

WHO'S WHO IN OUR FIRST CENTURY

New Hospital

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of Trustees must see that the hospital is managed efficiently and effectively by an appointed administrator who is responsible to the board. Ilene Kilkenny Wyman is the current administrator.

The hospital honors many insurance plans, and patients under the State Industrial Accident Commission have full coverage for medical care. Ambulance service is available 24 hours a day.

MEDICAL CARE

A brochure that was printed about 1960 gives this statement—which many citizens wish could be made today. "In the past 10 years, Morrow County has built and paid for a 49-bed hospital so that we are in a much dicical needs. We now have 4 full time medical physicians in this area which fulfills the minimum standard of medical care for civilian population as set up by the the U.S. Health Service. And in addition, there is an osteopathic physician and a staff surgeon; orthopedic specialists and pathologists are available from Pendleton."

PURCHASE RANCH

Frances and Vawter. Frank Parker and Dr. Vaughn (the dentist) purchased the old Oscar Minor ranch which was then owned by R.L. Benge. Later Mr. Parker bought his partner Vaughn's share. The Parker's four children are Frances Mitchell of Portland, a retired teacher and accountant; Vawter of Hood River, an attorney; John of Portland, an accountant, and Kathryn (Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Jr.) a teacher here. Frances Mitchell was a sheriff's deputy here before going to Portland.

EASTERN STAR LEADER

Gertrude Parker has been very active in her church and in Eastern Star work where she held every office and was an especially noteworthy secretary. Mr. Parker died in 1968. Mrs. Parker still farms some wheat land in partnership with her grandson Mac Hoskins who comes from his weekly work at the flour mill in Pendleton to work on the land on weekends.

his wife the former Mary Gafney.

At Lena the Brosnans lived rather near the Franklin family who kept a stage station where passengers stayed overnight and horses were exchanged for a fresh team. The hill east of Lena is named after this family.

For awhile Zetta kept the Lena postoffice on her front porch. The first store at Lena was about north of where the Eddie Brosnans live now. A later store was built north of there where the Randall Martin barn stands about 58 years ago, and it had the postoffice with the store downstairs and a hall upstairs that was used for dances. Lumber from this store was used to build a shed now standing on the Merlin Hughes place.

Zetta recalls that young people would gather to dance

in the hall above where Murray's Drug store is now. Those who lived out rode their horses to town. The boys took up a collection to pay the piano player



Still living on Butter Creek, Zetta Brosnan whiles her days away doing fancy work. Two recently completed afghans are shown.

an early Rhea Creek pioneer, died about 10 years ago. Their daughter Velma Huston Parker taught at Rocky Bluff and Liberty school years back and now lives in Pasco.

JUSTLY POPULAR

Harold Cohn recalls that years ago Genia Huston was queen of a big July 4th celebration in the county— "She won the popularity contest", he said. She is a natural musician with an outstanding sense of rhythm, and since she was 4 yrs. old has been able to play any melody she heard. At 4 she would play on an old pump organ but her legs could not reach the pedals and someone else had to pump for her. She played the piano for countless dances, alone and in groups. She has given her talent generously to her lodge, and recently to the Golden Age Club.

Mrs. Huston has until recently been living in the

Lanham Apartments where she had many loyal friends nearby—but she is such a "fun" person she will always have many friends everywhere she goes— she is so easy to meet and to like.

Ulrick A. Raby

July 31 and August 1 and 2, Mr. and Mrs. Ulrick A. Raby from Chico, Ca. and their son Delbert visited in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Raby were here 53 years ago and hired a horse and wagon and looked up his parents, the Thomas J. Raby's, homestead out at the foot of the Colwell Grade. 1972 was a first look at Heppner for their son.

Ulrick is one of 5 brothers and 2 sisters born to Thomas J. Raby and his wife the former Turie Miller who homesteaded beside the Ad Moore family. Thomas J. was a lay preacher, and he

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The R.R. came up Willow Creek in 1888. Oscar Minor's Mountain Valley Stock Ranch (now the Fred Hoskins, Jr., home.) BERT SIGSBEE'S photo of train going by

Gertrude Crawford Parker

The daughter of Jasper V. Crawford, the organizer of the Christian Church in Heppner, and his wife Elizabeth Dunlop, whose father was a Linn County judge. Mrs. Gertrude Crawford Parker has many memories of early days. She will be 92 very soon and has been regaining strength in the Pioneer Hospital where we had a most pleasant visit. Her brothers were outstanding newspaper men— Vawter and Otheo with the Heppner Gazette and Garfield with a Texan paper.

Mrs. Parker tells of watching the 1903 flood through the windows of her family's home on the hill above the Christian Church. She had been working as an assistant to the postmaster, and after the flood she became temporary postmaster in charge at Heppner.

In 1905 she married Frank Parker who had come to Heppner to work as a stone mason with Mr. Montrestelli from Pendleton when the stone buildings on Main St. went up. The young Parkers ran cattle on the Snake River until they came back to Heppner to gain better schooling for their first two children,

Mrs. John Brosnan (Zetta Hager)

Mr. and Mrs. John Hager (he was from Missouri and she, Belle Wilkins, was from Vermont) give their daughters interesting names—Zetta and Zilpha. Zetta was born in Heppner in 1888, and her mother told her that she was the first child baptized in the St. Patrick's Church up on the south hill where the Legion Hall is now. She recalls an early day train-trip to Vermont where she celebrated her 6th birthday.

Zetta went through grade school in Heppner, then went to a convent high school in Walla Walla, graduating in 1906, and going on to Washington State College at Pullman the next year. She worked several places in Heppner—at Jim Hart's Confectionary Store and at the post office while W.W. Smead was postmaster. After she left Pullman, she worked as a telephone operator in Weiser,

MOVES TO LENA

In 1908 she and John Brosnan were married in St. Patrick's and went to live on the Brosnan Ranch at Lena where Zetta live today. Her husband was the son of Irishman Jeremiah Brosnan and

who was often VI Hart.

Her husband died in 1952. Son Jerry and his wife Marian farm the ranch with great help from their son Eddie and his wife Lorraine and their five fifth-generation Brosnans. Zetta's other children are a son Joe and a daughter Margaret (Mrs. Donald Williams.)

GENIA HOUSTON

Genia Huston is known especially for her fine sense of humor and for her generosity with her natural musical talent. She is a daughter of Jake Young and Mattie Hooker Young, Eightmile pioneers. Most of her 84 years she has lived in various sections of the county, and she is presently a patient at the Pioneer Hospital.

Born near Eight Mile Center, she attended school there and at Hall Ridge, then her parents brought their family to live in Heppner before 1903 where Mrs. Viola Gilman lives now at the west end of Aiken St. Genia has a sister, Mrs. Faye Young George living in Portland. Genia's husband, Clive Huston, son of Luther Huston

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We are happy to have been a member of the business community for the past 25 years and to have been privileged to participate in numerous community activities.

Heppner Cleaners
Bill and Daisy Collins and Family