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1929

Fifty years ago Father P.J. Stack, pastor at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner, suffered several broken ribs and numerous severe bruises in a car accident. Father Stack was apparently unfamiliar with the road and he took a corner just a little too fast and his car slid into a ditch.

Otto Wageman was thrown from his horse in Blackhorse and he suffered a couple of broken ribs.

About 25 charter members signed up for the new Heppner Lions Club, which was just forming. C.P. Manion, field representative for Lions International, said, "I have never encountered a town that was riper for such an organization or which started off with more enthusiasm and better interest than Heppner."

Jas. M. Burgess was named president of the new club and C.L. Sweek vice-president.

A big boxing match was set up for the weekend. The headline bout was between Peck McClaskey, a 155-pounder from The Dalles, and "Kid" Rocco from Walla Walla. Heppner's Ray Wise

was to go in a six-round bout with Ione's Harold Ahalt in the 135-pound match. Another Ione youth, "Slim" Emerts was matched up with Lexington's "Judge" Carmichael in the 165-pound contest.

A new broadcaster was introduced at the Fairgrounds. His name was "Mike." Announcers before this had to split their lungs yelling into a megaphone while the audience strained their necks to hear. "Mike" was donated by the Latourell Auto Co. and it consisted of an amplifying system and three loudspeakers.

Fred Larson was arrested and fined \$200 for hunting deer with a flashlight.

1954

Twenty-five years ago bonds were being sold in Heppner to help pay for lighting that was erected over the rodeo field. The local Elks Lodge had subscribed for \$5,500 of the cost of the lights

and bonds were being sold to pay the other \$4,500. Bond holders were expected to be repaid with additional funds which were expected to be received from increased use of the field.

Police officer "Hutch" Hutchins, of Heppner, caught a sturgeon on the Columbia River near Boardman. The sturgeon was five-feet-eight inches long and weighed more than 125 pounds.

The oil furnace in the county heating plant blew up for the sixth time. The blast nearly raised the roof a foot off the furnace room. Employees of the shop said its getting a little monotonous.

Just a week before, the Gazette-Times ran an article about the Christian church furnace blowing up, for the third time.

On the football scene, Ione and Heppner battled to a 0-0 tie.

1974

Five years ago a Heppner Child Development Center opened at the Seventh Day Adventist Church auditorium. The school was designed for pre-schoolers. It was for all day complete care and the maximum cost was \$4 a day for one child and \$2 more for each additional child. The non-profit organization was headed by Monica Swanson.

Workers at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital asked for a wage increase of up to 27 percent. The large increase for certain hospital personnel was asked because many of the nurses aides were leaving the hospital and going to work for the Kinzua Corp. because of the large wage increase. Kinzua was paying its employees \$4.37 per hour at the time.

The base pay for nurses aides at the time was \$2.17 an hour.

The rodeo and queen court chosen at the Morrow County Fairgrounds was Sherri Wil-

son, Ione; Mary Ann Proctor, Riverside; Queen Mickey Hoskins; Barbara Palmer, Ione; and June McLean, Heppner.

A free milk and free lunch policy was adopted by the Morrow County School District. Income of the family and family size determined whether a student would be eligible. If the family size was five, for example, students in a Morrow County school would be eligible if the family income was \$7,310 or less.

Heppner had its first foreign exchange student in Jan Nissen, 17, who was from Luebke-Kroog, West Germany. He lived in the Bob and Sue Jones household and was a student at Heppner High School.

Robert Allen DeVore, 26, Heppner, fired at an Oregon

State Police officer when the officer pulled him over for speeding. DeVore then sped off toward Hermiston and the officer began the chase. The chase lasted for 50 miles and speeds were in excess of 100 miles per hour. DeVore had stolen the pick-up truck he was driving in Condon earlier in the day. Police caught the car thief when he wrecked the stolen truck. DeVore was not injured seriously.

The Heppner Mustang football team lost a close one to John Day, 20-19. Two Heppner fumbles close to their own goal line set up John Day for two easy scores. Riverside also lost a close one to Prairie City, 14-13. Ione was the only team in the area to come away with a win as they beat Prescott 36-22.

Debt to volunteers

The seasonal change from summer to autumn is certainly a suitable time to salute the many volunteers working through various organizations, whose efforts result in community celebrations all over eastern Oregon.

Rodeos, the cowboy contests that have their heritage in the ranch life of the Old West, are the key to many a successful community event from parades to agricultural fairs. Whether for the amateur participant who has grown up with horses and cattle, or the professional who schedules his travels from Cheyenne to Pendleton, from Calgary to the San Francisco Cow Palace to vie for the big purses and day money awards, these events of cowboy skill are the result of a great deal of volunteer organization. It takes the time and effort of many dedicated people to organize the programs, round up the props and prizes and enroll the contestants that are necessary for any successful show.

In retrospect, all these elements seemed to come together last month in Heppner, in the annual Morrow County Fair and the Morrow County and Open Class Rodeos held at the fairgrounds. They were well organized and of interest to the public.

It may seem a far cry from rodeos to flower shows, but there is a similarity in the organizational spirit that resulted in the combined display this past weekend in Ione of the Ione and Heppner Garden Clubs.

The school auditorium was filled with an array of horticultural exhibits and floral arrangements, and related displays—all reflecting the devotion of "Thirty Blooming Years" by members of the clubs. The flower show, with its judging of specimens and award of ribbons, gave satisfaction most certainly to the entrants and pleasure to the visitors.

The show brought a fitting end to the summer season for those whose interests lie in gardening, just as rodeos mark a seasonal change in community life.

Each event, flower show or cowboy contest, is a celebration made possible through the efforts of many volunteers.

Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

Holly Rebekah Lodge hosted a dinner Thursday afternoon for the family of Armin Wihlon. This gave the family from Kentucky, Washington, Texas and California as well as the more local members time to get together for a short visit. The Wihlon daughters later with their husbands and families and the son Richard renewed friendship and acquaintances in and around Lexington.

The lodge met for the regular meeting Thursday evening and further discussed the "Hunters" food sale to be held Thursday evening in front of the hall across the street from Del's Market, starting at 3 p.m. The group will sell baked goods.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Ropp of Depoe Bay are the proud parents of a baby girl born Monday morning at the hospital there. The young lady weighed 7½ lbs. and has been named Linsy Marie. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske of Lexington, and Mr. and Mrs. Ropp of Depoe Bay. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Marshall of Lexington and Freda Majeske of Heppner. Mrs. Robb is the former Debbie Majeske of Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Peck are the proud parents of a baby girl born Thursday in Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Judy Lyn weighed 6 lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Peck of Lexington.

Mrs. Wayne Papineau entered St. Anthony's Hospital in

Pendleton on Monday and was scheduled for surgery later in the week.

Florence McMillan was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner on Sunday suffering from a fall at Ione. Stitches were taken in her face and later in the evening she was released and went to the home of her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. G.E. Irvin in Irrigon for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones and Lee Miller of Heppner were visitors at the Stamback home in Haines on Sunday and there attended the Cousins annual picnic. The Cousins are all descendants of William and Pheobe Gilkison of Baker County. This picnic is an annual affair. An election of officers was held with Mrs. John Mitchell of Sumpter being chairman. The next meeting will be in September 1980 at the C.C. Jones Ranch.

Victor Klinger of Portland visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Pete Klinger on the week end.

Ex-postmaster and wife visit

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Driscoll of Hemet, Calif. were in Heppner on business last week.

He served as postmaster here for 27 years before his retirement.

The Driscolls came to Heppner on their current trip from Pendleton, where they were visiting with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Bruning.

Oregon high court justice files as candidate to retain seat

Oregon Supreme Court Justice Ed Peterson has filed as a candidate to retain the position to which he was appointed last May.

He was appointed to the state's highest court by Gov.

Vic Atiyeh to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Justice Dean Bryson.

Peterson's name will appear on the May, 1980, primary election ballot. His is one of two Supreme Court positions

up for election next year.

Peterson, 49, was in private practice with a Portland law firm for 21 years when he was appointed to the Supreme Court.

An active trial and appellate attorney, Peterson headed the list of candidates Atiyeh said would bring a balanced dimension to the court. Peterson is a member of the Multnomah County, Oregon State and American Bar Associations. He has served as president of the Multnomah County Bar Association, vice chairman of the state's Board of Bar Examiners, governor of the state bar's Board of Governors and director of the state bar's Professional Liability Fund.

He is the author of a variety of legal publications and has lectured for the practicing attorney's continuing legal education program and Lewis and Clark Law School.

Peterson graduated from the University of Oregon Law School in 1957. He served with the United States Air Force for two years before beginning his law studies.

The Oregon Supreme Court justices serve for terms of six years.

Party at Newberg to honor Sen. Jernstedt

Fellow legislators and friends will gather on Sunday, Sept. 31, to pay tribute to State Sen. Ken Jernstedt of Hood River, whose constituency includes Morrow County.

Jernstedt will be honored at a wine-tasting Vintage Festival at the Sokol-Blosser vineyards near Newberg.



Judicial candidate

Oregon Supreme Court Justice Ed Peterson has filed as a candidate for another six-year term. His name will appear on the May, 1980, primary election ballot.



Trophy winner

Blair Phillippi of Boardman was recipient of the Orville Cutsforth trophy during the recent Morrow County Rodeo. Here, Cutsforth, right, presents the trophy and a \$50 check. The annual award is intended to encourage young rodeo participants in Morrow County.

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