

# Theta's dream quilt becomes 1976 reality

A lady's dream became a reality this summer. It wasn't a fantasy cruise into the Caribbean or a flight to the Orient. It was a quilt . . . a beautiful quilt representing her native Morrow County.

As early as January of this year, visions of the quilting project danced in Theta Lowe's head. She calls it a dream.

In March, she went to Birdine Tullis, county extension agent, and asked if she thought the county could come up with a Bicentennial quilt. "You can do anything you want to," Birdine told her.

An article appeared in the March Extension Service newsletter and within a couple weeks, Theta was bombarded with phone calls and letters from interested quilters.

The letters didn't just come from Morrow County. There was one from Portland and even one from Tacoma, Washington.

Theta's dream was becoming a reality. She purchased the materials and gave them to all the volunteers and they designed 25 blocks, choosing different facets of the county's history as their theme.

Theta said 24 different people pitched in on the blocks but that maybe hundreds helped with design, comments, and contributions.

It took six months to complete the work. In fact, the quilt was finally finished 15 minutes before it was to go on display at the Morrow County Fair.

At Heppner and Boardman's Harvest Festival, the quilt was

met with many interested eyes. At the Oregon State Fair, it received a special, Bicentennial award in the form of a limited edition plate.

Many different phases of the county are depicted in the large quilt. Theta said it was "fascinating" and said she enjoyed looking up the history almost as much as the actual quilting.

The 25 blocks depict the following: the state of Oregon and Morrow County; Morrow County and the Oregon Trail; the County Courthouse; the first brand in the area which was the Double Wagon Ranch; the 60 schools in the district, shown by a one room school house; Valby Lutheran Church with the cemetery nearby; the sheep industry; Wheat-Staff of Life; Cecil's store on the Oregon Trail with the post office;

The Railroad in 1898; Creamline horses and mules; Lena Post Office and store; the Heppner Flood of 1903; Timber and Penland Lake; a typical farm home—century ranches; REA 1938 Electrified the County; the library and museum; the Hardman Oddfellow's Lodge; Rea Creek Grange; Pheasant hunting in North Morrow County; Kinzua logging mill; Watermelon from Irrigon; the potato industry; the county fair grounds; and People Our Ancestors.

The lady from Portland did the flood block because of family connections and the lady from Washington worked in the Cecil block because she used to live there.

The quilt will now go on display at the museum as a permanent donation.



Theta Lowe stands in front of bicentennial quilt, holding special plate it won. (G-T Photo)

## Ione News

### Eva Hamlett writes again

Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers spent Monday to Friday in Corvallis. Mrs. Akers was a judge for the Oregon State Grange Needlepoint Contest. The county winners go on to State. In Eastern Oregon, Umatilla had one winner, two from Baker County and a 2nd place winner in Wallowa County.

Last Wednesday was the 2nd period of the school bus drivers instruction school. During the evening, all attending adjourned outside where they were instructed on checking your bus before starting out, and also took a ride in the bus to observe the hazards and safety precautions in driving a bus. Hilda Yocum of Heppner Schools

was the driver. Left out last week were the Boardman and Irrigon drivers in the list of schools attending.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan visited his mother, Mrs. Mattie Morgan, at Caryonville last week before attending the NFO meeting at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Ball of Pendleton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball, and Bob Ball, in the mountains deer hunting.

Mr. Jerry Bristow, and son Steven, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bristow. Accompanying Jerry from Tillamook were Mr. Tom Waud and his son Mike, and Mr. Bud Gienger and his son David. They came

up deer hunting and went home with one buck.

Leslie Madden and a friend from Portland came up deer hunting over the weekend, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Elby Akers.

Last week Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr., and Skip Pettyjohn attended a 3-day Pacific Oil Conference at Lake Tahoe. They returned Saturday evening.

Mrs. Irene Holtz entertained the room mothers of the Cardinal Club at her home on Monday afternoon. They enjoyed a social hour and discussed the duties of the room mothers. Attending were: Sandy Murray, Judy Osmin, Judy Rea, Barbara Keene, Tanna Padberg, Cathy Mor-

ter, Eunice McElligott, Beverly Doherty, Dot Halverson, Maryann McElligott and Laurel Cannon.

The Ione Cardinal Club is putting a community calendar in Bristow's Market. Everyone is welcome to use it and they would like to request organizations to put their meeting date on it and also any special events they may have coming up. The next meeting of the Cardinal Club will be October 14th.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Brown of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mrs. Pauline Gates.

Again I am back at writing the news, and in case you have forgotten my telephone number, it is 422-7557. I would appreciate all organizations giving me a list of their meeting date, and also the name of the publicity chairman, as I have lost mine.

The paper would like to have a broader news coverage and this way if you forget to call, I can call you. Also, next week I would like to start the coming events column, which so many appreciated. Thank you. Eva Hamlett

### Rosenbush-Crowell wed



Mr. and Mrs. Gene Crowell

Kristy Rosenbush became the bride of Gene Crowell July 31 in a garden ceremony at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myrick of Naches, WA.

She is a graduate of Central Washington State College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rosenbush of Naches. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell of Ione, OR.

Diana McNamara was maid of honor and Edwin Winkelman was best man. Ushers were Rick Lloyd, Jerry Schimpf, and Mike Rosenbush.

A reception was held at the Naches Boot and Spur Club. Following a wedding trip to Victoria, Canada, the couple will be living in Ione.

### Heppner Garden Club

Heppner Garden Club will meet next Monday evening, October 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Dan James home on Baltimore St.

Club vice-president and program chairman, Jane Rawlins, says that several gardeners will discuss bulbs for spring planting.

The club treasurer, Barbara James, reminds members that their annual \$2 dues are payable this month.

A potluck dessert will follow the meeting and program. Any person interested in gardening is invited to join this group which meets each month on the second Monday evening.

### O'Donnell-Gallaher wed

It was a garden wedding for Mary Anne O'Donnell, and Dennis Gallaher at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Fawthrop, Pendleton.

Lee Walstrom, uncle of the groom, of First Christian Church, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Harry O'Donnell, the bride wore a white cotton Victorian-style gown with lace inserts along the sleeves. Her picture hat was trimmed with yellow daisies and blue ribbons.

She carried a bouquet of white roses, carnations, and baby's breath atop the Bible

her mother carried at her wedding 28 years ago.

Matron of honor was Sheila Campbell, Pendleton.

John Akers, Hermiston, was best man. Ushers were David and Tim Gallaher, brothers of the groom.

After the wedding reception at the Fawthrop home, the couple left for a wedding trip to the Oregon coast.

Mary Anne was raised in Heppner by aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell. She is a graduate of Heppner High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gallaher, Pendleton. He is a graduate of Pendleton High School, attended BMMC and was graduated from the Oregon State Police Academy.

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