

Busload takes Extension-Commerce Carty tour

A full bus load of interested people toured the PGE Carty Plant last Wednesday, under the guidance of tour director, Harold Kerr. The tour was co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Extension Service. While the coal fired power plant was the focal point of the tour, participants also enjoyed a look at the Port of Morrow Industrial area, the new stores and commercial area of Boardman, and some of the newer residential areas.

Bus Clough, PGE Public Relations director, Arlington, joined the tour bus and called out points of interest which included the coal operation, the lakes, and other outside information, as well as personally guiding the group through the power plant. Luncheon was at the Nomad Restaurant, Boardman, where the group was joined by Jerry Peck, Boardman mayor.

The Carty power plant may be toured by interested persons at any time. They prefer

that a call be made before your arrival to arrange for their guided tours. An information office is located at the entrance to the facility, and a guide is on duty most days.

Those participating in the tour were: Ernie Bigbee, Suzanne Jepsen, Noel Dobyns, Helen Currin, Don and Carolyn Cole, Mary Elinor Gilman, Anna Schwarzin, Justine Weatherford, Oscar Peterson, Carolyn Holt, Verna Felt, Donna Osmin, Dick and Marilyn Bigelow, Marion Olson, Marian Brosnan, Greg Sweek, Pat Campbell, Alvin McCabe, Ruth McCabe, Paul Peterson, Dr. Wallace Wolff, Virginia Rosewall, Wavel Wilkinson, Sue Vinson, Rosie Graham, Jan Paustain, Lyla Wilcox, Vera Cooley, Mrs. Allan Nistad, John and Debbie Nordheim, Birdine Tullis and Harold Kerr.

Around the county, I see... plumes of dust rising behind the drills as farmers plant their winter wheat. Other fields are green already with

tender stands of wheat greeting the autumn sunshine; along the road the thistles turning their unique burgundy of fall, and the hillside yellowed by the blossoming rabbit brush. The contrasts of stubble fields, summerfallow and green, gives a patchwork look to the countryside viewed from higher elevations, the hunters filling our roads with campers and pickup trucks, heading for the mountains in search of the elusive deer, or to the canyons for pheasant, chukar, and grouse. I hear the happy sounds of youth on their way to school and see the boys and girls waiting for their buses early on the frosty mornings. I cross the bombing range, seeing the giant power plant crouched in the desert with lights blinking to warn the passing aircraft of their presence, and see the corn fields waiting to be harvested, or the brilliant green of turnips waiting in the stubble for the cattle. I see the many new homes along the river and know that new families have come to make their future in our county. I tell myself that autumn is finally here and that it has been a good year for the many in Morrow County, and that we are fortunate to live in such a place.

Remember the IFYE's from many countries who have visited our county and shared their culture with us through the years? And the IFYE's (International Four-H Youth Exchanges) from Oregon who have had the opportunity to travel to other lands under the program...who return and share their insights and experiences? Economic problems and budget cuts are taking their toll on the IFYE program, too. Oregon has previously sent four IFYE's abroad yearly. This year they are wondering if they have adequate funds to send even one. Friends of the IFYE program, and 4-H club groups in our county might like to make a contribution to the program. Any amount is acceptable, and a 4-H club

work project to make money for IFYE might be a goal to include in the club plans for the year. Anyone wanting more information may call the extension office.

We have been to the schools telling the elementary grades about the joys and learnings in belonging to 4-H clubs. Now we find we have a number of girls in the Heppner area who are very much interested in continuing their 4-H clothing projects, but have no leader available to help them.

We'd sure like to hear from someone who would share their sewing talents with this group of girls. Call 676-9642 and volunteer.

Meet the Leaders

Pete and Lois Richards, Irrigon, have been livestock club leaders in our county for a number of years. Their club includes beef, sheep, swine, and every sort of animal on down to rabbits and chickens, or any other project area where a kid can't find a leader. They got involved in 4-H when their boys, David, Donald, and Robert, as well as daughter Karen, were 4-H age. All the Richards kids were ten or nine year members, showing animals here, and at state fair. Pete and Lois have been very involved in 4-H council, serving as officers each year. Lois presently is chairman of the north Morrow Council. Pete operates the 4-H Snack Shack each fair, in addition to serving on the Fair Board. Pete is employed at the Ordinance Depot; Lois stays home and operates the farm. Both are dedicated, dependable 4-H leaders, and the fact that their kids are past 4-H age doesn't matter, there are still lots of kids in the north Morrow area that need them. We are happy to have you meet Pete and Lois Richards, Irrigon, 4-H leaders.

Health Dept.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Ione United Church of Christ basement, 4 to 5 p.m.

Friday, October 17 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Department Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 21 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Heppner Neighborhood Center, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 24 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Department Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 28 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Irrigon County Office, 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 31 - Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Immunizations, Lexington Health Department Office, 8 a.m. to 12 noon, 1 to 4 p.m.

Livestock thieves BEWARE!

\$500 REWARD

The Morrow County Livestock Growers Association will pay a Cash Reward not exceeding the sum of \$500.00 for information and evidence resulting in the Arrest and Conviction and Sentencing of any person or persons Stealing or Shooting Livestock owned by a member of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association only under the conditions set forth:

1. The "stolen member" whose livestock are stolen or shot must have paid dues current at the time that said livestock were stolen, to the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association and receipt thereof acknowledged.
2. A sum not exceeding \$500.00 will be paid in each case. If more than one informant is eligible to a reward the amount to be paid will be divided.
3. A committee of three members of the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association will investigate the claims for reward and report findings to the Executive Board. The Executive Board will decide to whom and in what amount the reward will be paid. This decision is final.
4. The reward is not payable to any solicitor or agent of the law, or to the owner of the property involved.
5. The reward offer is revocable at any time without notice by the Morrow County Livestockgrowers Association.

A Reward of \$50.00 will be paid for Information and Evidence resulting in the arrest, conviction and sentencing of any person found Trespassing, or Willfully Destroying Property.

Morrow County Livestock Growers, Ass'n
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND REPORTING LIVESTOCK THEFTS. PHONE 676-9642, HEPPNER, OREGON

AROUND ABOUT

With Justine Weatherford

What a busy, exciting week just passed. Now another busy interesting week is whizzing along. During a telephone chat with friend, Theta Lowe, who also is very active, she passed on a sad fact she had learned from others who are not busy, who are finding time moving very slowly. "They tell me they just hate to get up in the morning because there is nothing to do all day. They find life boring and dull. Theta and I can't really understand that situation because we have such a different perspective on life. We both start with the premise that keeping busy is paramount and that interest and excitement follows.

Last Monday didn't follow its usual busy pattern because at noon I found that the Chamber of Commerce luncheon wasn't being held at West of Willow. Here's hoping some other operators arrange to carry on there soon.

Tuesday morning I had to appear at the State of Oregon Department of Human Resources office in Hermiston with some business records to learn more about compilation under state employment laws. That office is very busy. There must have been fifty people waiting to be helped.

After receiving instructions there and completing a church errand, we decided to have our lunch at the Hong Kong Cafe which is operated by the son and daughter-in-law of the late Eddie Chin who was a successful restaurateur in Heppner years ago. Mrs. Chin was pleased to visit with us. She said their daughters are doing nicely since they have finished college; one is working in New York and one in California. The Chins come to Heppner every Memorial Day to decorate Eddie's grave. They have particularly enjoyed visiting with Rachel Harnett at the museum.

Because we were near the Dun Rollin court where Fay and Gene Ferguson live, we stopped for a little visit with them. Fay told us of her recent European tour; Gene was about to take off to attend the Tuesday cattle sale. They both look great.

After our warm afternoon drive home, we joined our senior friends here for dinner. Then in a short time I was off to attend Lois Hunt's BMCC "Beginning Bridge" class to see if I might learn something about that game which seems to mesmerize so many. Mary Goheen and I were the truly absolute beginners in the class. The other six seem to have played some and understand more about the game.

On Wednesday the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. C. of C. Extension bus tour to the Coal-fired Plant, Simtag farms and around Boardman was great fun. Harold Kerr, Birdine Tullis and PGE's Buz Clough of Arlington surely put a good show on the road. It makes me sad that only 38 people had the pleasure of that day's trip. Harold is so well informed about every foot of this county and shares his information in such a friendly, witty manner.

Although this was not my first look at the Carty development, I was thrilled again to learn more about this Oregon first. It seems that each tour becomes better organized. Now the Visitors Information Center is functioning at the entrance to the plant. It features various displays and exhibits. Visitors can learn how the plant operates and how coal is mined. Students will be interested in a display which traces the formation of coal that was formed some eons ago from the decay of vegetable matter.

In addition to the displays and exhibits "plant tour reservations can be made at the facility as well as film and slide presentation arrangements." The Information Center address is P.O. Box 499, Boardman, OR 97818, and the telephone number is 483-9356.

After leaving the plant the tour bus drove among the many circles of the Simtag Farm (not a corporate farm but a two-man partnership) part of which, Kerr said, had belonged to the Wilkinsons who now lease some of it. Wavel Wilkinson, Frank's widow and mother of livestock operators Dick Wilkinson and Shirley Rugg (who has a winter sheep camp near Simtag), was one of the folks especially nice to visit with during the tour. We observed thousands of grazing Simtag sheep and men moving many truckloads of just harvested potatoes from the fields through the headquarters area where they are cleaned, weighed and then trucked off to processing and storage places.

Wednesday evening I attended the AAUW meeting at the Krebs' home at Ione. President Susan Schuboth reviewed coming projects. Dorothy Krebs spoke against Ballot Measure 5, giving an enthusiastic and scholarly talk on sheep and their high value to humankind. She showed about 50 significant products made from these amazing, living

machines that thrive on air, water and cellulose and regularly reproduce themselves. Dorothy maintained that a "yes" vote for Ballot Measure 5 would adversely affect sheep production.

Irene Anhorn had equal time to tell about small animals that she believes are adversely affected by trapping and spoke in favor of the measure which would forbid snare and leghold traps "except for predator control until 1985 or to protect human health."

Oh yes-between the tour and the meeting, I enjoyed another senior dinner.

The going slowed down a little after Wednesday so that I could write some letters, pay bills, even do a little housework, write up some "Sifting Through the Times," and complete reading the exciting Leon Uris novel that I have wanted to read for several years. Do read "Trinity." Every page quickened my interest in this historic account of Ireland's struggles.

On Saturday evening at the laundromat I chanced to meet Dale Hay and Martin Freeman, two young men who are in Heppner working at inventorying the equipment in the plywood facility at the Kinzua Mill. They travel widely doing this work. They expect to stay here, at the Pettyjohn apartments until after the big auction on Thursday, Nov. 6, when it is hoped that buyers will come to purchase the equipment Kinzua wants to sell. The sales company that employs Dale and Martin has had them reserve quite a few motel rooms for buyers expected to come to the auction.

Although they are so new and so temporary they told me that they think this is a good town. They are working with Monte Stookey and Harry Kennison, both of whom they praised. "In fact everyone we have met here so far is friendly and seems to want to be helpful" they said. During their spare time they enjoy looking about the area and are hoping maybe to do some hunting.

Back to my opening statement-about some people who find life dull or boring. If I would ever have that feeling, I could always become immersed in a super historical novel and become un-bored immediately. Perhaps some people who don't enjoy reading or would like to improve their reading skills would like attending a G.E.D. (General Educational Development) class to qualify for a high school diploma from BMCC-or, if they have completed 12 grades, they might take a BMCC college course.

Heppner G.E.D. teacher, Joy Krein, would be pleased to have more enrollees in her Monday afternoon and Wednesday evening classes. The classes are both very small and allow lots of individual attention. They meet at the Heppner Neighborhood Center. Joy's telephone is 676-9956.

Now that Jack Frost has taken charge of our late growing vegetables and flowers, we all will have more time to pursue other interests. Please don't ever think that life is dull. Get out-mingle-learn-enjoy.

Weddings

Rietmann-Anderson

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson invite you to share in the joy of the marriage of their daughter, Tami Kay, to Mark Everett Rietmann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann. On Saturday, October 25, at two o'clock at the United Methodist Church at Arlington.

Reception following.

Local students pledge fraternities

Fraternities at Oregon State University pledged 561 men during summer and fall term rush, including Mitchell G. West, Arlington, who pledged to Phi Kappa Psi; Mike S. Jones, who pledged to Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Pendleton High 1956 grads plan 25-year reunion

Pendleton High School graduates of 1956 will hold a 25-year class reunion on the Fourth of July, 1981, in Pendleton. Members of the class should send their names and addresses to: Harold Dodge, 8504 225th Pl. SW, Edmonds, Wash 98020.

Umatilla Ready-Mix is Still in Business in Heppner

Cement deliveries scheduled twice weekly to South Morrow County. Regularly on Wednesdays and Fridays



for dispatch call collect 567-6173

energy saver no.1

insulation

Owings Corning ROLLED INSULATION

Complete Line
INSULATE YOUR HOME FROM OLD MAN WINTER

Lexington Lumber

COMPLETE LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Expanded Stock

FOR A TOP QUALITY CHOICE AND WIDE SELECTION OF ALL YOUR LIVESTOCK NEEDS, CHECK WITH US!!

WE'RE HERE TO PLEASE YOU!!

Morrow County Grain Growers INC.
Lexington 989-8221