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Welcome Portlanders!

When the big school bus brings a load of Portland eighth grade pupils here Friday, some of the youngsters it carries will get their first glimpse of our picturesque Morrow county. It may be, too, that this will be the first time that some see a real wheat or cattle ranch.

They will find that ranch life is not as glamorous in some respects as they have read in books, but, at the same time, they will find a new fascination as they glimpse this rural life. They will be guests on some ranches where the nearest neighbor is miles away, instead of a few feet as it is in Portland residential areas.

This visit by the Portlanders is one of the delightful highlights of the year in Morrow county. During the past two years, it has been apparent that there is no city kid-country kid aloofness or antagonism when host meets visitor. Instead, there is a mutual respect and admiration. Some fine friendships have developed from these past tours, and more will develop as a result of this one.

It is a real pleasure to have the youngsters visiting here, and the welcome that is extended is a warm and genuine one.

The committee has worked out a new route this year to take the visitors to different ranches from those of the first two tours, and so even those on the committee will find this new and interesting.

This should be one of the fine experiences in the lives of the young Portlanders. Every detail is being considered to make this true, and everyone hopes that the three-day visit will be thoroughly enjoyable, exciting and educational for those who come from the city.

Success Story

Dedication of the plant of the Marlette Coach Co., manufacturers of mobile homes, in Hermiston last week culminated a real success story for the neighboring city.

Business and civic leaders there sought the plant, "sold" their city as a desirable location for it, and now Marlette in Hermiston is a reality.

It strikes us that this is a particularly fine type of industry to have in a community. There are no smokestacks connected with a house trailer industry. There are no disagreeable odors, no noxious fumes, no air pollution, and no hazards.

It is a clean industry, and a creative one. The product is one which has a pleasant connotation. One thinks of traveling, living in comfort, and of pleasant hours in one of the handy, compact mobile homes.

This industry brings employment for skilled craftsmen, thus offering payroll for substantial people—the type who should make good neighbors in a small community. It means a better economy for Hermiston and to some extent for the eastern Oregon area.

Other cities might be just a little envious of Hermiston acquiring the Marlette factory, but Hermiston deserves it. They took the steps necessary to win favor of the company, coordinated their community efforts, and for their efforts were rewarded with success.

It is much the same story as was the one in McMinnville some years ago where a development corporation was formed and community leaders set about to do the things they needed to do to attract industry. They were aggressive about it, and they got the industry. Like Hermiston, one of the plants was a house trailer factory that furnished an initial payroll for 110 men.

We're particularly happy for Hermiston because their Chamber of Commerce has had such a broad vision for the area. They have boosted Morrow county on its venture in the past. They were on hand to back the Willow Creek project when the hearing was held here, and they gave funds to help local promotional efforts. You'll notice that they have a float every year in our rodeo parade.

This achievement in Hermiston has caused other eastern Oregon cities to sit up and take notice. It is a good example of what an alert group of leaders can do if they really want more payroll enough to work for it.

County School Calendar

MONDAY, May 2

Election of Morrow County School Dist. R-1 Directors
All School Buildings and Rhea Creek Grange Hall from 2:00 to 8:00

Election of Advisory Committee Members
Election of Blue Mtn. Community College Directors
Election of Blue Mtn. Community College Budget
Ione Advisory Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, May 3

Irrigon Advisory Committee at A. C. Houghton
Baseball: Stanfield at Riverside High
Umatilla at Ione

WEDNESDAY, May 4

Heppner Junior-Senior Banquet
Baseball: Blue Mtn. Community College at Heppner High

THURSDAY, May 5

B League Meeting at Weston

FRIDAY, May 6

Track: Heppner High to Eastern Oregon College—1:00
A. C. Houghton at Arlington
Baseball: Riverside High at Umatilla
Mrs. Hoskin's Special Education Class to Salem

SATURDAY, May 7

Speech Clinic for Morrow County Schools
Special Education Field Trip Continues
Baseball: Grant Union at Heppner—11:00
Arlington Elem. at Heppner

MONDAY, May 9

Ione Girls' League Tea—2:30 to 3:30
Elementary Administrators and Coaches Meet at Boardman
I. E. D. Meeting at Salem for Mr. Potter

TO THE EDITOR...

Berl Akers Jr. Writes of Work With Oglala Sioux

Berl Akers, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers, Sr., of Ione, has written of his work in the VISTA program with the Oglala Sioux Indians in South Dakota.

The letter explains some of the problems and conditions which he feels will be of interest in understanding what is being undertaken by VISTA. The letter follows:

Mr. Sherman: As my time in VISTA has expired and I start my job as a supervisor-counselor for the Oglala Sioux Tribe Neighborhood Youth Corps program, I would like to pass on to the people at home, some of my views as a worker among and with the Indian people.

First let me say that in the last year I have seen probably the worst poverty west of the Mississippi, if not in the United States.

I have seen people more discriminated against than any negro has ever been or ever will be. The question that comes to peoples minds, when we tell them this, is "Why do they put up with it?" The main reason is that the Indian people have been pushed around for so long that they have formed a passive attitude toward everything.

The worst bit of propaganda any American can believe is the statement that the Indians are "wards of the Government" because they are not. There is only about 40 percent of the Indian people here on any kind of welfare. This means that another 40 percent make under \$2,000 a year, mainly lease income. The other 20 percent are employed by the B.I.A.

The main problem we have here is the lack of jobs. As we all know the lack of jobs means idle hands. When there is nothing to do to keep the hands and minds busy they seek recreation. There is not much in the line of recreation here on the reservation. Then what happens is the people hang around the bars. We all know what happens from here.

A few of us here have our views on why Indians have such a problem holding their alcohol. In the days before it became legal for Indians to buy alcoholic beverages, the Indian had to sneak drinks. It very often happens that they would buy a bottle and drink it all down right away. We feel that this has a bearing on the way they are. We also believe that there is no such thing as an Indian alcoholic as we know it.

The problem I'm now working with is the problem of the dropout. The dropout here is quite a problem because 45-50 percent of the students drop out of school. The most of them drop out when in the eighth or ninth grade. I've found that most of them drop out because the teachers aren't able to reach the students. This makes the student look elsewhere for excitement.

They give all kinds of excuses for dropping out of school. I have heard such excuses as I dropped out of school because I didn't have enough clothes or I went home to help my folks. None of them really tell the reason.

I have never heard one say school work bored me and I never will need an education. As you probably know the B.I.A. has boarding schools. We have one here that covers the reservation plus one Catholic Mission school.

So you see this gives us two high schools to cover three counties, each being about the size of Morrow county or a little larger.

There are eight elementary schools located in the major communities on the reservation. I think that everybody can see the education problem we have here in Pine Ridge. The state of South Dakota isn't very far ahead of the government in its educational program.

Another reason for the dropout is the lack of parental supervision. I come by this by observing some parents and children. I have seen the youth come up to the parent and say, "I'm going to do this and I'm going to do that."

The parent will look at the child and say, "Sure, that's all right," or "Do you want us to come after you," or "Here is some money, you sure that's enough?"

This may be a child staying all night with someone else and he may not return home for a week or more.

This starts as soon as a child is about five or six and goes on all the while he is going to school.

This leads to lack of parental supervision and thus the child never really goes through a life of growing up. From this we go to this child to his children and find out that he never learned anything from his parents so he won't be able to know how to raise his own children.

Most of the Indian people don't believe in making their children follow their orders or make them get permission to do things. The children generally tell the parents what to do. When the parents tell the children to do something that seems like a child should do, the child throws a fit so the parent

gives in and lets him do whatever he wanted to.

I read your paper every week. I really enjoy reading about the goings on back home.

I am now married and working for the O.S.T. Neighborhood Youth Corps. My wife, our boy and I plan on coming back home during the first two weeks in June.

Yours truly,
Berl Akers, Jr.

Dog Story

To The Editor:

We read in the paper every once in a while about someone poisoning dogs. Then we read in the paper about how much trouble we will get in if we are caught. I don't believe in poisoning dogs but I do think there should be something done about them. If a person wants a dog I think they should be kept on a leash or in a pen.

I wonder if people realize just how much damage their dogs cause because they don't take care of them. The town dogs kill different animals, chase our horses that we try to keep in pastures, scatter garbage all over town. And nothing makes me any angrier than to go out and see a big hole some dog has dug in my yard.

The town people give our kids a bad time because they are all the time tearing up something. But which really does the most harm? The kids or the loose dogs!

Grace Steers (Editor's Note: This is the letter mentioned in last week's "Chaff and Chatter" which was signed "Unhappy Reader." We print it this week because Mrs. Steers came in and signed it.)

Likes Cleanup

To The Editor:

As I look about the town today I see cleanup progressing very well. The town and school is to be commended for its work in this regard. Its what a community should do. I believe that we should always take pride in where we live. Lexington needs to do the same thing. People who do not live in Lexington but own property there should have enough regard for their former place of residence to keep their vacant lots clean. Not only weeds and grass but papers as well as junk give the town a bad appearance.

Earl L. Soward, Lexington

Weather Clears For Fish Opening

By BLANCHE McDANIEL

HARDMAN, RHEA CREEK — After the snowstorm of last Wednesday, the people here thought it a real treat to have nice weather for the first week-end of fishing.

From all reports, the fishing has been good, and according to Huston Lesley it's been good for rattlesnakes, too. He shot one Saturday while fishing on lower Rock Creek.

A cougar was seen near Hardman last Tuesday evening. While Mr. and Mrs. Huston Lesley were on their way to the Golden Age meeting in Heppner that night, they saw this cougar standing above the road near the foot of the Hardman grade. They thought it looked to be about half grown.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hopkins of Boring spent three days last week at the Tom Huston home. They did some rock hunting at Opal Butte while here. Tommy Rawlins from Eightmile was a Friday night guest and one of the early fishermen Saturday. Spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Huston were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barlow of Eightmile.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crewdson and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ball were among those attending the grand opening of the Marlette Coach Co. plant on Saturday. The Ball's drove on into Pendleton and spent the night.

Mrs. Harold Wright spent most of last week at Monument staying with her mother, Mrs. Wave Jackson who has been ill. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer from Ione were dinner guests at the Harold Wright home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Blokland spent the week-end in Portland visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stream.

The Arbagosts from near Condon trailed two bands of sheep through Hardman Friday and Saturday on their way to the high mountains near Dale. Gene Hall entered Pendleton Community hospital on Monday to be put into traction for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens and family drove to Pendleton last Wednesday and stayed overnight with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brinda.

Miss Nonda Clark returned home from Eugene Sunday night after being there since Thursday while attending a speech festival.

Wayne Wall and Verne Lund of Salem spent the week-end at the Barton Clark home doing some fishing.

Friday dinner guests of the Darold Hams family were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Snyder and family, formerly of Tennessee, and now of Heppner. She is a niece of Mrs. Hams. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDonald called later in the evening.

Miss Alta Stevens spent Sunday in Heppner visiting with Mrs. Ima McDaniel and Mrs. Bud Marshall and family. Mr. and Mrs. Darold Hams and

Lexington Grange To Aid in Tour, Sells Cook Books

By DELPHA JONES

LEXINGTON—The Lexington Grange Home Economics club held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence McMillan last Thursday, with Mrs. C. C. Jones presiding. It was announced that the Eighth Grade Tour group would have lunch at the Lexington Grange Hall on Saturday, April 30, and Mrs. Norman Nelson was appointed chairman for making the arrangements.

A supply of cook books featuring Western recipes has arrived for sale by members of the HEC. They are at the home of Mrs. Fred Nelson and orders are now being taken for them.

Plans were discussed for Pomona Grange on Saturday and for the birthday meeting of the Lexington Grange on May 14. It was announced that besides a history of the Grange and a musical program, there will be a guest speaker, Russell Dorran, assistant manager of Umatilla County Cooperative. He will speak on how the community promoted the Marlett Trailer Company's coming to Hermiston.

Refreshments were served to Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Jr., Mrs. Ola Ruggles, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Sr., Mrs. Nora Turner, Mrs. Ola Burgoyne, Mrs. Ed Hunt, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mrs. A. F. Maleske, Mrs. Bertha Hunt, Mrs. Joe Yocum, Mrs. Martha Van Schoick, and the hostess, Mrs. McMillan.

The next meeting was scheduled for the home of Mrs. Nora Turner in Heppner.

Charles Colley has returned home after a stay in the Community Hospital in Pendleton where he underwent surgery.

Frank Robinson is a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital where he is receiving medical attention.

An afternoon of games and a three o'clock luncheon was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Joel Engleman in Ione on Wednesday of last week when a committee of ladies of Holly Rebekah Lodge entertained a winning committee of ladies. Those present for the afternoon were Mrs. Alonzo Henderson, Mrs. Joe Yocum, Mrs. Orla Padberg, Mrs. Charlie Padberg, Mrs. Al Fetsch, Mrs. A. F. Maleske, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Gene Cole, Mrs. C. C. Jones, Mrs. Ed Hunt and the hostess, Mrs. Engleman.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutforth have been attending to business in Salem this week. Mrs. Natalie Rauch stayed with the children while they were away.

Kenneth Jones spent the week-end in Portland with his sister, Charles Jones.

Mrs. Wm. J. VanWinkle spent the past week in Mt. Vernon to be near her father who is critically ill in the hospital in John Day. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Edwards were called there on Saturday.

VISTA Volunteer Leaves
Miss Leora VanWinkle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. VanWinkle, left Tuesday by plane from Pendleton for Fairbanks, Alaska, where she will start a four week volunteer service in the VISTA program. She will fly to Seattle where she will have a short stop-over and then on to Fairbanks. Leora has been attending Blue Mountain College in Pendleton this last winter. She was a member of the class of '65 in Heppner High school. She was taken to Pendleton by her parents.

Notice of the death of Dr. Charles Hurley, brother of Mrs. Harold S. Huber, has been received. Dr. Hurley was killed in a car accident near Crescent City, California. Graveside services were held in Hermiston on Thursday, following services in Crescent City on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Steagall and family have been recent visitors in The Dalles.

Newt O'Harra was a Pendleton business caller on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lola Breeding returned home Sunday from Idaho where she has been visiting her son Paul. On Monday she and Mrs. Emma Breshers motored to The Dalles. Mrs. Breshers will visit a daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Richelderfer, and Mrs. Breeding at the Richard Catlin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall were The Dalles visitors Sunday.

The Amicitia Club met at the home of Mrs. Roger Campbell last Wednesday evening. Those present were Mrs. O. W. Cutforth, Mrs. Roy Martin, Mrs. Gene Cole, Mrs. Bob Lovgren, Mrs. Al Fetsch, Mrs. Eldon Padberg, Mrs. Bob Davidson and the hostess, Mrs. Campbell. Prizes were won by Mrs. Padberg, high; Mrs. Gene Cole, second high, and Mrs. Bob Davidson, traveling.

Mrs. Mabel Davidson who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital for several months is staying at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson.

Mrs. John Flint of Portland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davidson, was one of a group of four who spoke at the Ione High school Thursday on the topic "The Great Society." The group has had two previous speaking engagements, last Thursday at the Arlington High school and to a men's group in Arlington. Mrs. Davidson met her daughter at Ione for a short visit before they returned to Portland.

Jimmy were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis McDonald in Heppner.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

NOBODY LOVES the wind as much as Herman Green. It gives him such great pleasure when he loads his garbage disposal truck with all kinds of paper and trash, and the brisk breeze scatters it all over creation.

His stock and ironic answer to the friendly "How are you?" that he received on his rounds early this week was, "The wind can't blow when it's raining so hard."

But the big blow seemed to be over—at least for a time—by Wednesday.

We figured this came about because Gene Winters, 8th grade tour director, was considering appointing a tour committee member to be in charge of Wind and Dust Storm Abatement for Friday through Sunday.

While ranchers have their tongues hanging out because of the lack of moisture, Newt O'Harra comes back in with this sage comment: "Morrow county never gets rain when we want it—just when we have to have it."

LINDSAY KINCAID, chairman of the Portland 8th grade tour here, isn't going to be on hand when the kids arrive Friday. Despite his best resolution, he firmly declared he would be out of his hospital bed to greet the kids despite the nasty accident that he suffered to his leg recently.

Apparently a skin graft to the leg didn't come along as good as had been hoped and Lindsay is going to have to stay in bed for a while longer.

Those who take the tour will be thinking of him just the same and will recognize that his planning is helping to make the event a success even though he can't be along.

THIS IS CLEANUP week in Heppner, and students from the high school will be scouring the city for debris Friday afternoon. Tim Tullis, student body president, says that the students will pick up any trash that folks around town see fit to leave on the sidewalks and curbs.

It happens to blow as hard as it did Monday and Tuesday, the kids would have to get on bicycles to catch up with the blowing papers.

Meanwhile, over at Murray Rexall Drug, it appears as if Lynn Pearson is really taking this Clean-up, Fix-up week seriously. He tore the floor out of the back end of the corner section of the store and was ripping out the joists the last we saw Tuesday. Rot had developed in this old lumber and the versatile pharmacist-carpenter-photographer-cabinet-maker was taking steps to correct the

Pine City 4-H Club To Visit Feedlots

Fifth meeting of the Pine City Riders and the Animal Tamers 4-H club was held at 7:30 p.m. April 12 at the home of George Luciani. Joan Healy led in the flag salute and Susan Healy led the 4-H pledge. Melvin Ashbeck, Patti Healy and Sheila Luciani were found eligible to go to 4-H Summer School.

Charles Daly announced we could go to Gohn's Feedlot on April 30 at 10:00 a.m. Every one is to bring a sack lunch. We think it will be interesting. Mrs. George Luciani served refreshments. Mrs. Jerry Myers was a visitor.

Jeanne Daly, reporter

With the earth revealed below we thought he might find a gold mine of old-fashioned patent remedy bottles which are quite valuable today for collectors, but someone else had gotten under the store and scavenged them previously.

WHEN Mrs. Ed (Rachel) Dick became regional vice president of the Parent-Teacher association and was installed last week in Klamath Falls by the national president, she achieved an honor that her mother, Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, had received before her.

Mrs. Forsythe was regional vice president of the Southern Oregon region when the family lived in Ashland. The mother worked in PTA here, too, at a later time. The Forsythes now live in Ryderwood, Wn. Coincidentally, Mrs. A. B. Clough of Arlington, mother of Coach Bob Clough, was also a regional vice president of the PTA at one time. She was active in the organization at Arlington.

WE'RE SITTING here watching Tommy Howell prance around like a kid in his Economy Market, while just down the street John Pfeiffer is testing some of his Western Auto lawn mowers. The flies are merrily streaming in the open G.T. door. We're going to have to put up that screen door one of these days. Yep, spring is here.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Coming Events

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
Final Little League team try-outs Saturday, April 30
Little League field, 1:00 p.m.

PORTLAND 8th GRADE TOUR
Welcome Portlanders to Morrow County
Friday, Saturday, April 29, 30

POMONA GRANGE
Saturday, April 30
Willows Grange Hall
All day meeting
Visit of State Master.

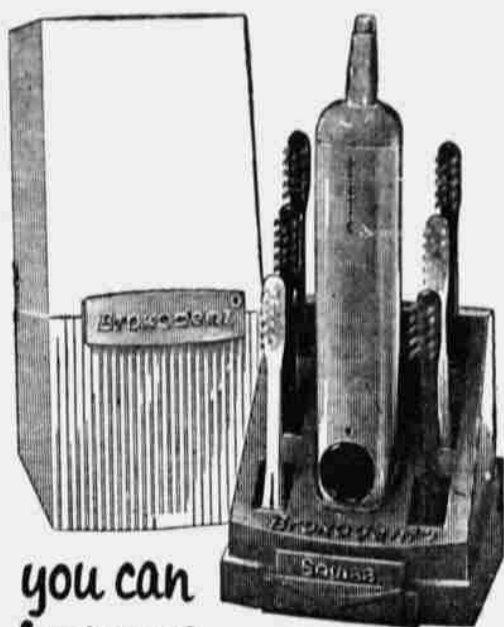
SCHOOL ELECTION
Election of District R-1 Board Members and Advisory Board
Tuesday, May 2
Regular Poling Places, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m.

RUMMAGE SALE
By Heppner Civic League
Friday, Saturday, April 29, 30

Old Tryco Building
Lots of bargains
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