

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

Sorry to report that it is most unlikely that Heppner will be represented in the lovely, old Nunan House at Ashland. The unusual copper, zinc and cast iron bathtub that the Gontys own is too large for the small room there and the owners of the amazing reconstruction wrote that they just can't fit it in.

Visiting Grandson Scott and I watched the North-South Shrine football game on television last Saturday evening. It seemed to stay pretty well balanced, although the speedy beginning by the south team was overcome in the quite long-lasting 14-14 tie that was finally broken by my choice, the north, with its near game's end field goal.

This year the East-West Shrine Game at Baker is drawing more than its usual response from county residents because of the three Morrow participants—Bryan Marlin, Heppner, Kevin McCabe, Ione, and Deeno Leighton, Boardman. I am also especially interested because Marion Weatherford, Condon, who is remembered as an opponent here, is also playing on the east team. When I visited with him at his Olex ranch home recently, he said that after the Baker contest, he will be ready to seriously think about preparing to enter Oregon State University next month.

As I typed "Olex" I was reminded that I have been intending to share a long article written by Oregon historian Ralph Friedman which I clipped from the Medford Mail Tribune. It carries a picture of the Crum Mill as seen from Oregon Highway 19 and tells about the development of Olex and about the Jeremiah Crum family. Ione's Ralph Crum is Jeremiah's grandson.

Did you know that the town name was really Alex, but some Washington, D.C. official misread the pioneer petition and dubbed it Olex before its post office opened in 1874? That post office predated the establishment of Gilliam County by 11 years. The town of Olex, which had over 100 residents in 1915, was established seven years before Arlington and 11 years before Condon.

Jeremiah Crum built the first flour mill in the area between 1883 and 1885 and began operating it the fall using power from the water of Rock Creek. For some years, it was the only mill between Pendleton and The Dalles and farmers came as far as 50 miles to have wheat ground and to leave Crum a third of their wheat as payment for his services.

If you drive to Olex now you will see the Crum Mill building still standing to the west of the highway. You will have to search a little to find the Olex School which is off to the east. It was built in 1887 and is still in use. Its graduates have their choice of going to Condon or to Arlington to high school.

Have you been noticing recent changes around Lexington? I've been slow about admiring the great improvements at the county school headquarters building. The repainting and landscaping is so attractive. You must know that Bill Rawlins has done so much there, caring for the grounds and building and planting and nurturing the bright petunia borders.

It seems that "downtown" Lexington is beginning to bloom anew. The old Lonnie Henderson Garage Building looks much younger again. The store and post office could be getting an addition. In fact, the whole community seems to be growing and brightening.

Out north of town, behind Cutsforth Corners, the 50-year-old Grange Hall is being painted, mostly by its present Master Barbara Cutsforth.

However, Grange Master Barbara rested from her painting last week Wednesday and made a look-around trip to Hell's Half Acre with that premier guide, her husband Orville. Three neophytes to whom they showed the terrain of the Willow Creek watershed were Morrow County Planner Deane Seeger, me and my grandson. How exciting we found the old caves and mine sites and the mountain springs and Orville's well-told tales of early activities in the vicinity.

When I heard Orville issue an open invitation to anyone who wanted to go along, I expected to find quite a crowd at the courthouse by 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning when he agreed to pick up Planner Seeger. How glad I am that there was room for me and Scott to tag along. That expedition was one of the high spots of our summer.

I am so convinced that O.W. Cutsforth is right in his concern about the preservation of the Willow Creek watershed.

Now that Pendleton's Tom Simonton has painted our merchants' windows with his pictureque cowboy humor, we really know it is fair time. As you admire his cleverness, note how he incorporated those two neon signs in Bucknum's Tavern windows into the cartoons there.

Mrs. Neil Beamer (Shirley) has blossomed as a talented local artist. Some of her cowboy drawings are displayed in Gardner's window.

Everybody come and enjoy the fair. Everybody plan to see the rodeo!

The hospital election certainly showed community solidarity.

Irrigon and Ione residents proved that the eyes have positive patterns of feeling and voting.

Now, hopefully, with the budget assured, the committee, board, court, institutional staff and all others closely involved with the operation of the hospital and nursing home will move ahead in harmony.

Low interest loans offered to farmers

Ken Durrell, local county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, reminded area farmers today of the low interest loans the agency has available.

Established farmer operators may be eligible to purchase land with no downpayment and as low as 3 per cent interest rate for the loan. Operating loans may be available at as little as 5 per cent interest.

Eligibility for these low interest loans depends upon the applicants assets and ability to repay the loan. The primary purpose of this program is to assist new farmers and others with limited resources for their farming operations.

More information about the program is available at the FmHA office at 1229 SE Third, in Pendleton.

Sheriff plans Arizona charter plane trip to bring back man

Morrow County Sheriff Larry Fetsch planned to leave this week for Nogales, Arizona to transport a prisoner back to Heppner for criminal non-support.

Fetsch was hoping to go by charter aircraft and save the expense of having another deputy along with him on a commercial aircraft. According to Federal Aviation

Administration rules, when transporting prisoners aboard commercial aircraft, two officers are required to be present. In the case of charter planes, Fetsch may deputize the pilot.

The man Fetsch will be bringing back was apprehended by the U.S. Border Patrol when he attempted to cross over to Mexico.

Fetsch's expenses for making the trip will be reimbursed by the state.

The Sheriff said this has not been the longest trip he has made. At one time, he traveled to Tucumcari, New Mexico to bring back a prisoner.

When transporting prisoners, the county officers handcuff themselves to the prisoners.

In another announcement, Fetsch said Robert L. Cannon of Athena, Oregon, has been hired as a new deputy in the department. He has had experience as a corrections officer for the Umatilla County Sheriff's Department.

He is married and has one child.

Cannon was expected to start Tuesday.

During his period as a deputy, Cannon will attend the road deputy school at the Oregon Police Academy in Monmouth. He has already completed corrections training at the school.

Lack of quorum stalls planning commission

People attending Monday night's Heppner City Planning Commission found they were not able to transact business for lack of a quorum.

Four of the seven member board were absent. Attending were Commission Chairman Terry Hager, Ed Tarnasky and Bob Lankford. Absent, according to Hager were Dave Hanna, Lenna Smith, Mike Gray and John Shaw. Hager said no reason was given for their absence.

The planning commission's monthly meeting will be rescheduled for August 27 in order to transact business which had to be postponed Monday night.

Monday's agenda was full of items awaiting planning commission action.

Several were proposed conditional use permits for placement of trailers and a land partition. A roomful of people, including two attorneys atten-

ded the session and were unhappy with the postponement, according to the planning commission chairman.

Chairman Hager plans to write a letter to the Heppner City Council regarding the lack of a quorum.

Wayne Harris in hospital

The R & W Drive-In has been missed very much while it was closed during Wayne Harris's surgery and hospitalization.

It was re-opened last Tuesday, Aug. 14. It is temporarily operating as the R & R

Drive-In with Rita and Rhonda who will be running it during Wayne's convalescence and recovery.

Rita reports that Wayne is doing fine resting here at home after the operation on his leg.

Irrigon news

• Francis Rose Wilson • 922-3352

Mary Stephens and Elva Sanders were injured in a car accident Aug. 6 as their car entered the highway near the Last Chance Melon Stand in Irrigon.

They were hit by a potato truck that spun their car around and were hit again by a car from oncoming traffic. The car was totally demolished.

Mrs. Stephens was taken to St. Mary's Hospital in Walla Walla, with multiple cuts and bruises and a broken nose. She returned home Wednesday to recuperate and will be on crutches for some time.

Mrs. Sanders was taken to the Umatilla Hospital where it was found she had a cracked knee cap as well as cuts and bruises. She will be on

crutches too for possibly six weeks.

The Rev. Stephen Johnson, his wife Mercy and son, Nathan, moved to Irrigon two weeks ago to be the interim pastor of the Community Baptist Church.

He fills the pulpit from which Pastor Carl Wright resigned for retirement.

The Rev. Johnson attended Fuller Seminary in Pasadena, Ca. and pastored a church in the Portland suburbs for two years. His wife Mercy came to America from India five years ago. Her father was a minister there.

The Johnsons said they found the people of Irrigon to be warm and friendly and they have appreciated the reception they have received.



Salem Scene

By Jack Zimmerman

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nor really needs more than the constitutionally provided 20 days following adjournment of a legislative session in which to examine passed bills for his approval or disapproval.

Considering last-minute legislative activity produced nearly 600 bills for his consideration after adjournment, the suggestion is likely to receive some sympathy. That likelihood is enhanced when one considers the 20-day period was established in 1915 when the legislature enacted only 315 measures during a 41-day session.

In other words, then-Gov. James Withycombe had a period of time equal to half the entire legislative session to examine bills passed. Present-day Governors wind up with a fraction of a modern session's time on a comparison basis and many, many more bills to flyspeck.

Bowling time is here!

Open Aug. 20




Come in and sign up for all Leagues.

Women's League, Tuesday & Thursday Night Thursday Morning

Men's League, Mon. & Wed. Night

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