

Heppner family attends centennial reunion

The family of Heppner's late W.W. (Bill) Weatherford - Bill's widow, Justine, his son Bill and wife Teresa and their children Billy and Bonnie from Imperial Beach, Calif., and his daughter Karla and her husband Rick Weaver and their daughter Abiah from Port Orchard, Wash., spent all of Saturday, May 23, along with some 200 other Weatherford relatives at the Marion T. Weatherford and Barbara W. Athearn Ranch on Shuler Flat south of Arlington. There the centennial of the planting of the first wheat crop in north-central Oregon by William Washington Weatherford was being commemorated with a family reunion.

After the crowd had gathered and enjoyed getting acquainted over brunch, they climbed into three large school buses for a more than 40-mile tour of the family ranches nearby. Each bus carried a family historian, and these gentlemen, Marion Weatherford and his nephews Fielding Weatherford and David Childs, told the passengers the background of what they were seeing. The viewers were delighted to see the homes, ranch buildings and grain elevators and to learn how the ownership of these had been passed along and to see old and new ranching equipment which was explained to them. The contrast between the ancient wagons used to haul sacked wheat behind 16-mule teams and the new planting and harvesting equipment was striking. Old water reservoirs and new wellheads and huge circle and gun-type sprinkling systems were pointed out.

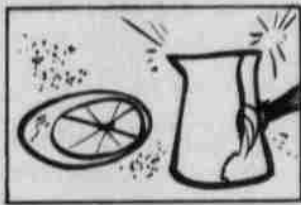
City relatives were especially thrilled by the three deer, and the Chinese pheasants, partridges and other birds seen along the way. The diversification of crops being produced was especially interesting. Much fine looking wheat and barley, a large planting of peas which will go into split pea soup, a field of corn, fields of lawn grass sod, a multi-crop area where wheat, field turnips and cattle thrive and, of course, cattle and horses were viewed.

When the bus tour ended around 12:30 p.m. the multitude was seated at about 25 tables in one of the ranch's large equipment and storage buildings and was served a barbecued beef dinner. Principal host Marion welcomed everyone and introduced his aunts, Helen (Mrs. Roscoe Doane from Chehalis, Wash., and Lillian (Mrs. Fred Weatherford) from The Dalles, his sisters, Barbara W. Athearn, Acme, Wash. and Edythe W. Newell, Prineville, and his cousin J.K. Weatherford, a senior attorney from Albany, who presented brief reminiscences. Marion said how pleased he was to have so many relatives and to have them meeting with one another. He touched on a few highlights of the family's history and of members' contributions to the states in which they have lived.

All during the day everyone enjoyed walking through the spacious exhibit which contained family portraits, genealogical charts, a very lovely old quilt, great pictures which were painted by family artists, many outstanding photographs and a large collection of family members' publications.

As the gathering was breaking up, Marion presented each person who attended a packet containing several older family writings, his own just-completed "History of the Weatherford Family in Gilliam County from 1881-1981" and a genealogical chart of the descendants of Alfred Harrison Weatherford whose six orphaned children came west in the 1860's. The present Gilliam and Morrow County Weatherfords are grandchildren and great-grandchildren

of W.W.W., the second son of Alfred Harrison W. who walked barefooted to Oregon when he was 16 years old, and was later followed by his four brothers and their sister whose offspring are now widely scattered.



Tarnished copper can be cleaned with half a lemon dipped into a tablespoon of salt and vinegar.

Marine Pfc. honored

Marine Pfc. Bonnie S. Lamb, daughter of Wendy A. Stettler of Fossil, has been awarded a Meritorious Mast while serving with the Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3rd Force Service Support Group, on Okinawa. A Meritorious Mast is official recognition from a Marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. It is issued in the form of a bulletin published throughout the command, and a copy is entered in the Marine's permanent service records.

Ione Topic Club meets

Ione Topic Club members met Wednesday, May 26, at the home of Margaret Troedson, in Pendleton for a noon luncheon. Helen Proudfoot assisted Mrs. Troedson in entertaining the ladies. Guests for the day were Ruby Ann Rhoads of Kennewick, Wash., and Lille Van Ness.

"The Very Rich Book" by Jacqueline Thompson was reviewed by Helen Proudfoot. This is the story of America's super millionaires and their money - where they got it and how they spend it. It is limited to those with fifty million dollars or more. The average

person has never heard of most of them because they do not like to be in the public eye.

Most of them have inherited their wealth and, although most of us think it would be wonderful to be wealthy, wealth creates problems. The second and third generation very rarely have been trained to handle large sums of money because their fathers have been too busy making money to train their children.

The suicide rate for the extremely wealthy is very high and also the number of bankruptcies. Stealing of valuables and kidnapping of children is a continual pro-

blem. Some few have used their wealth to the benefit of society or succeeded in business. However, many of them are recluses or eccentrics.

Story hour will be held at the Ione Public Library from July 16 through July 31 on each Friday at 3:15 p.m. The Topic Club and the AAUW will cooperate in this program.

The Topic Club will sponsor the Governor's Reading program this summer. To receive a certificate each child must read 10 books between May 15 and September 15, make a list of books read and have it signed by a parent or guardian.

Riverside High School students awarded aid

The following Riverside High School students were awarded the following scholarships and awards at graduation, Saturday, May 23.

State of Oregon Scholars - Lerry Wilson, Scott Daniels, University of Portland - Honors at Entrance - Lisa Mittelsdorf.

Carl Troedson Awards - \$750 each - Beth Hellberg, Janice Beyers, Heidi Conboy, Jim Peck, Peggy Sicard, Jyl Hobbs, Lisa Mittelsdorf.

National Honor Society Scholarship - Jim Peck.

Morrow County Education Association - \$500 cash award - Jyl Hobbs.

Tillicum Club Scholarship -

\$300 cash award - Jim Peck, Charles Kyd Scholarship - \$200 cash award - Lorie Russell, Scott Daniels.

Morrow County Chapter - Oregon School Employees Association - \$200 cash award - David Piper.

Blue Mountain Full Tuition Scholarship - Pat Cimmiyotti, Sandy Erickson.

Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship - 2nd place \$150 cash award - Heidi Conboy.

Athletic Scholarships - University of Oregon - Football - Lerry Wilson.

Blue Mountain Community College - Basketball - Tennis - Scott Daniels.



Morrow County 1981 Junior Rodeo

Queen
TARA MAHONEY

Performances

7 P.M., Friday, June 5

1 P.M., Saturday, June 6

1 P.M., Sunday, June 7

GATE ADMISSION

ADULTS—2.50 UNDER 6—FREE
STUDENTS-6-18 & SR. CITIZENS—1.00

EVENTS

CALF ROPING SADDLE BRONG
RIBBON DOGGING BAREBACK
BARRELS STEER RIDING
BULLRIDING POLE BENDING
BULLDOGGING BAREBACK
GOAT TYING CALF TYING
TEAM ROPING
BREAKAWAY ROPING

3 BIG DAYS JUNE 5-6-7

HEPPNER, OREGON

DIVISIONS
JUNIORS 9-14
SENIORS 15-18

11th ANNUAL MORROW COUNTY JUNIOR RODEO

OPEN TEAM ROPING
SAT. AFTER SHOW

WSJRA APPROVED

DANCE

JADE

Saturday, June 6

9 P.M.

Fair Pavilion

SINGLES—3.00

COUPLES—5.00

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