

OSU Extension Service News

by

Morrow Extension Staff

"OLD TOWN" TOUR BIG SUCCESS

"Look Up! Look around you when you are in Portland" would be the advice of the 77 Morrow County women who enjoyed learning all about urban renewal in Portland last week on an Extension sponsored tour.

The group agreed they would look at Portland with newly developed interest and appreciation in the future, as well as agree there were things of interest there they had never noticed on many trips.

With guides well versed in both the history and future plans of the Portland downtown area, attention was focused on the many beauties of the older architecture of the area. The walking tour took approximately two hours and this time the women viewed the area from the Benson Hotel, thru O'Bryant Square, the banking district, down to and all around the old town area, ending at the famous Skidmore Fountain. Old and new banks, cast iron facades, landmark buildings and catalog architecture were among the special attractions pointed out, as well as the changing use from hotels to warehouses to the present day shops and boutiques which are reviving the old town areas.

After a free afternoon to visit other individual points of interest, shop and explore the remainder of the downtown area, the group enjoyed dinner at their choice of the Rheinlander or Sylvia's, two of Portland's more popular restaurants. The tour group left Heppner at 6 a.m. with stops at Lexington and Boardman for passengers, and arrived home at approximately midnight.

Those on the tour were Bette Spaulding, Sadie Parrish, Delpha Jones, Beth Bryant, Virginia Rosewall, Eula Bloodsworth, Ruth McCabe, Dee Ann McCabe, Katie Padberg, Leila Palmer, Julie Laughlin, Gladys Connor, Garnett Huddleston, Very Cooley, Neva Palmer, Lilly Nistad, Claudia Hughes, Irene Padberg, Viola Berger, Mabel Heath, Katherine Lindstrom, Frieda Majeski, Mildred Connor, Patty Lankford, Julie Nelson, Betty Lankford, Ola Ruggles, Phyllis Kroll, Patty Matheny, Mildred Rhea, Carol Kerr, Evelyn Gulick, Mary Doherty;

Jean Doherty, Virginia Whitaker, Shirley Mathews, Hazel Mahoney, Ruth Robinson, Donna Papineau, Cork Norene, Mary Kennison, Anna Schwarzin, Lois Wood, Kathy Clark, Isabelle Jones, Phyllis Piper, Roberta Jones, Helen Currin, Marian Brosnan, Jan Paustian, Vi Wilgers, Mary Roberts, Amanda Atwood, Kay Anderson, Ruth Nutting, Della Scrivner, Jean Jepsen, Ann Bergstrom, Wavel Wilkinson, Hazel Scherzinger, Helen Pettyjohn, Carmen French, Mildred Eubanks, Jean Nelson, Justine Weatherford, Diane Hams, Faye Pierce, Norma Rea, Marianne Palmer, Gladys Harding, Bert Campbell and Birdine Tullis. Joining the group for the old town tour were three former Morrow County women, Shanny Mahoney Smith, Ruth Swanson Lundell and Carlene Rhea Klenke. All agreed it was a very big day, but educational and enjoyable!

STUDY GROUPS LEARN HOW TO "STRETCH YOUR PROTEIN DOLLAR"

Study groups in Morrow and Umatilla counties will be learning economy and nutrition in lessons during April on how to get the most from money spent on protein for the family meals. First lesson on the subject will be at Rhea Creek Grange Hall, April 7, 10 a.m. Myrna Johnson, Heppner, will be the leader-teacher for the session. All interested are encouraged to attend. The Rhea Creek group traditionally have potluck luncheon following their morning meeting.

HOMEMAKERS DAY WILL FEATURE LOCAL INDUSTRIES

Early announcement is made of the Extension Homemakers Day, April 20, 12:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks Lodge. Featured program for the day will involve the major agricultural industries of the county, with program provided by those involved in potato, wheat, sheep and cattle industries, and spotlighting women's role in agriculture. There will be displays, demonstrations, samples and loads of door prizes at the event. Birdine Tullis, Morrow Extension Service urges women to mark April 20 as a red letter day and plan to watch for more detailed information on the event. She emphasizes that this is a day for all women, no charge to attend, and everyone is invited.

T-SHIRT WORKSHOP

It seems to be the year of the T shirt with the popular knit apparel basic dress for men, women and children! To answer requests for information on construction techniques a short workshop will be offered by Birdine Tullis and Jeanne Howell in the immediate future.

Those interested in attending may call the Extension office to register to attend. When plans are completed for the workshop, those enrolled will be notified of date, time and place, as well as materials to bring for making a T shirt. If there is sufficient interest, workshops will be given in more than one location.

Bicentennial Forum

THOMAS W. AND WILLIAM AYERS & FAMILIES

By Justine Weatherford

Two of the earliest men of importance to this area were Thomas West Ayers and his older brother William Ayers. They were sons of William and Anna West Ayers, were born in Iowa and were left fatherless in 1845 when Tom was 5 and William 10 years old. Their mother lived until 1897.

Because of the unsettled conditions due to the Civil War the brothers, now married and each having two children, decided to go west, so they joined a wagon train in April 1862. That October they stopped on Big Butter Creek at what is now the Vey Ranch. Tom and his family remained there. William took his family on to The Dalles for that winter, and they did considerable looking around and moving before they were to come back to settle on Little Butter Creek.

Tom Ayers took squatter's rights, later pre-empting a quarter section, and operated as a farmer for several years. He also drove pack trains from Umatilla Landing to Granite and Grand Ronde, packing equipment and produce to mines. He received 20 cents per pound on delivery. He commenced to raise cattle and acquired a sizeable herd as well as many horses.

In a few years he began to devote his attention to the buying and selling of beef cattle. In 1878 he sold his outfit and moved to the booming, new town of Heppner. There he bought the claims on town property owned by founder George W. Stansbury. He also engaged in the livery and harness business. Both Tom and William Ayers built impressive, large homes in Heppner, on Chase Street where William's first son John Luther had already settled.

The 1903 flood swept these houses away. It is recorded that Tom, his wife, and several children managed to get on the roof before their house was washed across the street where it lodged against the brick Palace Hotel. The flood casualty list includes "William Ayres child, Wm. Ayres boy, Winnie Ayres and John L. Ayres" (according to Giles French the family name is spelled Ayres—other records and the descendants use Ayers.)

Tom W. and his wife Sara Bruce Ayers had seven more children after they settled in Oregon: William Albert, Thomas West, Ida (Mrs. George Fell), Amy, Arthur, Ralph and Myrtle. Amy, Arthur and Ralph died during the diptheria epidemic in 1878, the same year their mother died. T.W. visited in Iowa 6 months, and upon returning to Heppner engaged in the real estate and loan business. In 1881 he married Miss Nancy E. McClure at Salem. To them were born Elsie Irene (Mrs. James Lsater), Edgar Bruce and Clara (who died in 1888).

After working with real estate and loans for five years, Tom entered into a partnership with T.E. Fell in handling wool and doing general merchandising. After four years he sold out. He became interested in the Heppner Light and Water Company in 1893 and served as treasurer and secretary. He served as county judge for several years.

In 1888 Tom married the third time to Mrs. Eliza J. Smith, nee Greenwood, at Portland. She had seven children: Mrs. Josephine Forward, Mrs. Pauline Quaid, Mrs. Cora Van Duyn, Mrs. Ellen Wallbridge, Mrs. Ann Thornton, Mrs. Viola Swinburne, and Charles Smith. It was she who survived the flood of 1903 on the roof of the house with Tom and some of the children. After the home was restored to its original location, the family lived there until Mr. Ayer's death in 1909.

Older brother William was the first of the family to come west. According to Shach's 1902 history "In 1853 he crossed the plains to Oregon City, having much hardship on the route and consuming seven months in the trip. He spent his first winter on the coast cutting wood and then went to California and operated in the mines. Fortune smiled on him here and he continued two years and then went back to Iowa via the Isthmus. He bought land there and farmed until 1862 when he again sold out and crossed the plains with his brother."

He, like his younger brother moved from his ranch in Heppner with his wife Matilda Caroline Board and children and built their home on Chase St. near his oldest son John Luther Ayers who had married Mary Ellen Hale, daughter of the Michael Hales. When John L's life was lost in the flood, he

left three children: Mabel (Mrs. Percy Hughes) Gussie (Jack) and Ella. Jack married Bertha Gulick. They had one son J. Earl Ayers who lived in the Walla Walla valley where his aunt Ella Ayers (Mrs. Lester Robison) makes her home also.

Prudence, the first child of William and Matilda, who crossed the plains with them and first son John L., married Robert Currin, son of Hugh and Diana Young Currin, and they lived on the Hugh Fields Ranch on Willow Creek (now known as the Kilkenny-Greenup Ranch) They later moved to Idaho. Their children were Amy (Mrs. L. Walker), Ivy (Mrs. Harry Williams) and Clyde Currin.

Alfred Ayers, second son of William and Matilda, married Cora Neal. He spent some years in Idaho raising sheep, later returning to Heppner where he purchased an interest in the Light and Water Co. and in the Conser Ayers Drug Co. He also built a home on Chase St. Cora died in 1902; in 1905 he married Mrs. Ada Jones Parker of Parker's Mill. They moved to Portland in 1930 where she died in 1939. Alfred returned to Heppner and lived here until his death in 1944.

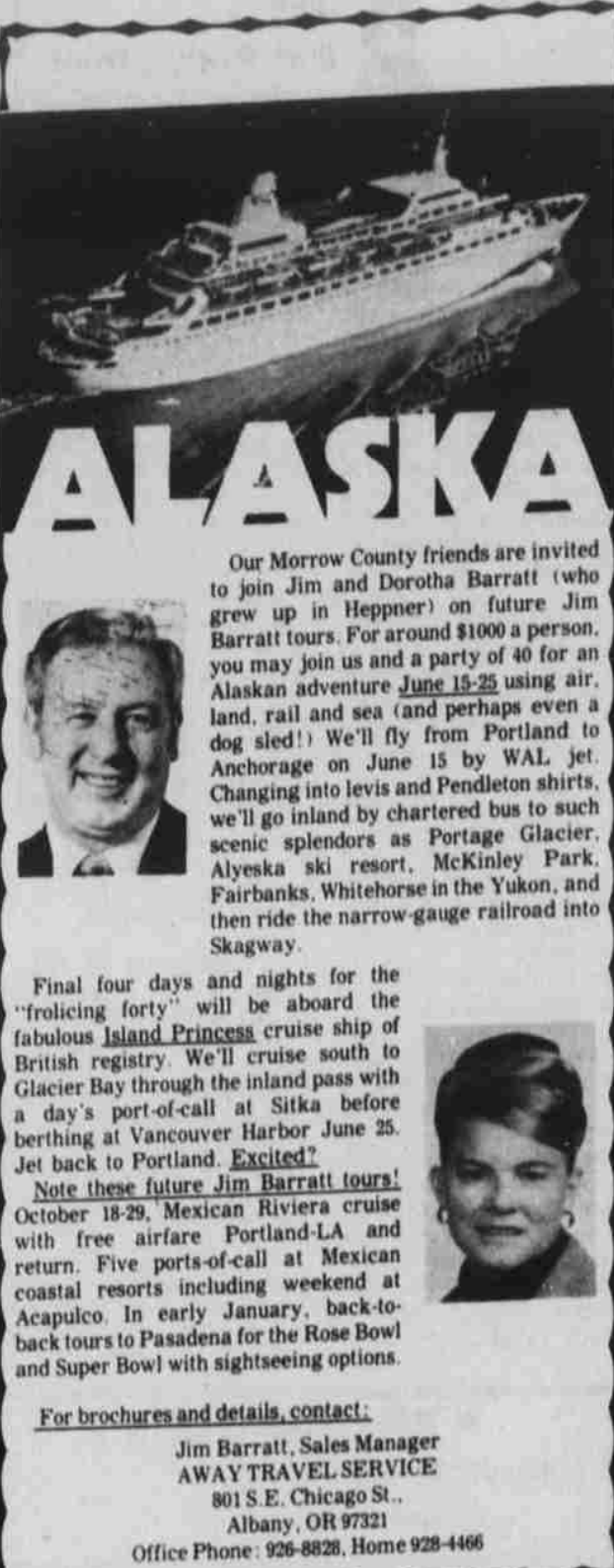
The youngest William Ayers daughter Anna married William Spencer, and they farmed the home place. After his death she married Dr. V. C. Belknap of Prairie City and later of Nampa, ID, where she died in 1936.

Edwin Hughes (Ebb), son of Mabel Ayers Hughes and Percy Hughes, married Pauline Ballou. They and their sons continue in the cattle business in the county. Merlin and his wife Claudia (Coe) and children Kimberly and Kevin live on Little Butter Creek where his grandparents made their home adjoining their original homestead. Merlin's older brother Allen and his wife Gail (another Coe—Claudia's cousin) and their daughters Patricia, Carolyn and Jennifer live on Willow Creek just below the Kinzua Mill.

Frank and Clayton Ayres of Heppner are sons of James T. Ayers who was (Clayton explains) a grand nephew of the brothers T.W. and William. They grew up at Galloway (Pine City). Their father lived until 1953.

There are several interesting, documented stories of T.W. Ayers and his early life on Big Butter Creek, of his early friendship with John Jordan and of his participation in the Indian War of 1876.

T.W. Ayers and Jordan were "nearest neighbors—only 27 miles apart—in 1866 when they helped one another with harvest, riding 50 miles on horseback each day and working long hours at harvesting.



ALASKA

Our Morrow County friends are invited to join Jim and Dorothy Barratt (who grew up in Heppner) on future Jim Barratt tours. For around \$1000 a person, you may join us and a party of 40 for an Alaskan adventure **June 15-25** using air, land, rail and sea (and perhaps even a dog sled!) We'll fly from Portland to Anchorage on June 15 by WAL jet. Changing into levis and Pendleton shirts, we'll go inland by chartered bus to such scenic splendors as Portage Glacier, Alyeska ski resort, McKinley Park, Fairbanks, Whitehorse in the Yukon, and then ride the narrow-gauge railroad into Skagway.

Final four days and nights for the "frolicing forty" will be aboard the fabulous **Island Princess** cruise ship of British registry. We'll cruise south to Glacier Bay through the inland pass with a day's port-of-call at Sitka before berthing at Vancouver Harbor June 25. Jet back to Portland. **Excited?**

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TWO GO-ROUNDS

Approved NWCHA and OCHA

April 10 & 11, 1976

In Covered Arena

Morrow County Fairgrounds, Heppner

Sat. 6 p.m. Sun. 9 a.m.

NO ADMISSION CHARGE

MONUMENT NEWS

Mrs. Bud Engle

Mr. and Mrs. George Knudson, LaGrande visited recently at the C.J. Lawrence home. The Knudsons were former Monument residents living at the Wilson place on top.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Schutzie, Milwaukie, OR, spent the weekend at the Paul Jewel home.

Mrs. Jim Tippett left Sunday for Eugene due to the death of her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Mus

grave returned home Saturday after spending a couple of days in The Dalles.

Bob Holmes returned home Sunday evening from Pendleton where he had been visiting his wife Margaret who has been in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C.M. Dale, Redmond, left Sunday afternoon after spending several days at the Mae McWillis home.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Hoehne and daughter will leave Monday after spending several days at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bill McPherson. The Hoehne's have been stationed at Travis AFB, CA and are being transferred to Reese AFB, TX.

Mrs. Freda Tubbs and Ricky spent the weekend in John Day visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Weissenfluh and children, Long Creek spent Sunday at the home of her parents the Jim Coles at the L.S. Ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. David Vaughan, Prineville, recently visited at the Art Gienger home.

William Wilhelm Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wilhelm was killed in a car accident between Condon and Fossil Friday evening. He is a nephew of Mrs. Reeta Hinton, Monument.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Hatley and children recently returned from Portland where Mrs. Hatley's small son underwent surgery.

Mrs. George Stubbiefield returned home Saturday after spending a few days in the Heppner Hospital.

WEEDS? or WHEAT.

Which will it be this year?

Even a small population of broadleaf weeds will reduce yields. And now's the time to get out and control those annual broadleaf weeds with the application of a post-emergence herbicide from Union Collier. Proper herbicide selection, timing, application rate, and spray volume will vary according to weed species present. Call us to have a trained specialist examine your field and make a specific recommendation.



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