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This is FFA Week

George Washington's first interest was farming. He was one of the earliest farmers who believed and practiced conservation programs, the FFA chapters honor him by dating their FFA Week, the week of his birthday.

Since it was founded in 1928, the FFA has dedicated itself to the development of agricultural leadership, team spirit and citizenship. Future Farmers of America's youth program develops competent, aggressive, rural and agricultural leadership, promotes a love of country life, strengthens the confidence of farm boys and young men in themselves and their work, creates more interest in the intelligent choice of farming occupations, encourages members in the development of individual farming programs.

Encourages its members to improve farm living; participates in worthy undertakings for the improvement of agriculture; develops character, trains for useful citizenship and fosters patriotism; participates in co-operative effort; encourages good scholarship to improve the nation's farm industry!

Because we believe in the future of farming, we strongly support the sound program of the FFA. It's program is intended to develop the skills of vocational high school students wanting to learn more about farming...

Starting in 1966 with 15 members, this year's 52 members is the largest number the chapter has ever had.

Congratulations to Ted Bellamy who is the 13th Heppner FFA member to receive the State Farmer Degree.

Good luck this week and every week to the boys who wear the blue jacket!

REMEMBER THIS? . . . . REMINISCE!

37 Years Ago—1915

FORMER GAZETTE EDITOR DIES NEAR SALEM, Fred Warnock Was One of Oregon's Pioneer Journalists—Was Well and Favorably

Known Here. Mr. Warnock dropped dead near West Station while enroute by stage to Stayton. The body was taken to Silverton, Mr. Warnock's old home town, where burial was made Tuesday under the auspices of the B.P.O. Elks, of which order he was a member.

LITERARY PROGRAM WILL AID SCHOOL ATHLETICS. The High School Literary Society will hold its next program on Friday evening, Feb. 26. It will consist of music, songs, literary productions and the drama, "Sunset," a play in one act founded upon Lord Tennyson's second and longer form of "The Sisters."

LOCAL GIRLS DEFEAT IONE BASKET TOSSEERS. The Heppner High School girls' basketball team journeyed to Ione Saturday night and won their first game of the season by defeating the Ione team 9 to 1. Lauramann Groshens, forward for Heppner was the star. She made every point for her team. Aiken, Barlow and Bennett also did good work. In the passing game, the girls of Ione excelled. Miss Helen Ames of Heppner served as referee and Prof. Doak of Ione acted as umpire.

37 Years Ago—1935

GOVERNOR MARTIN BATS 50 PERCENT Legislative Program Has Tough Sledding: House is sympathetic. C. W. BARLOW NAMED NEW COUNTY CLERK Takes Office Monday. 13—COUNTY CASABA MEET COMING HERE 8 Class B. High Schools of District to Clash Sub-Fray on First Heppner meets Fossil in Elimination Play at Arlington, Feb. 28 in Tri-County Contest.

1 Year Ago—1971

Headlines: 160 Attend Big FFA Banquet, John Hall Selected for East-West Game, Dust Storm Crash Hospitalizes Bob Pierce, Major John L. Bristow receives the Air Medal Award and the Merit

torious Services Medal Award; Public invited to Sunday Dinner at Lexington Grange.

MRS. RALPH CRUM of Ione spent three weeks in The Dalles with her father, E.C. Strain who recently suffered a heart attack. He is much improved. Another daughter and her husband of Woodland, Ca. are staying with him for a time.

BACK FROM HAWAII

Earl Morgan and his daughter, Mrs. John Eubanks, returned home Feb. 14 after vacationing in Hawaii. They left on Jan. 24 for Los Angeles, Calif, where they joined Mr. Morgan's other daughter, Mrs. T.J. Davidson. The group then left for Hawaii, where they stayed with Mrs. B.J. Johnston, daughter of the Davidsons. Mr. Johnston, a captain in the Marines, is attending school in Arizona at the present time.

While there, the guests toured thoroughly the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii. The Polynesian Cultural Center, which displays authentic living villages transplanted from the far reaches of the South Pacific, was a highlight of the trip. They also toured the state capital, Iolani Palace and Punchbowl Crater. They were impressed with the pineapple and sugar cane fields. Also on the agenda were two boat cruises—TWO CLASSES MEETING WEEKLY

Two of the Adult Education classes sponsored by BMCC this winter term were filled and are meeting regularly. They were the typing class and the ceramic class. Classes meet for three hours one night a week and last 10 weeks. BMCC will be offering another series of adult classes during spring term. Another Art class is planned. This one will be print-making to include silk screening, wood cutting and photography. Anyone interested is asked to contact the Heppner Grade School or Tom Shear the instructor.

Those taking the ceramics class are Inez Meador, Marguerite Glavey, Inez Erwin, Mary Lou Carlson, Mrs. David Mann, Linda Riley, Jessie Faye Morris, Pauline Miller, Frances Williams and Mildred Hanna. This class carries 3 hours credit.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter To the Editor:

The Ione School Carnival was this past Sunday and I just had to let the people know what a good feeling it is to be a part of a community that works together and comes out with the success we had.

Enough Thank You's could never be said to the students, parents and community townspeople who donated so willingly and generously to the Chili feed, and to those who spent time working, both at the feed and in the booths. To the Heppner and Ione people who attended the carnival and thus made it a success.

To the following merchants for their donations, may I publicly say thank you. Bank of Eastern Oregon - Ione Branch, Bristows, Office Tavern, Paul Pettyjohn, Eielmann's Hardware, Case Furniture, Coast to Coast Store, Cornett Green Feed, Elma's, Gardner's, Gazette-Times, Gonty's Heppner Auto Parts, Lottis Electric, M.Ladies, Mirray's, Peterson Jewelry, Pettyjohn Farm & Builders Supply, Western Auto.

A special thank you to our committee members, Judy & Keith Rex, Mardean & Ed Patton, Bev. & Darrel Wilson, Diana & Lindsay Kincaid for the many hours of planning and preparing our carnival.

Barbara & Herb Peterson Chairmen Ione School Carnival

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Well the coyotes have had it again. I wonder why he got so vicious. Years back when there were lots of them we culled out on the range, and never lost a calf. I rode horse back a lot and you could see coyotes every where. Now they say they are killing off all the birds and deer. In the olden days when you saw a doe you saw two fawns. Now you see a few does that are left and hardly ever see a fawn. So the coyotes get the blame. I'll go along with my friend Elwyn Hughes. Years back we hunted for the big ones. I wonder what they are trying to tell us. I suppose the cow men would kill off all their good old bulls except a few scrubby yearlings. Then start killing off their cows and calves. They would soon be out of business just like the game commission will be with the deer. I used to go to the mountains to hear the coyotes howl but you don't hear them any more. I would rather hear the coyote than I would hear some of the songs they sing on T.V. especially when the hippies cut loose.

The coyotes put here for some good just like the Magpie and I'm not in love with the magpie. Give him a Chinaman's Chance, he'll steal an egg off your plate but like my good friend, Ebb Hughes says, "They are worth quite a bit to a cow man. Pick the warbles out of the cows backs and let you know where a missing cow may be laying."

The coyotes are blamed for things that humans are guilty for as far as the deer are concerned. Ben Cox Heppner, Oregon

FORMER RESIDENT PASSES

VERDA O. RITCHIE, 82, died at a nursing home in Hillsboro, Oregon February 6, 1972. Born 24 December 1889 in Sığourney, Keokuk County, Iowa to Francis "Frank" and Ellen (McNabb) Griffin. She came to the Ione community at the age of six and settled with her family on a homestead in the Eight-mile area. This land is still owned by a member of the Griffin family.

A kind and loving mother and grandmother, she leaves to mourn her loss one son, George of Tye Valley, Leona Jennings of Portland, and Ellen Holmes of Beaverton. A sister, Lydia (Mrs. Glenn Ball) of Yakima, Washington, seven grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends both in the Portland and Heppner-Ione areas.

TO THE EDITOR:

FEB 21, 1972 Presently we have two areas under study for Wilderness classification in our immediate National Forest. Areas presently under study

are Kelly Prairie, 10,000 acres and the Texas Butte, 11,600. Public awareness of this issue could be a most critical factor. Your vote and opinion on this issue may be of vital importance in the very near future.

Regarding these areas of the National Forest in the Heppner district which qualify for Wilderness Areas in acre volume, let us evaluate the management of these areas considering their values from a conservation standpoint. In particular the Texas Butte area and its perimeter seem to possess the ultimate of interest in our locality. In this day of ecological disruptions, our conservative planning must have the careful attention of all those interested in the sacred preservation of tomorrow and future generations. Being aware of so many of the little things that our Forest consists of, please examine for a moment the threat of extinction of the Pileated Woodpecker, the Flying Squirrel, big Horned Owl and the Black Bear. Let us set aside an area of solitude where our children can walk the back trails in the early morning dew and listen to the "feathered alarm" of the woodpecker on top of the Western Larch. As we share the remoteness of the particular mountain, let us preserve the natural summer habitat of the majestic Rocky Mountain Elk, that some day, future generations may witness by sight or more likely by ear, its shrill bugle. Within these boundaries there represents a final retreat for the timid Mule Deer as they turn in search of a place of shelter. Rest assured that many of our finest carry over larger bucks (which have depleted so in the past from hunting seasons) have found refuge within these brushy jungles. Within these boundaries of summer range remain glades of skunk cabbage which awaits the harvest by the cow elk and her calf within these boundaries lies one of our largest white fir forests which provide the necessary surroundings that bare the tasty mushroom favored by our Deer and Elk, the lupine also which represents their summer diet. Yes, and let us not overlook the acres of "scraggly" yew.

These represent only a few of the things so sacred, the little things, like the forest that we fail to see because of the trees! Let's not call this a stagnant forest - for within are the treasures and riches that represent more than monetary value, life itself. Respectfully Yours,

Delbert Piper

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MR. AND MRS. BOB BERTSCH

moved this week from Lexington to Pendleton. Bob will be working for Blue Mountain Forest Products at Rieth. He has been a millwright here for Heppner Lumber Co.



We here at this small newspaper are most grateful to everyone bearing with us as we try to get used to a new printing process. It has meant three weeks of sleepless nights, lots of frustrating mistakes. But one of these days we hope it will mean a much improved newspaper.

Former residents write us fairly often. In spite of the fact some of these folks are in kind of luxurious condominiums and such, we detect pretty strong expressions of yearnings to be back home in Morrow county. We can't help but believe an opportunity exists for sort of a condominium - type apartment complex right here in a modest way.

Oregon's hard working State Director of Agriculture, Irvin Mann, says of the Oregon trade mission to the Orient, wheat buyers there promised to resume their buying from the Northwest as soon as shipping returns to normal. Consumers in Japan and Korea prefer North-west wheat. Japanese firms already own substantial stock interests in Northwestern and Alaskan firms and Mr. Mann expects this to increase substantially. He expects Japanese to build some new factories in Oregon.

Oregon's Water Bank program—an idea presented to the Oregon Legislature by Irvin Mann—will go before the voters in the May primary. This act would provide \$188 million to be used to give assistance in water resource development. Don McKinnis of the State Dept. of Agriculture says it would operate much as the State Vets loan program does. This model act provides necessary tools to develop our water and land resources and assures the taxpayers of Oregon a positive program of water development without spending tax dollars, he explained. It would add much taxable valuation and actually become a method of property tax relief for a lot of taxpayers.

Carpenters and masons are busy on Main Street and soon on Chase Street getting footings ready to pour for the new bridge abutments. After pouring, the concrete will cure nearly a month or so as will the pre-stressed concrete bridges which are being especially built at Portland. Our guesses are often way off but we hope the job's about finished the middle of May.

The U.S. Senate commerce committee has voted to limit presidential candidates' campaign expenditures to \$13,900,00. This should prove there's somebody who wants to make it possible for a poor man to run.

School Lunch Menus

Presented Through Courtesy Of Heppner Branch

Monday, February 28--Hamburgers, homemade bun, pickles, potato chips, buttered green beans, fruit Jell-O, milk.

Tuesday, February 29--Pizza, peas & carrots, cole slaw, fruit crisp, milk.

Wednesday, March 1--Turkey noodles, molded vegetable salad, apple crisp, rolls, butter, milk.

Thursday, March 2--Potatoes & beef gravy, lettuce vegetable salad, fruit medley, whole wheat rolls, butter, milk.

Friday, March 3--Vegetable soup, luncheon meat sandwiches, (High School) peanut butter sandwiches, (Grade School) lettuce wedge, fruit & cookies, milk.

To Missoula

MRS. JOHN GRAVES has returned from a two weeks visit at Missoula with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walt Hill. They experienced 20 below zero weather while she was there. She says the area is having a building boom.

Lenten Services At Hope & Valby

Lenten services have been scheduled at Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches. Meetings will be held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. alternating weeks between Hope and Valby. The March 1st meeting will be at Valby and the March 8 meeting at Hope with the sermon topic, "The Cross, the Answer to Man's Faith."

Singing Group To Irrigon

The Assembly of God Youth Ensemble will go to Irrigon Sunday evening. They will participate in the afternoon Prayer Service and the evening Music Service. Mrs. Don Burwell is the director.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Frank Warren & Iva Warren to Bernice Key, N 1/2 Sec. 5 and N 1/2 Sec. 4 Tp 3 NR 27.

Irwin J. Couch & Lottie J. Couch to Upper Columbia Mission Society of Seventh-Day Adventists, Lots 1 to 10 incl., and Lots 32 to 36 incl., Block 29, Townsite of Irrigon.

Harold Ruffcorn & Anna M. Ruffcorn to Darold W. Cain & Gail L. McCarty & DuAnn McCarty to Allen R. Nistad & Lilly May Nistad, Tract in Sec. 27 Tp 2 SR 26 incl. acreage in Lots 1 & 2, Block 2 Mt. Vernon's Second Addition to City of Heppner cont. 20 acres less small tract exceptions.

Michael J. Behrens & Minnie Behrens to City of Boardman Urban Renewal Agency, Tract in NE Cor. SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 8 Tp 4 NR 25.

Empire Investment Co., Inc. to Emco Investment Co., Inc. Lots 3 & 6, Block 2 City of Heppner.

Emco Investment Co., Inc. to Kenneth J. Evans & Janette M. Evans, Lots 3 & 6 Block 2 City of Heppner.

Farm Chemicals Inc. to Umattilla Electric Cooperative Assn. Tract in Secs. 7 & 18, 12 & 3 Tp 4 NR 25.

Anne Axelgard Skoubo & Adolf Wilhelm Skoubo to Charles Ray Quimby & Geraldine J. Quimby, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 15 Tp 4 NR 25 cont. 40 acres.

James D. Straughtan, Rep. of Estate of Charles E. Beck to Donald W. McConnell & Margaret J. McConne 11, Tract in Lot 10 Block 2 Loney's Addition to City of Heppner.

Eldon Stannon, Atty. for Lorna Henrie to Betty Low Farlow, Lot 2 Block 3 West Boardman, Boardman.

Verla Mathewson to William E. Nelson, S 1/2 Lot 2 Block 1 Boardman.

Earl J. Blake & Margaret C. Blake to Homer L. Knapp & Janet R. Knapp, Lots 7 & 8 in Blake Ranch Addition in Plat 2.

E.R. Ash & Lena E. Ash to Joseph M. Tatone & Alice M. Tatone, Tracts & portions in NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 11 Tp 4 NR 25.

Anne McNamee & John J. McNamee to C.H. Privett & Floy M. Privett, W. 50 ft. Lot 11 Block 2 Quaid's Addition to City of Heppner.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

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Grange Ladies Meet, Rhea Creek

A meeting of much interest to the ladies of the Granges of Morrow County was held at Rhea Creek Grange Hall Feb. 17th, conducted by Mrs. Anne Wendt of Baker, C.W.A. Chairman of Dist. 6 and was the annual Conference of Chairmen of Women's Activity of the Grange. Mrs. Wendt was introduced by Mrs. Roy Ball, Morrow County Chairman of C.W.A.

Mrs. Wendt presented Merit Certificates for work well done in 1971 to Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Walter

GEMS & MINERAL MEETING

The Morrow County Gem & Mineral society will meet at 7:30 Saturday evening at the old Library building. Program will be pictures shown by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller. Hosts are Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gonty.

Prison Workers Will Speak at WSCS March 1

Mrs. Genevieve Calloway sup'l for women Oregon State Penitentiary and Mrs. Elizabeth Worthington, work release representative, will speak on prison reform, methods of preparing women for life in the community, preparation of community for accepting the women when they are released and what really brings a woman to prison at the WSCS meeting on March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Methodist Church.

The WSCS invites guests to hear Mrs. Calloway and Mrs. Worthington. Their discussion will precede the business meeting.

Spray Honor Roll

Spray High and Grade Schools recently announced their honor rolls for the second nine weeks.

High School: Seniors: Linda Ashmead 3.64; Toni Hiatt 3.20; Junior: Barbara Adams 3.35; Sophomores: Debbie Maril 3.00; Donna Youce 3.00, Fresh: Elaine Turner 3.80; Sherrill Adams 3.33; Donita Griffith 3.00.

Grade School: 8th: Kristi Fisher 3.33, Terrie Hiatt 3.00, 7th: Darla Hilliker 4.00 Rick Robinson 3.16.

Ore. Tech

The Fall term honor roll and Dean's List have been announced by Oregon Technical Institute.

On the Dean's List from Heppner is Jon O'Donnell who is studying diesel technology.

Wright, Mrs. Don Baker and to Mrs. Art Dalzell.

Luncheon was potluck with Mrs. Robert Stevens, Mrs. Edwin Cutting, Mrs. Frieda Slocum, Mrs. John Graves, Miss Marilyn Bergstrom serving. The door prize was drawn by Mrs. Wendt's sister. Those attending from other Granges were Mrs. Roy ball, Mrs. Walter Hayes, Mrs. Don Baker, Mrs. Leon Root from Boardman and Mrs. Bryce Keene and Mrs. Berl Akers from Ione.

The Regular meeting of Rhea Creek Grange CWA was held in the afternoon with Mrs. Walter Wright, Chairman.

COMMUNITY BILLBOARD

Feb. 25 Drama "Gun Fight", Grade School multipurpose room, 2-45

H.H.S. basketball at Maupin Feb. 26

H.H.S. Senior Class Spaghetti Feed, cafeteria, 4:00-6:30

H.H.S. Basketball vs Pilot Rock, here

Morrow County Gem & Mineral Soc., Old Library, 7:30. Pictures by the Paul Millers.

Feb. 27 Leap year Buffet at Lex. Grange, 1:00-3:00

Great Decisions, Neighborhood Center, 6:30.

Feb. 28 Ione Lions Club Ladies Night dinner and lecture on drugs, Legion Hall, 7:00.

Feb. 29 Gymnast at assembly at Grade School, 9:00 a.m.

7th and 8th grade basketball at Riverside, 1:30.

Blue and Gold Banquet, Scouts, Cubs and Parents, Elks Lodge, 7:00.

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NOTICE

Personal property taxpayers are required to file a return of taxable property as of January 1, 1972 with the Assessor on or before March 3, 1972. A penalty is provided for late filing.

Inventory owners (including all livestock) will again be eligible for some reduction of property tax this year if the return is filed on time. The law does not permit the Assessor to allow the reduction in inventory value for tax relief under certain circumstances when the personal property report is not accurately reported or is filed after March 3.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

FUTURE PENALTY PROVISIONS - The 1969 Legislature amended ORS 308.295 (Late Filing Penalty Law), to provide: The Penalty for late filing (After March 3) of Personal Property Returns shall be \$1 for each \$1,000 (or fraction) of True Cash Value but not less than \$10 or more than \$250.

Any person who has not had an opportunity to report by mail or personal contact may obtain the forms at the office of the assessor.

Time is getting short. ORS 308.290 makes it the responsibility of the taxpayer to file these reports on time or incur the penalty provided by law.

JOYCE BERGSTROM Assessor Morrow County

Our book will take you to your leaders.

Look up a local head of state. Check into bureaus, offices, divisions, and commissions. Your new Pacific Northwest Bell telephone directory has a special section listing all Government Offices. You'll find it listed on the cover index. So you can find things that are good to know.

In this issue of your Phone Book.