

Diamondmen Off And Running

Expecting no "April Fool," the Heppner High baseball team began their season April 1, at Riverside. A triple by John Boyer in the first inning, a fifth inning double by Rick Drake helped lead the Mustangs to a 9-8 victory. Heppner played Riverside again April 6, and once again came away with a one run win, 8-7. John Boyer earned three runs, and Rick Drake and Jerry Gentry each collected two hits for four times at bat. At the Pilot Rock Invitational on April 8, Union handed Heppner their first loss of the season, a score of 1-0. The winning run, in the seventh inning, was

scored by Mel Orton. The HHS diamondmen played Condon in their second game of the day. Steve Rhea and John Boyer each scored one run, but that was not enough to stop the Blue Devils, who totaled four runs. The highlight of the April 11 game against Umatilla came in the seventh inning when rookie John Boyer hit a grand-slam home run, to bring the Mustang score to 6. Heppner could score no more, and the game ended at 11-6. Others scoring for Heppner were Jerry Gentry, Jeff Marshall, Greg Green, and Dana Sweek. By Greg Davidson

Mike Bengé is the Only Oregon Civilian captured by V C



Mike Bengé with his faithful dog and a Vietnamese friend before his capture in the spring of 1968.

"We feel positive that his dog had to be killed before Mike could be captured" says his mother Mrs. Terrel Bengé. She explains that Mike kept the dog with him constantly and that the dog was very familiar with and to all of Mike's known friends, but was trained not to allow unfriendly persons to approach Mike.

During the recent "Week of Concern for Prisoners of War and Missing in Action" the Portland Oregonian carried a tribute to U.S. civilian prisoners in Vietnam. It featured a picture of Mike Bengé, Oregon's only known missing civilian. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Terrel Bengé and the brother of Joan Hughes. He is well known here and is especially remembered by some because of the outstanding assembly he conducted at the Grade School during his last home leave. He showed slides of the Montagnard area of Vietnam and told of his work as a representative with USAID.

Mike had spent six years there helping improve the lot of the Montagnards. He had become fluent in their language. He was captured by the Viet Cong during the Tet offensive of February, 1968, near Ban Me Thout in the Central Highlands. Mike's family continues to send a letter a month and a package every other month to Mike through the Red Cross, Hanoi and Cambodia. However they report most of the letters and all the packages are returned after a delay of three to ten months.

Mike was an unarmed, non-combatant civilian, and is not a war criminal. He is being held in direct violation of all national and international law.

Because of their special status the issue of civilian prisoners should be easily settled, declared Jim Murphy, deputy to the special assistant to the undersecretary of state for missing men.

Like military missing in action, civilian employees of the government continue to get their pay checks, raises and promotions.

Mike's family has only heard rumors about him since not too long after his capture when an escaped prisoner reported seeing him in good health. The rumors were that Montagnards had seen Mike being moved from one prison camp to another—but it has been such a long time since there was any official report on this Morrow County hero.

Pomona to Be At Rhea Creek

A good crowd of Grangers were at Rhea Creek Grange for the April meeting to hear Vel Robinson of Columbia Basin Electric tell the story of bringing electricity to our rural community and of the many changes that have come about since then. The amount of electricity needed has increased many times, he said, not only for irrigation but for homes as well. This increased use has created the need for much additional power and the building of many lines and changing of sub-stations, projects that will be completed as soon as possible.

Shawn Mallory entertained with his favorite rhyme, Hi Diddle Diddle.

State Officers were voted on, plans made for practicing the Fifth Degree which will be put on by the degree team on Visitation night, May 12. Pomona Grange will be held here at Rhea Creek Grange Hall on April 29th. The Memorial Service will be given at that time, announced Mrs. Pearl Wright, Pomona Chaplain, and Mrs. Dorris Graves, Lecturer will present the program.

Mrs. Robert Stevens was hostess to Rhea Creek Grange Committee on Womens Activity April 20th. There were nineteen ladies who came to enjoy the potluck luncheon and business meeting. Committees were appointed for Pomona dinner on April 29. Mrs. Genie Huston was reported in the Hillcrest Nursing Home, in Pasco, 99301 is her address, and a card was signed by all. Mrs. Harold Peck was welcomed by the group.

Chairman Mildred Wright urged all to complete sewing for the State Sewing Contest.

It was reported that 14 members had visited Boardman Grange April 15. Master and Mrs. Harold Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Don Mallory, Mrs. Walter Wright, Mrs. Dorris Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Bechdolt, Archie Bechdolt, Marion Hayden, Mrs. Pearl Wright and Mrs. Freida Slocum.

Mrs. Emma Drake will be hostess for the club on May 18th at her home.

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Bank's new look in harmony with Boardman's sand and sun

The new Inland Empire Bank building at Boardman is western in design. A broad flagstone walk flanked by rail fence enclosed lawns leads to the covered porch. The wood of the exterior has been stained a deep olive-green which blends with the natural stone of Columbia River basalt. The all-glass front looks in on the red country home styled carpeting. The walls and the tellers counter are barnwood oak paneling. Above the front door is a handsome Indian mural done by Gene Wesberg of Echo. It shows mounted Indians on Appaloosa horses in an East-

ern Oregon setting of sage brush and sand. Later this summer Mr. Wesberg will paint another Indian mural on the opposite wall. These murals are high on the wall to the peak of the beamed ceiling. Old timers especially enjoy seeing the seat from an old wagon in the lobby. It has been antiqued blue as has the old spool table also in the lobby. Hanging on one wall is a red Navajo rug. These are from Doris Bounds collection.

Marty McDowell is branch manager and Mrs. Rodney (Patricia) Flug is teller.

Bookworms Enjoy "Down-Under"

The final March meeting of the Bookworm Club at the home of Mrs. Gene Ferguson, Tuesday evening, Mar. 28, was a special treat. Fay showed her fine collection of slides of her recent trip down-under. Most of the slides depicted New Zealand where she spent 5 nights on the North Island and two weeks on the South Island. A few showed her shorter look at Sidney, Australia where she spent 5 days. On the North Island she enjoyed Auckland, Rotorua, and Wellington. On the South Island she was in Gore and in the area surrounding.

Some of her most interesting slides were of the thermal area at Rotorua, a national park. The hot springs, geysers, and big developments there were spectacular. The native Maori ruins and replicas are of very great interest to all. Especially pleasing to most of the Bookworms were the looks at homes and families and especially the gardens of the South Island.

After the slide showing the special treat continued with the variety of New Zealand refreshments spread on the Ferguson dining table. These

included caramel biscuits, picklets, fruit bread, caramel fudge, and cherry-caramel slices, along with coffee and tea.

We are pleased to share the following recipe for the cherry-caramel slices that Fav got on the South Island.

NEW ZEALAND CHERRY CARAMEL SLICES

- 4 Oz. sugar (white)
- 6 oz. melted butter
- 1 sm. Tbsp. cocoa or 1 Tbsp. cornstarch.
- 1 1/2 cups flour (all-purpose)
- 1 tsp. baking powder.
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- Mix well, press half of mixture into 8 x 8 pan-top with following filling--
- 1/2 tin condensed sweetened milk.
- 2 Tbsp. golden syrup (karo)
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 2 oz. butter.

Ione High Banquet Theme is 'Aloha'

ALOHA!! "An evening in Hawaii" was enjoyed by members of Ione High School junior and senior classes, their parents, and faculty members on Apr. 14. The annual Junior-Senior banquet was sponsored by the junior class in honor of the seniors.

Guests, requested to dress in appropriate Hawaiian attire, were seated on the floor at tables decorated with tea leaves, orchids, grass shacks, and fresh fruits.

Melt together and pour over base.

Sprinkle filling with chopped nuts and cherries and then sprinkle remaining dry mixture on top. (Use any chopped nuts and either marachino or candied cherries. Bake 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

Fresh fruit, Japanese crackers, boiled taros, rice thins and won ton were served as appetizers. The menu was highlighted with Kalua Pig, which had been roasted in a pit, truly Hawaiian style. Sweet potatoes, baked bananas, rice, hong kong beans, and tropical fruit salad were also served. Breads such as pao doce, banana nut, date and prune accented the festive meal. A tropical fruit pie was served for the final course of the evening.

D-Ann Barnett, junior class president, gave an Aloha welcome, followed with the invocation by the Rev. Dan Thompson. Rev. Thompson was also the guest speaker. Miss Barnett gave a salute to the seniors, followed by a senior address by

Shauna Bergstrom, senior class president. An Aloha farewell by Miss Barnett concluded the program.

Mike Warren was master of ceremonies for the entertainment portion of the evening. Songs of Hawaii were led by Mr. and Mrs. Darrell James.

Hula lovelies, "straight from Hawaii" performed "Lovely Hula Hands" and "Little Brown Gal." Kathy Gilbert, Gayle McNary, and Nicki Hoskins were the hula gals.

Doing a fleet-footed version of "tinkling" were Sherri Wilson, Mary Pat McEligott, and Cindi Martin.

Serving for one of the most delightful events of the year were sophomores, Phil Carlson, Cassandra Chapel, Paul Ashurst, Jan Ekstrom, Fred Sherman and Kay Bergstrom.

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