

# Barbara's Diary

(Barbara's Diary is a day-to-day on the spot report of a tour taken this past winter by the Orville Cutsforth, the Phil Mahoney and the Phil Cohns to the South Seas, New Zealand and Australia.)

The cemetery at Rotorua is built on top of the ground with concrete block covers for this same reason.

The lake at Rotorua is noted for its rainbow fishing, so we rented a boat and went out to try our luck. We had a beautiful Maori woman, Mia Potts, who had studied for and passed the pilots tests as our fishing guide, much to the pleasure of Orville and Phil M. Everyone caught fish but Phil M. and he did have one to the boat and lost it. Could have been the close contact of the guide as she was ready with the net to lift the fish from the water. Hazel became so excited when she had one strike her lure, she threw her last package of American cigarettes and matches overboard.

We took the fish we caught to the hotel and the chef prepared part of them for dinner that evening.

As we continue our travels on south through the north island we came to a dam in the Wairarapa river. The total flow of the river goes through a tunnel to a power generating plant, but to preserve the beauty of the cascading waterfall, at 10:00 a.m. and at 2:30 p.m. each day, the gates in the dam are opened for one hour to let the water flow down the original channel. It is a sight well worth timing ones travels to see. The water is so blue as it falls over the rocks and fills the pools. It takes 20 minutes for all the water to fill the rapids to their natural state. This is one of nine hydro-electric dams in the Wairarapa river to control floods and produce electricity for private and industrial consumption.

From here we went to the famous Hydrothermal power plant. Here they drill bores (wells) thousands of feet down to hot steam caps in the molten lava. The steam is then piped to steam generators, 87% of all the electricity used on the north island is generated here.

From here we went to Lake Rotorua. We stopped at the information center to view a model of one of the largest engineering projects in the world where the rivers and streams form Mt. Tongariro and Mt. Ngauruhoe are being diverted to the Waikato River and Lake Taupo. This is done with large tunnels, some of them 25 miles long, to firm up the water supply to Lake Taupo and the down stream hydroelectric dams.

On to Chateau in the Tongariro National Park on Mt. Ruapehu. This is a very famous ski area on the north island in the winter. Mt. Ruapehu is an active volcano. It erupted this last December and the occupants of a village at timber line evacuated just in time to save themselves from a lava flow that covered most of the buildings. Mt. Tongariro and Mt. Ngauruhoe are also active volcanoes. The residents of the area told us that they rumble, growl and emit steam and smoke at fluctuating intervals. Mt. Tongariro was putting on a good display of steam as we drove by the base.

Just before we arrived in Wanganui we went by many flax fields on plantations. We soon came to a flax shredding plant where we stopped to see how the plant was prepared for drying. The green flat leaves are run through a bar type machine

and washed. The fiber is then draped over wire racks which are then taken to drying fields to dry in the sun. They make rugs from this fiber after it has been dyed. The fiber is also used in the manufacture of warping for wool and synthetic fiber rugs. Much of it is exported to the U. S. and other countries.

From Wanganui to Wellington the terrain is more flat and level than what we had previously drove through. Sheep and cattle grazing all along the highway. The number of sheep is especially amazing. Young sheep are called lambs from the day they are born until Sept. 1. From then until the next or second Sept. 1 in their life span they are called Huggets. From then on they become sheep or mutton when butchered for meat.

We met Phil and Marian Cohn in Wellington. They had left us at Rotorua and went on ahead as they had some appointments to fulfill. We could not get reservations on the same plane for Christchurch on the south island so Phil and Marian went on ahead again and we were to take a later plane. This gave Orville an opportunity to visit with the Minister of Agriculture for this area. Phil M., Hazel and I took a tour of the city of Wellington and had the chance to visit the rose and begonia gardens which were in full bloom and really gorgeous.

## On To Oregon Given by 4th Grade

The children of Mrs. Jessie Faye Morris' 4th grade doubly enjoyed presenting their Pacific Northwest program last week because many of their costumes and properties were authentic.

They had old-time dresses, sunbonnets and high top shoes that had been in their teacher's family for many years. Amazing how much the heels of that latest fashion of many years ago so closely resembles the heels of today. They had a real churn, guns, coyote and bear traps and an old time fiddle.

In their presentation of "Wagons West", the members of the wagon train ate beans and fried hot cakes around the camp fire. They square danced and sang while the fiddler "fiddled".

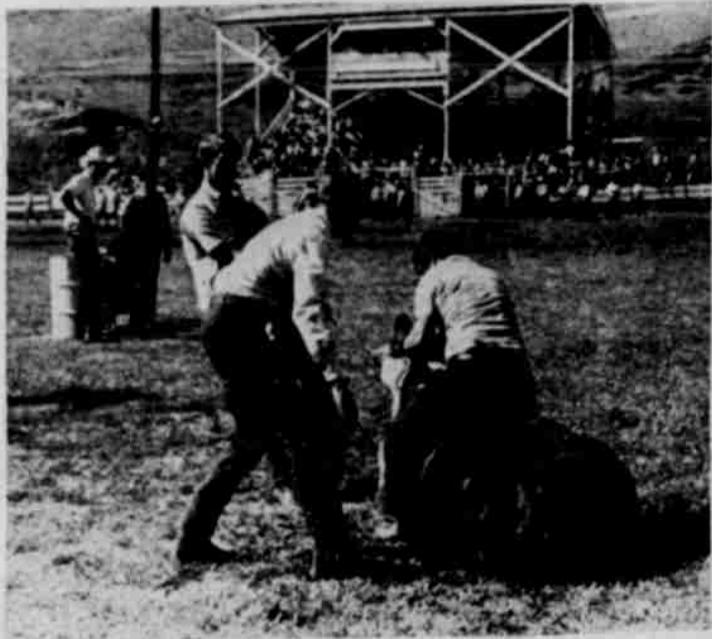
Then they had Oregon today with song and poem. They closed with the Conservation pledge: "I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

They closed by singing Oregon My Oregon.

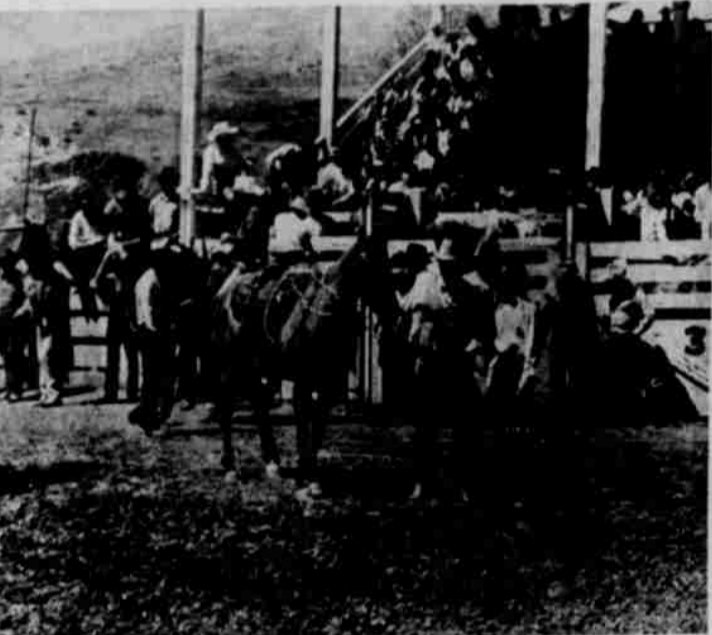
The room mothers, Mrs. Vern Viall and Mrs. Charles McConnell were presented gifts.

Readers were Lynne Goch-nauer, Sally Sumner and Mar-jorie Viall. Characters were Kenneth Howard, Indian; Charles Riddle, trapper; Chris Johnson, miner; Ron Currin, wagon master. Pioneers and citizens: Cindy Dougherty, Kenneth Grieb, Dee Hedman, James Kenny, Laura Malcom, Douglas Marquardt, Susan McConnell, Dixie McDaniel, Rita McRoberts, Cathy Palmer, Lynn Robinson, Curtis Sweek, Lori Turner, Dan Van Schoick, Rosemary Winter, Jack Yocom and Anita Bonawitz.

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**WILD COW RACE:** Bobby Ball, lone, gets ready to ride. Frank Halvorsen, lone is on the left end and Chris Lovgren, Heppner, center.



**CALF ROPING WINNER** Verina French and Dean Longgood, both of BMCC. A good crowd enjoyed the Sunday show of the Inter-collegiate Rodeo here last weekend.



**TOM CURRIN, Heppner, presents Linda Pella her 2nd place award in Girls' Barrel Race.**

## Immunization Records are Prepared

The Morrow County Health Department has prepared an "Immunization Record" for each person receiving either immunization or tuberculin tests in the clinics held recently at each school.

These records will list only the injections given in the 1970 clinics, except for seniors, for whom a more complete record is prepared.

Other immunizations given at prior clinics are on file in the Health Department office for other students. For this informa-

tion, telephone 676-9911 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon daily. The immunization records will be included with the report cards, according to Mrs. Lowell Chally, R. N., Morrow County Health Office.

## Riverside Graduate Twenty Four

By MARY LEE MARLOW

**BOARDMAN** — Commencement exercises for the graduating class of Riverside High School were held last Friday night in the school gymnasium with one of the largest crowds in recent years attending. Richard Hlatt, EOC, La Grande, was the speaker.

The processional and recessional were played by Mrs. Albert Partlow. The invocation was by the Rev. John Kenney, pastor of the Assembly of God Church at Irrigon. Thomas Stewart was salutatorian. Valedictorians were Joseph Tatone and Tamara Snyder. Pamela Kuhn sang "The Beatitudes", accompanied by Mrs. Partlow.

Gerald Peck of the Morrow County school board, presented the diplomas to twenty-four seniors.

Dante Daitoso, school principal, presented the following awards: Oregon Scholar awards to Joseph Tatone and Tamara Snyder; full tuition scholarship to Blue Mountain Community College for 1970-71, Diane Baity; Union Pacific Railroad Vo Ag \$200 scholarship, Joseph Tatone; \$100 A. C. Houghton PTA scholarship, Tamara Snyder; Elks Lodge, Hermiston, scholarship for \$250, Bruce Buchanan; Boardman Tillicum Club \$100 scholarship, Tamara Snyder; trophy for the outstanding senior, Albert Phillips.

The Rev. Herbert Vaughan, pastor of the Community Baptist Church, Irrigon, gave the benediction.

### Awards Assembly

Many awards were given out at an assembly Wednesday of last week at Riverside High School. Dan Daitoso presented the valedictorian award to Joseph Tatone and Tamara Snyder, and the salutatorian award to Thomas Stewart. Dennis Surmon gave the best musician award to Pamela Kuhn. Nancy Leroux presented an award to Joseph Tatone for having the highest score in the National mathematics examination at Riverside.

Tatone also received the DeKalb Ag Research award, which is presented to the senior with the best agricultural accomplishments. It was presented by Ronald Black, FFA advisor, who also introduced the following FFA officers for next year: Clarence Proctor, president; Tony Barnhart, vice-president; Jon Starke, secretary; Rick Partlow, treasur-

er; Bill Acock, reporter; Steve Acock, sentinel. Cella Mitchell gave out the following GAA awards: GAA girl of the year, Diane Black; outstanding senior girl, Tamara Snyder. Seniors receiving awards were Diane Baity, Rhonda Bel-linger, Toni Hill, Judy Hinton, Vickie Hobbs, Pam Kuhn, Frances McDonald, Fran Witters, Juniors — Diane Black, Lynel Braat, Cathy Byerly, Geneva Campbell, Judy Franke, Patty Proctor, Donna Pummel, Vivian Phillips, Debbie Abercrombie. Sophomores — Donna Doubledee, Linda Frederickson, Georgia Hinton, Linda Hoffman, Sally Kestler, Kathy Ryan, Joni Tiller, Debbie Walter, Michele Wilkie, Judy Snyder, Patsy Skoubo, Carol Wiley, Myrna Wilkie, Pat Witters. Freshmen — Susan Ball, Vickie Gayman, Dodi Hilling, Cheryl Hinkley, Kittle Hixson, Debbie Hug, Casey Kuhn, Debbie McCoy, Marilyn Pourier, Diane Rash.

**Athletic Awards**  
Boys' athletic awards were presented by Bob Byrd for basketball; Don Hendrix for football; and Jim Harper for baseball. Joseph Tatone received the most inspirational player award in football. Bruce Buchanan in baseball, and Grant Walter in basketball. Other special awards were: Ron Zielinski best defensive player; Ron Baker, best offensive; Joseph Tatone, best hustler; Ron Zielinski, best rebounder; Jerry Downey, most improved; Ron Baker, most valuable player.

Others receiving awards for

football, basketball, baseball and track were: seniors — Randy Ryan, Albert Phillips, David Franke, Tom Stewart, Richard Shoemaker and Gary Higel. Juniors — Jon Starke, John Stoneman, Doug Prichard, Dennis Lamb, Dennis Robins, Jerry Mesteth. Sophomores — Rick Partlow, Tony Barnhart, Bill Acock, Steve Acock, Gary Frederickson, Larry Ball, Larry Shoemaker. Freshmen — Bob Ryan, David Richards, Wayne Downey, Rob Adams, Randy Baker, Mike Proctor, Don Harper, Darrel Pummel and Jim Higel.

The Boardman Garden Club went to Pendleton Monday of last week for a luncheon meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Anderegg. Guests were Mrs. Nate Macomber and Mrs. Hugh Brown of Pendleton, former members of the club.

Mrs. Roy Ball, president, opened the meeting by reading the state president's message from the Oregon Newsletter. A donation was voted to assist with the restoration of an old mansion in Salem.

Mrs. Rollin Bishop read an article on birds at the Cold Springs National Wild Life Refuge in Umatilla County.

Announcement was made of the state convention at Bend June 15-18.

Mrs. Ball received the door prize.

Those attending from Boardman besides Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Bishop included Mrs. Ralph Earwood, Mrs. Glen Carpenter, Mrs. Walter Wyss and Mrs. Frank Marlow.

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### Announcement

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I sincerely appreciate the write-in votes which express a desire for a change in this office. I feel complimented that so many persons wrote in my name, and I assure you I shall file for the position as an independent on the November ballot.

I do not believe this county requires an \$8,000 a year judge with a very liberal expense account. If I am elected the salary will be reduced as the first order of business at the first session of the court. It seems likely there are other places I can save tax money.

William W. (Bill) Weatherford

(Pd. Pol. Adv. Bill Weatherford, Heppner, Oregon)

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