

City namesakes spend time here

by Justine Weatherford

On Feb. 21 and 22, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heppner of Warroad, Minn. and their son Kenneth Heppner of Lake Oswego, visited around the Heppner area. They came here Tuesday and stayed overnight because they especially wanted to see the museum, which didn't open last week until Wednesday afternoon.

The Heppners were there waiting when Curator Rachel Harnett arrived to open the building. Son Kenneth, who works in construction in the Willamette Valley, had visited here once before. His parents have wanted to come for a long time "Because we knew about this town that has our name," the father said. Last fall they traveled out to Oregon because their youngest daughter was being married in Portland.

The parents have been wintering in Oregon while their home, just six miles from the Canadian border, along the S.W. shore of Lake of The Woods, has been in a long, deep freeze this year. They say they will probably return home in April. They explain that Warroad has a couple of hundred fewer residents than Heppner has.

Frank Heppner is now retired after years of working at making window sash at the marvin Mill near their home on a 200 acre farm which he and his family operate. The Heppners are members of the German Mennonite Church.

They have a deep interest in their family's history. They know that their ancestors were in Prussia and in Germany and that some of them were in Russia before migrating to America. The Heppner parents explained that they speak low German which sounds more like Dutch and English than high German does. It is the older form of the language which was used in northern Germany entirely until the 1550's when it lost its importance as a written language and was gradually superseded by the present, generally-used, newer high German. The Heppners speak American English very well, also.

The Heppners have careful family records back to 1760. Last year they had a family reunion in Canada at Steinbeck, Manitoba.

They are not sure how or if they may be related to Henry Heppner for whom this county seat is named. He was of the Jewish faith, and came to America from Prussia. The Frank Heppners are not aware of ancestors who were Jewish. They have been Mennonites for some generations.

Frank and his wife Katherina found much of interest here. They know that our farming differs from their situation in Minnesota. They understand lumbering. They were astonished to learn of the huge, historic flood here, and they spent considerable time looking at the pictures and newspaper accounts of the catastrophe in the display cases in the county museum.

Mrs. Heppner said "This is one of the nicest community museums we have seen," and both she and her husband thought surely the people of this area must be very proud of the museum and the library and the nice building which houses them.

Grand squares dance in Condon


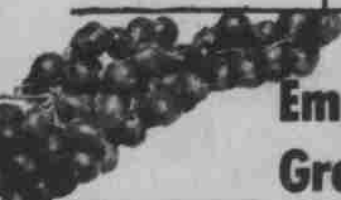
Three squares participated at the Grand Squares regular first Saturday of the month dance and meeting, held March 4 in the American Legion Hall, Heppner. Two guests were present from the Square Knots of Hermiston.

Sunday, March 5, 11 members of the club traveled to Condon to entertain residents of the nursing home there. After the dancing, the group enjoyed refreshments served by the nursing home staff.

Participating in the trip to Condon were: caller Darrel Wilson and his wife Beverly; Lloyd and Shirley McNary, Ione; George and Lorene Griffith, Cecil; Bill and Daisy Collins, Heppner; Jim and Helen Cochran, Condon; and Marvin Epley, Mayville.

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Senior citizen ID cards available

Governor Bob Straub announced today that the Oregon Department of Revenue is mailing 200,000 applications for senior citizen identification cards to seniors' groups and Department field offices.

"The senior identification card is an important first step in setting up much-needed discount programs for low-income seniors. I hope that all seniors who are eligible for the card will apply," Straub said.

Seniors will receive their ID cards a few weeks after they apply to the department, the governor said.

The 1977 Oregon Legislature ordered that identification cards be made available to Oregon residents who are at least 60 years old (Senate Bill 985). The purpose of the cards is to verify age and income level so that low-income seniors can take advantage of any discount programs that exist.

The cards will bear the senior citizen's name, address, date of birth, date of issuance and signature. The senior also may choose to indicate whether his or her income is less than \$6,000 a year.

Application forms are available from hundreds of seniors' groups—including the Neighborhood Center in Heppner—throughout the state and from

Oregon Department of Revenue field offices. Cost of the card is \$1.00 (\$1.50 for a replacement if the card is lost). The cost may be

deducted from the senior's property tax refund or be paid when the senior applies for the ID card.

Bookworms review biography

The second February meeting of the Bookworms was arranged by hostess Pauline Winter in the Parish Hall of All Saints' Church on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Club president Frances Parker Mitchell presided at the brief business session before delivering the evening's book review. She chose to review an inspirational biography of an East Indian physician, Dr. Mary Verghese. The book, "Take My Hands," was written by Dorothy Clarke Wilson, and published by McGraw-Hill in 1963. It has been translated into numerous languages and has been a best-seller in Europe and in India.

Mary Verghese earned medical honors at the Vellore Medical School which was begun by the missionary

doctor Ida Scutter. Despite being badly crippled in a bus accident, just as she completed her medical training, this determined and courageous woman went on to become an outstanding physician to the

victims of leprosy.

The first March meeting of the Bookworms will be on March 14 at Inez Erwin's home. Lorena Jones plans to review the best-selling novel "Thornbirds".

VFW to install officers Saturday

The Heppner Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post No. 4184 will install new officers Saturday, March 11, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Heppner High School Cafeteria.

The installation ceremony will be conducted by department officers who will come to

Heppner from various parts of

Oregon. The public is invited to attend the installation and to enjoy the coffee and cookies that will be served afterward.

Tonight, Thursday, March 9, the V.F.W. will hold a regular meeting at the Wagon Wheel beginning at 8 p.m.

Library surplus book sale begins Monday

The members of the board of the Heppner Public Library have authorized the librarian to arrange an annual sale of surplus books beginning Monday, March 13, and ending Thursday evening, March 23.

The sale will take place during regular library hours—Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The largest group of books, encompassing a wide variety of selections in many fields, has been priced to sell at 15c.

There are better and more recent books priced at 25c. A smaller group of selected books—mysteries, westerns, science fiction and children's reading is priced from 25c to 50c.

Those who collect first editions, antique books and rare older magazines will have several tables of these to choose from at prices ranging from 50c to several dollars.

When the sale begins, early shoppers will make the best selections. Everything must be sold for cash, and books not sold will be recycled sometime after the sale.

Senior Menu

Tuesday, March 14
Barbecued beef on French buns
Carrot, apple salad
Baked squash
Lemon delight pudding cake with topping
Cheese sticks

Wednesday, March 15
Baked heart and dressing
Scalloped potatoes
Tossed green salad
Buttered beets
Bread and butter
Sliced peaches

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