong foe, and John Day is running undefeated at the present time.

We felt at the Enterprise game here Friday night that the Mustangs were really showing themselves as district tournament and state tournament material for the first time. The pieces started going together, and one could read the result in the final score, 75 to 39, against an Enterprise team that is considered a pretty fair ball club.

Coach Bob Clough realizes

Social Club Elects, Discusses Remodeling

By KATHERINE LINDSTROM

IONE—Eastern Star Social club met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Smouse last Wednesday afternoon, with Mrs. Ella Burgoyne as co-hostess.

Election of officers was held, with Mrs. E. R. Schaffer chosen as president. Serving with her will be Mrs. Holmes Gabbert, vice president, and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, secretary-treasurer.

During the business meeting it was decided to see about repairing the plumbing at the Masonic Hall and to remodel the powder room as projects for the year.

Following the meeting delicious refreshments were served the nine members present. The next meeting will be a luncheon at the home of Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom on Wednesday, February 2. All members are urged to be present.

John Rea, a member of Job Corp, entered Good Samaritan hospital in Portland last Tuesday for eye surgery. His mother, Mrs. Clell Rea, accompanied her son, Gerald of Condon to the city to be with John.

Franklin Lindstrom underwent major surgery at Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston last Thursday morning. He is progressing satisfactorily and planned to leave the hospital Tuesday and stay at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ritchie, and family while convalescing.

Rainbow Installation Planned

Linda Rowell was elected worthy advisor of Ione Assembly No. 89, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, at a meeting last Tuesday night. Other girls elected to serve with Linda are Bonnie Akers, associate advisor; Teresa Stefani, charity; Bonnie Morgan, hope; Linda Nichols, faith; Teresa Tucker, secretary, and Sharlene Hamlett, treasurer. These officers and other appointive officers will be installed at ceremonies on Saturday afternoon, January 22 at 1:30 p.m. Mary Nichols, grand choir member, will also be honored following installation. The public is invited to attend. The Rainbow girls will hold initiation at their next meeting on Tuesday, January 18.

Mrs. Edith Nicholson entered Pioneer Memorial hospital on Monday for observation.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dalzell were recent visitors at Albany, where they were guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford and family. They also visited at the home of Mrs. Dalzell's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tress McClintock at Month before returning home.

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fourth degree will be exemplified to several candidates. Officers, who were not installed in December, will be installed at this meeting.

The Willows Grange Home Economics club will meet on Thursday, January 20, at the home of Mrs. James Lindsay with Mrs. M. E. Cutter as co-hostess. Members will bring salads or dessert to the potluck dinner. This will be an all day meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schaffer were Sunday and Monday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorne at Hermiston.

The annual meeting for Valley Lutheran church will be held this Sunday, January 16. For this Sunday only church school classes will be held at 10:00 a.m. and church worship service at 11:00 a.m., followed by a potluck dinner and the meeting. Those officers, which expire now, will be filed and annual reports made.

Mrs. E. C. Heliker and Mrs. A. H. Marick went to Portland last Tuesday to get Mrs. Marick's son, Eddie, who has been in the city consulting a physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Sr., were in Portland on Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. Hulda Alplanaip, who has been very ill. On Monday evening they were notified of her death. Funeral services were pending at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rietmann spent the first of the week in Portland on a business trip.

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Idaho. Mr. Munford brought them as far as Baker on the return trip home.

An organizational meeting and practice for the Ione Ladies Volleyball team will get underway at the gymnasium on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman McIntyre, who live near Manila, Philippines, on a coconut plantation, were Tuesday night guests of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Garry Tullis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Winson and family of Seattle were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Patton of Cecil.

Saturday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schaffer were Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball, Sr., of Heppner.

Mrs. Victor Rietmann drove to Pendleton on Friday to meet her sister, Mrs. Esper Hansen, who has been visiting relatives in Baker during the holidays. Mrs. Hansen will visit here before returning to her home in Portland.

Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Mrs. Omar Rietmann last Thursday evening. After a short business meeting, games were played. Mrs. Adon Hamlett has been elected noble grand for the coming term and she and her officers will be installed at a date to be announced.

Friends here were pleased to hear of the birth of a baby boy to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rea of Condon. Terrell Lee arrived on December 30 at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton weighing 7 lb. 13 oz. He joins a brother and sister at home. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Padberg and Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea of Ione. Great grandparents are Mrs. A. C. Swanson of Ione, Mrs. Don Hough of Heppner, and Mrs. Lana Padberg of Condon.

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Church of the Nazarene Sun., Jan. 16, 7:30 p.m. "City of Bees" by Ministerial Association No admission Everyone Welcome.

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Of Public Hearing

On Proposed

Morrow County

Zoning Ordinance

Monday, January 17

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BOARDMAN, OREGON

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