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## His Footprints

By HELEN SHERMAN

"Lives of great men . . . leave behind them . . . Footprints . . . on the sand of time."

Although by some standards my dear companion for 29 years, Wes Sherman, may not have achieved greatness in a wide variety of walks of life, but to me and his family, he will always be remembered as "the greatest". One could never ask for a more devoted man — to his wife, his children, his mother, all relatives and friends; to his church; to the highest ideals of work, whether it be as a journalist, as a student, as a teacher, or as a member or officer in an organization.

I think Wes has left many worthwhile "footprints" in his beloved Morrow county, and many of us are proud to have been in any way a part of them. One might say that we polished his shoes, but he did the walking in them, laid the path, and filled them very well.

How he loved to walk the sandy land, the productive soil, the wooded hills, even the busy sidewalks of Heppner, and around the vast ranch lands of Morrow county. He never felt he could praise the people highly enough for their ambition and perseverance, their desires to achieve greater things, their keen interests in state and national problems. He enjoyed very much being a "chamber of commerce" for the whole of Morrow county.

On the trip east he took along a dozen or more copies of the beautiful Oregon brochure and some of Morrow county to share and show to others across the nation the beauties of Oregon. He was a very proud Oregonian, and the crowded, smoggy areas of the east which we visited convinced him even more that he loved being one of its citizens.

It is very difficult to fill another's shoes, especially when it comes to that of an editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper. We may find it more than we can do.

The recent awards received for outstanding journalism work were known by Wes before the trip east, but he did not know definitely what they would be. They will forever be a tribute to his last productive year as an editor, and would make him very proud. They are testimony that dedicated work and the striving for excellence were a part of his nature, and to be rewarded.

An editorial page has a way of providing the "heart" for a small newspaper, and many will share with me the feeling that Wes put forth that desired "pulse beat". He rarely had an editorial in print that was not first read by others for approval or disapproval, but never lacked the courage to say what he really felt "in his heart" to be the best for Morrow county and its people.

He reached a common touch with others through his personal "chaff and chatter" column. Usually composed in haste, he was rarely satisfied with it, but we know it was enjoyed and held in first priority by many readers. Under pressure, his busy fingers would be glued to the typewriter many an early morning hour, preparing to meet the weekly deadline.

These words of tribute would be incomplete without giving appreciation to those who have done veteran work behind the scenes during the past three weeks. To Kit, who accepted the "reins" almost overnight and has done a superb job; to Gail on whom we have leaned heavily; to Rachel and her great capabilities; to Arnold and Reggie and Dale for their added burdens and tireless and energetic work in the shop — to these we are indebted. Many hands are busy for many hours before meeting the post office deadline.

Our sincerest thanks, too, to the many, many friends throughout this area and around the state who have showered us with kind words and acts of understanding. We wish it were possible to shake the hand of each one personally.

Among memorial contributions are those going into a scholarship fund for a journalism student from the county. Many knew that Wes' fondest dream was to see young people become interested in journalism, and whenever possible worked with them to get them into the journalism fields. Other memorials have been gratefully accepted and will be placed in use.

To all the fine people who have felt a close touch with Wes through the years and have expressed it at this time of our sorrow, we shall forever be grateful. His wish, as is our wish, is to see this vast land, this happy land, this bountiful land, forever grow and prosper.

## Fish Impoundments

Officials of the State Game Commission have told Morrow county Judge Paul Jones that work on Kelly and Penland Prairie projects has not been slated for this biennium because there has been little response from local people about their feelings on the project.

Since that has been made known by the judge, both the Heppner-Morrow county Chamber of Commerce and the Heppner City Council have passed resolutions to be sent to the Game Commission supporting the projects, and encouraging the Game Commission and the United States Forest Service to work cooperatively on the projects.

The impact of either or both projects would be tremendous on not only Heppner but also the entire county. Dollar-wise, the economic growth of the area may soar by a half-million dollars.

If public response is what is needed to get these two worthwhile endeavors off the ground, there should not be any lack of it in Heppner.

Now is the time to let the two government agencies know that Morrow county is indeed interested in Kelly and Penland Prairies. All it takes is a letter. —ka

## Class in Water Safety Offered in Pendleton

Umatilla County Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled a Water Safety Instructor Review course to be held at the Pendleton Swimming Pool on July 14, 15 and 16.

The class, which is open to all current water safety instructors is to be held from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. each evening. Herb

Barthels, water safety instructor or trainer from Red Cross area office will teach the course. New swimming material and teaching methods will be taught in this review.

The new swimming texts are available at the Red Cross office. For further details one may call the Red Cross office at 276-1211.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### IN MEMORIAM . . .

(Dedicated to Helen Sherman and family)  
I feel I've lost a friend, though you a mate.  
When something took Wes Sherman off so soon.  
Maybe they need an editor up there  
To fill a special technocratic chair;  
But why a time like this, inopportune  
And sudden, like as if they couldn't wait!  
Like drafting soldiers, so they drafted him,  
A call one such as he knew how to face.  
Remember, just before he left, he wrote  
His "Chaff and Chatter" column, and I quote:  
"Two others we recruit to take our place  
While we are gone." So in the interim  
We all have jobs to do, yet no one knows  
What honors shall be ours for tasks well done.  
We'll try to fill his place, as he had planned  
So's not to leave his paper undermanned.  
Not his to die! He rode the rising sun  
And lives to write a new immortal prose!  
Harry Wellesley Fletcher

### Pleasant Stay

To the Editor:  
I would like to thank the opportunity to thank the people of Heppner and Ione for the wonderful cooperation extended me during my stay and work on the Pacific Gas Transmission company job.  
I would also like to thank the members of the Willow Creek Country Club for their cordial invitation to play golf and participate in their activities. It made my stay in Heppner very pleasant, in fact I was sorry to have it end so soon.  
I have played on many courses throughout the country and have not found one that could compare with the friendly atmosphere. The course is well laid out, the fairways and greens were well kept. I was told of the humble beginning to what it is today. Just doesn't seem possible! But there it is.  
The people of Heppner and surrounding communities should be proud of this accomplishment and support the club and join in the various functions provided by the club. This would insure its future for the younger generation.  
Thanks again and I hope to visit and play with you wonderful people again at some future time.  
Yours truly,  
Glen O. Holmquist  
Anaheim, Calif. 92804

**PROPERTY TAX FAX**  
QUESTION:  
I am a disabled veteran and entitled to an exemption on my property taxes under ORS 307-250. I re-entered the Army last month in order to reach 30 years of service. My home will be rented during the 2 1/2 years I will be gone. Am I entitled to an exemption during this period?  
ANSWER:  
No. Although a temporary absence has been previously considered as not disturbing the exemption, it seems that two and one-half years would be considered something other than "temporary".

**Sets Name Straight**  
To the Editor:  
Since the recent flood in Heppner, my hometown, I have been asked a few times the name of the stream coming down through the town and past the municipal swimming pool.

Yours truly,  
Glen O. Holmquist  
Anaheim, Calif. 92804

### COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS CHAPTER 26**  
Outdoor Meeting Honoring Grand High Priest Paul Jones  
Saturday, July 12, Cutsforth Park

**ROYAL ARCH LADIES**  
Potluck Dinner  
Saturday, July 12, 6:30 p.m.  
Heppner Masonic Hall

**SLIDE PRESENTATION**  
By IFYE Student, Amund Kvam on Norwegian 4-H Clubs  
Thursday, July 10, 8:00 p.m.  
Fairgrounds Annex Building  
Refreshments by 4-H Empire Builders Club  
Free admission—public invited

**LEXINGTON GRANGE MEETING**  
Special Program by IFYE Student, Amund Kvam  
Showing slides of Norway  
Saturday, July 12, 8:00 p.m.  
Public invited

**PRINCESS DANCE**  
Honoring Patti Healy  
Music by First National Band  
—Pendleton  
Saturday, July 12, 9:30 p.m.—1:00 a.m.  
Fair Pavilion, Heppner

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### MEETING CALENDAR

**Monday, July 14—**  
Fire Department, 7:30 p.m.  
Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 Noon  
Ione Lions, Ed's Tavern, 7:00 p.m.  
Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, Masonic Hall, 8:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday, July 15—**  
A.F. & A.M. No. 69, 8:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday, July 16—**  
Carnation Club, 8:00 p.m.  
Willow Lodge, IOOF Hall, 8:00 p.m.  
Jaycees, 8:00 p.m.  
**Thursday, July 17—**  
Soprano Club, program meeting, Wagon Wheel Dining Room, 12 Noon  
Jaycee Wives, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 8:00 p.m.  
W.A.C. of Rhea Creek Grange, 10:30 a.m.  
Holly Rebekah Lodge, Lexington, 8:00 p.m.  
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**Friday, July 18—**  
Sons Soc Rebekah Lodge No. 33, IOOF Hall, 8:00 p.m.  
T.A.P. of Heppner Neighborhood Center, 1:00 p.m.

**Miss Potter Named On EOC Honor Roll**  
Lynn Kay Potter of Condon was named to the dean's list at Eastern Oregon College for spring term, according to Dr. Lyle H. Johnson, dean of students.  
There were 123 students who received 3.5 or higher averages to earn places on the scholastic honor roll. Of these, 23 students had perfect grade scores.  
Miss Potter earned more than a 3.5 average.

**Martha Doherty On Honor Roll**  
Martha Doherty, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Doherty of Heppner, is listed on the spring term honor roll at the University of Oregon. Martha joined 1,262 other students, all of whom earned a grade point average of 3.50 or higher which enabled them to be listed on the honor roll.

### Summer Enrollment Planned at EOC

Enrollment of 635 students for the summer session this year at Eastern Oregon College is an increase of 4.6 per cent when compared with last summer's attendance, according to Wilbur M. Osterloh, registrar.  
The largest increase, from 45 last year to 103 this year, came in general studies majors. In class ranking, freshmen increased from 36 to 47 and seniors, from 123 to 169.  
Graduate studies make up the largest group on the La Grande campus with 301 in attendance. Those enrolled in teacher education declined slightly this summer, from 533 last year to 509 this year.

**Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ball** and son, Randy, and Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ball are enjoying a two week vacation of camping and fishing at Mason Dam, located near Baker. Also at Mason Dam vacationing are Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Davidson.

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