

At Elk's dance

Blind lawyer to entertain

"They make beautiful music together . . . dancin' music" said Mrs. Charlotte Doherty.

She was talking about the group of Bonnie, Bill and Dan that will entertain at the Elk's Lodge next weekend on Saturday and Sunday.

It is a unique band in that Bonnie and Dan were raised in Heppner. It is unique because Bonnie and Bill are married. And, it is even more unique that Bill Van Atta is blind.

Next week when they play, Bill will play lead guitar and sing. His wife Bonnie will be at the piano and Dan McBride will be on the drums.

Bonnie, the former Bonnie Doherty, has lived in Heppner much of her life, graduating from Heppner High School.

Bonnie received her high school education at Heppner, graduating in 1968. She spent one year at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth and two years at Blue Mountain Community College. She lacks nine credit hours of being a policewoman. She met Bill at the Eastern Oregon State College.

Bill adds uniqueness in more ways than one. For instance, he was the first blind person ever to graduate from the University of Oregon law school. He has taken his State Bar examination and is awaiting the outcome of that test.

Bill, his wife Bonnie and son Jason, are moving to Ontario next week. He won't know the results of his bar exam until Sept. 10. If he passes, he will

go into law. If not, he'll go into a legal aid program till he can re-take the exam.

Bill is an outspoken critic of some of the state's laws.

"I don't like many of the laws that we have. Many of them are antiquated, many of them are useless and many of them are far too useful . . . I like to help people and I like effect change; and I think law is as good a place to do it as any."

He is an idealistic person, graduating this spring. Bill, 24, who lives with his 26-year-old wife Bonnie and Jason, and 7-year-old guide dog Wiley, said that when he was a child in Milton-Freewater, he wanted to be a veterinarian.

"I learned when I was about 12 or 13 that I was going blind

and that I would someday probably only see light," he said.

Bill is afflicted with retinitis pigmentosa, a gradual deterioration of the retina. He sees only colors and shapes.

In high school, he said, "Everyone always told me that I had a big mouth, that I talked too much. They said, 'Hey, you'd make a good lawyer.' And I started looking into it."

He attended EOSC, where he met Bonnie, graduating in 1973. The U of O accepted his law school application although it had no way to proctor the entrance exam for a blind person.

Through the efforts of Van Atta's counselor, a taped entrance exam was developed

for use by future blind applicants.

Bill and his wife both have sang professionally and played in dance bands. He began learning the guitar when he was 12 years old and began playing professionally when he was 17.

Bill Van Atta looks at his blindness through perceptive eyes. He doesn't want to be known for his blindness. He wants to be known as Bill Van Atta, attorney at law.

Next week when Bill starts to play and sing, most people who don't know him probably won't even know that he can't see them.

He likes it that way. Just plain Bill Van Atta, good musician, attorney at law.



Bill Van Atta and Wiley, his guide dog.

State announces filing procedures for judge

Secretary of State Clay Myers announced last week special filing procedures for candidates to the office of Circuit Court Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Department Two.

"The pending September 1, 1976, resignation of Judge Henry Kaye from Morrow and Umatilla counties presents a peculiar 'no man's land' situation in Oregon's election laws. The constitution requires an election to fill this vacancy, but our statutory filing deadlines are set before September 1. Final filing day is August 24, 1976, for the November 2, 1976, general election. The state constitution, however, requires an election if this office is vacated more than 20 days prior to the November general election," Myers explained.

"I therefore have issued an administrative ruling, setting 5 p.m., September 30, 1976 as the filing deadline for candidates seeking Judge Kaye's office. Candidates may be nominated either by petition or by assembly of electors, in the same manner as other independent candidates.

"We face a practical ballot printing problem in Morrow and Umatilla counties as a result of this state filing," Myers said. "The clerks will have to make advance arrangements for the possible printed additions to the ballots.

"No Voters' Pamphlet mat-

erial will be accepted as printed for this office because the pamphlet deadline is also August 24. As we will be printing the pamphlet on September 30, we can make no special arrangements for in-

clusion of material. "This unique procedure is adopted exclusively for circuit court judge, Sixth Judicial District, Department Two, for the November 1976 general election," Myers concluded.

Former teacher presents contract

Marguerite Glavey has been very interested in the restored Democrat Gulch School because she taught in that building when it was located in the southwest corner of the county and was a joint district with Gilliam County.

Marguerite presented her teaching contract for the year of 1929 with District 27 and 22 of Gilliam and Morrow Counties which she signed along with the district board chairman L.B. Scrivner and the district clerk H.A. Stewart on Sept. 16, 1929. This contract has been framed by the museum curator Mrs. Harnett and now hangs above the dictionary table in the school-room.

At the time of the building's re-dedication July 4, 1976, Miss Glavey gave the guest book that was signed by the hundreds who viewed the school.

Last week she made a third gift to the school, a beautiful, new all-weather American

flag which will be stored there and will be flown on special occasions.

The teaching contract shows that Marguerite was one of the school's better paid teachers. She signed for \$110 per month. After many years at the Heppner Elementary School, Miss Glavey stopped teaching. She lives with her brother Jack on the family ranch on upper Rhea Creek.



Editorial & Viewpoint

Something to look up to

Is it any wonder that the youth of today sometimes act like "little kids" when the Vice-President of the United States leads a convention delegation, chanting "We want a phone, we want a phone?"

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Belated names

EDITOR:

Late in June there was a request from Claire Cox for a listing of the out-of-town people who attended this year's Pioneer Picnic. We rather belatedly offer these names and places from the register which was put out by the picnic chairpersons Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Ione.

George E. Miller, Ruby Miller, The Dalles; Letha Harr, Pendleton; Earl Padberg, LaGrande; Margaret Rutledge Sheridan, Hermiston; Mrs. Conrad Johnson, Malin; Dave Barnett, Condon; Conrad Johnson, Malin; Tom and Dolly Fraters, Grass Valley; Leslie E. and Emerald Roundy, Kennewick, WA; Hilda Justus Peterson, Pendleton; Alva Mason, Jerry Mason, Portland; Ray McDuffee, Seal Rock; Paul McDuffee, Mary McDuffee Hawk, Medford; Rho Bleakman, Canyon City; Beth Hynd, Pendleton; Harold Hill, Coos Bay; Duck Lee, Portland; Elizabeth Slaiter Lynn, Portland; Mrs. Glen Boyer (Helena), Portland;

Thelma and William Smelhurst, Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Conway, Tigard; Harold Case, Idylwyld Park; Bus Neel and Gerry Neel, Bend; Howard Gillian, Puyallup, WA; Huldah Tucker Mortimore, Eugene; Irene Tucker Atherton, Ontario; Al Bergstrom, Portland; Fay and Gene Ferguson, Hermiston; Mike Burkenbine, Wilkesboro, NC; Edwin S. Tucker, Salem; Audrey (Beymer) and Vern Hanna, Dufur; Pam Ruthford, Dufur; Archie, Adrian and Velva Bechdoll, Pendleton; Harriet Gemmill, Salem; Jean Gemmill Crawford, Eugene; Mary and LeGrand Guild, Snohomish, WA; Mary Lee Tucker, Everett, WA; Ethel and Neal Knighten, Kennewick, WA;

Mary and Elmer Hunt, The Dalles; Garnet and Peggy Barratt, Mesa, AZ; George and Ruth Rugg, Ephrata, WA; Ebb and Pauline Hughes, Ukiah; Dick Wightman, McKenzie Bridge; Anita (Hughes) Litcher and Lawrence Litcher, Milton-Freewater; Herman and Velma Parker, Pasco, WA; Mabel V. Denney, Portland; Etta Ayers Robison, Walla Walla; Tom and Susan Ferguson, Ontario; Erma and Elma Scott, Kennewick; Vauter Parker, Hood River; John Parker, Portland; Leora Heyden, Stanfield; Marjorie Parker Hill, Portland; Dorothy and V. Knowles, Hermiston; Ruth McCaleb, Portland; Barbara (McCaleb) Coon and Stephanie, Corvallis; Mary McCaleb, Portland; Tom and Claudean Green, Prineville;

Mildred (Green) and Lester Lundblad, Gresham; Vallis Washburn, Hermiston; Lorna Mae Chalfant, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mary Samuel, Portland; Dena and Morman Swanson, Portland; Sandra Kronberg, Portland;

Jeanne, Corliss and Harlan Lundell, Boise ID; Olive B. Hughes, Roseburg, OR; Ellen B. Hughes Marshall, Salem; Gerald and Violet Swaggart, Pendleton; Bill Hughes, Roseburg; Helen Karlson, Portland; Margaret Green, Portland; Mrs. Harold Buchanan, Hermiston; Geri and Kari Beauchamp, Hermiston; Vernon and Sue Ward, Portland; Jerry, Holly and Craig Swanson, Kennewick, WA and Wesley and Jo Woodward, Wallowa, OR.

A total of 208 persons signed the registration sheets at the picnic. We have not listed those from Ione, Lexington, Heppner and nearby.

THE SILENT MAJORITY SPEAKS OUT . . . ON THE EPA

By Jack Lenhardt

"There is hereby established the Environmental Protection Agency." Arbitrarily adopted by President Nixon, these words established a destructive new government bureaucracy called the Environmental Protection Agency. There was no approval by Congress. There was no approval by industry. There was no approval by the taxpayers.

Published as Title 3 of the President's reorganization, Plan Number 3 was filed October 5, 1970 and published as Document 70-13374 in the Federal register. These words above were included in the plan and initiated the massive new bureaucracy that now costs all American consumers needless waste of dollars each and every day.

The EPA first required pollution control devices on automobiles. Then they required different pollution control devices. Then they required shoulder harness, interlocked ignition, uninterlocked ignition, buzzers, lights, recoil bumpers and other devices that cost you over \$650 per new automobile. Not only that, the recoil bumpers cost so much more to repair or replace than did the old bumpers that your insurance rates are now higher, thanks to EPA. Remember that the padded dashes and steering wheels that save "bumps" were invented before EPA.

DDT was being restricted in the 1960s. The environmentalists had tried to prove that DDT was affecting wildlife including the thinning of eggshells (which they have never proved to this day). In 1972, the environmentalists convinced EPA to ban all uses of DDT although the 1971 hearings produced testimony such as from Dr. J.L. Steinfeld, Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service that said, "It's (DDT) use in the eradication and control of disease has meant the difference between hunger, despair, and overt, and good health, hope and the promise of a better life to billions of people . . . DDT has been responsible for returning to man the use of agriculturally rich lands, thereby making possible improvements in nutrition . . ."

Now in 1976 EPA stands accused of "misusing data" to support the ban decision. Dr. William Hazelton, a California scientist, testified before a joint inquiry by the Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force and an Oregon interim committee. He said that the final DDT report sent to Congress was in conflict with the original draft prepared for the House Appropriation Committee by Dr. Leonard Axelrod, a biochemist. In other words, the EPA deliberately twisted information to maintain their ban on DDT.

However, because of their ban, 650,000 acres of our northwest timber has been lost along with a million acres in Pennsylvania. This doesn't bother the EPA though, as they proceed to interfere with other facets of our lives.

In the first two and one-half years of its existence, Congress appropriated \$5.8 billion for the EPA. From this you can estimate its present annual cost to the taxpayers. We cannot afford their cost of operation. Moreover we cannot afford the cost they are enforcing upon the environment. They serve no useful purpose that was not already being accomplished by other agencies. The Environmental Protection Agency should be abolished.

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