

Overnight Ride Packed with Fun For Wranglers

The annual overnight Wrangler Ride was held the past week-end, June 24 and 25, with over 100 participating in the fun-filled event.

There were 59 riders who rode in from Cutsforth Park on Saturday afternoon, arriving at Winchester's cabin for a fine outdoor supper served by the camp cooks for the occasion, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McTimpeny.

The woods were found ideal for a ride and eye-catching scenery from on top of Old Baldy, across Kelly Prairie and along the many other paths in the woods were greatly enjoyed. Trail bosses were Harold Erwin, Bob Steagall and Lois Winchester.

Cowboys and cowgirls enjoyed lots of rodeo entertainment on the Sunday morning ride, including one easy lesson in breaking horses, how to jump logs with no bridle while riding on the horses neck, and how to assist log jumpers back into the saddle. There were horseshoe players, singing around the camp fire, evening rides, and even mushroom picking which ended in a good supply for the pickers, as well as in a number of bruises. Pinochle and bridge were also enjoyed in the cool evening.

The Wranglers had as their guests Queen Verina French of the Morrow County Rodeo Court and her princesses, Berniece Matthews, Maureen Doherty, Rubyanne Fullerton and Chaperone Dimple Munkers.

State Forester Lauds Legislation Revising Fire Code

When Governor Tom McCall signed House Bill 1186 this week, one of the most far-reaching pieces of forestry legislation in Oregon's history went into the books, in the opinion of State Forester J. E. Schroeder. Involved was a substantive revision of the entire forest fire protection code.

Citing some of the enactment's features, Schroeder says it increases the state forester's authority in the matter of cooperative agreements for the prevention and suppression of fire. This will intensify protection, he says.

Formerly an owner had the control responsibility regardless of who started the fire. Now forest landowners will be afforded a measure of relief from liability for fires caused by the general public. In such case an owner may apply for waivers, if he has provided certain special protection measures. This provision does not let owners off the hook for fires they themselves cause, however.

Schroeder points out that the preponderance of man-caused forest fires are started by the general public, including hunters, anglers, picnickers, debris burners, to name some. This legislation recognizes that fact and establishes the concept that it is in the interest of the state of Oregon to make funds available for suppression of public-caused blazes. As matters stand, Oregon's general fund picks up the tab for about 15% of protection costs in the state-association protection system.

Another advantage emerging from the revision is that it rids the code of needless detail. Instead, the way is clear to cover numerous minor points by regulation.

Schroeder says that this revision was a long, complicated process, with about a year and a half consumed in studying and preparing the various drafts. Then it was introduced in the legislature in late January and underwent still more study. So it was the product of team effort, he says. The Oregon Law Improvement Committee, the Board of Forestry, Oregon Forest Protection Association, private industry, and the State Forestry Department lent a willing hand in the vast overhaul of forest law.

The measure goes into effect in 1968.

Fire Controlled

Dr. A. D. McMurdo said that he took advantage of a calm day Sunday to set some cheat grass on fire on his place in Clark's Canyon, but after it was ignited, a stiff wind came up and it swiftly spread, running into a wheat field on property owned by Allen Tom of The Dalles. Dr. McMurdo said that he worked until 1 a.m. Monday to control the fire and to see that all embers were out. Damage in the wheat field was light, he said, but he telephoned Tom to advise him of the incident. Dr. McMurdo did not call for assistance in controlling the blaze.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Winter over Sunday and Monday were Mr. and Mrs. David Salisbury and three sons of Salem. Salisbury and Winter were high school friends and the families also were acquainted in Salem when Winter attended law school at Willamette. The Salisbury were on a week's camping trip to Wallowa Lake and other Eastern Oregon points.

Cpl. Gray Assigned To Puerto Rico Base

Lance Corporal David Gray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Gray, is now stationed on Vieques Island, Puerto Rico, with the U. S. Marines. He called his parents on May 31 from Ft. Bragg, N. C., to tell them he was leaving the next day for Puerto Rico, and they have had several letters from him at his new post.

At the present time he has been assigned to a water point post where he and an electrician live at some distance from their base, Camp Garcia; purification of the base water supply is their responsibility.

Corporal Gray reports that the island is hot now with hot weather to come, but swimming is limited because of sharks found in the water around the island. The water purification station has a television and other conveniences and the two men return to Camp Garcia for their meals, but otherwise live on the station.

Linnell Girl Wins Showmanship Trophy

Marcie Linnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Linnell, was awarded the junior division showmanship trophy at the completion of the Junior Horse Show, held in The Dalles on Sunday, June 18. She was judged first in the field of 12 entrants in her class. Marcie also placed third in pole bending and third in the Texas barrels.

Also entered was her brother, Brock Linnell. He placed second in the Texas barrels in his division, and fifth in the intermediate showmanship, with 25 contestants entered.

Marcie and Brock entered the matched pairs and received fourth in this division.

Kinzua Corp. Buys Timber at Tamarack

Kinzua Corporation was the only bidder for Tamarack look-out timber sale Tuesday, June 20, on the Heppner Ranger District according to Wright T. Mallory, Umatilla National Forest Supervisor.

The estimated volume of 400,000 board feet of timber is located on top of Tamarack Mountain approximately 50 miles south of Heppner. It was appraised and sold for \$4,999.

Prices bid per thousand board feet by species were \$14.35 for ponderosa pine and \$2.00 for Douglas-fir and other coniferous species.

Murrays Entered

Murrays Rexall Drug was apparently entered sometime Saturday night, June 18, by someone who pried open a rear window City Officer Bert Corbin and a state police officer reported. A check in the store could not ascertain for sure that anything was missing, although it was theorized that the prowler was after liquor from the drug store, which acts as agent for the State Liquor Commission. Harold Becket welded heavy steel bars over the windows last week to help prevent a recurrence.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Drake, Dennis, Charlotte, Joyce and Susan Drake drove to Heppner Sunday from their home in Pasco to attend the Father of the Year barbecue. The Drakes visited at the home of Mrs. Ray Drake and were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Drake. Susan had special leave from her work as a nurses aide at Our Lady of Lourdes hospital in Pasco to attend the barbecue here; she is living with her aunt and uncle in Richland while working at the hospital this summer.

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State Police Foil 'Jobs'; Six Men Held in Custody

Six men are in custody—three in Fossil and three in Prineville — after state police made short work of apprehending them following alleged crimes at Fossil and Kinzua over the week-end.

Three of the men are charged with burglary after allegedly attempting to rob the Pastime Tavern at Kinzua early Friday. All of them are being held in the Fossil jail in lieu of posting \$200 bail each, a state officer said Monday.

The other three are being held in the Prineville jail in lieu of posting \$1000 bail each on charges of larceny. They allegedly took two new television sets from the pickup truck of Steve Conlee, owner of a television business, when he parked the truck to eat in Fossil. The state officer said a local citizen witnessed the incident, took the license number of a car in which the men placed the sets, and they were apprehended in Prineville. Their names were not reported.

An advance tip lead to the apprehension of the three at the Pastime in Kinzua about 5 a.m. Monday. State police arrested three men as they came out of the tavern. Included were Gary Lynn Brothers, Gary Keith Knutson and Eugene Damrill, all of Portland, and all approximately 29 years of age.

The state officer said that the three had about \$100 in coins in their possession at the time of their arrest. Vending machines in the establishment had been broken into.

Cooperation of the public figured in the apprehension of the suspects in both cases, the officer said.

Ione Grads of 1937 Has 30-Year Reunion Dinner in Portland

Ione High school's class of 1937 held its 30-year reunion at the home of a graduate, Merle Baker, in Portland on Sunday, June 18, with a potluck dinner at noon.

In addition to Baker, others graduating with the class were Clifford Carlson, Wallace Lundell, Nola (Kethley) Warmuth, all of Portland; Joyce (Carlson) Darst of Salem; Mignonette (Perry) Barkhurst of Elkton; Rollo Crawford, Phil Emert and Charlotte (McCabe) Lundell of Ione.

Two were unable to attend, Phill Emert of Ione and Nola Warmuth of Portland.

Families of the class members attending were Mrs. Merle Baker, Jim and Sharon; Mr. and Mrs. Russ Smith and son; Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Orton and two sons; Raymond Lundell and daughter Cheryl; Mrs. Clifford Carlson, Leslie, Janet and Eric, and Mrs. Wallace Lundell, Julie, Jay and Michael.

Arriving before the day was over were Mignonette Barkhurst and two sons, Ross and Miles. Earlier she and son Miles had flown to Maryland for the graduation of her older son, Ross, from Annapolis and they were returning home after an eight-day drive from the East coast.

A very enjoyable time was had by all reminiscing, looking at pictures and visiting.

Mrs. Odile Luper of Portland is visiting in Heppner with her brother, Emile Groshens. She was raised in Heppner and attended school here, so has many friends and relatives in the area. Mrs. Groshens remains in Portland with her mother who is recuperating from surgery.

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Memories Of The Old Fair Building

By ARTHUR R. CRAWFORD

However the CASE may be You'll always be young and FAIR to me

How fine the wheels of progress grind. Wheels that have crushed the old Fair building in Heppner to be broken brick and a pile of rubble. A landmark is gone and a new one will rise for the memories of the younger generation. Yes, this grand old two-story building constructed of Heppner-made sun-dried brick, designed by Tyson & Boyd, architects and builders of an earlier era, arose in 1890 and graced the valley of the hills for nearly 80 years. Here was a structure which became at once the business and social focus of the young and booming town which so recently before had been named Heppner as a fitting tribute to its original founder and for many years its leading citizen and philanthropist—Henry Heppner.

The Fair Building was probably called the McFarland building in its very early existence, but it was undoubtedly the Fair building in its heyday and for many years thereafter, or until the structure was bought by the late Marvin LeRoy Case and was given his name. This building, regardless of name, probably touched, in one way or another, more lives than any other building in Heppner. The top floor was designed for living quarters and served as such throughout its years for its varied townspeople. Here children were born, here people died. Here came newlyweds for their inaugural house-keeping and here came others in the passing parade to spend their retirement years. One could go on and on in trying to paint a verbal picture that would encompass nearly 80 years and at least four generations of Heppnerites. Here was the daily living upstairs and all the while was busy business life going on below—the banks, the department stores, the grocery

stores. After the annex was built in 1906—the professional men, especially the doctors and the dentists, moved in "one flight" up, with the steep stairway leading right up from Main street. Needless to say the annex was not designed by Tyson & Boyd, but the general outline followed closely the old building as later photos reveal.

A Tragic Accident Dr. Earl R. Swinburn became the owner of the property in the late '90's or early 1900's and in the year noted above, built the annex. For several years the good doctor had his office in quarters just at the rear of the bank (Bank of Heppner) on the corner and entrance was on Center street next to the upstairs entrance. It was in his office that Mr. Van Winkle died following a tragic wood saw accident. A grandson is Jack Van Winkle well known Chevro dealer, now located just catty-corner from the old Fair at Main and Center. The writer was a schoolmate of Jack's father, the late William C. Van Winkle in Heppner before the family moved to Lexington.

Record for the Archives In his issue on May 18, 1967, Wesley A. Sherman, editor and publisher of the Heppner Gazette-Times, wrote a comprehensive and enlightening story of the old building's passing and of its early history and later developments along with striking photographs. Certainly a splendid record for the archives. In my review I will try only to add a few comments which may possibly be of some interest to the paper's many readers. There still are living quite a few of the oldsters for whom my recollections may have some interest.

A Four Phase Building There seems to have been four phases in the life of this old structure; the building in its original, the Fair building, then its annex and then only the name was changed to Case building. Mr. Case then made some remodeling, mostly in the

annex, I understand, and incorporated a motel, of which most of you are well aware.

Marquardson's Fine Store

After Mr. Whitties and Mr. Giger of the Fair store, the last really great department store was that of F. C. Marquardson. His fine grocery was the first occupant of the new annex, with an archway cut through to the dry goods department in the old building. This gave Marquardson a greater floor area than any of its predecessors.

When recently in Heppner I was told by some of the "kibitzers" that the bricked-in archway was plainly in evidence at one stage of the wrecking process. The arch had been filled in when the post office moved into the ground floor annex at the time the old wooden Masonic building was torn down at the corner where the present Masonic Temple now stands at Main and Willow streets.

Mae Gilliam Was a Saleslady

Mr. Marquardson was a top-notch merchandiser and was assisted in his efforts by his wife and her sister, A. son, Ernest, was in grade school. In later years Ernest moved to Oakland, Calif. The Marquardsons, who lived upstairs, closed out their store after several successful years and returned to their former home in Idaho on account of Mr. Marquardson's failing health. Mae Perry Gilliam tells me she was a saleslady in the dry goods department. She had been with Gilliam & Bisbee for so many years that I had forgotten about her earlier career in ladies' dresses. Always I thought of her in "hardware." Dell Ward and another young man, the latter from Ione and whose name I cannot recall, were in charge of the grocery department.

After the Marquardsons, the post office moved into the annex. Phelps Grocery took over the central section, moving from the Slocum building across the street (now a vacant lot) and Alex Green was later in partnership with Mr. Phelps. Alex opened his own store (feed and grain) on the bank corner at a later date.

One of the long time tenants in the central section of the building was Mrs. Norah Rasmus who tells me she was there for 12 years as Norah's Dress Shop. She retired from business when she sold out to Mrs. Everett Harshman.

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Rockhound Corner

Mrs. E. E. Gonty, vice-president, presided at the last Rockhound meeting of the season Saturday evening, June 24, in the absence of President Avery Taylor.

The meeting followed a potluck dinner enjoyed by several of the members.

An invitation was read from the Rock Club at Lincoln City for its show on July 7 and 8.

Mrs. George Miller told of the Millers' trip to the Winnamucca Rock Show. They made the trip in their plane on May 27. Mrs. Miller said it was a very interesting show. Each member took what he wished to display. Mr. and Mrs. Miller also recently visited the Maryhill Museum.

Members chose the theme "Pick to Polish" for the Rock Club's fair booth.

After the meeting, members worked on things for the Sidewalk Bazaar; committees were chosen for Friday and Saturday to work at the Bazaar.

On Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. Pete McMurtry, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Avery Taylor and son, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty and son and Mrs. Alice McCabe and son spent the day at Opal Butte. Some of the men got nice specimens which they hope will be ready for display at Fair time.

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