

The mail pouch

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home of almost a year, Oran, Algeria (Ellis had been in the service there). I got to see labor under Communism. A young Arab from Jordan was taken forcibly, weeping from the train."

"Suddenly a miracle happened. We had crossed the border into Turkey. Immediately people started waving at the train, with hordes of kids descending on the tracks as if they had never seen a train before. All were wreathed in smiles, something I had not seen in Bulgaria. I waved a \$1 bill at a boy selling yogurt. He pantomimed he had no change and I showed him two fingers. How good that tasted. Remember I had not eaten in 24 hours. I was given a German mark in change but at the next town a boy sold me a lovely big watermelon for the mark; this was shared with Said and Jean."

Arriving in Istanbul 12 hours late, "I parked my big bag with a den of thieves who later charged \$4. for a 25 cent job." Ellis objected so loudly he got the price down to \$2.

He breakfasted on honey and the "most delicious bread I've ever tasted." The Topkapi Palace is now a museum. All women enjoy having their pictures taken in front of "The Harem" sign. One of the largest and most magnificent diamonds in the world is on display. The gardens and flowers are "out of this world". St. Sophia's Cathedral, a Christian landmark, later a Moslem mosque, is now a museum.

Ellis went into the Istanbul Hilton for martinis. This is not only one of the most magnificent hotels in the world but the setting is fantastic, on a hill overlooking the Bosphorus. "I had peeked into the Blue Mosque, but did not venture inside."

"I decided to dine that night at the Istanbul restaurant, which turned out to be the choice perfect. Two minutes after I sat down I was invited to join Omar, the proprietor, at his table. Omar spoke no English, but he summoned Iskender, who sells textbooks at his shop, to act as interpreter. I paid for the shish-kebab I ordered but Omar kept the waiters busy bringing me rose liqueur and coffee, not to mention the most heavenly fruit imaginable. I had not tasted a real tree-ripened peach since I visited a college friend in Yucaipa, Calif., whose father had a peach orchard."

It was a hilarious meal. About 10 p.m. a very drunk Turk insisted on joining the party. He didn't speak any English either, but fortunately the restaurant closed at 10:30.

I was waiting to cross the street when the same Turk motioned me to join him in a taxi. I did become a little alarmed when the cab seemed to travel a couple miles along the water. We finally stopped and he had the taxi wait. I finally found out the reason for our ride. He wanted me to meet his mother. She produced the most delicious Turkish coffee imaginable. I was simple charmed by the warmth of the welcome, all without one word of English. Then we got into the waiting cab and returned to the corner where we started, and he went his way. Just try to find a tour which promises: You will be a guest of the management of a restaurant and later will be invited into a Turkish home."

Ellis took a boat up the Bosphorus. "This surely is one of the most unusual bodies of water in the world. It is a narrow channel made by nature between Europe and Asia. They said that a Russian boat passes through it every six minutes, day and night."

Returning to his hotel, the Yasmak, he found Omar had invited him to return to dinner. In marched a huge Turk who played a weird instrument while the head waiter did some native dancing.

Ellis finally got up his courage to check his shoes and enter the Blue Mosque, which is very beautiful. Two hippies were refused entrance until they washed their feet.

"No womens' Lib here. The ladies sat in the back."

Ellis loved Turkey and its people.

Then to Athens where he met and roomed with George Elia of Beirut, Lebanon, in a hotel where the owner could understand every third word in English. He and his new friend took a boat trip to Italy, saw the Acropolis and Parthenon; went to the Greek Islands where they met a girl, Joanne of Albany, N.Y., and a German girl, Inga.

There was a group of lovely singers aboard who started singing German drinking songs. "What a setting-inky water, the moon and the lights of Piraeus in the distance, the velvety air and the lovely singing. Unforgettable."

Going to Rome, Ellis learned they have closed off the Coliseum, as air pollution has done what several centuries could not do. Then Paris and back to New York City, his beloved city.

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(Ellis Thomson is a native of Heppner, a graduate of Heppner High School and the University of Oregon, now living in New York.)

Heppner cheerleaders won the grand championship award at the July 15-19 Cheerleaders School in Seattle. Heppner girls also won the "most outstanding spirit" award. They competed against representatives of 16 schools in Oregon, Washington and Alaska. The winners, shown here in one of their routines, are Mary and Judy Healy, Toni Toll, Donna Bellamy and Marjie Roberts. Saturday night, July 28, a benefit dance will be held at the Legion Hall where the girls will act as hostesses. Proceeds will raise funds for their cheerleaders' costumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin of Othello, Wa., are parents of a boy, Heath Eugene, born on Tuesday July 17. He joins two sisters, Melene and Hiedi, and one brother, Mark. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Martin, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Holloway, Albany. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Horton, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Elmer Griffith, spent the weekend in Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Haugen and family. On Sunday they attended a picnic of 1971-72 grand officers of Eastern Star in Oregon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox in Tigard. The Lindstroms recently returned from a two-week vacation visiting their daughter, Susan, and other friends and relatives in San Francisco and Hillsborough, Ca. On their return trip they visited Mr. and Mrs. Noel Dobyns at Florence and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Zielinski and Mr. and Mrs. Elmo McMillan in Salem.

Anita Palmer arrived home Tuesday after having ear surgery at the Kennewick General Hospital on July 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Palmer and daughters, Barbara, Debra and Donna, and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Wilson and daughter, Sheri, attended the Elgin Stampede, July 22, where Barbara and Sheri were pennant bearers for the Heppner Rodeo Court. Anita Palmer remained at home with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer.

Alisa and Anjie Halverson are staying with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halverson, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mark

Halverson, are moving to Hermiston. Mark Halverson and Leroy Gardner Jr. are doing some remodeling and will be opening RoeMarks Men's Clothing Store in Hermiston sometime this fall.

Richard Rea and daughters Donna and Darcy, and son, Chris, arrived Monday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ciel Rea. Richard and Chris will stay a few days, but the girls will be here most of the summer staying with their grandparents and also Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halverson.

Services Sunday, July 22, at the United Church of Christ were conducted by Mark Rietman, and the speaker for the service was Cindy Mojdell, moderator of the Oregon United Church Youth Council from Corvallis. She was accompanied by several other youth from the Corvallis Church.

Leaving Sunday, July 22, for Camp Adams to attend junior camp are: John Reitman, counselor, Paula Lindstrom, Kim and Kelly Pettyjohn, Jeff Edmondson, Craig Rea, Gregg Reitmann and Jerry Reitman.

Pastor Bill Arthur was home over the weekend. He returned Sunday to finish his summer school at Mt. Angel Seminary. After this week, he will go immediately to Camp Adams where he will direct the junior high camp. If needed his wife will have phone numbers where he may be reached.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor spent the weekend vacationing at Wallowa Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Adon Hamlett spent Sunday and Monday in Portland visiting their daughter, Sharlene Hamlett.



"Colonel Saunders has promoted me to First Lieutenant!"

Ione

By EVA HAMLETT

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Christopherson are the parents of a son born July 1 at Mt. Home Air Force Base. The young man has been named Heath William. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Christopherson of Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor and Mr. Alton Yarnell drove to Yakima, Wa., to attend the memorial services of their uncle, Glenn Yarnell, July 16. Also attending were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Yarnell of Madras.

Miss Casandra Chapel left Portland on July 5 for the United Nations. She arrived there Sunday and will be in New York for a week before returning home by the way of Canada and Yellowstone Park. Casandra had earned the trip by competing in the United Nations Pilgrimage Contest sponsored by the IOOF Lodge.

Judy Mason of Pica Rivera, Ca., left Portland July 1 to fly to Paris for a month's vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Imel, accompanied by Delsie Chapel and Frank Engelmann, spent last week at the coast. They spent two days at Garibaldi visiting where Mrs. Imel spent her childhood days. They also visited the Sea Lion Caves, Wax Museum, and toured the Tillamook cheese factory.

Word was received of the death of Margaret E. Scott at the home of daughter, in Denver, Co. on July 17. She will be remembered by many as an aunt of the late Catherine Emert. Mrs. Bob Kilkenny (nee Mary Emert) attended the memorial service in Oakland, Ca.

Kim Gutierrez and Todd Peterson spent last week attending basketball camp at Forest Grove. Mrs. Herbert Peterson drove the boys down and George Gutierrez brought them home on Saturday. He also stopped at Cascade Locks and picked up Craig and Cathy Gutierrez, who spent last week with the grandmother, Mrs. Lena Payne.

Mrs. W.W. Weatherford 111 has reenlisted in the U. S. Navy.

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37 Years Ago.....1936

Miss Harriet Heliker, candidate of Willows Grange for the honor of Queen of Heppner's 1936 Rodeo, stepped into second place last Saturday night following the queen's dance at Ione. Up to that time, Miss Heliker had been at the bottom of the heap, but it's a different story now.

The standings of the candidates this week show Miss Genevieve Hanna of Lenna still leading the race with a total of 19,500 votes; Harriet Heliker, 15,900; Frances Rugg, 14,700; and Betty Doherty, 13,300.

Twenty-six CCC enrollees of Camp Heppner were called out about 4: p.m. last Sunday by Forest Ranger F.F. Wehmyer to help quell a forest fire several miles beyond Spray.

Work was started Tuesday morning on a new building at the corner of May and Chase Streets which when completed will be used as a service station by Glen Hayes.

Bright and early Monday morning, July 13, ten 4-H Club boys met in Heppner ready to start on the 400-mile 4-H judging tour through Wallowa and Union Counties. Clarence Biddle, Lexington 4-H Club leader, accompanied the boys and drove the truck. The boys making the trip were Irvin Rauch, Billy Biddle, Mancel and Marion Krebs, Rufus Hill, Dick Williams, Malcolm O'Brien, Larry Stevens and Jimmy Cool.

1 Year Ago.....1972

Bert Corbin tosses hat in Sheriff Ring: Bert Corbin, a Heppner police officer has filed his petition to run for the office of Sheriff of Morrow County on the Independent ticket.

Drill crew for Dam due here in August: Cores will provide information on the foundation condition. They should be completed by next summer.

Barney Marshall, Heppner, is among 50 1972 Class "AA" and Class "A" high school graduates in the state who have elected to play in the annual East-West Shrine All-Star football game in Pendleton, Aug. 19.

First item on agenda of the Aug. 7th City Council meeting here will be a hearing on the permit issued for the new U.S. Forest Service office building to be built in the Lott-Rasmussen Addition.

Mrs. Beverly Rish and sons, Billy and Robert, came from Lakeview Saturday to get Ramona, who has been visiting this summer at the Ervin Anderson home. Lisa, Shelly and Alison Parent and Suzanne Martin are also visiting with the Andersons, their grandparents.

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