

Indian village is setting for book

Millions have purchased Margaret Craven's novel, "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" and millions more have watched the TV dramatization of this story of a young priest's experience in a British Columbia coastal Indian village. Pauline Hughes chose to review this book for the Bookworms at their first March meeting held in her Butter Creek home. She described how the Indian feels about his village.

"His village is more than the strip of land four miles long and three miles wide that is his as long as the sun rises and the moon sets. His village is the myths and the winds and the rains. His village is the river, and the black-and-white killer whales that herd the fish to the end of the inlet. His village is the salmon who comes up the river to spawn, the seal who follows the salmon, the bluejay whose name is like the sound he makes—'Kwiss-kwiss.'"

The central character, young Anglican priest Mark Brian, discovers much about life and love, courage and dignity, and readiness for death away from modern civilization.

As Mark grows in his understanding of Indian ways, the reader learns about Indian families, about the feelings of the children and the parents. Community history is brought out in the dances and customs are explained.

The romance of Keetah and Gordon brings out the changing ways of the younger Indians. Gordon decides to stay in the outside world; Keetah loves the Indian village and must return there.

When Mark Brian appraised his experience in the village,

he felt "he had learned a little of the truth of one tribe in one village. He had seen the sadness, the richness, the tragic poignancy of a way of life that each year, bit by bit, slipped beyond memory and was gone. For a time he had been part of it, one of the small unknown men who take their stand in some remote place and fight out their battle in a quiet way."

This novel is available at the Heppner Library.

Pre-school clinics set

Hearing, speech, vision and child development tests will be given free at pre-school screening clinics to be held throughout Umatilla County, Monday, May 12, through Thursday, May 22.

The clinics are sponsored by local organizations, the County Health Department, and the Intermediate Education District.

Every child aged three through six should be tested; younger children should be tested if parents have any question about their speech or language development, their ability to see or hear, or about any area of child growth or development.

Parents who have a child entering school for the first time next fall are especially encouraged to make an appointment for the clinic.

The pre-school clinic will help parents become aware of possible developmental or perceptual problems which may require medical and/or educational attention. For the parents of those children who will be entering school in the fall, the clinic will provide information which will help parents evaluate their child's degree of readiness for entry into kindergarten or first grade.

Assessments will be made by persons trained in child growth and development: speech pathologists, audiologists, child development specialists, psychologists, physicians, and public health nurses.

Appointments can be made by telephone for one of the following clinics:

Hermiston—Mon., May 12, 7:30 p.m., at the fairgrounds annex, in Heppner.
Pilot Rock—Fri., May 16, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Community Presbyterian Church, 222 S.W. Third, Pilot Rock. 443-6561 or 443-2371.
Pendleton—Mon., May 19, Tues., May 20, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wed., May 21, 9 a.m.-11:45 a.m. 276-6939.

Benefit bowl May 17-18

Alpha Theta Sorority is sponsoring a benefit bowling tournament. It will be held on May 17-18 and proceeds will be donated to Mikka Lou Evans. Those wanting to enter the mixed doubles tournament should contact Betty Heath 676-9208 or Rita Harris at 676-5023.



MR. AND MRS. GARLAND SWANSON

Garland Swanson quits port post

Poor health has prompted the resignation of Garland Swanson, lone, as president of the Port of Morrow Commission.

The action came at a special meeting of the commission Thursday in lone. At the same time he nominated Louis Carlson, lone, to fill the vacancy until the May, 1976 election. Action on the nomination will be taken May 8 at the regular port commission meeting in Boardman. Oscar Peterson, also of lone, will serve as president of the body until a new president is elected.

Swanson and Dewey West Jr., Boardman, are the only two charter members remaining on the commission. Swanson has been a member since the organization was formed in 1959.

The commission got off to a shaky start when Gov. Robert Holmes, in the process of leaving office, forgot to appoint the commissioners.

Probably without legal authority, the board functioned for about two months. Gov. Hatfield made the formal appointments to the commission.

One of Swanson's favorite stories concerns the bomb that was accidentally dropped in his yard. The practice bomb had been dislodged from a bomber heading for the bombing range. It took a chip out of the concrete, barely missing the house.

RECESSION PROMOTES LIBRARY GROWTH

Something good in the current recession is the growth spurt taking place in public libraries.

The Heppner Library has just cataloged its 10,150th book. It also has over 2,000 uncataloged paperback books and many magazines. Its circulation has grown considerably this last year.

Time Magazine for April 29 reports, "In many towns the new in place for free information and entertainment is the public library. It is a truism among librarians that the Great Depression saw a tremendous rise in people coming into public libraries, and we believe this is happening again," says Larry Molumby, a public library administrator in Washington, D.C."

Pioneer Picnic

The Pioneer Memorial Picnic is scheduled for May 25. It will be held at the fairgrounds pavilion with registration at 11:30 a.m.

Local organizations are donating the main food dishes for the potluck dinner. Prizes will also be offered by the Heppner merchants.

Everyone is invited to renew old acquaintances and make new ones.

Museum hours are extended

Judge Paul Jones and Mrs. Rachel Harnett announce that the county museum has extended its hours as of May 1. The new hours will be in effect until about Oct. 1.

The public is invited to come into the museum on Monday and Wednesday between 12:30 and 5 p.m. Thursday evening the museum will open between 7:30 and 9:30 o'clock. These hours are the same as the hours of the public library that shares the building.

Weekends the museum will have longer hours than the library which is open only from 2 to 4 Saturday and Sunday afternoons. The museum will continue being open Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Many visit at reception

The many members of Eastern Star chapters who came to the county Saturday to honor Grand Recorder Virginia Wilkinson learned a little about the area.

Besides enjoying visiting with local members and with one another, some of them did a bit of exploring before and after the smorgasbord dinner and reception at lone Saturday.

Some inspected the county museum and checked with Mrs. Harnett about family connections to Morrow pioneers. A few checked in the library, asking about ghost towns and other places of interest.

TRIP CANCELLED

The Morrow County Gem and Mineral Society has cancelled its field trip scheduled for May 10-11, as several members are unable to attend at that time.

FAIR BOARD MEETS

The Morrow County Fair Board will hold its regular meeting, Monday, May 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the dorm building on the fair grounds in Heppner.

Bechdolts leave Hardman home

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian C. Bechdolt and Mr. Archie Bechdolt have lived in Morrow County's best known ghost town, Hardman, for many years, and are now leaving it.

Their white house west of the highway is the house which stands out as the one with the most paint on it.

The brothers' parents came to the area in 1898 from Indiana. Adrian was born at the ranch house about 2 1/2 miles out of town; Archie was born in Heppner. The ranch property was sold to Bob Mahoney in the fall of 1968.

The white house which the Bechdolts are leaving this week was purchased from Kenneth Batty in 1958 and has now been sold to Harold Wright. It will soon be occupied by David Wright and his family. David is a nephew of the new owner.

Velva Bechdolt taught in the Heppner Elementary School until the end of the 1971 year. She and husband Adrian are both members of the Morrow-Umatilla Retired Teachers Association. Velva has long been active in Rebekah and in Delta Kappa Gamma and more recently in the Heppner Branch of AAUW. The Bechdolts are members of the Heppner Christian Church.

The Bechdolt threesome is busy sorting through accumu-

lations of several generations as they move this week to Pendleton where they have purchased a home at 514 NW 6th.

"We have things that go back as far as the American Revolution," Archie said. The family has donated some historical magazines to the Heppner Library.

Monument

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Carr, Monument, had the misfortune of losing their home by fire, on April 26.

Monument townspeople held a carnival last week, and are planning a ham dinner and walkathon in the near future. Proceeds from these money raising ventures will go towards the purchase of a new ambulance.

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Fishermen's Night

Stag Night

May 8, 1975

Fish & Chips Dinner

6:30 to 7:30

\$2.00 a person

Sourdough workshop arranged

"We have been deluged with requests for a Sourdough Workshop," according to Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension Service, "so here it is!"

Homemakers from Gilliam and Morrow counties will present the workshop Monday, May 12, 7:30 p.m., at the fairgrounds annex, in Heppner.

Sourdough bakers who will be sharing their skills and secrets are Flora Johnson, Condon, Barb Witherrite, Pine City, and Linda LaRue, lone. The three will demonstrate all phases of cookery with sourdough including starters, pancakes, biscuits, coffee cakes, rolls, french bread and cakes, with sampling of all promised.

Ms. Johnson will include demonstration and information on grinding grains for home use, and other information concerning home ground grains. She has been grinding grains for home baking for a number of years, and has many hints and suggestions to share on this subject.

All attending will receive free information and recipes for sourdough cookery, how to make starter and care of it. There is no charge to attend.

School Lunch Menu

Heppner Elementary School Menus

Thurs., May 8—spaghetti, ground beef, peas, carrot sticks, rolls, butter, milk.

Fri., May 9—School's choice.

Mon., May 12—hot dogs, bun, cheese sticks, hot vegetable, fruit, milk.

Tues., May 13—bar-b-q beef on bun, lettuce wedge, corn, fruit, milk.

Wed., May 14—meat gravy, potatoes, tomatoes, stuffed celery, rolls, butter, milk.

Thurs., May 15—School's choice.

Fri., May 16—soup, sandwiches, salad, fruit, milk.

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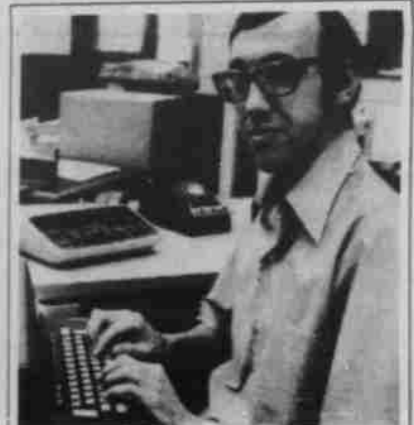
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