



DONNA BIRD

Wandering woman finds donkey power suitable

Perhaps the strains of "I Am A Happy Wanderer," could best describe the way of life Donna Bird, Oliver, B.C., Canada, is presently leading.

A few years ago Donna grew tired of working in an office and retired from the paper shuffling, the gossip and decided to tour the United States

"An automobile is too fast, and the vehicles pollute the air," she said. So she chose another mode of transportation. She purchased a donkey and a small cart to carry the necessities of her simple way of life and set out to tour the states. "The donkey isn't fast, but then I am not in any hurry as I have no pre-determined destination," she said. "I enjoy taking the back roads and this gives me a chance to stop and visit with people along the way," said Donna. She carries all of her belongings in the small cart and as dusk approaches she

selects a spot to make camp for the night. She usually will make her camp in a field that has some type of grass so her donkey can graze during the night. Once the camp is ready, she will clean an area for a campfire for cooking, however, she is aware of the dangers of fire and in some cases will eat her meals cold rather than build a camp fire.

She seldom asks permission to set up her nightly camp, and will not camp in any posted area. "I don't try to locate the owner of the property for my campsite as this would take too much time, besides why should I need permission to spend a few hours at night," said Donna. Continuing she stated, "When I lived in Canada, no one had to ask permission to come on my property to get a drink of water, so unless the area is posted I don't feel I should have to ask permission to spend the night."

She tries to avoid all of the paved roads, as she feels the pavement is detrimental to the hoofs of her donkey, appropriately named Jeanie Silly-lips.

She recently had the donkey shod for her journey using pony shoes.

She uses maps of the various counties and tries to stay on level terrain. "Why go up hill and then down to reach a destination if you can traverse the terrain on the level?" she said.

She had hopes of covering about nine miles per day, but only covers about six miles. She carries a small clock, however, she never uses the alarm. "When morning comes and I decide to break camp and leave for the day I am not concerned with the time of day," said Donna. "I leave when I feel like it." The weather plays an important part in her travels as she doesn't travel when it is cold or raining.

She started out from Creston, B.C. last summer and spent most of the winter months at Moses Lake. "When asked how she managed to survive the winter months, she commented she does welding and is quite proficient at silver welding.

Most of the people she has encountered along the way have offered her money or food. In some cases strangers have returned to her route with gifts of food.

She has been traveling along Butter Creek about a week ago and left Lexington last Friday on her way to Condon. At present her plans are to travel to Condon, Fossil, Shaniko and eventually into California, but her plans may change along the way.

"So what," she contends. "It has been an interesting experience and I have met many interesting people along the way and it sure beats the heck out of working in an office."

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Grain loan programs list producer options

WASHINGTON, June 17—Producer options for obtaining anniversary loans under the 1975 Wheat and Feed Grain Programs were announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Department said on Nov. 27, 1974 that wheat and feed grain loans would no longer have identical maturity dates but will mature 11 months following the end of the month in which the loan is made.

Loans for wheat, oats, barley and rye may be obtained from harvest through March 31, 1976, and loans on corn and grain sorghum from harvest through May 31, 1976.

As in the past, the producer has the option of storing his grain under loan either on the farm or in an approved warehouse.

To obtain a farm-stored loan, the producer needs to certify at his Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) county office the number of bushels of grain he has in suitable storage. The loan amount will then be computed by multi-

plying the eligible quantity of grain in storage times the loan rate for the county in which the grain is stored. The producer has the option of taking a loan on a quantity of grain less than the total eligible and of paying off all or a part of the loan at any time during the loan period. A requirement under the loan agreement is that the producer maintain the quality of the loan collateral and that he notify his county office prior to using or selling any of the grain pledged for loan.

Warehouse-stored loans will be disbursed on the basis of the full county loan rate which means the producer will have to prepay storage to the maturity date of the loan.

To be eligible for a warehouse-stored loan, the producer needs to store his grain in a warehouse approved by Commodity Credit Corporation under provisions of the Grain Storage Agreement. The producer must obtain a warehouse receipt which is used by the ASCS county office to compute the loan based on the specific quantity and quality shown on the receipt.

Another requirement for loan eligibility is that the warehouse receipt show storage has been prepaid to the last day of the eleventh month following the month in which the warehouse receipt was issued, the loan will mature on that date regardless of when the loan is made.

If the producer does not wish to obtain a loan until sometime after the warehouse receipt is issued, he has two options by which he may obtain the full 12-month loan period: (1) he may return to the warehouse and pay the additional storage required to obtain the 12-month loan; or (2) he may, at the time of deposit of his grain, prepay storage charges for 13 or more months, depending on the date he intends to take out a loan.

As with a farm-stored loan, a warehouse-stored loan may also be redeemed at any time during the loan period by paying the principal plus interest for the time the loan was outstanding. Currently the interest rate on loans is 6 1/2 per cent. On October 1, 1975, the loan interest rate will be reviewed.



Bank robber lone resident

James W. O'Rourke, special agent in charge of the FBI, Portland, announced the arrest of Paul William Ashurst, 19, lone, by FBI agents in Burbank, Ca., on June 26.

Ashurst has been charged with the armed robbery of the First National Bank of Oregon, Sherman County Branch, at Moro, on June 16, 1975. A federal warrant was issued by U.S. Magistrate, George Juba, June 26. Ashurst was scheduled to appear before a U.S. Magistrate in California, June 27.

Ashurst is charged with the armed robbery of the bank June 16 at which time approximately \$21,800 was taken by a man armed with a pistol who escaped into the empty country around the small central Oregon town.

School board to study growth

The Morrow County School District board will hold a special meeting at 9 p.m., July 7, 1975 at the district office in Lexington.

The meeting has been called to discuss the needs of the school district in terms of the increased demands on school facilities resulting from increased population and new curriculum requirements.

Student population at the close of the 1973-74 school year was 1162 students. The student population at the close of the 1974-75 school year was 1321 or an increase of 159 students.

With work soon to begin on the Portland General Electric coal fired plant at the Carty site, the forecast is for nearly doubling of the present enrollment. A study done for PGE by Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, a Portland firm, predicts the additional of 1122 students to the school population by the year 1977.

An executive session is also planned in accordance with the provisions of ORS 192.660 Section 2-a to discuss negotiations for the purchase of additional land for school sites.

With interest

60 year old debt paid for 2¢ apple

The following letter was simply addressed: To the Editor, Heppner Newspaper, Heppner, Oregon, USA.

Enclosed with the letter was a Canadian \$2 bill which is explained in the text of the letter.

You hear of old debts being paid after many years have gone by, but seldom for such a small debt as this. Some people still do have a conscience.

In 1904 I was born on a farm in the Eightmile-Gooseberry Section of your county.

In 1913 my father purchased a Model T car from Albert Bauer, the Ford dealer in Heppner. Prior to the advent of the Ford a trip to Heppner was a two-day affair, which required the housing of the horses in a livery stable, also a night in the Palace Hotel.

The Ford made it possible to make the trip in one day and for me to go alone.

My father used to exchange eggs and butter for groceries at a local store. On my first trip to town he entered the grocery store and picked up an apple and proceeded to order groceries. Apparently it was the custom at that time for the merchant to expect the farmers to have an apple or a banana on the house.

As my father was leaving the store with the groceries, I

also picked up an apple. He went across the street to a saloon while I waited in the car. I ate the apple.

When returned to the farm I told my mother about picking up the apple. As a result I received a stern lecture informing me that it was wrong to have grabbed an apple on the way out. Her admonishment conveyed a message I have never forgotten.

The store in question was on the west side of Main Street and in the middle of the block. I believe the name of the store to be Thompson's Grocery or it could have been Thomas Grocery.

The store has undoubtedly gone out of business, since this is 60 years ago. If the store is still in business, please convey the attached \$2 bill to them for the apple.

I believe the apple was worth about 2 cents at that time and if the interest on the 2 cents were to be compounded for a period of 60 years the amount would total approximately \$2.

In the event the store has long ceased to exist convey the \$2 to a local museum or library.

An apple became a curse on the human race, because Eve tempted Adam with an apple. I was also tempted by an apple.



JIM THOMSON

Fair committee plans new events to improve attendance at fair

The recently re-organized Morrow County Fair Committee met last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Rea. Presiding over the meeting was the chairman, Delpha Jones. Mrs. Alvin McCabe was appointed at this time to fill the vacancy of secretary.

The business of the evening was discussing the Fun Night to be held at the fairgrounds on Wednesday of the fair. The Sweet Adelaide, singing group

from Pendleton will be a part of the featured program with other music and entertainment to interest all for the evening.

Senior citizen passes for those over 62 will be given this year. These will be made available later in the month at a centrally located place for pick up. 4-H and FFA passes are being printed and will be ready for distribution soon.

Plans are made to obtain a different judge for the school essay and poem exhibits other than the art judge.

The fair buttons are ready and will be on sale at the Sidewalk-Bazaar Buttons will be on sale at the Cecil wagon train festivities also if anyone wishes to get them at that time.

Several businesses have been contacted for commercial booths and the report was quite favorable.

The premium books are in the mail and now is the time for everyone to look these over and plan what you are taking to the fair this year. It is through the efforts of our Morrow County people that the fair is a success and all are urged to bring whatever you have to exhibit. Read the rules of each division on how to prepare and what time to have the exhibit in place. The Fair Committee thanks you in advance for this support.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin McCabe, Leann Rea, Dick Sargeant, Mary Lou Daltosa, Liz Curtis, Delpha Jones and the advisor, Floyd Jones. The next meeting will be at the fairgrounds.

Two charged with burglary

Dallas Senn 20, Irrigon and Ronald Eves 20, Hermiston, were arrested by Sheriff's deputies and charged with burglary in the first degree.

They were arraigned in Justice Court Thursday and bail was set at \$15,000 each. They were taken to the Umatilla County Jail where the two men are presently

awaiting trial. The two are accused of breaking into a mobile home in Irrigon, and taking oil paintings, fishing pole, propane pressure tanks and various other items on or about June 18.

After their arrest, the majority of the stolen items were recovered by the deputies.

Prize winners at opening

Over 500 people attended the grand opening of Gardner's Men's Store, last Friday and Saturday. The store was recently remodeled and expanded to double its original size.

New lighting highlighted the store with cedar paneling and shingles lending a western motif.

Large archways were cut into the existing building, decorated with cedar paneling applied at an angle.

Refreshments were served during the two day "Open House" and prizes were awarded to lucky winners.

Winners are as follows: Lancer Shirt, Jim Hayes; Arrow shirt, Roy Quackenbush; velvet robe, Bill Weatherford; one dozen socks, Dick Sherer; one dozen socks, Ken Rogers; one pair shoes, Ted Toll; saddle blanket, Vel McBride; boys western shirt, Virginia Hoffman; boys jeans, Billie Coppeck; mens jeans, Shirley Thompson; leisure suit, Alex Lindsay; western felt hat, R.H. Sievers; western boots, Iva McDaniel.

Tupper youth camp plans busy schedule

A most interesting and helpful summer is in store for the 26 Oregon youth who are enrolled in the Tupper Forest Camp this year. Their schedule between the June 22 opening and the August 9 closing is well filled according to information from Dave Olcott, director.

Seven of the enrollees are from Portland: Debra Brown, Dave Camp, Ruth Curtis, Dotti Kernells, Kelly Konze, Kim McKenzie and Randy Singerhouse. Those from near Portland are: Craig Fortin and Susan Vitelli, Hillsboro; Kathleen Huntington, Lake Oswego; Steven Knudson, Gresham; and Bob Schwarzhoff, Beaverton. Others from western Oregon include: Kent Harrison, Steve Spstrand and Gretchen Sutton, Eugene; Clarissa Atay, Colton; Tami Hudson, St. Helens; Wally Kingry, Roseburg; Al Skeesick, Salem; and Donna Robertson, Albany. From central and eastern Oregon have

come: Rebecca Couraud, Kinzua; Guy Garretson, Elgin; Quincy Hollister, Baker; Randy Knight, The Dalles; James Manitione, Pendleton; and Becky Strickler, LaGrande.

During their first week they had orientation groups and signed up for interest study sessions. They learned about the use of needed tools, and got to work on several Forest Service projects. Thursday night they had a picnic in Heppner and enjoyed a recreation break. Many of them toured the museum and checked the public library. Friday evening after work they prepared for the weekend's work and for raft trips on the John Day River. Part of the camp was on the river Saturday and the rest made the trip on Sunday.

This week after more educational opportunities, including a tour of the Kinzua Mill, and another Thursday evening in Heppner, they will spend a long weekend holiday in the

Alvord Desert where they will learn of many things. They had planned to get into the Steens Mountains, but had to alter plans as there is too much snow there and the roads are in poor shape.

Friday night they will be at the Malheur Environmental Field Station; Saturday at Page Springs Campground; Sunday at Fish Lake, and Monday on their way back to further work at Tupper Camp.

MEETING CHANGED

The Heppner Merchants Association will hold their regular monthly meeting Thursday, (today) at the Wagon Wheel Cafe.

Friday is the normal meeting day but due to the Fourth of July holiday the meeting has been advanced to today. Plans for the Sidewalk Bazaar will be finalized at this session.