



Dee and Geatta Cox

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If any two people in Morrow County ought to know each other really well, it would be Dee and Geatta Cox.

The couple met when they were pre-schoolers, when Geatta's father made trips up Hinton Creek from Lexington to a farm he was renting, near the Cox place. "I guess we were three or four years old when we first got acquainted," said Dee.

When Dee was 22 and Geatta was 19, they were married in the old Palace Hotel in Heppner. The ceremony took place 64 years ago on Monday.

What's it like being married to the same person for 64 years? "Most of the time we were too busy to give it a thought," said Mrs. Cox.

The couple farmed full-time up until seven years ago, when they moved to their Elder Street home. They still own the Hinton Creek spread, but rent, rather than farm it. The Coxes were still full-steam farming when their children hosted a Golden Anniversary celebration in their honor 14 years ago.

Marvin, one of their sons, operates a theater in Utah. Their other son, Lester, lives in Pendleton. The couple has five grandchildren.

Wheat farming and raising the boys took up much of their time, with Mrs. Cox operating a seeder and helping outside when she could. But there was still time for taking post-harvest vacations and occasional

fishing trips.

The couple has journeyed to Miami, Nassau in the Caribbean, and several points in Mexico.

During a post-harvest stay in Acapulco, Mr. Cox landed a 135-pound sailfish. It may sound like another fishing story, but he has concrete proof of the fete—the fish is on display at the Heppner Museum.

The Coxes are still able to get around and fend for themselves, although Mr. Cox walks with the aid of a cane after breaking his hip while washing his pickup truck several years ago. Mrs. Cox suffered a heart attack last year, but appears to have almost fully recovered.

## Glaya Maxwell, Ronald Baker to wed Aug. 19

Glaya R. Maxwell and Ronald L. Baker will be married at 4 p.m. Aug. 19 at the Harold Baker home in Boardman.

Miss Maxwell, a graduate of Mitchell High School, attended Oregon Tech, obtaining an R.N. degree. She will be working in Hermiston. Baker is a graduate of Riverside High School.

The couple will reside in Boardman.

## Open house for the Al Fetsches

Friends and relatives of Al and Edna Fetsch are invited to an open house in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. at their ranch home, Rt. 2, Box 23, Echo. The honored guests request no gifts.

## Gilmans visit here after African tour

Len and Mickey Gilman, of Eagle Nest, N.M., have been visiting their mothers, Violet Gilman and Della McCurdy, and other family members here. Before they came to Oregon, they had spent three weeks touring south and southwest Africa.

While the Gilmans were here they were joined for one week by Katie, 3, and Nicole, 2, their granddaughters from El Cajon, California, who also got acquainted with their great-grandmothers Violet and Della.

Soon after Molly Becket's wedding Della McCurdy will accompany the Gilmans back to Eagle Nest.

# AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

After some dire predictions that the north county communities would probably vote down levies and any improvements that might seem to favor the southern sector, it was really pleasing to note that last Tuesday, the voter turnout in the south was a great deal better percentage-wise than the one of seven registered at Irrigon and the one in five who voted in Boardman. Mid-county lone voters turned out well and gave support to both the hospital levy and the county budget.

I feel puzzled that the city council would stop the Morgan Street Bridge plan after investing \$11,000 for engineering on a bridge "that will never be built." What puzzles me is why the plans were made for "a concrete monstrosity" if the city was wanting a different type bridge.

Our last several Thursday's issues have had good articles about young visitors from faraway parts of the world. Perhaps they will spread the word that this is pretty nice place to live.

The very good news that this year's wheat is averaging better than twice as much as last year's crop should really bring lots of big smiles around here and around the hungrier parts of the globe.

It was too bad that our State Champion Rodeo Team members didn't make the finals back in the national competition at Huron, South Dakota. The fact that five of them got there with their horses and competed with team members from all over the U.S., though, was a first and was quite remarkable. Their families really gave wonderful support taking them so far and cheering them on.

The Phil Oakes coached Heppner Swim team has done good work this year. At each meet the team participates in its members score well. The community is fortunate to have a good pool and parents who work so diligently to aid the swim program.

Have you noticed that the Heppner housing shortage is being recognized and that quite a few new homes are under construction. I see one being built just behind the Emile Grosche home; the Frank Pearsons will soon be moving into their new home; the Monte Stookeys are building out by the Wrangler Grounds and the spacious Goheen home on South Main is coming into the finishing stages. My Gilmore Street neighbors the Brownfields have made their older home seem new with their hard work and clever remodeling. There is new construction and some remodeling taking place on the east hill and other places that I have not mentioned.

This last weekend brought way to many deaths to community members. The last several weeks have been very sad for so many local families. Our paper has had to carry way too many obituaries. Families and friends have gathered so frequently to memorialize such fine people who will be so missed by all of the area.

Very soon after the County Fair our teachers will be getting back at their regular jobs—but for some of them that may be a relief. A couple I have watched working most vigorously this summer are Steve Brownfield who has labored daily as a carpenter with Morrie Groves beside redoing his own home, and Jim Ackley who has kept busy

with several enterprises since school ended.

In Ackley's successful upholstery business, he has been assisted by Rick Klaus, who with the other delightful Klaus is soon to leave Heppner for Woodland, Washington. This outstanding family will surely be missed.

County Treasurer Sylvia McDaniel took a one-day Fred Meyer tour of the King Tut exhibit. The group left Portland at 11 a.m. and returned before 10 p.m. Sylvia said her tickets were purchased last March. She was favorably impressed with the well-preserved artifacts which were nicely exhibited. Her only criticism was that too many people crowded around the most interesting articles making viewing rather difficult. She said the tour allowed ample time for seeing the tremendous exhibit.

We are wandering if the new weekend Fair schedule will be a crowd pleaser. The very first-ever display of antique farm implements and machinery that is being arranged by Harold Peck sounds like a fine addition. Shorty's personal collection is most outstanding.

The Umatilla County Fair, which attracted quite a few from our county, came during such warm weather. We are so hopeful that our own fair doesn't rate an over-reaction from the weather and get the rain that kindly held off during harvest and may just be waiting for the fair and rodeo and parade. It has happened!

Now that I am trying to walk with my puppy Tip each evening, we are finding such a variety of dogs in our part of town—all colors, shapes and sizes and each with a distinct personality (or is it dogality?)

One of the cutest young animals we stopped to meet last week and to let Tip rub noses with is Tug who belongs to Michael McBride. It is too bad that Tug and Tip live on opposite sides of busy South Court Street. Michael and I must be very careful that neither of them gets struck by a vehicle. Again, I'm wishing we might become successful dog trainers like our neighbors Ken and Tracy Beal.

## Jim Benson, Kay Roy united in Aug. 10 rite

Kay Roy and Jim Benson were married Thursday, August 10 in an evening ceremony at the home of Milt and Marge Boring. The marriage vows were read by Mr. Boring, Matron of Honor was Bernadine Hulett and Randy Hulett was Best Man.

Following the ceremony the newlyweds and guests enjoyed wedding cakes prepared by Mrs. Boring and Bernadine

Hulett and champagne served by Helen Whirl.

Jim is the son of Clarence and Betty Benson, Kinzua. Kay is the daughter of Laura Roy, Prineville and former Fossil resident. Both young people are graduates of Wheeler High School. They will make their home in Heppner where Jim is employed by Kinzua Corp.

## Ione school registration set for Aug. 23-24

Morrow County School officials have released a schedule of registration activities for the upcoming beginning of the 1978-79 school year for students in Ione Elementary, Junior High and High schools.

Aug. 23—Registration for all new students—kindergarten, first grade or transfer students—will be held at the High School office from 9 a.m. until noon and from 1-3 p.m. These students must have completed the goldenrod physical exam and have provided proof of immunizations before starting school.

Aug. 24—Registration for all returning junior and senior high students and payment of fees at the high school office from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-3 p.m. Ninth graders must have completed the goldenrod physical exam before starting school. The Morrow County Health Department will provide these physicals at the high school on Aug. 30 for those unable to receive one from a doctor.

Sept. 5—First day of school, starting at 8:35 a.m., ending at 1:30 p.m. Buses will run. Wednesday, the following day, school will resume on normal 8:35 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. schedule.

Insurance fees for grades K-8 will be \$2; for grades 9-12, \$5.50. Student body fees, charged only to grades 7-12, will be \$6. Towel fees, charged only to grades 7-12, will be \$2. Yearbook costs, optional, will be \$5.50 for grades 7-12. Lunch

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