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TO THE EDITOR...

Find Lone Link On Eastern Tour

Dear Mr. Sherman:
As a former resident of Morrow county I am one of the many transplants who enjoy the Gazette-Times — a diversified publication of local interest that is tops in journalistic composition.
I am going to arrive at the incident which prompted this letter by a most circuitous route. In April of 1967 my wife and I and Tom, our cat, left Seattle with our travel trailer to learn more of our family's history. Traveling through Denver, Kansas City, Burlington, Iowa, and Nashville, we wound up in Virginia. Five months were spent there and in Kentucky and Tennessee. We found volumes of records on our families; my family having settled in the Daniel Boone country and that of the Trail of the Lonesome Pine which is Western Virginia and my wife's family along the Potomac or Northern Neck.
In our search we camped in various places ranging from three nights in a cemetery to the most deluxe trailer courts. In Virginia courthouses we were accorded most unexpected privileges. Many times we have been locked inside the building while the court workers went out to an hour lunch. Usually we preferred to stay in and work on records. They trusted us with the archives and every bit of material at hand. We were surely in a genealogist's cradle of history. We found and read original hand-written records of the early greats—things we never read about in school. When we were in school we didn't know George Washington had brothers and sisters or any parents, either for that matter. We were told who chopped down the cherry tree.
After touring Washington and Baltimore, Thanksgiving caught us with still more to do at the DAR library and other places. Eight inches of snow fell on us at Alexandria so we had our notice: go south or hole up. We did some searching in Richmond which also holds its place in history. Continuing south we detoured via Sebring, Fla., and toured the old air base which was my home for nearly four years during World War II. We arrived in Miami Christmas week where we did very well playing the horses at Tropical; we broke exactly even.
Summer weather was definitely prevailing. At Key West the temperature was eighty-five and that of the water not far below. We parked our home on wheels (by now it was surely our home) in a court at Sugar-Loaf Key fifteen miles east of Key West. It was evident surf fishing was good with lobster also to be had.
Now for the why of this letter: Last week's issue of the Gazette carried an item about the visit of Rev. Walter Crowell and wife to Lone. We have never met the people. While we were camped at Sugar Loaf a small trailer with a boat on top of the car pulled in one night from New Jersey. The next evening I was walking by the man's trailer and I saw he was alone so decided to drop in and get acquainted. He was ironing his money and the trailer was decorated with heaps of fishing tackle drying out. (Sometimes I feel I shouldn't tell this; it seems he had been out fishing and after coming in to the dock and throwing his line to a tie-up bit he made the mistake of standing up and about that time the vertical axis changed ends. He had a good laugh telling me about it and said, "Since I am a retired merchant marine engineer you would think I knew all about boats."
Well, I laughed along with him and not at him. After all, it is said that Sir Isaac Newton boiled his watch instead of his egg. I told him I was from the Northwest and he said he had a sister married to a minister by the name of Crowell and they used to live in a small town in Eastern Oregon. After thinking a bit he said, "Ione." I told him I was quite familiar with that town having been born and reared there. What a small world!
We left Sugar Loaf before the boy he engaged skinned for his pole the next day. I am sorry I have forgotten the man's name; he was most likeable and a very interesting host. We reluctantly headed west and during a stop in Phoenix we visited Bob Graybill and there before resuming our trip through Los Angeles and home arriving Seattle the first of February.
What is wrong about a ten month vacation like that? Not long enough. We are going back and get what we missed.
Keep up the good work, Mr. Sherman.
Sincerely,
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Potential Impact

To the Editor:
I wonder if you and the general public realize what could happen to this community, and to Heppner in particular, in the development of recreation and the building of summer home communities in the mountains.
The selling and development of such settlements could have the impact for good in Heppner such as the building of the sawmill here in the '30's did, if properly guided and managed.
Mr. Editor, if such a project was proposed in Heppner you'd print the news on pages one, two and three of this paper, yet the impact could be the same to business here.
This development and others will lead to permanent settlements when the people find the climate is milder in our mountain valleys than it is down here in winter, necessitating improved roads and other services increasing tax load in our county.
Our planning commission and county court must take action accordingly.
O. W. Cutsforth
(Editor's Note: Yes, as president of the Chamber of Commerce and editor of the only newspaper in the county, we very well realize the importance of these developments. We have editorialized to that effect through the past seven years, boosted for all such projects, and actively worked for them. Your attention is called to the fact that stories on your Penland proposal have been printed on page 1, as have those on Kelly Prairie, and other recreational plans—some with banner headlines. We'll confess that we're a little miffed that you haven't noted this!)



TWO DISTRICT OFFICERS were among guests of the Scroptimist Club of Heppner at its installation dinner Saturday evening, June 29, in the Episcopal parish hall. Mrs. Elaine George (second from right) was installed president, succeeding Mrs. Joyce Johnson (center). Ceremonies were conducted by Mrs. Leta Thomas, (extreme right), life member. Honor guests were Mrs. Dortha Voruz, district secretary, La Grande, (extreme left), and Mrs. Dorothy Berry, district director, Portland, (second from left).

The Pool--A Fine Facility

Now—with the weather turning hot—residents of this area should particularly appreciate having the swimming pool as a fine new facility. It is getting good use, particularly by children but from adults as well—even from "The Romans," male adults who take the plunge at 6 a.m. most mornings.
It will get even greater use as the sun shines hotter through the summer.
But, by some quirk of human frailty, there have been quite a number of complaints. Youngsters have developed sore feet after long sessions in the pool. There have been some complaints of the water being too warm, and complaints of it being too cold.
The foot complaint has been routed through the contractors, who point out that the acid content in the water may be too high, causing a lime condition. The concrete deck is a bit rough for tender footies, but this is purposely made that way to eliminate danger of slipping. The contractors are willing to make whatever corrections may seem reasonable.
Latest word is that a state inspector says that the acid content of the water is too low.
The inspector, we understand, also finds fault with other things. He thinks the life rings should be replaced, but those connected with the pool think they are in good condition.
But as one city official points out, "It is time that the public works with the city and realize that they really have something here."
The statement is well put. Our big municipal pool is a wonderful facility. Those who get sore feet may just be staying in the water too long at a time and thereby soften their skin.
Maybe it is like a person who buys a brand new car. He may find its carburetor needs adjusting or that its windshield leaks a bit, but it is still a fine vehicle.
Any little problems will be worked out as best as those connected with the pool can do it. The staff there is doing a fine job but is a bit disappointed at the complaints.
Biggest impetus for the \$100,000 facility was the state's demand that the pool be modernized—under threat of condemnation of the old pool. Now that residents fell to and approved the new pool, it is to be hoped that the state doesn't start knit-picking and follow a course of persistent harassment.
How about the rest of us pursuing a course of pride in our new pool and giving our first rate young staff a pat on the back for the job that they are doing?
Forty-five just completed swimming courses, and that is testimony to the type of work being done by this staff.

Chaff and Chatter

Wes Sherman

LATE BULLETIN: The two boys captured a prickly porcupine Tuesday and are ready to enter championship competition. (See below).

TWO YOUNG MEN of the community should be nominated for future membership in the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce.
Young Barney Marshall and Bruce Bergstrom walked in the office today and said that they wanted to catch a porcupine and enter it in the Condon Fourth of July porcupine race.
They apparently figured that they would enter it under the auspices of the Heppner C of C, which has been sadly lacking in entering floats in community events of neighboring towns, not to mention its own Rodeo parade.
We assured them that the Chamber would give them its blessing and would appreciate the gesture—at the same time we were a bit red-faced that two boys had to step forward to show the community spirit to represent our local group at Condon.
They left confident that they would have a prickly in captivity before the day was over. Not being wise in the ways of the prickly creatures, we are a bit skeptical.
But maybe, as well as being community minded and of promotional bent, they also have some of the wild animal lore of a Carl McDaniel in them.
Here's hoping they are successful and win the world's championship.

ALL WE CAN say, out of the shock of losing Bill Hust from our business community to take a new position at Arlington, Wash., is that this is quite a move just to find a place to park his new camp trailer!
The Husts just got a new trailer for their upcoming vacation and future outings, but they had quite a dilemma in finding a place to park it. Currently it is sitting at the curb on Gale Street.
There was no room behind their house and he was making arrangements to find a spot for it.
But now—with the upcoming move to Washington—the Husts will undoubtedly find a place

Mrs. Martin Hosts Garden Club Leaders

Mrs. Fredrick T. Martin, director of Blue Mountain District of Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, entertained several members of her board and presidents of garden clubs at a get-acquainted party at her home in Ione last week. Assisting her with the arrangements was Mrs. Gar Swanson.
Activity of the afternoon was directed to an informal social time with opportunity for leaders in the district to become more closely acquainted. Tour of Mrs. Martin's gardens was enjoyed and refreshments served.
Club presidents attending were Mrs. Tom Campbell, Dirt Dabblers club, Pendleton; Mrs. E. B. Wattenburger, Echo club; Mrs. Royal Cambers, Pendleton club; Mrs. S. A. Moore, Umatilla club, and Mrs. H. S. Huber, Ione club.
Others present were Charles Dallas, junior gardening club, Pendleton; Mrs. Harry Andrews, district membership chairman, Hermiston; Mrs. Garry Tullis, district program and year book chairman, Ione; Mrs. Don Fonda, publicity and public relations chairman, Pendleton; Miss Ruth Dana, bird chairman, Umatilla, and Mrs. Euna Berger, convention delegate, Echo.

Birthday is Occasion For Surprise Dinner

Friends of Mrs. Wilbur (Mary) Van Blokland gathered at her home Thursday evening, June 20, to surprise and honor her on her birthday with a potluck dinner.
Extending their personal greetings were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Corbin, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heinrich, Mrs. Mary Malcom, and Mrs. Snoda Blake. Also the Van Blokland's sons, Dale and Gary, were present.

Pioneer Ponderings

By W. S. CAVERHILL
Look to the Hills
The recent visit to Pendleton by Larry Williams of the A-L Ranch and Bill Farrell, county agent of Grant County, called attention to the need for pasture culture on the ranches and ranges of Eastern Oregon. It is encouraging to find men of experience and position taking a lead in that direction.
Both men have years of experience in pasture improvement and experimental research. If the livestock industry is to ever approach the carrying capacity the early settlers enjoyed, much must be done to restore it. Much can be done by pasture culture—more complete use of water, removal of noxious growths, fertilizer on selected areas, and stop grazing the year's growth into the ground. The easiest way to meet the problem is to ignore it. It is gratifying to find that some livestock leaders have elected not to. Of course, some operators will rather go fishing than cut "bull thistles" out of the horse pasture.

Service Club Pledge Is Installing Theme For Incoming Officers

Several out-of-town guests were present Saturday evening, June 29, for the annual installation dinner of the Scroptimist club of Heppner. New officers were installed at impressive candlelighting ceremonies following a 7:00 p.m. buffet dinner in the parish hall of All Saints Episcopal church.
Several community organizations were represented, and husbands and friends of members were honored guests. Floral arrangements on the tables carried out the blue and gold colors of the club, with the gold numeral "20" on the head table signifying the 20 years which the service club has been chartered in Heppner.
Four charter members of the club, which organized on April 10, 1948, were present and given special recognition. These were Mrs. Ed Gony, Mrs. Leta Thomas and Mrs. Elaine George.
Following the invocation by Mrs. Clara Gertson, and the pledge to the flag, Mrs. Bill Johnson, retiring president, presented Mayor Clarence Rosewall, who extended official greetings to visiting guests.
Responding to introductions were Mrs. Dorothy Berry, district director, Portland, and Mrs. Dortha Voruz, district secretary, of La Grande.
Mrs. Charles Starks, a past president, presided as mistress of ceremonies. Following introductions of members and guests, musical entertainment was provided by The Marquards, featuring guitar accompaniment. They sang arrangements of "Mr. Sandman" and "Cool Water."
Oath of office was given by the new incoming officers by Mrs. Leta Thomas, Portland, installing officer. She based the candle lighting ceremony on the Scroptimist Pledge, challenging each new officer to uphold the ideals of the pledge, including "sincerity of friendship, joy of achievement, dignity of service, integrity of profession, and love of country."
In appreciation of her work of the past year, Mrs. Johnson was presented a gift by club members, and a past president's pin. With words of thanks to officers and members, she, in turn, presented gifts to official board members and to Mrs. Thomas, installing officer.
Guests from out of town included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland of Tillamook, and formerly of Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Kit

Girls Attend Grand Rainbow Assembly



HELEN ANDERSON

Anderson-Cooper Engagement Told

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson, Heppner, are announcing the engagement and coming marriage of their daughter, Helen, to David Cooper, son of Mrs. June Field, Heppner.
A September wedding is planned, after Private Cooper has completed his basic training with the U. S. Army at Ft. Lewis, Wash., where he is presently stationed.
Miss Anderson was a member of this year's graduating class at Heppner High school. Her fiancé was graduated here with the class of 1967.

Newlyweds Honored At Dinner Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. John LaBree of Yakima were guests of honor at a no-host potluck dinner, held Friday evening, June 21, at the Catholic parish hall.
Mrs. LaBree, the former Arlene Laird, is currently an instructor at Yakima Junior College.
The newly married couple is on a six weeks tour of Nevada, California and Texas and stopped in Heppner to visit at the home of Mrs. Snoda Blake.
About 21 guests gathered for the occasion to extend warm wishes to the couple and present them with a wedding gift.

Students Entertain Parents at Recital

On Sunday afternoon, May 26, the music pupils of Mrs. Dirk Rinehart presented a recital of piano and vocal music for their families at the Rinehart home.
Those participating were Elizabeth and Mary Abrams, Kathleen Bartlett, Anita and Gregory Davidson, Connie Follensbee, Glen Griffith, Lucy Huber, Sue Jessen, Shannon Kelly, Christina Lindstrom, Gregory and Sherri Wilson, and Karen and Rosemary Winter.
Following the program, cookies with punch, coffee and tea were served.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

- Coming Events**
- YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM**
High School Gymnasium
on days and Wednesdays, 7-9 p.m. Planned recreation
- SIDEWALK BAZAAR DAYS**
Friday and Saturday, July 12 and 13
Downtown Heppner
Join in the fun; look for great bargains
Support the home town merchant and organizations
Something for everyone at terrific savings!
- FIREWORKS DISPLAY**
Celebrate the Fourth on Wednesday, July 3, 9:30 p.m.
Ione Football Field
Sponsored by Ione Legion
Preceded by Full-Length Movie, 8 p.m., Ione Legion Hall
Sponsored by Ione Lions club
- KICKOFF DANCE**
Saturday, July 6, 10 p.m. Fair Pavilion
Honoring the 1968 Fair and Rodeo Court
Music by The Shamrock Trio of The Dalles
- First Princess Dance, Saturday, July 13, honoring Princess Marcia Jones
Music by The Western Gentlemen, Condon
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