

Who's Who in Our First Century



"I fought with Gran (all) Marched with Sherman to the Sea; But I'll be Dead if I'll lay here and let the Kaiser rule

over ME" reads the sign. This picture was marked "Old man Smith with the gun and Sam Hughes.

Mrs. Homer Green (Pearl Brannon)

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When Homer Green bought a Model T. Ford about 3 years after they married. He bought it in Heppner, and they were so proud of it and kept it ten years before trading it in. She supposes it cost between \$300 and \$400.

The Greens moved into the big, old Ralph Jackson house in Lexington in 1956. Mr. Green died in 1962. Pearl makes a home for her three unmarried sons, and her twin, Merle.

Mrs. Arthur Keene (Annie Campbell)

Still living on land she and her husband homesteaded, is Mrs. Annie Campbell Keene of Rhea Creek. She was born on Social Ridge in 1887, the first child of Pioneers William T. Campbell and his wife the former Elizabeth Young who came from Ontario, Canada. Mrs. Keene's nephew Roger Campbell farms his grandparent's place. Other children of the William T. Campbell's after Annie are a sister now Mrs. Effie Crow living in Canada, Roger's dad, Roy Campbell of Lexington, and Arthur Campbell of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mr. Keene whose family was in the Willamette Valley quite early, was 9 months old when his parents brought him to this area; he died in 1965. The Keene's had two children, Ruth (Mrs. Lon McCabe) who lives west of Rhea Creek on the McCabe homestead, and Bryce who is farming the Keene place. Arthur and Annie Keene celebrated their golden anniversary in 1963.

Mrs. Keene went to the old Social Ridge School and to the newer Social Ridge School and after she passed the state's teacher exam she taught at that school for 5 or 6 years.

She has many Keene and McCabe grandchildren and more great-grandchildren than she can count quickly—some as far away as Long Island, N.Y. Mrs. Keene points out that the place she

lives on and son Bryce farms is right beside the first place taken on that part of Rhea Creek by the Columbus (Lum) Rhea family, early pioneers. Although her eyesight is gone she lives alone very near Bryce and his family, and she is still a most keen person.

Miss Alta Stevens

Alta is the first child of John E. and Maggie Allen Stevens, Hardman pioneers. Their second child, James was killed in North Africa in World War II, the third, Edith now lives at Monument, and the youngest Harold is on the home ranch near Hardman. John Stevens' parents the Virgil A. Stephens (note how the spelling changed) came west by train to San Francisco, took a boat to Astoria, transferred to a paddlewheeler to reach Wallula, Wn., and then bought a team and wagon and went to Weston to winter. Next spring, 1881, they came to Dairyville (Hardman) when John, Alta's father was 6 yrs. old. Mrs. Allen, Alta's Grandma, ran an eating house for travelers in Hardman.

Alta's mother who was born in Hardman in 1885, died in 1913. Her father died in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in 1965. Alta stayed in Hardman until 1968 and then moved to Heppner. She recalls the excitement in old Hardman took many forms, such as, big baseball games, horse races in the streets, and boys tormenting old store keepers.

Alta Stevens became a Rebekah in Mistletoe Lodge no.

25 at Hardman and is a Past Noble Grand; she is now active in Heppner's Sans Souci. She has been one of the fine volunteer workers at the Heppner Neighborhood Center for some years now.

Mrs. C.N. Jones (Marvel Miller)

The six children of Mr. and

Mrs. Charles N. Jones had complete and fine public school experiences in Heppner—all six graduated from Heppner High School. In fact, from the time that son Paul W. started the first grade in 1917 until granddaughter Marcia graduated in 1970, one of their family was enrolled for each of the 53 years. The six Jones children are: Judge Paul W.; ranchers, Marcel, who has the home ranch; Floyd on Hinton Creek; Valice (Mrs. N. O. Washburn) Astoria; Lois (Mrs. Charles Graybeal) of Ukiah, Ca.; Loma Mae (Mrs. Irv. Chalfant of Indianapolis, Indiana.)

C.N. Jones who died May 4, 1971 came to Heppner just after the big flood and settled in Donaldson Canyon. Mrs. Jones came with her parents the C.A. Millers in 1906 into the Eight Mile community. They were married in 1909 and as newlyweds moved into the house where the Dick Sargents live now. In Sept, 1971 Mrs. Jones moved to town where she is comfortably located on Jones St. The Jones have been members of the Christian Church for many years.

Mrs. Charles Bartholomew (Phebe Thomson)

One of the oldest, if not the oldest county resident is Phebe Bartholomew who is 98 today, August 4th. She is the third of eight children of the Oscar Thomsons (her mother was Susan Atwood). Phebe was born on Butter Creek in 1874 in Umatilla County and went to The Dalles with a boatload of women and children who were sent out after word came that a large party of Indians was coming, during the big uprising of 1878.

OLDEST GRADUATE OF O.C.E.

Phebe attended the little old Thomson School on the ranch and became an avid reader. In their teens she and her older sister Lucy went

to far off Oregon Normal at Monmouth and Phebe graduated in the school's fourth class and has been honored as the school's oldest alum. After she came home from Monmouth, she taught at Pine City and at Thomson School before marrying Charles Herbert Bartholomew, the son of Morrow County Judge Alba G. Bartholomew.

BUILD UP RANCH

After living several places they, with their four children, settled at Pine City and began to build up the fine ranch there that is now operated by the Jasper Myers (the Bartholomew's youngest daughter Lila and her husband) and by the Myers' son Jerry and his young family. Phebe's other children are Mary (Mrs. Arthur Sether); Faye (Mrs. Marion Finch); and Oscar F. Bartholomew.

LEAVES BUTTER CREEK

Mr. Bartholomew died in 1954 and Phebe continued to live on Butter Creek in the big home with the Myers until into 1971 when she moved into the Hermiston Good Samaritan Center. She has her own telephone, and it seems she must be out at a birthday party this evening, as there is no answer tonight.

On August 4, 1968 a very

great birthday party was arranged in honor of her 95th birthday and many relatives and friends came from far and near for the two-day event. She has been so busy with her knitting, making lap robes for wheelchair patients, booties for great grandchildren, and other items. She insisted that the Myers should not buy a dishwashing machine as that was her job—and she did it so efficiently.

The story of Phebe Thomson Bartholomew is told in the booklet "The Judge's Family" written by her daughter, Mary Bartholomew Sether. The November 1970 Ruralite, Columbia Basin edition, features Phebe Bartholomew and has excellent pictures of her. Her life has almost spanned more than the history of Morrow County—in fact she is only two years younger than Heppner is this August. She is still so sweet, helpful, and generous and is much loved by so many.



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