

'Doc' Byland - a man of many talents

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(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of special monthly features on Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home residents.)

In all of his 81 years, Elmer "Doc" Byland has done just about everything - including some amateur "doctoring."

Elmer Byland will be 82 June 21 and currently resides at the PMH Nursing Home.

Doc, as he is widely known, was born in Heppner in 1899. His parents were John and Anna Byland. He had two brothers; Asa was eight years older and Ralph was six years older. All of his family have since passed away.

In 1905 John and Anna Byland bought a ranch on Upper Willow Creek. The family lived there for 11 years. During that time young Elmer attended school at the old Heppner Schoolhouse which overlooked the town.

Doc recalls several fond memories of his boyhood on the Willow Creek Ranch. Most of them involved cows or horses.

It was during this part of his life that he acquired the nickname "Doc." He was 12 years old, living on his parents' ranch when a colt got caught in a wire fence. The wire tore the young horse's shoulder to the bone. John, Elmer's father was about to end the animal's misery, when the boy asked if he could try to cure the colt. John reluctantly allowed young Elmer to tend it.

Doc recalls that the young horse was only able to walk on three legs and the wound was so deep that the shoulder bone was visible. Young Elmer had three medicines to work with - powdered lime, sheep dip, and blue vitrol. But he patiently tended his charge for two months. Gradually the colt's flesh grew over the wound and the animal began following the boy around.

Elmer broke the colt for riding and, as a result of his medical success, was nicknamed "Doc" by his family and friends.

During that same period in his life, Doc acquired another wild friend. This time it was an eight-month old Jersey bull. Young Byland kept the friendship a secret and broke the animal for riding.

The Jersey grew up to be a giant vicious bull. Both of Doc's brother's, Ralph and Asa, attempted to break the beast but were violently thrown each time. When the neighbors began a bet that no one could ride it, Doc decided to show them all. So while everyone watched, he quietly slipped his leash through the ring on the bull's nose. By this time, the bull was accustomed to Doc riding him so he eagerly presented his nose for the leash. Everyone was amazed as Doc rode what seemed to be a totally-tamed Jersey bull.

Byland now laughs at the scene saying, "Mother said I was crazy when she saw me."

What pleased him even more was that he won the \$10 bet. In 1916 when Doc was 17, the Byland's sold their Willow Creek place and bought a ranch in Hardman. Doc didn't

move with them but struck out on his own. He began harvesting for various ranchers in the area. At 18, Byland remembers being hired by Andy Rood up on Heppner Hill. It was Rood who taught him how to sow sacks. According to Doc, there was more money in that.

When asked if he was ever drafted into the army, Byland reflected back to the year 1918. He was 19 and remembers traveling to Portland and from there being sent up to Fort Lewis. He recalls Nov. 11, 1918, as a foggy day when he and his traveling companions arrived at the fort. As they were unloaded, he remembers the fog was so dense that he couldn't tell where the buildings were.



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Doc never knew why, but after standing there for a short time, they were loaded back into the truck and taken back to Portland. "That's the closest to the army I ever got," says Doc.

Doc Byland returned to Heppner to work. His various jobs included painting, construction, mill work, bartending and finally janitorial work for the First National Bank in Heppner until he was 72.

When asked to name his favorite job, Doc shrugged his shoulders and said, "As long as I was busy, I've always liked to be busy."

High School 'Diary of Anne Frank' major production

The Heppner High School production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" on March 5 and 6 at 8 o'clock in the cafeteria will be the major drama feature of the year.

Based on the diary of a young Jewish girl in Germany in World War II, this play, arranged for the stage by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett, has been presented all over America. Two Jewish families secretly hide from the German police, living in the upper attic rooms of a friend until they are discovered and taken to concentration camps.

Directed by Larry Cerullo, the cast includes Lisa Nix, Ella Mae Green, John Bier, Michelle Aaron, Glen Smith, Wes Marlatt, Patti Toombs, Jim Ackley, Bonnie Arrington and Jeff Bailey.

The scenery construction has been unusually challenging to the stage crew headed by Kevin Chick. It includes

four rooms on two levels, designed and built by Kevin, Buck Estes, Herman Winters and others under the direction of Cerullo.

Much work has also gone into arranging lighting effects, sounds, and properties. Helping with this has been Ken Nairn as stage

manager and Dianne Samples as props chairman.

Tickets are \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for students or \$6 per family.

For your Valentine



Mrs. Maude Pointer is surrounded with festive Valentine boxes at a Valentine's party for Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home residents on Feb. 12.

Residents enjoyed cookies, ice cream and

beverages and received gaily decorated boxes filled with Valentine's Day cards. The party was sponsored by the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and refreshments were provided by the Soroptimists.

Brazell elected club president

Kathleen Brazell was elected president of the Wagon Trail Cookies Cooking Club at its last meeting held at Kathleen's home.

Other officers elected were: Beth Heatherly-secretary; Paula Heatherly-reporter; Vance Taylor-vice president.

The group made apple crisp and Beth Heatherly made peach crisp.

Sabrina Murray honored at bridal shower

Sabrina Murray, bride-elect of Cecil Rock and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Murray, was honored with a bridal shower, Monday evening.

Miss Verna Vollmer was hostess at the home of her parents. The beautifully decorated cake was made by Mrs. Samie Griffin.

Ione band parents to discuss carnival plans

The Ione band parents will meet Tuesday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m. in the bandroom at Ione High School.

Final plans will be made for the band carnival to be held March 14. There will also be

discussion concerning the band trip to Seaside, June 8, 9 and 10.

This will be the last meeting before the carnival and the organization encourages all band parents to attend.

Library has tax help available

The Heppner Public Library announces it has the following Income Tax help available:

Publication 17: Your Federal Income Tax.

Publication 334: Tax Guide for Small Business.

Instructions for preparing forms 1040 and 1040A.

Reproducible copies of Federal Tax Forms.

Correction

In a story appearing in last week's Gazette-Times entitled "Art of cartooning demonstrated", the picture caption incorrectly read, "Tom Simonton gives pointers on cartooning to VoJean Forquer left, and Mary Kilkenny, right."

VoJean Forquer was not pictured in that photo, Betty Mills was the artist at the left.

Marriage licenses

Marriage licenses were issued at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner to:

Michael J. Sweeney, 31, Heppner, and Ruth Ellen Earley, 27, Heppner, on Feb. 20, 1981.

Childhood emergencies - Nosebleeds

By Glenn W. Morgan, M.D.,
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(This is the fourth of five clip-and-save articles on childhood emergencies.)

It astounds me how many people don't know the best way to stop a nosebleed. Children are rushed in panic to office or hospital with blood-soaked towels draped around them, cotton jammed up their nostrils, or ice packs on their foreheads. Yet in 99 percent of cases, the bleeding can be stopped easily in a few minutes. If a nosebleed occurs, simply calm the child down, have him sit down and pinch the lower half of his nose with your thumb and forefinger. Hold this steadily, for five minutes, without checking to see if the bleeding has stopped. If he is a young child, it helps to remind him to breathe through the mouth and tell him a story or have him practice counting or thinking of cartoon characters or whatever to help take his mind off the nosebleed. An older child can learn to pinch his nostrils together himself. In fact, children should be taught this maneuver so if a nosebleed occurs, they can immediately stop it.

Nosebleeds are rare in infancy, being most common in kids up to adolescence. They are usually caused by injury such as picking the nose or sneezing or blowing too hard. Even vigorous physical exercise can cause a bleed. Most bleeds come from a vein near the end of the nose on the septum which separates the two nostrils. This vein is very close to the surface and is easily injured. Sometimes by breathing dry air in winter, the vein will crack open and may cause a nosebleed during sleep. If repeated nosebleeds occur, the vein may need to be cauterized (burned) with a chemical after numbing the nostril with an anesthetic spray. If the septum is badly deviated, surgery may be helpful.

Other causes of nosebleeds include polyps, hayfever, and a variety of infections. If there is a foul-smelling, runny, bloody discharge coming from one nostril, suspect that a foreign body such as a stone or bean has been stuck up the nostril. This can be present for weeks and should be looked for. Bacterial infections in the nose or sinuses can cause a thick discharge of pus (sometimes with blood) and may need to be treated with antibiotics.

There are rare causes of bleeding which may be more serious. Large dilated blood vessels may occur from the time of birth which can bleed briskly. Children who appear pale, bruise easily and have nosebleeds frequently may have a serious bleeding abnormality such as hemophilia (in boys) or Leukemia. These conditions are rare, however.

Sometimes nosebleeds can cause unsuspected symptoms. Parents can be frightened when their child vomits blood. They should check to see if he has just had a nosebleed (often at night) and swallowed the blood. Likewise swallowed blood will often make the child's stool (bowel movements) turn black and foul-smelling. If these symptoms do occur, though, a doctor should be consulted.

Rarely, nosebleeds can occur from veins or even arteries way in the back of the nose. These can cause a large amount of bleeding and require packing with gauze or cautery. Sometimes hospitalization is necessary, and even surgery, to clamp off the bleeding vessel.

In summary, most nosebleeds are from minor injuries to a vein in the front part of the nose. They can be stopped easily by pinching the nostrils together for several minutes. If bleeding is difficult to stop, or keeps recurring, the child should be checked by your family doctor.

Bank officer participates in program



George Koffler of Bank of E.O.

As a part of a career awareness program at Heppner Jr. High School, Bank of Eastern Oregon Loan Officer George Koffler spoke to a combined eighth grade class last Wednesday concerning

careers in banking. Koffler was participating in the occupational versatility portion of the career program, the purpose of which "is to increase the students awareness of various careers, and

the opportunities available in the world of work," says class instructor Ron Forrar.

"As each student becomes involved in the program he or she will be able to recognize the unlimited opportunities within each discipline that they deal with, and begin to

acquire a more aesthetic sense for what is taking place within their environment," he adds.



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