

Party Line

By Dorothy Zita

Since 1972 there has been no control on the coyote, and the population has increased. When the farmer, rancher or Fish and Game Department had their own methods of controlling the coyote, the coyote population wasn't the severe problem it is now. When I was growing up on the ranch, if we saw a coyote on the ridge, it was coyote hunting time. I don't believe we ever maintained a 50 per cent kill average, but the control was effective.

Now I read of 19 deaths of 38 monitored fawns during the winter of 1971-74 by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department; 75 per cent was caused by coyotes. The coyote population is outstripping that of the mule deer. Now you have to apply to the Environmental Protection Agency to kill the coyote. Nuf said.

The surgery patients at the hospital last Friday will have a story to tell for a while. It seems they were scheduled for early morning surgery, the anesthesiologist was delayed and the surgery was rescheduled. Meanwhile there was an accident on Highway 80N near Boardman and an anesthesiologist was needed at the scene of the accident. It was late Friday evening before surgery was completed on the all-day "no liquids or food diet" patients. One patient commented later, it really wasn't too bad, rather reminded me of the TV program "You Are There."

I cover the court house news and hear so much that I would really like to share with you, about the people who spend most of the time working in the court house. It's not news, just plain gossip. Pat Wright, our county health nurse, seems to have a black thumb. House plants don't stand a chance around her. Last week a fellow employee walked into Pat's office to examine her sweet potato plant. I mentioned to Pat that anyone could grow a sweet potato plant, she grinned and said, "Mine has mold on it." Well Pat don't worry about it, your patients thrive under your tender, loving care.

During the county court meeting last Wednesday, Judge Paul Jones mentioned if the telephone bills were not cut down, the telephone budget was going to be deleted by spring. Of course the 20 per cent increase that the telephone company now charges, was not figured in the county budget.

Then we can get into the conversation of teenagers and phones. From 4 p.m. til 9 p.m., my phone will give nothing but a busy signal. In fact it's gotten so bad, I hardly recognize my son without a telephone receiver growing out of his ear.

The Sunday Oregonian (woman's section) has an advertisement for a film called "Happy New Year." I don't know if the film is one you should see or not, but the copy is very clever and humorous.

Tom Gönty has just returned from a two-week vacation in Grand Forks, ND, visiting his brother, Doug, who is in the missile division of the U.S. Air Force.

Snowmobiling enthusiasts are really enjoying the last heavy snow in the mountains. The Howard Pettyjohns traveled over 36 miles Sunday. Seen going at a good rate of speed was Joyce and Herm Winter. O.W. Cutsforth and grandson, Andy Gorman ran out of gas some two miles from the cabin. Then there are those people who take off Wednesday night for their snowmobiling fun and it's possible they have the mountains all to themselves too.

I have heard many stories about drivers killing animals on the highways but this one takes the cake. Recently a young couple were driving home from Ione when the driver fell asleep at the wheel. The pickup veered from the highway through the farmers fence and out into the pasture. The pickup finally stopped and there in the field lay a dead heifer. You guessed it the pickup hit the heifer, and in her own field.

Hank Stotts recently returned home after being a patient at Walla Walla General Hospital for over three weeks.

He is gaining slowly, but it will be several months before he is fully recovered.

He is able to have visitors.

DATE CORRECTION

Macrame classes announced last week for Jan. 25 have been changed to Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m. at the Willows Grange, Ione.

Supplies needed, and other information remain the same. The date change was required as schedule conflicted with other previously arranged events in the Ione community.

Everyone is invited to attend the free classes. More information will be published just prior to the event. It is hoped that both beginner and advanced classes may be arranged. For more information call Willard French, Willows Grange Master, phone 422-7125.

RESTORATION OF SCHOOLHOUSE

Restoration of the Democrat Gulch Schoolhouse is ahead of the completion date of June 1, according to Mike Sweeney, chairman of the Morrow County Bicentennial Committee.

Work has not progressed as rapidly as some people wish, however, the inclement weather has been an important factor. Continued vandalism also makes incompleting projects more expensive than originally planned.

Considerable work has been pledged and with a small grant from the State Bicentennial Committee for needed material, along with private donations the project should be completed by the scheduled completion date.

Levi Ball

Tickets are now on sale for the Levi Ball Mar. 27, 9 to 1 a.m. in the Pendleton Armory.

The third annual ball, a benefit for the cancer society, will feature the music of the Don Roby group from Caldwell, ID.

The dress and music will reflect the 1950s era.

The admission price will include refreshments during the evening and a spaghetti dinner.

Tickets are available by sending \$12.50 a couple and a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Levi Ball, PO Box 1212, Pendleton 97801.

Rhea Creek Grange

Rhea Creek Grange held their first meeting of the year with Harold Peck, Master, in charge. Agriculture chairman Harold Kerr reported on the tremendous growth of agriculture in the county, with most of the increase in monetary value being in the north end of the county in irrigated areas.

Mrs. Robert Stevens, chairman of Womens activities, announced there will be an afternoon meeting held at the home of Mrs. Roy Robinson, Jan. 15, 1:30 p.m.

The Charter was draped in memory of Gladys Jones, a long time member of Rhea Creek Grange.

U.M. Women install officers

At the regular January meeting, the United Methodist Women officers for 1976 were installed by Rev. Cutting. Those installed were: President, Barbara James; Vice-president, Doris Cutting; Secretary, Sylvia McDaniel; Treasurer Ella Smith and Committee Chairmen: Christian Personhood, Louise Wood; Christian social involvement, Elsa Leathers; Supportive Community, Justine Weatherford; nominations, Beth Bryant, Sylvia McDaniel, Justine Weatherford.

Junior youth groups

Sunday evening, Jan. 18, the Junior Youth Group from the Fossil United Methodist Church and their advisors Rev. and Mrs. Perry Jackman will join the Junior Methodist Youth here. A joint supper and meeting will be held in the church basement between 5 and 7 p.m. Barbara James and Rev. Cutting are the leaders of the Heppner group.

NOTICE

The Morrow County School Board will hold their regular meeting, Jan. 19, at the Ione High School, 7:30 p.m.

Steers-Binschus



MR. AND MRS. DELBERT BINSCHUS

Nola Joy Steers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Steers, Heppner, became the bride of Delbert Manuel Binschus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert V. Coulter, Baker, on Dec. 27, at 5 p.m. The ceremony was read by Rev. Duane Geyer at the First Christian Church, Heppner.

White gladioli and red roses decorated the altar, flanked by white candelabra with white candles.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a long white satin gown with a lace covered empire bodice. The long full sleeves were fashioned from the same lace, ending in a satin cuff. She wore an elbow length lace veil and train and carried a small white Bible with red rosebuds.

Maid of honor was Becky Stillman, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Susie Parker, Baker, friend of the bride and groom, and Marla Wilson, Umatilla, cousin of the bride. Candle lighters were Lisa Wilson, Heppner, and Donald Breeding, Gresham, cousins of the bride.

The bride's attendants wore long empire waisted gowns of cream polyester satin printed with small red and green flowers. Each girl carried a long stemmed red rose tied with white ribbon.

Best man was Doug Parker, Baker, friend of the bride and groom. Ushers were Duane Steers, brother of the bride and Ray Price, friend of the bride and groom.

Dorita Marquardt sang "Whither Thou Goest" and "We've Only Just Begun" accompanied by Betty Marquardt.

For her daughter's wedding Mrs. Steers chose a long gown and matching jacket of pale blue with a pearl necklace. The mother of the groom, Mrs. Coulter, wore a long pale green gown with a sheer flowered jacket.

The reception, immediately

following the wedding, was held in the basement rooms of the First Christian Church.

The table was centered by a beautiful 4 tiered wedding cake, flanked by a pair of crystal candleholders, each holding two red candles.

Mrs. Ruby Steers, aunt of the bride, poured punch; pouring coffee was Mrs. Grace Buschke, another aunt of the bride. Dorothy Wilson and Loraine Wilson, aunts of the bride, cut and served the cake.

Attending the gift table was Betty Breeding, aunt of the bride. Iva Lou McDaniel was in charge of the guest book.

For her going-away ensemble, the bride chose a short dress of cream polyester satin printed with small red and green flowers and red accessories.

For their wedding trip, the couple went to Granite for a week's snowmobiling at the cabin of the groom's parents.

They are now at home at 470 Riverside St., Heppner.

The groom is a 1974 graduate of Baker High School and is presently employed by Kinzua Corporation. The bride is a student at Heppner High School.

Sumner files for re-election

State Rep. Jack Sumner, the Heppner Democrat whose House district takes in all or part of eight counties, filed for re-election.

Sumner, who serves on the interim State Emergency Board, is seeking a third term as state representative from District 55. His constituents include residents of Morrow, Gilliam, Sherman, Wasco, Jefferson, Clackamas, Marion and Linn counties.

During the 1975 session, Sumner was a member of the powerful Legislative Ways and Means Committee. In 1973, he was vice chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources, and a member of both the Transportation and the State and Federal Affairs committees.

"I am a firm believer in strict controls on government spending and view this as one of the 1977 legislature's top priorities," he said. "As I have in the past, I intend to also work for better government, not more government."

He said he will continue as a strong advocate of the views of rural Oregonians.

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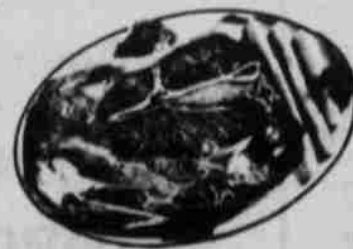
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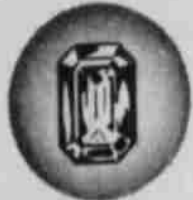
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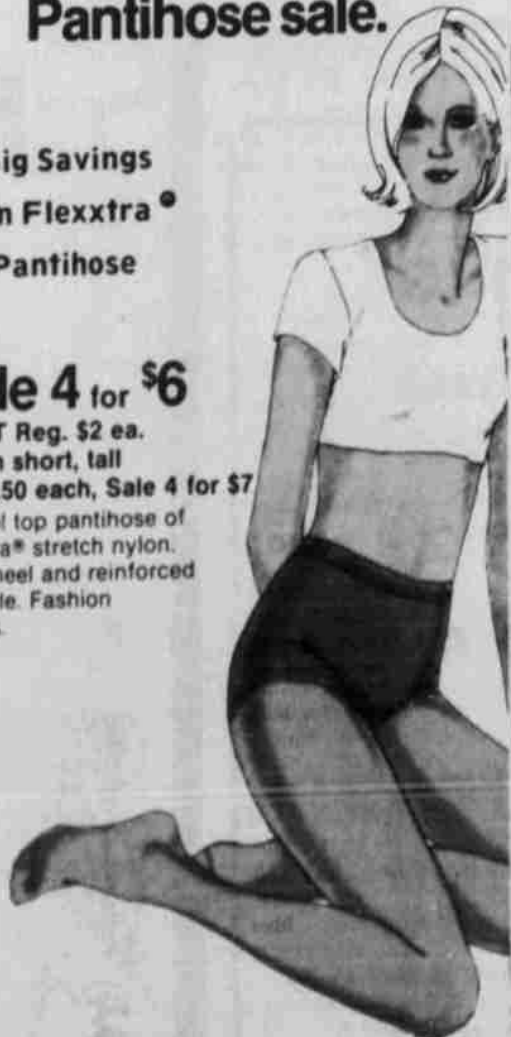
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