

Age counted by friends not years

90th birthday feted

Many descendants and friends of Mrs. John Brosnan (Zetta Hager) gathered at her home at Lena on Sunday, July 8 to congratulate Zetta on her 90th birthday. As they entered her cozy home an embroidered motto done by a granddaughter-in-law greeted them—it read "Count your age by friends not years; Count your life by smiles not tears." All who know Zetta know her smile, her quick wit, her cheerfulness.

Zetta, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Hager in Heppner in 1888 holds so much local history in her now white-thatched head and on her lively tongue. Her father came from Missouri and her mother, Belle Wilkins, was from Vermont, and they gave their two daughters interesting names—Zetta and Zilpha. Zetta was the first child baptized in St. Patrick's Church then up on Heppner's south hill where the Legion Hall is now.

She went through grade school in Heppner, then went to a convent high school in Walla Walla, graduating in 1906, and going on to Washing-

ton State College at Pullman. She also worked several places in Heppner—at Jim Hart's Confectionary Store and at the post office while W.W. Smead was postmaster. Right after she left Pullman, she worked awhile in Weiser, Idaho as a telephone operator.

In 1908 she and John Brosnan were married in St. Patrick's and went to live on the Brosnan Ranch at Lena where Zetta still lives. Her husband was the son of Jeremiah Brosnan from County Cork who came around the Horn to Oregon in the 1870s and who married Mary Gafney in Morrow County in 1881. John died in 1952. Their son Jerry and his wife Marian and their son Eddie and his wife Lorraine and their five fifth-generation Brosnans farm the land today. Zetta and John's other children are a son Joe, who visits Oregon quite regularly from his Arkansas home, and a daughter Margaret (Mrs. Donald Williams) also of Arkansas who could not come for the birthday party.

About one-half of Zetta's 22 living great-grandchildren

and her seven grandchildren were at the celebration. Zetta told her guests about some of her experiences during her 70 years at Lena. She declared that the trip from the ranch to Heppner over the early dirt road, used to take "well over two hours, moving right along in the buggy." However, when she was in a hurry for something, she could get to town in one and one-half hours on horseback. Later, after the Brosnans got a car, they sped over the dirt road at 25 miles per hour and could get into Heppner in "about an hour."

Zetta's health is still "pretty good"—she says her ears have faded some and she has some difficulty walking—but still crochets at a good clip. The latest of the many aighans she has crocheted is a lovely rose and brown log cabin patterned masterpiece designated for a grandson.

The large number of well-wishers at Zetta's place on Sunday included folks from all of Eastern Oregon and from Woodburn and the Portland area. Very special friends of about 50 years, Hazel and

Burley Sallee, came from their Troutdale home to congratulate her.

All enjoyed the several birthday cakes, the variety of beverages, and the fresh raspberries and ice cream served by Zetta's family.

Zetta's great-grand children range from pre-school to high school ages and the 22 are now enriching quite a few districts in Oregon and elsewhere.

Phone bids on lamb sale

A total of 376 fat, medium and feeder lambs were graded late last week, prior to the annual conference call lamb sale, carried out by the Morrow County Extension office and the Northwest Livestock Producers Market.

Bids on the Morrow County sheep will be taken on a telephone conference call hookup to regional buyers on Aug. 13. The Morrow County mutton will then be shipped to the high bidder within a week

Two incidents involving stolen vehicles that were wrecked and abandoned occurred in Morrow County during the past week.

On Saturday morning, a 1963 Volkswagen slammed into a utility pole along Washington Avenue in Irrigon, with the driver leaving the scene of the accident.

Deputies investigating the crash learned later in the day that the car had been stolen from Bror Gustav of Uma-

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tilla during the previous night.

The second incident, also reported on Saturday, involved a 1971 GMC pickup truck owned by Earl Trudeau of Boardman.

The pickup was found wrecked at Cecil, with the driver fleeing the scene on foot. No arrests have been made in connection with either incident.

In Wheeler County last week, the one-man sheriff's department arrested an es-

capee from a Kentucky prison.

Carol Calloway of Henderson, Ky., is currently lodged in jail in The Dalles, pending extradition to his home state. Calloway faces charges of second degree escape, after eluding authorities while he was being taken to the Kentucky State Prison to serve time on two burglary charges.

It was not immediately known what brought Calloway to Wheeler County, nor were the details of his arrest available. The Morrow County Sheriff's office assisted Wheeler County, by relaying teletype messages on the suspect from authorities in Kentucky. Frank D. Flock, 22, of

Boardman, pleaded guilty in Morrow County Justice Court earlier this week to charges of driving while intoxicated and driving while his license was suspended.

The Boardman man was sentenced to 14 days in the Umatilla County Jail, plus a \$305 fine.

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SHOP HEPPNER FRIDAY

Drake to attend farmer's meet in Kansas

On July 17-18, forty United Methodist farmers from across the United States will meet at Kansas Newman College in Wichita, Kansas to consider farm problems.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Drake of Sandhollow will attend as representatives from Oregon. The Heppner congregation and the Oregon Idaho Conference, along with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church will assist with their expenses.

Both of the Drakes are very active in the local church where they serve on various committees. Carley has been the church organist for the past year. She is also employed in the Morrow County

Mental Health office.

This conference is being held to help farmers and other persons involved in the "farm crisis" know that the church cares about and is responsive to the critical problems faced by farmers and farm families, and that church leaders desire to be involved in helping to resolve these issues.

The Drakes will fly to Kansas on July 16 and will

return to their farm home by July 19. Doug hopes to complete harvest soon thereafter on the Drake Ranch, where his father and grandfather farmed before him.



SHOP HEPPNER FRIDAY

Methodists set picnic for July 23

The Heppner United Methodists have tentatively scheduled their annual summer picnic for Sunday, July 23. They are now considering having the worship service that morning at Cutsforth Park at 11:00 and then picnicking there in the early afternoon.

Cleveland's attend grandson's dedication

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cleveland of Heppner and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Bagwell of Pendleton attended the July 7 dedication for their grandson, Anderson Charles, at the Church of God in Pendleton. Master Cleveland was born in Pendleton May 28, 1978 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cleveland.

Perrins return from pastoral class

Lloyd and Jana Perrin and son David returned this week from Washington, where they have been for the past month. Perrin, pastor of the Adventist Church here, was taking a course in Field School Evangelism held in Wenatchee. It was a particularly enjoyable month for Jana, because they stayed with her parents, Carl and Jane Hilton, at their ranch in Chelan. Pastor Perrin commuted the 45 miles to and from Wenatchee.

The class he took this summer will apply toward the Master of Divinity degree he plans to get at Andrews University in Berrien Springs over the next two years.

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