



RAYMOND J. HUDDLESTON

Alaskan couple visit Heppner

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Huddleston of Valdez, Alaska, were in Heppner during the holidays for a visit with Huddleston's sister, Mrs. Sadie Parish, and other relatives.

Huddleston retired in 1960 as maintenance supervisor for the Alaska Department of Fishery. He now owns an apartment house in Valdez, and spends a lot of time fishing his fishing boat. He was lured to Alaska in 1929 when, after spending two years at the University of Oregon, he found work was easy to get there and high wages were being paid. He only recently resigned from the Local Boundary Commission, Department of Community and Regional Affairs, a political appointment that took him to almost every corner of the state.

Huddleston was born and raised at Lone Rock, and attended school there. He recalls that there were two rooms downstairs in the old building, still standing, where grade school was held. Upstairs was the high school, which had 10 to 12 students. The town had a population of between 50 and 75 people, so most of the students came from surrounding ranches. He lived on a ranch 1 1/2 miles from town. He attended high school in Portland, however, because he could get a better background for the study of law, a career he gave up when

he went to Alaska. Mrs. Huddleston is the former Jeanette Turner, whom he married in 1938. She is the daughter of the late Frank Turner. The couple have three daughters, all married. Two live in Juneau and the youngest one in Valdez.

They left Heppner a few days ago and will visit in California before returning to Valdez about March 1. They expect to spend about three months each year in Heppner during the winter months, and eventually plan to live here permanently.

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Rep. Jack Sumner was appointed last week to the State Emergency Board and to the Joint Ways and Means Committee of the Oregon legislature. Sumner was appointed by Rep. Richard Eyemann, D-Springfield, outgoing Speaker of the House. The legislature convenes Jan. 13.

What's in handwriting?

I live in Morrow Co. and attend college at O

By MARGARET McNAIR
Graphoanalyst

Imagination, indecisiveness and sensitiveness to criticism are character traits combined in the handwriting above. How do these traits affect the life of the writer?

First, ability to relate well to society is being impaired because sensitiveness to criticism (fear of disapproval) is a great handicap in one's relationships with others. The person whose feelings have to be treated gently is considered too fragile for the crowd. And when imagination is present, the hurts are magnified in his mind.

Second, indecisiveness (fear of finally) causes the writer to find a sort of negative security in temporizing, in refusing to resolve a situation by making a decision. To postpone thinking his way out of a dilemma, the writer reduces his will to set a goal, to overcome fears, or to become well-adjusted in his environment. Developing aptitudes into abilities and giving his talents adequate expression are made more difficult for him to realize.

Third, sensitiveness and indecisiveness together mean

that the writer is in a state of injured feelings and doesn't know why people are "against" him. "Touchy" individuals are quickly left alone with their sensitive feelings.

Add imagination to the mixture and the writer finds slights where none are intended, and then enlarges them.

A strong combination of strong traits, working positively, will compensate for these weaknesses.

Instead of defending the ego from further injuries with stinging words, sulking, stubbornness and brooding, why not offset fears with controls and positive defenses?

Put a sense of humor into your life and become witty. Use diplomacy more, and develop exploratory-analytical thinking to explore deeply into a subject. This kind of thinking will help the writer to evaluate the situation and eliminate prejudice.

As horizons widen, the writer will manage to adjust to such an extent that he can sublimate fears and feelings in creative and challenging goals.

Questions about handwriting will be answered free of charge. Write to Margaret McNair, The Gazette-Times, Box 337, Heppner, Ore. 97836.

School planners ask help

The Long Range Planning Committee for Morrow County Schools has held a series of three meetings this fall to determine what are the needs of the school district as it faces an uncertain future.

A major increase in student population could be budgeted about a time when schools are being asked to provide more and more opportunities while facing rapidly rising costs.

The committee has developed a list of needs gathered from study committees throughout the school district.

Local school planning committees are developing methods of contacting the patrons in their attendance areas so they may voice their opinions in setting priorities for these needs.

Each local planning committee will meet to determine what approach will be used to determine public opinion. A meeting was held at Heppner High School, Jan. 6. Others will be held at Riverside High School on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. and at Lone High School, Jan. 22, 8 p.m.

Interested patrons may also call the local school office or the district office for information.

Search committee meets tonight

The Doctors' Search Committee will meet Thursday, Jan. 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse in Heppner. The Committee's meetings are opened to the public.

The agenda for Thursday evening will cover further discussion about the need for a clinic, and application for special federal funds for such things as purchasing of equipment for a clinic and special medical services.

To date, five interested doctors have visited the Heppner area. Three of these doctors have been from National Health Service Corps. The other two were physicians in private practice.

The regular third Tuesday meeting of the committee will not be held. They will meet again on Jan. 29 at 1 p.m. at the courthouse with National Health Service Corps representative from Seattle, Dr. Roger Rosenblatt.

Students, faculty honor Mrs. Isom

Mrs. Verdie Isom was honored at a dinner in the banquet room of the school restaurant, Boardman, upon her retirement as head cook at A. C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon.

The dinner was given for her by the faculty after her 23 years of service to the school and community. Some of the students she served called her "the best cook in the world."

Mrs. Isom attended school here from the 4th grade through high school graduation, before the days of the hot lunch program. Her retirement was effective Dec. 31, although she was forced to retire earlier due to a fall that fractured her kneecap and hand. She still was wearing the cast at the dinner.

A plaque from the Morrow County School District was presented to her by Supt. Matt Doherty for her dedicated service. She responded with a "thank you" speech. A fun gift of a Pillsbury dough girl had been previously given her, along with a retirement book from Mrs. Vernon Stewart, school secretary. Each staff member had provided a signed page and each child in school had signed the book.

Those attending the dinner included the faculty and retired teachers of the school: Mr. and Mrs. Matt Doherty; Earl Isom, her husband; Mr. and Mrs. Don Eppenbach, her daughter and son-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Daniels; Mrs. Al Partlow and Mrs. Harold Baker, who provided dinner music on the organ and piano.

Following the dinner there was special music and poems. Among the gifts was a money tree presented by Michael Tolar, school superintendent.

Oliver Jacob, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Endicott, has returned home from a Walla Walla hospital. He was born Nov. 30 in Springfield, Ore. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Noble Fekner and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Endicott, all of Springfield.

Dolores Pummel is convalescing at her home after back surgery at a Walla Walla hospital.

Robert Byrd has returned from Detroit and Chicago where he received training for his work as a representative of New York Life Insurance.

Hardman tightens voting policy

Officers were elected Sunday afternoon for the Hardman Community Hall.

Named to offices were Tom Huston, president; Dallas McDaniel, vice-president; Zelma McDaniel, treasurer; Karen Walker, secretary; and Larry Kennedy, captain of entertainment.

All were incumbents. The only new officer is Kennedy, who succeeds Jim Carr as captain of entertainment.

The board of directors includes Melvin McDaniel, "Shorty" Peck, Perry Adams and Steve Walker, all incumbents; and Wayne Wilson, the newly-elected member.

The secretary, Karen Walker, and her husband, Steve Walker, director, are submitting their resignations this week, according to Mrs. Walker. This creates a vacancy on the board and in the office of secretary.

The Walkers are resigning, Mrs. Walker told the Gazette-Times, because they feel the election was unfair. The dissension stems from a new policy which bars people from voting in these annual January elections who live outside a 12-mile radius of Hardman. In the past, the Hardman Community Hall, affectionately known as "The Opry House," has welcomed the votes as well as the participation of people from all over the county. The new policy prevents voting by residents of Heppner, Lexington, Lone and other communities. President Huston said, however, that the Hardman Community Hall still welcomes their participation in Opry House events, short of the voting privilege.

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