

Green Gives Talk On How Rifles Forged History

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...of the Cumberland. In later years a Hawkins-type rifle was developed with a shorter barrel to use on horseback. It was used in hunting buffalo and grizzly bear. As a sidelight, Green explained that the Lewis and Clark expedition discovered a grizzly bear.

"In 1810 it wasn't known, and by 1810 it was extinct," he said. The grizzly was required a larger caliber rifle to bring him down, and a .45 caliber was developed instead of the .36 or .37 caliber.

Armies and armorsers soon took notice of the twist-barreled rifles and soon the smooth bore barrel was out, Green said.

Springfield Appears
With the Civil War came the Springfield musket which used a .58 caliber slug. Its effective range was about 200 yards. The Harpers Ferry .54 caliber rifle was shorter than the Springfield musket. A rifle was characterized by two metal bands along the barrel while the musket had three.

During the Civil War, the Confederate States of America entered into contracts with Austria for muskets made in that country, and these .54 caliber weapons were known as "contract" muskets.

Green also displayed one of these "contract" muskets.

Another evolution brought the Star breech-loading percussion rifle which appeared about the end of the Civil War, although not too many of them were used.

The trapdoor Springfield, a cartridge-type gun followed, and it was very fast to load.

Green showed a muzzle loading shotgun, which is still used for bird hunting.

"It puts out enough blue smoke to put other hunters to a disadvantage," he said.

Gun Laws Opposed
At the conclusion of his talk, the Heppner man said that Americans should watch carefully any attempts made to pass gun legislation. Any such legislation that would require registration of guns is "the beginning of the end," he said.

The right to bear arms is guaranteed by the constitution, but the Dodd bill, which now apparently is dead in committee, challenges that right, Green declared. He applauded Senator Magnuson of Washington for refusing to support anti-gun legislation out of emotion or hysteria following the assassination of President Kennedy.

The old time rifles and muskets were made by skilled gunsmiths who learned their trade as apprentices.

"Rifling was the hardest part to master," Green said.

Work of these old-time gunsmiths brings admiration in view of their handicap from lack of tools that we know as modern, but they get special appreciation from men such as Green, Bryant and Barnett who make their hobby of studying about rifles.

City Has Problems In Filling Shoes Of Retiring Chief

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water supply at the time of a fire that demands attention.

Community Responsibility
Councilmen expressed the feeling that the community at large has a responsibility of sharing in supporting the fire department and making some small sacrifices in helping furnish fire protection for all. Businesses can help by encouraging workmen to join the department and allowing them time off to answer fire calls.

Councilman McLeod pointed out that some former members of the department, no longer active because of the press of their work or other reasons, are good about turning out in emergencies.

"They always seem to sense when we are short-handed," he said.

After considerable discussion, the problem was left unsolved with the hope that something will happen to create a better situation by January 1.

The fire chief draws a token salary at \$50 per month, and the volunteers' only reimbursement is \$7.50 each for each fire call they answer.

Any with constructive suggestions or any wishing to apply for membership are asked to contact McLeod.

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McLean Writes From Forest Post

Chuck McLean, former fire control officer on the Heppner Ranger district of the Umatilla National Forest and now stationed at Elk City, Idaho, has written a letter that will be of interest to his friends here.

"I'm not much of a letter writer, so I can keep up with many friends in the Heppner area by reading your paper," he says. "I now receive the paper on Thursday and was quite surprised at its early arrival."

"I hear from Larry (Muessig) every week. He is about finished with boot training in the Marine Corps at San Diego. He writes in his letter today he had just qualified as an expert rifleman and has finished 11th out of 330 men in his final physical training program. From what he tells me, he will go into some type of advanced training, then expects to be assigned to Vietnam. He probably will not be granted leave."

"Winter is now upon us here. We have had as much as six inches of snow, although the past few days it has been raining and the ground is now about bare. It could snow tonight with the present temperature as low as it is. We have winter here from the middle of December (snow all the time) until about the first of May."

"Our fire season was the most severe I've put in with the Forest Service. No days off until October 15th, which makes a long stretch."

IONE NEWS
IONE—Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Krebs of Cecil spent Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Portland attending the State Woolgrowers Convention. Their children were cared for by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Krebs of Arlington.

Mrs. E. E. Schaffer left on Friday for Kittitat, Wn., where she will stay with her three grand children, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, are attending a Farm Bureau Convention in Las Vegas.

The third Sunday in Advent will be observed at the United Church of Christ with the candle lighting being done by the third and fourth grade church school class. The following Sunday, December 18, the high school class will participate in this observance. At 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 18 the primary department will present a Christmas program followed by a light supper in the social rooms after which caroling around town will be enjoyed by any who wish to go.

No church school classes will be held on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Families are invited to worship together at the 11:00 a.m. service.

The children of all the church school classes have taken as their Christmas project this year the collection of toys for children in an orphanage in Vietnam. The orphanage is near the area in which Michael Bengue works. Those toys suggested as popular with the children are harmonicas, small unbreakable dolls, match box toys (excluding war toys), color books and crayons, and pencils and erasers. The gifts may be brought to the church on or before Dec. 18. Adults may participate in the program by providing money donations for postage.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom Jr. spent the weekend in Portland. On Friday they attended the wedding of Mr. Ekstrom's niece, Carol Jean Alpland at Beaverton.

Downtown Fire Hits Hermiston Stores
Fire in downtown Hermiston early Monday morning resulted in heavy damage to the Moore and Ripley Drug Co. and also did considerable damage to the Pacific Power and Light Company business office.

Glenn Ripley, one of the owners of the drug store, is a cousin of Opal Briggs of Heppner. The Pheasant Cafe and Hermiston Hotel were also threatened but were saved by quick action of the fire department.

The drug store will open prescription service in another location and the power company office has set up temporary quarters in the Hermiston office of the East Oregonian.

Mrs. Norah Rasmus had a pleasant surprise recently when her nephew, John Cecil, and Mrs. Cecil of Walla Walla came for a visit. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mabel Cecil, sister-in-law of Mrs. Rasmus. The three spent the day visiting with Mrs. Rasmus and enjoying dinner with her.

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Shower Honors Mother, New Son

By MARY LEE MARLOW

(Held over from last week)
BOARDMAN—Mrs. Phil LaCombe and small son Stacy Allen were honored with a shower last week at the Greenfield Grange hall. There were 24 present.

Out of town guests included the honoree's mother, Mrs. Alan Edwards of Jerome, Idaho, and Mrs. Ivan Kress of La Grande.

The committee in charge was Shirley Earwood, Mrs. LaVern Partlow, Mrs. Wayne Kuhn, Mrs. Roy Ball, Mrs. Glen Carpenter, Mrs. Frank Marlow, Mrs. Arthur Allen, Mrs. Zoe Billings, Mrs. Roy Partlow, Mrs. Harold Baker and Mrs. Russell Miller.

In games played prizes were won by Mrs. Dante Dalfoso, Mrs. George Neeley and Mrs. Bill Bates.

Mrs. LaCombe was assisted in opening her gifts by her mother, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. Ron Daniels.

Mrs. Rollin Bishop was hostess for the Boardman Garden Club at her home last week. Roll call was answered by giving plans for Thanksgiving. Gifts were brought to be sent to the State Hospital in Pendleton.

Mrs. Leo Root reported that a litter barrel had been obtained to put some where in town.

Mrs. Arthur Allen reported that the community auction sale being sponsored by Greenfield Grange has been set tentatively for December 17.

In a game played prizes were won by Mrs. Glen Carpenter and Mrs. Frank Marlow. Mrs. Allen received the door prize.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas party with exchange of gifts at the home of Mrs. Russell Miller December 19. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Root, Mrs. Zearl Gillespie and Mrs. Ralph Earwood.

Holiday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely included their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Marc McGowan of Monmouth, Mr. and Mrs. Newell Vaughn and daughters Gail and Kelly of Wiltsram, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lilly and children Jimmie, Janet, Jay, Jerry and Joyce of La Grande. Other recent visitors at the Ely home were Mrs. Ely's brother-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. John Samuel of Cottage Grove, and Mrs. Dean Ekleberry of Wasco, and her niece, Mrs. Zeke Madden and children Laura and Jay of Madras.

Mrs. Leo Root spent the holidays in Wasco at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Root.

Mrs. Zoe Billings went to Salem last week to spend the holidays at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Parker.

Mrs. Russell Miller and Mrs. Effie Miller went to Sacramento, Calif. last week by plane to visit ten days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Harding.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Wilkie and children Barbara and David of Mattawa, Wash. were week-end visitors at the home of Mrs. Wilkie's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie. They had with them Wilkie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilkie of Spencer, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Potts spent the holidays in La Grande at the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Houston. Mrs. Glen Carpenter accompanied them and visited her sisters, Mrs. Esther Emmons and Eva LaChance.

Thanksgiving visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rash were their sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Getz of Hood River, and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Panages and children Michelle and Shawn of Hermiston, and the Rev. and Mrs. George Neeley and children Rocky, Ivy June and Nathan.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zivney of Portland, former residents here, visited Sunday at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rash.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball went to Lexington Sunday to visit Mrs. Ball's niece and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Marquardt.

Mrs. Frank Marlow spent Thanksgiving with her brother-in-law and sisters, Mr. and Mrs. Lufe Smith, and Mrs. Clarence Thomas. She then went Friday to Walla Walla, Wash. to visit her aunts, Mrs. Ernest Zerba and Mrs. A. C. Knudson, over the week-end.

Drivers are cautioned by the Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles to remember that wet ice near freezing is twice as slippery as it is at zero.

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EDWIN A. JAENKE, associate administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service in Washington, D. C., will be the keynote speaker for the Oregon Wheat Growers League convention, December 12, 13 and 14, at the Sheraton Hotel in Portland. In his present capacity he helps direct the administration on farm action programs of the U. S. D. A. which includes wheat and feed grain programs, farm storage loans, price supports as well as emergency programs.



W. L. BARBER, manager of merchandising for Allis Chalmers, Milwaukee, Wis., will be the featured speaker at noon, Tuesday, December 13, during the Oregon Wheat Growers League convention. His topic will be "Public Relations is Your Problem."

Myrtle Bennett Dies in Condon

Myrtle Scrivner Bennett, a life-long resident of Gilliam county, who had many friends and relatives in Heppner, and Morrow county, died at her home in Condon, Thursday, November 24. She was 76 years old.

She was born Myrtle Scrivner at Gooseberry on March 25, 1890, the daughter of John W. and Ollie Chance Scrivner. On November 23, 1913, she was married to Frank E. Bennett and the couple moved into their home in Condon. For many years Mr. Bennett was Gilliam county sheriff.

Besides the widower, the survivors are two sons, Raymond Bennett, Bend, and Harold Bennett, Seaside; a half-sister, Mrs. Norma Oylear, Pendleton; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. She was a sister of the late Lee B. Scrivner, Heppner.

Mrs. Bennett was a member of the Order of Eastern Star for over 50 years and a member of the United Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 26, at the United Church of Christ in Condon.

The Traffic Safety Division of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles urges motorists to winterize their cars for safety, comfort, convenience and savings. A tune-up and safety-check in advance of the winter season can avoid later delays, inconvenience and accidents.

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Window Scenes Feature Music Program Tuesday

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In the book nook of Murrays Curries Drug window, Mrs. Marian Easton will direct a Mother Goose book that comes to life with her second grade characters stepping from the book.

The window of Case Cardboard Furniture will be the setting for Mrs. Anita Stockard's second graders' "Two Little Angels" from the scene in the bedroom of the furniture display.

The second grade room of Mrs. Lucile Peck will have charge of the Christmas tree which decorates one end of the "street." It will be there that a "Christmas tree box comes to life."

Students of the third grades will appear in the window of Western Auto Store where skis and ice skates will be for sale. Mrs. Mildred Hanna and Mrs. Velda Bechtoldt direct the "Skaters' Waltz," as they emerge from this window.

Fourth graders will join for a "Sleigh Ride" down main street, complete with sleigh, riders and ponies, and will join together for a street dance to the "Jingle Bell Rock." Mrs. Lovina Jones, Mrs. Jessie Morris and Mrs. Juanita Carmichael direct this part of the program.

Fifth grade students close the program on a serious note, presenting a "hospitality tableau" in the furniture store window. The "family" then goes to church for a service of Christmas carols singing. Teachers helping with these scenes are Miss Susan Thompson, Miss Marguerite Glavey and Mrs. Frances Williams.

The upper and lower grade music students alternately present the Christmas programs, and are always well received by a capacity audience. They have become well known for their originality and the enthusiasm shown in their presentation.

Kinzua Club Meets
The first meeting of the Kinzua 4-H knitting club was held last Thursday at the home of their leader, Mrs. Raymond Reid. The membership consists of ten members from beginners to fourth year knitters. Officers elected were president, Debbi Mathias, Theresa Hyatt as vice-president, Sara Bowman as secretary, Judy Hubbell as reporter and Linda Browning as song leader. December 8 will be the next meeting and then they will not meet again until after the holidays.

By Judy Hubbell, reporter

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Portland Couple Greets New Son

By VIRGINIA KELSO

KINZUA—Word has been received of the birth of a son on Saturday, December 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller of Portland. The baby weighed 9 lb., 3 1/2 oz. and has been named Todd Charles. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Benson of Kinzua and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Miller of Fossil. Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. C. Y. Stephens of Weiser, Idaho.

Bruce Kandle, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Kandle, is in The Dalles General hospital receiving treatment for severe burns received last week when gasoline spilled on his clothing became ignited.

Mrs. Clarence Benson, Mrs. Arden Tripp, Mrs. Jack Ball, and Mrs. C. L. Flack were business visitors to The Dalles last Tuesday.

Visiting Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Barze were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Oyler and Jack Rector of Prineville.

Mrs. Betty Shell who has been working in Dayville visited here the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sweet and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitten of Foster were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kelso.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Woods and son Max spent the week-end in Salem visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Logan and family and getting acquainted with the Logan twins.

C. L. Flack returned home Saturday from Portland where he had been since Wednesday having medical care. He and Mrs. Flack returned to Portland Sunday and he will have further medical attention.

The annual Christmas program for the Kinzua Community church is scheduled for Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock were in Condon last Monday where Mr. Murdock had medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan and son Timmy were in Heppner where Mr. Jordan and Timmy had medical care.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Medlock of Spray visited Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Rusty Medlock, and son of Heppner were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Murdock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Norris were in Prineville Saturday to visit with Mrs. Lulu Norris and family. While there both Earl and Carol had medical and dental care.

Frank Ferrel went to Portland Friday to bring home Mrs. Ferrel who had been released Wednesday from the Portland Osteopathic hospital. They also visited with the Burton Nelson family.

The Busy Bee Bakers 4-H club had their meeting recently with their leader, Mrs. Doyal Hubbell. The office of vice-president was vacated and Nancy Benson was appointed to fill the office. Nina and Jo Rickert demonstrated the making of baking powder biscuits and at the next meeting Theresa Hyatt and Nancy Benson will bake a cake. By Nancy Benson, reporter