

## Yellow Roses and Purple Flags

The following article was written by Miles F. Potter, Portland, whose parents were pioneers in Morrow County. Mr. Potter grew up in the area. With his mother, now 88 years of age, he will be in Heppner for Memorial Day.

This article was sent to Dr. A.D. McMurdo who passed it on to the Gazette-Times.

The Oregon pioneers were a hardy breed, filled with raw courage and a desire to build for themselves and their children a new home in a new country. They streamed westward on the long journey across the plains, the rivers and the mountains, their meager possessions packed away in the old prairie schooner.

Many of them failed, their unmarked graves are lost and forgotten by the side of the Old Oregon Trail.

It is from those who made it that our heritage springs and of this we are justly proud.

When we look around us today we realize what a debt we owe those courageous men and women. They are no longer with us but their graves are in every cemetery, from the finest village to the largest city. The names you read there are familiar names—the same you hear on our streets today. Should you ask these descendants from whence they came, they would point with pride to some little village, town or city, saying "my people were pioneers."

They settled there on the journey westward. They could bring so little, just the bare necessities of life.

The women dug from their gardens only a few flowers and shrubs, just some little reminder of the past that they could take with them into the future. Most of the plants withered and died during the long journey. Only a few were strong and hardy and in many ways so much like our people. Because of this, it's possible even today to find many of the spots where our forefathers' cabin once stood.

As did most of the women of the wagon train, one lovely lady with tender hands plant-

ed an old fashioned yellow rose and some purple flags. Many privations were endured. Children were born and reared. Over the years laughter, sorrow and fears—all were contained within the little cabin walls.

Now only the site remains, identified by a few stones where the fireplace stood, part of a broken churn, a well worn grandstone and the rusty lid from an iron Dutch oven. The well has long since caved in. Beside the clear little stream meandering down through the valley stands a lonely poplar tree. At its base lie part of a wagon wheel and a rusty walking plow.

The family that claimed this spot as their own is scattered and gone. You may meet them in your home town, or even in far away places. Yet they had their beginning here. They built their cabin and took up their new way of life.

Now there is no laughter, no tears, for this is a deserted place.

But each year, when the days grow long and warm and the hills are green, the flowers bloom again.

Not far away, rests the pioneer lady whose home this was, while over her grow a yellow rose and some purple flags.

### OREGON DEPT OF AGRICULTURE PROPOSES

Oregon's Department of Agriculture is proposing to amend its brucellosis regulations to permit entry into the state without testing for brucellosis those dairy cattle from areas having a brucellosis control program equal to Oregon's program.

Persons having evidence or data to contribute regarding the proposed revisions can direct it to Dr. Glenn B. Rea, state veterinarian, Agriculture Building, Salem, OR 97310. Copies of the proposed changes are also available from Dr. Rea.

The deadline for requests for a public hearing and for data or evidence to be received by the department is Feb. 17, 1976, 5 p.m.

## Ione Topic Club

The Topic Club announced there are some new books at the Ione Public Library and here is a summary of two of them.

Castle Malindine by Hilary Ford—Arabella Harley, as spunky as she is pretty, has grown up as the adoring daughter of an adoring father and her pride in him has not been lessened by their recent financial reverses. Mr. Hartley, an incorrigible optimist, has an unbroken record of guessing wrong about supposedly safe investments, and therefore Arabella is dubious indeed about his latest "sure thing." His conviction based chiefly on a gold handled cane inherited from the father he never knew—that he is the true heir to a great title and estate. Yet she agrees to go to Ireland to prove his claim.

The Millionaire's Daughter by Dorothy Eden—For Christabel Spencer, life in turn-of-the-century New York glows with all the glamour and warmth of the shimmering gas lights that illuminated the countless balls, the galas at Delmonico's and the lavish parties crowding her 19-year-old life. Her father as a new rich man wants his daughter to acquire an old world pedigree—must buy herself a title and it is to this end that Christabel is packed off, to a London debut before the Prince of Wales and one of the most dazzling seasons in the history of London society.

She captivates Britain's most eligible young aristocrats, the dashing young Earl of Monkshead, owner of a home in Wiltshire. As shadows darken on the Wiltshire horizon, Christabel must take her destiny into her own hands and bid for love at any cost in this deeply moving and dramatic novel.

Jim and Mark Scheelar, Salem, were here over the weekend to visit their grandmother, Blanche Scheelar and aunt and uncle Leo and Irene Crabtree. On Sunday Ashley and Kevin McCabe joined all of them for dinner and later in the day the boys returned home.

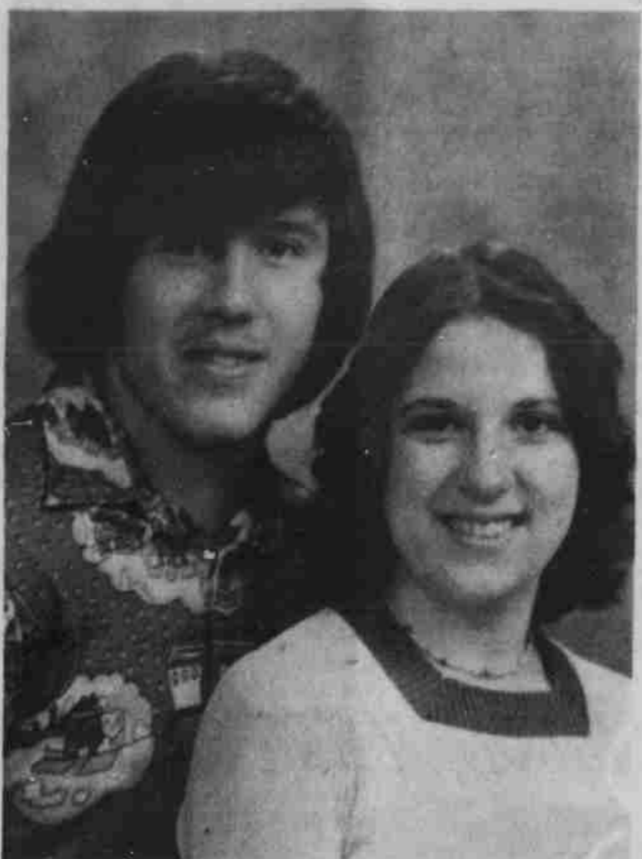
### FEDERAL SITE VISIT

The Morrow County Mental Health Clinic will have a federal site visit on Jan. 21, 1976, to insure that the clinic is providing services required under their grant-in-aid. Elsie Ho and Charlotte Markel will be the two individuals making the Federal Site Visit.

One of the tasks the inspectors will be undertaking, besides checking the records, will be talking with community members, including patients. If any community member would like an appointment to talk with the Federal Site Team, please call the Mental Health Clinic, 676-9161.

Elsie Ho and Charlotte Markel will also visit with the Morrow County Commissioners and the Mental Health Advisory Board at 4 p.m. at the Court House, Jan. 21.

## Engaged



EVANS—BERGSTROM

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Evans, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Michele Ann, to Michael Jay Bergstrom, Heppner. Mr. Bergstrom is the son of Mrs. Randall Peterson and Mr. Robert Bergstrom, both of Heppner.

Michele is a 1974 graduate of Heppner High School, attending Eastern Oregon State

College, and is a sophomore at Blue Mountain Community College. She was a princess on the 1975 Pendleton Round-Up Court.

Mike graduated from Heppner High School in 1974 and is employed by Jerry Dougherty, Heppner.

An early summer wedding is planned.

## 1902

The Morrow County Grain exhibit at the Pan-American Exposition made a creditable showing. The fact that five diplomas of honorable mention were awarded to Morrow County farmers is conclusive proof that the grain was of superior quality.

Following is the list of awards:

Ed C. Ashbaugh, Eight Mile, wheat, oats and rye.  
John Hughes, Willow Creek, oats, wheat and barley.  
Wm. Gilliam, Rhea Creek, wheat.  
Frank Gentry, Black Horse, wheat.

Luther Huston, Eight Mile, wheat and oats.

Volunteer wheat, that is land that was seeded from the shatterings of a previous crop, yielded as high as 13½ bushels to the acre during the past year.

Mountain Districts Contain Minerals.

There are no extensive developed mines in the county, however the mountain districts contain minerals.

There is free-milling ore in large quantities, but the mining industry like the county in general, is still in its infancy.

On Willow Creek, about 25 miles from Heppner, the Oregon Railroad and Coal Co. has a very flattering coal prospect. The company has been operating a diamond drill for some time. The assay from samples shows an extra quantity of bituminous coal, some of it assaying as high as 55 per cent fixed carbon.

In the mountains there are some fine timber which will some day be valuable.

Harvesting Wheat

There are farms in Morrow county with big threshing machines with powerful traction engines, that thresh all the way from 1200 to 2,000 sacks of wheat a day. Each sack contains two bushels. To run a big outfit like these it takes a small army of men who work from daylight until dark. The harvest season usually lasts about 35 days.

## IONE NEWS

By Julie Nelson

Have you noticed all the flags on downtown Ione? Members of the Ione American Legion donated them to the businesses and also installed the flag holders. The merchants will fly the flags through July 4.

The Dealing Dozen Pinochle club met at the home of Linda LaRue. Winning high and traveling was Ione Martin. Second high was Sharon Harrison. Ione Martin will host next month's card party.

The Junior high boys A and B teams lost to Heppner 27-26 and 28-27 respectively. It was Ione's favor for the girls; the score being 4-2. They will play Riverside there on Jan. 29.

Friday nights Varsity game with Umapine ended in Ione's favor 72-56. The Jvs played against the "Superdads" and defeated them 49-41. Cheerleading for the "Superdads" were the varsity cheerleaders dressed in the uniforms of dad vintage and doing the yells of years past.

Saturday nights game with Echo with double overtime resulted in Echo's favor 53-51. JVs won 37-36.

This Friday the game will be here with Helix and the team will travel to Echo Saturday.

At a special meeting Jan. 15, the Ione City Council voted to start a feasibility study for a sewer system for the city. Donald Branton, President of Tennesen Engineering Corp., The Dalles and Kenneth Durrel, Farm Home Administration, Pendleton, were present to discuss with the council and community about funding for the project, future maintenance costs, monthly costs to residents, etc. The study will begin within the next four months and the council will decide where to go from there.

The council was pleased to see local people at the meeting.

The Ione town basketball team is doing well this year with 6 wins and 2 losses. Sponsoring them are the Morrow County Grain Growers who purchased new uni-

forms for the team this year. They are in the Hermiston City League which consists of 13 leagues. Two games with one practice every week is their customary schedule.

Players are Chuck Ernst, Frank Halvorsen, Tom Heim-bigner, Del LaRue, Gordon Meyers, Lee Padberg, Jim Swanson, LaVerne Van Marter Jr., and coach-player Marvin Padberg.

They were asked by Boardman to play in an exhibition game on Jan. 18 to raise money to pay for the expense of their uniforms. Boardman raised \$120 and Ione defeated them 101-81.

Monday nights game with Hermiston put Ione with 7 wins; they won by 30 points. The next game will be Feb. 2 with Inland Bank and Feb. 3 against C. Kik & Son (the top team). Game time is 8 p.m. at the Jr. high gym, Hermiston.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., Jan. 17 the Volunteer Fire Dept. made a run to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Murray. They had been gone about 45 minutes and when they arrived home the house was full of smoke. An electric blanket was suspected as being the cause of the fire.

The girls varsity game with Sherman County was 37-34, Sherman's favor. Top scorers with 11 points each were Katherine McElligott and Donna Rea. Also scoring were Susan Thompson 6, Dawn Peterson 4, and Debra Palmer 1. The JVs lost 23-25. They will play here against Heppner, Thursday, Jan. 29.

The Ione United Church of Christ Women's Fellowship had an installation of officers at the home of Jan Oswald. Helen Nelson installed Laree Hubbard, president; Jan Os-

walt, vice-president and Bev Wilson, secretary-treasurer. In charge of the program "What does the Lord require of me in relation to others", was Frances Smouse.

The women's fellowship is registered with the Flav-R-Pak and Santiam Redemption program and will receive one cent for each label of canned goods, poly bags from frozen food and flattened juice cans. There will be a box in the basement of the Church for those who wish to donate the items.

At February's meeting there will be a sewing session for the State Hospital at the Church. The annual clothing drive will be Mar. 25.

I am going to be giving the Ione news a new title. Be looking for it in one of the next two issues.

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