

Around The Pot Belly Stove

By Julie Nelson

Have any trouble finding this section of the paper? Periodically I had been thinking of a new title and this one appealed to me the first time I heard it. Thanks Cathi Peterson for your suggestion.

Over the weekend the lone varsity team lost to Helix 67-69 and to Echo 63-67.

The junior varsity also lost to Helix by 30 points but defeated Echo by a score of 36-30.

The next game will be Saturday, Feb. 7 with Helix, here.

The junior high boys A team defeated Riverside 38-26 while the B team lost 23-25. Thursday, Feb. 5, they will travel to Stanfield; game time is 2 p.m. In two weeks the girls team will play Echo.

A potluck dinner preceded the annual meeting of the Lone United Church of Christ, Sunday, Jan. 25. New officers and committees were elected. Bev Wilson will serve a second term as church moderator. Reports were submitted from all boards and committees.

The Lone United Church of Christ will hold a Founder's Day service Feb. 15 as part of our bicentennial celebration

along with many other churches of this denomination throughout the state. The service will be conducted in a Puritan theme in commemoration of the heritage of this church dating back to 1620.

In keeping with this theme, worshippers are encouraged to wear Pilgrim style clothing if they wish and to meet at 10:50 a.m. in front of the parsonage (weather permitting) to proceed to the church in a group led by a drummer. The community is invited to take part in this celebration and family worship.

The bicentennial quilt drawing was held Jan. 30 at a basketball game between Helix and Lone. It was won by Paul Tews, Lone. This was a project of the Cardinal Club with proceeds going toward their budget. The ways and means committee thanks all who helped support this project.

On the evening of Jan. 27 the Lions Club held their 15th annual charter members banquet at Beechers Restaurant in honor of the chartered members. The Lions and their wives including several from Heppner and Irrigon attended this yearly event.

Jay Beiner, District Governor from Madras, was the initial speaker who was introduced by the master of ceremonies Don Shimp.

Bill Gates has undergone surgery and is hospitalized in Kadic Hospital, Richland, WA. He will soon transfer to a hospital in Walla Walla.

Three-month-old Daniel Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Beck, underwent tests for 10 days at the University of Oregon Medical School, Portland. He is home and doing well.

Roger Gelinas, Manchester, NH, flew from Caldwell, ID to Pendleton Saturday and was met at the airport by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree. He will be visiting them for two weeks and then return to Caldwell to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gelinas and family.

The Lone City TV Co-op held their 21st annual meeting at the Lone Legion Hall, Jan. 29. Officers are President Roy Lindstrom; Vice president Elby Akers; Secretary-treasurer Edith Mathews. Directors are Gene Rietmann, Jim Swanson, Bob Baker and Don Shimp who replaced Bob Montgomery.

Following the meeting the Senior class served pie and coffee.

A drawing was held for free TV viewing and Danny Akers won 6 months free TV, David Leach 4 months and Helen Pettyjohn 2 months.

Christina Lindstrom, Lone, was named for the fall semester honor roll at Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma. She is a junior in communications arts, specializing in broadcast journalism.

Miss Lindstrom has spent the months interim between semesters at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Lone. She left Feb. 2 to return for spring semester.

On the line of the Heppner branch of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Co., in the northwestern portion of Morrow County, 16 miles from Heppner is the prosperous city of Lone.

Lone is the second city in business importance and population in the county. Prior to 1897, what is known as the old town contained only a post office and store and a few houses. Within the past three years the town proper has been built. The population of Lone in 1900 according to the census figures, was 223, but since that time the population has increased about 50 per cent. The increase in population is due to the rapid development and settlement of the country tributary to Lone. Up to the time of the building of the railroad in 1888, the northern portion of the county had very few settlers. The few people who took up claims and tried farming were forced to abandon their places and leave on account of the extreme isolation. There were little or no transportation facilities, and consequently there were only a few people and they were engaged in stock raising. Within the last five or six years, the fertile country surrounding Lone has been settled up by people who are now making nice farms and homes, and who are prospering by growing wheat.

The soil surrounding Lone is a rich sandy loam, well adapted to the growing of cereals, and when in the good state of cultivation is very productive. Like other portions of the county, the soil has a wonderful faculty of retaining moisture. Last year, grain that never had a drop of rain from the latter part of March, yielded as high as 25 bushels to the acre.

Lodge installations involve local women

Installation of Magnolia Lodge No. 34 of the Degree of Honor Protective Association was held at the Vert Memorial Building, Pendleton, Jan. 20.

Members of Kate J. Young Lodge No. 29 who attended from Heppner were Mrs. Dean Connor, Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom, Mrs. Ed Gonty, Mrs. Ida Farra, Mrs. Lincoln Nash and Mrs. Earl Soward. Mrs. Clara Gertson drove to Pendleton earlier to aid lodge members there.

Heppner members assisting with the installation were Mrs. Lincoln Nash, Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom, Mrs. Clara Gertson, past national officer and district organizer, and Mrs. Ida Farra, past state president.

Mrs. Gertson took the president's chair and installed the officers. Mrs. Farra took the past president's chair and gave them their obligations and the past-president's prayer.

On Jan. 27, Pendleton women came here for the installation of new officers of Kate J. Young Lodge No. 29 of the Degree of Honor Protective Association. Taking part in the ceremony were Rita Rose, past state officer; Hazel Case, secretary-treasurer of Mag-

nolia Lodge No. 34; Mary Licklideo, president of Magnolia Lodge; and three other members.

Clara Gertson and Ida Farra were installing officers here. New officers installed include Ruth Bergstrom, president; Martha King past president; Shirley Connor, 1st vice-president; Marilyn Bergstrom, 2nd vice president; Marjorie Worden, secretary-treasurer; Marie Steagall, inner watch; Eleanor Gonty, outer watch; and Bernice Nash and Mary Bryant, ushers. Staff includes Mildred Connor, Mildred Padberg, Linda Connor and Ida Farra. Color bearer is Mary McMurry. Clara Gertson is ritual counselor.

After the ceremony refreshments were served by Mrs. Bob Lowe and Mrs. Norman Lynn.

The next regular lodge meeting in Heppner will be Feb. 10 at the lodge hall.

A representative of the State of Oregon Employment Division will be in Heppner to process unemployment insurance claims Feb. 12, at the Columbia Basin Electric Coop Conference room, 9:30 a.m. to noon.

Gene Starks reviews Michener bestseller

The Bookworms heard a review of Centennial, by James Michener, a novel celebrating the development and the greatness of America's West at their first 1976 meeting at Florence Green's home Jan. 13.

Gene Starks used the complete novel and the Reader's Digest condensation (Vol. 1, 1975) as the basis for her review.

This 14-chapter book centers about a fictional, small town near the South Platte River in Colorado (the 38th state which is celebrating its centennial this year.) A learned man from Georgia with a rich background in American history is sent to write this story, which is dedicated to "three distinguished Colorado newspaper men."

He begins with the geological formation of the land, its mountains, rivers and plains and describes it before it is ready to receive animal life. The prehistoric life evolves to familiar animals and to man. Lame Beaver, an Arapaho, is the first of many interesting human characters. White traders, fur trappers and adventurers precede the first settlers, who journey west and learn of the vast area as they struggle.

The pages telling of early cowboy life are especially fascinating to many readers. The killing off of the buffalo and the coming of the railroads are well told. The birth and growth of the small town and the stories of the various families from diverse cultural backgrounds that become part of the town provide excitement. The great struggle for water and the efforts of the dryland farmers are detailed.

Michener involved a tremendous amount of research in the creation of this novel which he began in 1936 and completed almost 40 years later. He acknowledges his indebtedness to specialists in geology, paleontology, ancient history, flint knapping, Indian life, American history, cattle trails, ranch life, sugar beets, birds, Mexican-Chicano problems, dryland farming, cattle industry, guns, railroads, irrigation and others.

"Centennial" is Michener's 19th book, and professional reviewers state: "Again he fascinates, engrosses, and educates." "This book is a must. It will be one of the great bestsellers of the decade, if not of the century." "An enthralling celebration of our country—a stunning panorama of the West."

Lone Honor Roll

The following students have been placed on the honor roll for the second nine weeks at Lone Junior-Senior High School.

A Honor Roll (3.5-4.): 7th Grade Teena Lindstrom; 8th grade Martha McElligott, Larry Snider. Sophomore Carol McElligott, Grace McElligott, Jeanie Piening, and Natalie Tews. Juniors Joan Doherty and Debra Palmer. Senior Terry McElligott.

B Honor Roll (3-3.4): 7th Grade, Duane Fetsch, Shawn LaRue, Craig Rea, Melissa Shafer and Brett Sherer. 8th Grade: Time Holtz, Tammy Shimp and Jerry Rietmann. Freshmen: Arletta Aldrich, Janet McElligott, Michelle McElligott and Lisa Martin. Juniors: Arlene Cannon, Laurie Childers, Donna Palmer, Debbie Patton, Dawn Peterson and Carrie Haynes. Seniors: Arlynda Aldrich, Lori Bergstrom, Marie Cao, Kim Gutierrez, Skye Krebs, LeRoy Rea, Joe Rietmann, Catherine McElligott and Lauretta Piening.



In ancient Egypt the cat was considered to be a symbol of the moon because it was more active after sunset!

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state of cultivation is very productive. Like other portions of the county, the soil has a wonderful faculty of retaining moisture. Last year, grain that never had a drop of rain from the latter part of March, yielded as high as 25 bushels to the acre.

To the southward from Lone is the principal grain belt of Morrow county. There is a gradual slope back to the mountains, and the farmers have a down hill pull to haul in their wheat. Wheat is hauled by wagon and team for 25 miles to Lone. Six horse teams with two wagons, with 150 bushels at a load, are on the road from early in the morning until late at night taking two days to make the trip.

There is still a large body of government land that can be taken by homestead in this portion of the county. The land along the railroad and near the town is all taken, but back from three to 15 miles there are thousands of acres of good agricultural land yet to be taken.

The lone country formerly had the reputation of being too dry for anything, but now wells are being dug and water is being found at a depth of from 10 to 40 feet.

During the past year owing to the great amount of summer fallowed land, the grain crop was short, however, lone warehouses received 240,000 bushels of wheat. About 95 per cent of this grain has been sold by the farmers.

Lone has a good weekly newspaper the Lone Post, Miss Virginia Deaton, editress.

The town has a good public school, Miss Anna Balsiger, principal, Miss Cora Simpson, assistant, primary department.

MCGG PAYS

Morrow County Grain Growers recently announced cash payments of over \$137,000 will be paid to holders of series 13 certificates and allocated reserves of the former Lexington Oil Co-op for the corresponding year along with the annual dividend to the holders of preferred stock in MCGG. This payment makes the total cash payment to patrons in this year to over \$167,000.

Morrow County Grain Growers was organized by a group of farmers in 1930, to supply services to Morrow County farmers for storage and the handling of grain.

In 1967, Lexington Oil Co-op merged with the Morrow County Grain Growers and the Lexington Implement Company was purchased to enlarge the services offered to area agriculture.

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