

Becket business saga covers 52 years

Have you got your Valentines ready to go? Do you always recall that your state celebrates its birthday on Feb. 14? This 33rd state, Oregon, the Valentine State, is 118 years old this year.

Former County Judge Oscar Peterson, Ione, took a look at a big part of South America and is now telling others about what he saw. He spoke to the Chamber of Commerce Monday.

We hear that last Thursday's Old Timers' Night brought a big crowd to the Elks' Club. They enjoyed a dandy chicken dinner prepared by the Elks' ladies.

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has worked diligently on society committees.

The Becket family is a well-established pioneer family. Harold's grandfather, J.W. Becket, and his father built

many of the first homes in Weston before the family moved to the Eight Mile ranch in 1886. Harold's father was Ralph. Until recently, Harold's uncle, Charlie Beckett, operated that place (part of the family spells the name differently). Charlie's widow, Gladys, lives here on Gale St. Harold's uncle Walter's son, Laurence, farms adjoining land. Mrs. Walter Becket (Carrie) lives in the Lanham apartments.

avid readers and are especially knowledgeable about American history.

Ruby was a Fair and Rodeo princess in 1928 when Inez Hayes Gentry was Queen. She has done much volunteer work with P.T.A., the town library, the Health Association and the County Fair. She was the last Girl Scout leader in Heppner, and for 20 years was Grand Deputy for the Order of Rainbow. She has been a leader in O.E.S. and in the Bookworms for years.

The Becket home is on N. Court St., and they are known for their pretty yard and for the big vegetable garden which has included a tremendous variety of fruits and vegetables—and sunflowers over 10 feet high.

The new owners of the Becket Equipment Co. are Joe and Bonna Rae Miller, who arrived last Saturday from Gresham. Mrs. Miller is Joyce Kay Hollomon's sister.

Joe Miller has been operating his own machine shop for some time. He worked for the Hyster Company in Portland for 17 years. He has bought some of Harold's equipment and will be hauling some of his

own up here this week.

The Millers purchased the Bob Duncan home on East Aiken and are settling there with their three sons. Reid, their 15-year-old, entered Heppner High several weeks ago as a sophomore. He has been living with the Jerry Hollomons. His brothers are Rae, 13, an eighth-grader, and Ryan, 4, pre-school.

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Soroptimists plan Valentines Party

For many years, the Soroptimist International Club of Heppner has taken a party to the Pioneer Memorial Hospital's Nursing Home on Valentine's Day.

Next Monday, the Soroptimists will arrive at the hospital at 2 p.m. for visiting and to share the music of their pianist, Ola Mae Groshens.

The Blue Birds, under the leadership of Trish Toll, will come from school, bringing Valentines they have made.

Soroptimist Lenna Smith, as chairman for the event, has

planned the refreshments and program.

It is nice to have Irene Swanson back in town after three weeks of visiting in Portland and Oswego. She is now helping the Neighborhood Center move into new quarters.

Carpet-laying professional Arnie Hedman and temporary helpers Bill Lande and Ed Struthers contributed an evening's work to the Public Library this last week. The Coast-to-Coast store loaned a Rinse-N-Vac machine the next night when Ed and Bill went back to clean the donated, used carpeting in the Children's Room.

John McConnell, a 1936 Heppner grad, has returned from Wallowa County and is working at the Kinzua Mill. He is asking around for a small apartment. Finding housing is surely difficult these days.

For many years, Eleanor Gonty has been such a faithful helper in the family shoe store. We hope she is enjoying being home a little more these days. She continues to help many organizations and many good causes.

It was good to read that Mayor Sweeney feels Heppner will not suffer too badly from a water shortage. We worry about our cattle and wheat raising friends in such a difficult time.

Ione, Lexington and Boardman-Irrigon have correspondents who supply news and small personal items to this paper. This column wants to include "personals" from the Heppner area. Will you please help? Telephone your items to Justine at home, 676-5504, or at work, 676-9964.

Ione news

• Eva Hamlett

• 422-7557

Palmateers honored on 28th

A surprise dinner and party was held at Beecher's Cafe Saturday, Feb. 5, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer on their 28th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Jerry McElligott made a decorated cake in their honor, and also made a smaller one for Eunice McElligott, whose birthday was the same day.

Besides the Palmateers, other guests attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Harry O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Healy, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Healy, and Tony Cutrede, from Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Don McElligott, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McElligott, Mr. and Mrs. David Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doherty, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr.,

Teacher needed

Weight Watchers needs an instructor before they can organize a group in Heppner.

Qualifications are that you must have lost to your weight goal and maintained the loss for eight weeks, thus becoming a lifetime member. They would send someone to train an instructor here, or you could go to Portland for nine consecutive Saturdays.

Anyone who can meet these qualifications and would be interested, please call Nova Gaylord at 676-9183 during the day or at 676-9962 in the evenings.

and Ronnie Palmateer. Mrs. Doris Gollyhorn and Mrs. Leo Crabtree went to Pendleton, Monday, Feb. 7th, to visit Mrs. Maravene White, who is in Hershey's Nursing Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Halverson of Medford are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halverson this week.

Members of the family gathered for a potluck dinner at noon on Jan. 27th at the home of Mrs. Ida Grabill to help celebrate her 95th birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley from Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bristow and Don, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis. Mrs. Sharon Harrison from Lexington stopped by in the afternoon.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hall and daughter Dawn, Jerry Hall, and Meg O'Meara from Moscow, Ida. On Saturday evening, they had a family dinner and were joined by Kevin and Ashley McCabe.

Martha McElligott has been dismissed from St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, Wash., and is now home recuperating, having had several surgeries, due to an automobile accident.

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold a pancake supper on Feb. 12 at the hall, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. They will serve pancakes, sausage, eggs, and applesauce.

The Beta Omega Sorority will hold a traveling food sale on Monday, Feb. 14, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Coming Events:
Feb. 12 Auxiliary pancake supper
Girls' and boys' high school basketball Arlington here
Feb. 11 High School boys' basketball Umapine here
Feb. 14 Sorority traveling food sale
Feb. 15 Jr. High girls' and boys' basketball Umatilla here
Feb. 19 Jr. High basketball Jamboree
Feb. 21 No School
Feb. 22 High School girls' basketball Sherman here

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