

# AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

A very interesting letter from Pearl Padberg Kruse of Portland reached me last week. She had read that I am interested in learning of Morrow County families that have reached their sixth generation here. She writes that her family has quite a few seventh-generation members here, adding, "but if there is an eighth-generation child, I don't have the record."

Pearl Kruse goes into considerable detail, listing family alliances, dates and so forth from one generation to another. Her letter concludes: "Those who advise newcomers not to speak disparagingly of anyone, because all the old-timers are related, aren't too far from the truth."

I hope Rachel approves my taking her letter to the Morrow County Museum. The museum, organized by Curator Rachel Harnett, contains many drawers of family files. Mrs. Harnett carefully manages its fund of historical information and its growing collection of artifacts.

The museum and library building was donated by Amanda Duvall as a memorial to her husband Harry and their daughter, Erma Wickersham. Because of the original gift and several substantial additions, the museum is rated by many people as the "best in all of eastern Oregon." People who contribute information and keepsakes to the museum may know that it will be carefully recorded and preserved.

The family of which Pearl Kruse proudly writes is known as the Burton-Riggs family, and includes many Padbergs, Blakes, Lieuallens, Sperrys and other descendants. It began with the marriage of Jonathan Riggs and Polly Mary Burton May 12, 1825. Their daughter, Martha Vianna, married Henry Padberg in 1867. In 1897 one of their sons, John Harvey Padberg, married Della Dora Lieuallen, and in 1899 another son, William Henry Padberg, married Mary Nancy Blake. All members of these first three generations are buried in the Lexington Cemetery.

Beginning with the fourth generation, I will not state dates as I try to write about the facts from Mrs. Kruse's beautiful genealogical record.

Many of us are pleased to know members of the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh generations who are living among us now. Families related to those already mentioned include such familiar names as Perkins, Wood, Casebeer, Holcomb, Rea, Penland, Swanson, Troedson, Petteys and Geinger.

In addition to being descendants of the Burton-Riggs family, Mrs. Kruse points out, the sixth-generation children are descendants of several other early settlers.

"Two of their great-great-grandfathers, Amanuel Petteys and Henry Padberg, are in the big 1902 picture of Pioneer Stockmen. Also in the picture are two of their great-great uncles, Elisha Green Sperry and William Penland," she writes.

Although genealogical research has long been popular with some families, recently millions more have begun searching for their records. Many feel that Alex Haley's book "Roots" greatly stimulated this research.

I've been delighted that several family experts have traced my father's family back to before a name reference in the Doomsday Book in 1086. A quite complete chart brings the generations forward to an ancestor who had one "beval" of land in Barsby, Leicestershire, about 1430.

From that date on, there were many successive Peakes with oft-repeated first names in England. The one most interesting to me, William, left there in his teens along with an older brother, Christopher, and arrived on Nantucket Island in Massachusetts before 1760.

William's family progressed westward across the U.S., with my 29-year-old future father arriving in Portland in 1905 to attend the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition just five generations after William Peake. I expect that I may be the only one of my lineage to have lived in Morrow County.

I am very interested in learning of families that have been here since before this county was born in 1885, being cut out of Umatilla County, which in turn had been separated from Wasco County in 1862.

## State inspector halts use of new dining room

Senior citizens who have been eating at the Elks Club the past four years expected to be able to use their own new dining room at the Neighborhood Center this week—but for the visit of a state building inspector.

The dining room, newly renovated, occupies a former storefront adjacent to the Neighborhood Center offices and kitchen on West Willow Street, in the building owned by Herman Green.

Pat Brindle, Neighborhood Center director, said the senior citizens had been looking forward to the change in meal sites. She was, too, because all the supplies, right down to table utensils and packets of sugar and coffee cream, had to be carried over to the Elks Club for the dinners each Tuesday and Wednesday.

Under Green's supervision, new wiring had been installed, along with light fixtures and sheet rock and plaster on the walls. Carpeting was laid down and new tables installed.

However, Bert Curtis, a building inspector for the State Department of Commerce, working out of Hermiston, put a temporary stop to the dining room's use. For fire protection, he said,

the doors would have to have automatic closers. In addition, the recessed ceiling light fixtures would have to be enclosed by sheet rock.

"It shouldn't take too long for the work to be done," he commented.

Curtis said that while Green thought he was following provisions of the state building code, he wasn't familiar with all of its provisions.

Mrs. Brindle said the meals for senior citizens, financed through grant funds, are planned to meet the nutritional requirements of older people.

The Elks Club has been used for the meal service because of the lack of space at the Neighborhood Center. The food has been prepared at the center, then taken to the Elks to be served.

For their meals, the senior citizens have had to use the kitchen entrance so as not to pass through the Elks bar area, which has been closed off during the dinners.

Prior to moving into the Green building four years ago, the Neighborhood Center was located in the Gilliam & Bisbee Building. Its space there was required for storage by a local retail firm, hence the relocation.

## Extension Topics

### Multiple training offered study group leaders; energy savings new program

By Birdine Tullis  
Morrow Extension Service

#### Study Group Leaders receive Multiple Trainings

A new idea for leader training was tried recently, in an effort to conserve gasoline. If that statement sounds a bit strange...let me explain!

Traditionally, women from each study group attend a monthly training session. The new idea is to offer multiple trainings simultaneously so women may car pool, as well as have a "pool" of trained leaders to teach lessons for the three spring months.

Training sessions were offered for "Living With Change" and "Unusual Fruits and Vegetables." Instructor for the Living With Change was Jan Weber, OSU Family Resource Management specialist, with the Unusual Fruits and Vegetable lesson by Molly Saul, extension agent.

Was the idea successful? We think so, as all study groups in both counties had representatives at the event, and all seemed to enthusiastically support the idea. Plans for next year call for more of the same, as gasoline costs continue to soar. Women also endorsed the idea of having the resource of many trained leaders who may offer the lessons at times most convenient to each study group.

#### Mini College Coming...Plan Ahead for a "Learning Vacation"

Remember last year when you read about the exciting mini college at Oregon State University, and thought "I'd sure like to go to that?" A week on campus at OSU, attending a wide variety of fun and informative classes, living in a dorm, meeting new people from all over Oregon? If you missed it last year, be sure to block out the dates of June 16-20 and plan to be there this year. It is for women and men, too!

This year nearly 60 different classes and special activities are planned. Registration forms and complete information about classes, costs, etc., will be available from Extension offices in early March.

#### Women Interested in Agriculture

Women for Agriculture have invited members of Cow-Belles, Wheathearts, and other Agri-related groups to

## Susan Thompson to wed Felipe Sanchez in Ione

Lewis and Donna Thompson of Ione have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Felipe Sanchez, son of Tony and Vickie Sanchez, of Yakima, Wash.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ione High School and attended Blue Mountain Community College in Pendleton.

Sanchez is a graduate of Davies High School.

The couple plan to be married at 2 p.m. March 20 at the United Church of Christ in Ione with the Rev. Cathy Barker officiating. A reception in the church basement will follow the ceremony.

The family has extended an invitation to their friends to attend.

The couple are both employed at Gourmet Foods in



Susan Marie Thompson

Boardman, where they will reside.

join them for their annual convention March 12-13 at the Inn of The Seventh Mountain, Bend. If you are interested in learning more about today's agriculture, as well as meeting others with similar interests, you may want to look over the agenda for the convention. A copy is available at the extension office.

#### Energy Extension

Oregon State University extension service has officially added a seventh program area, Energy...according to a recent announcement by the Extension director, Henry Wadsworth. Energy joins on-going programs in agriculture, home economics, 4-H youth, forestry, community development and marine resources.

Recent developments have brought energy to the forefront in clientele concerns and requests. The energy program

will integrate energy education into all the existing programs, as well as develop specific energy related programs to meet the needs of Oregonians. Every state in the nation is launching an Energy Extension Service, under the auspices of the U.S. Dept. of Energy pursuant to the National Energy Extension Act of 1977.

#### 4-H Members to Travel

Older 4-H members may want to attend the statewide camp counselor training scheduled at the Oregon 4-H Center

March 28-30. The workshop is planned to provide counselors with opportunities to experience and share new ideas for recreational activities at camp; gain understanding on how to handle campers with problems; learn skills for conducting camp; develop socialization skills; and learn a variety of other things which can be adapted to our local 4-H camping program.

Members interested may contact John or Birdine for registration forms and more complete details.

#### Trail Riding and Camping with Horses

A workshop-training event for 4-H Horse Club leaders and extension staff is set for May 16-19 at Oregon 4-H Education Center, Salem. Objective is to provide training for the horse project leaders so they may more effectively plan and conduct trainings and experiences in trail riding and camping. Pre-registration is due April 1. John can tell more about this special horse event. Livestock Possession Dates for 4-H Members

All sheep and hogs must be owned and in the possession of 4-H and FFA members for at least 90 days prior to county fair (May 20). All steers must be in possession of members by April 1. Weigh-in days for steers will be held immediately after possession date.

#### Convection Ovens

Just when you have mastered the use of the food processor, the microwave, and the hot-air corn popper, another technological wizard appears on the scene. In this

case it's the CONVECTION OVEN, an already established piece of professional equipment which has been modified into an item for the home kitchen.

High technological styling, compact shapes and extensive mass media campaigns are attracting today's consumer to the convection oven. While the convection oven has been used commercially for about 30 years, today's marketing strategy is focused on those consumers wanting to purchase an economical alternative for the micro-wave oven.

What is convection cooking? A convection oven produces hot air by gas or electricity the same way that an ordinary oven does. The main difference in the two is that the convection oven utilizes fans to direct high-speed air currents throughout the oven cavity. The movement of the air speeds up the transfer of heat into the food...thus, faster

cooking time. If you have been attracted by the many advertisements for this "new" oven, you will certainly want to remember that there are good features, and some less good features about any appliance! Be an informed consumer and do lots of research and study before you buy!

Do you really need another appliance, and is the new one going to do a lot more for you than something you now own? How about energy requirements? Insulation or construction of the appliance? Cost? How much will you use it...and where will you put it?

There are numerous models on the market, and more expected. You may presently purchase a convection oven in a countertop model, or as a full-size range.

If you are considering...you may want to check with the extension office for information concerning the appliance

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