

## Local retired teachers report on Northfork Island trip

Retired teachers Clifford and Frances Williams of Lexington traveled to the island of Norfolk in the South Pacific in October. More than 20 years ago Clifford had written a research paper about Norfolk when he had returned to Eastern Washington College of Education at Cheney after his Navy duty. The Williamses had wanted to visit the small island ever since 1957. Now Clifford tells of their recent adventure.

Norfolk Island is about three miles wide and five miles long. It contains slightly over 13 square miles and the island is rather isolated—being 930 miles from Sydney, Australia, and 630 miles from New Zealand.

It was discovered in 1774 by Captain James Cook. For many years it was part of the Australian state of New South Wales, which used it as a penal colony until 1856. That year settlers who were descendants of the mutineers of H.M.S. Bounty were moved to Norfolk from Picairn Island, 3,000 miles away.

Norfolk is now a federal territory of the Australian Commonwealth and has close to 1,500 inhabitants. At any given time, also, there are about 2,500 tourists on the island. They fly to the island from Australia, about four and a half hours away, and by Air New Zealand four times a week. The attractions include not only the island's tropical beauty but its tax-free shops.

My wife and I were the only two visitors from the U.S. during the week we were there last month. There are four American households on the island. We visited Billie Ward, who has lived there for 23 years, originally coming from Massachusetts although she had lived in Roseburg, Oregon, for several years prior to going to Norfolk. She is partially disabled now but still is able to take patients in a physical therapy program she conducts.

There are approximately 3,000 motor vehicles on the island and slightly more than 100 miles of road—about half of it hard surfaced. The unpaved roads are slick and muddy when wet. When it rains, the soil on the roads sticks to the feet just like Kansas gumbo.

We visited the school and talked to a 10th grade geography class. The students all stood as we introduced ourselves and they listened very attentively while we talked to them. They know very little about the U.S., but asked very good questions. One girl wanted to know if we had much trouble with the Indians.

## Christmas mailing deadline

Persons interested in mailing Christmas items this year should be thinking about the nearing deadlines, according to Heppner Postmaster Hubert Wilson.

Wilson said it is recommended that all parcels to be mailed overseas should be in the mail by today, Nov. 15. Christmas cards to be sent off air mail should be in the mail stream by Dec. 5.

Parcels mailed to United States areas should be mailed Dec. 5 and Christmas cards need to be mailed by Dec. 15.

## Knitting Club news

by Jaci Sumner, reporter  
November 3 was our second sewing meeting that we have had. We started to knit. We learned to cast the yarn on to the needle. We spent most of our time knitting. We also got some patterns for Christmas ornaments. November 17 we will spend most of our time sewing Christmas ornaments.



Norfolk Island

After we finished with our talk, one of the boys got up and thanked us for coming and the class gave us a good round of applause.

I had believed that Mt. Pitt was the highest point on the island, but Mt. Bates is eight feet higher. We could drive to the top of Mt. Pitt and look out over the whole place. It was so green and so beautiful in all directions. Even Mt. Bates looked lower from there.

Cattle run loose. There seem to be hundreds of them grazing along the roads, even in the main business district of Burnt Pine. We saw one animal lying under an awning of a store one day during the rain. They don't move off the roads very fast for cars either. Some of the cattle along the public roads are very thin—just skin and bones—but those in private paddocks are in as good shape as those in Morrow County. The better farmers keep themselves well informed on agricultural matters. We went to the Ryves Farm and saw their quarter horses and their registered shorthorn bull named Malvern. When Mr. Ryves rubbed the bull's tail, the beast actually made faces and licked his lips like he was really enjoying it.

The Australian government is furnishing money and hiring some of the local young people to renovate the old prison buildings. Some of the buildings are being lived in today. The buildings which are not yet repaired are to be future residences.

One of the buildings has been taken over for the display of historical photographs. It is also the meeting place of the local Lions Club. They have pennants from Lions Clubs in Australia, Asia and even the U.S.

Many of the island people are descendants of the Bounty mutineers. There has been intermarriage with others who have come from Australia, New Zealand and elsewhere. This has been good for the people because it lessens the inbreeding.

(them English sparrows.)

There are nearly as many pigeons as there are people. I fed them a slice of bread each morning. One or two were there to start with, and there would be usually a flock of eight or nine near the door by the time the slice of bread was gone. The people are now starting to shoot the pigeons to keep them under control.

There is no television there. A local radio station keeps people up-to-date on world events, and local disc jockeys play the latest records, mostly from the U.S. There is a weekly mimeographed news-sheet as well as a monthly paper, also mimeographed.

Norfolk Island is all right for a vacation, but without an active occupation life could be very monotonous. People are slower-paced there.

The teachers come mostly from Australia for a three-year stay. Some islanders have gone to Australia to college and returned to teach, but in general the younger people do not return to the island once they leave it.

The school buildings in design are at least thirty years behind ours, but I doubt that the education is that far back. The classrooms lack blackboards and bulletin boards, but the teachers use the walls as bulletin boards very effectively. The sixth graders make a long trip to Australia each year and the 10th grade geography class members talk to people in the U.S. and Australia by short-wave radio. They probably know more about us than we thought.

## Altar Society elects officers

After mass Nov. 11, the women of St. Patrick's Church held an Altar Society meeting. They elected officers for the coming year: President, Nova Sweeney; Vice-President, Martha Munkers; Treasurer, Pat Gentry and Secretary, Marg Kenny.

The Altar Society then met with the men of The Holy Name Society to discuss what the congregation could do to cut down on the use of fuel for both the church building and the recreational hall.

## Bluebirds to have bottle drive

The Heppner first grade Bluebirds are having a door to door bottle drive Nov. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.

They will be collecting returnable bottles and cans and any donation will be greatly appreciated.

## Heppner Library Book Sale

Hardbacks 25¢ Paperbacks 10¢  
Adult & Childrens books

Mon., Nov. 19th 10:00 A.M.—7 P.M.

Wed., Nov. 21st 1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

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Vicki Edmundson

## Scholarship awarded to local girl

The Heppner branch of the American Association of University Women has awarded its first annual scholarship to Vicki Edmundson, daughter of Pat and John Edmundson of Heppner.

Ms. Edmundson is a junior studying pharmacology at Oregon State University. This scholarship is supported by the AAUW Artifactory to be held this year on Dec. 1.

Local artists and craftsmen are reminded to make their reservations for table spaces soon by calling Joy Krein at 676-9556 or Laura Broderick at 989-8421. This year, the Artifactory will be held at the Morrow County Fairgrounds so there will be more space available than in previous years.

A special section is devoted to a book sale and boxes have been placed at the Ione Post Office and in Heppner at Central Market, Court Street Market, Jerry's Mobil and Minimart and the Bank of Eastern Oregon. Any and all book donations are welcome, especially children's books.

## Music instructor featured at music recital

John Weddle, instrumental music instructor at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, will be the featured performer at a faculty recital set for Sunday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m. in the Pioneer Hall Theatre.

Weddle will play the clarinet in the recital assisted by Kathy Vandandoe, flute, music instructor at Pilot Rock Elementary School; Ginella Key, harpsichord, BMCC music instructor; and Bruce Barnes, bassoon, director of Umatilla County Mental Health.

Included on the recital program are: "Duo Concertant" by Kummer, "Four Duos" by Nixon, "Concerto No. 3" by Malter, "Duo" by Beethoven, and "Sonata" by Poulence.

## Wool Contest

By Birdine Tullis  
More Information about Sew with Wool Contest

A call from Dorris Doherty, district director, "Make It Yourself with Wool" Contest, gives added information for those interested in the contest. The contest will be at Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton, Nov. 17. She requests that participants be there at 9 a.m. for registration and beginning of the judging process.

A no-host luncheon will be available at the college cafeteria for both the participants and parents or others interested, starting at 11:30 a.m. Dorris invites and encourages those involved in the contest to plan to attend the luncheon. She has made arrangements for the food to be available at a very reasonable cost to each.

Public style show will be at 2 p.m. at the college, and is open to all. The style show is an event worth attending. Girls and adults will be showing the latest in fashions which they have constructed of woolen fabrics. There is no cost to attend the style show.

Many valuable prizes are awarded to winners and participants. Junior and senior district winners will travel to the state contest to compete for the honor of representing Oregon at the national contest.

Heppner Horse Club has New Leader

Young people wishing to be involved in the 4-H horse project will find a new leader this year for the Two Trackers Club. Joan Eckman of Heppner has assumed the leadership of the popular horse club. The large club has been meeting and have their club activities well under way, but other members are always welcome to join. More information may be obtained by calling the Extension Office or Eckman.

### Fall Flowers

Centerpieces for Thanksgiving starting at \$10 silk or fresh cut

Heppner 676-9246

## Hospital Notes

The following patients have been admitted and then dismissed from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner for the past week ending Nov. 12: Angela Velasquez, Utah; Cindy Velasquez, Utah; Tim Thorp, Montana; and Laura Williams, Fossil.

Patients that have been admitted and are still in the hospital are: Anna Brookstrum, Ione; Herbert Dicus, Culver; Ralph Crum, Ione; Richard Schmidt, Heppner; James Bragaw, Ione and Lloyd Sager, Kentucky.



## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wayne Osterlund from Condon had a baby girl at Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nov. 11.

They named her Tracey Kathleen and she weighed seven pounds and three ounces.

## New city map of Arlington

A new city map of Arlington has just been completed by the Oregon Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration.

The map is drawn to a scale of 800 feet to the inch and plotted on a 17-inch by 19-inch sheet. It sells for 30 cents. Reduction of the sheet to size 8 1/2-inch by 11-inch at a scale of 1,600 feet to the inch is available at 10 cents.

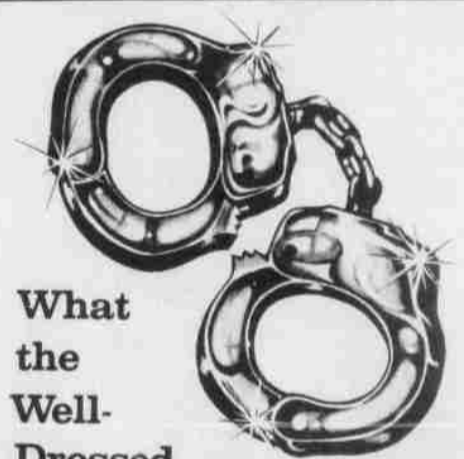
There is an additional charge of \$1.00 for handling and mailing per order.

The map may be purchased by writing to the Photocopy and Map Distribution Unit, Room 17, Transportation Building, Salem 97310. Checks should be made payable to the Department of Transportation.

## Holiday Hair Care Tips

See us before the season begins for a cut and shaping! Carlita will be working Saturday's now!

Trish's Beauty Shop Phone 676-9282



What the Well-Dressed Shoplifter is Wearing..

Handcuffs—they may not look very costly, but they're more expensive than you'd imagine! And as any shoplifter knows, they're not returnable! Shoplifting is not a lark, not a prank and not taken lightly. It's a crime that will blot your record and may even put you behind bars. And at holiday time, shoplifting is even more of a temptation. Next time someone tries to sell you a bill of goods about shoplifting, don't buy it. All you may get is a new set of bracelets... and a lot of time on your hands.

We'd like to remind you of the penalties of the law concerning shoplifters!

Under Senate Bill 893, passed by the 1979 Oregon Legislature, the law is tougher on shoplifters.

Even before an offender goes to court, store owners may make a demand by letter for the return of stolen merchandise as well as a monetary refund and costs—up to \$500 for adults and \$250 for children.

Furthermore, parents are made responsible for the shoplifting acts of their children.

Not only that, the recovery of stolen goods and payment of damages to merchants does not absolve shoplifters from being prosecuted in court as criminals!

Remember, shoplifting is a crime! Don't end up in handcuffs!

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## Guide to Good Dining



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**The Wagon Wheel** Mexican Food  
Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday  
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**The Hungries? R & W Drive-In**  
Choose from our anytime menu. Fast snacks. Full meals.  
S. Main Heppner 676-5023

**Beecher's** Every 20th  
T-Bone Free o Salad Bar  
Every Wednesday Any steak in the house \$7.99  
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**The Heppner Elks Club**  
Lunches served Tues.-Fri 11:30-2:00  
Dinners Friday And Saturday  
featuring Jean's "Prime Rib" 6:00 to 9:00  
142 N. Main 676-9181