

AROUND ABOUT

with Justine Weatherford

It seems about 5,000 persons came to help Arlington celebrate its 100th birthday. Its founding was strongly tied to our county. J. W. Smith, who is credited as Alkali's founder, originally "had convinced himself that the most logical place for a settlement was 10 miles east at the mouth of Willow Creek. There he had obtained land and built a fine house and barn, tilled a little soil and had a store" according to Oregon Historical Society's publication "Arlington, Child of the Columbia."

However, when it became apparent that a settlement was to grow at the mouth of Alkali Canyon, he built a raft and floated his stock of merchandise and household belongings there where he soon hired a surveyor to plat the town. In 1873 Henry Heppner, who had already fathered the town of Heppner, erected a third store at Alkali-Arlington where he sold general merchandise and warehoused wool.

A part of a paragraph from some writing by Owen S. Ebi which the Oregon Historical Society includes in its book, states "There was a time when Arlington was the largest wool shipping point in the U.S. Later when wheat began being raised in the interior, all the wheat was hauled to Arlington for shipment. Naturally, with so many men constantly coming and going this was a pretty wild town."

"Many is the time I have seen \$5,000 change hands in a poker game, and we had a few men here who played billiards for \$1,000 a game. Phil Heppner, a brother of Henry Heppner, the big packer, whose pack trains were to be seen in all the early mining camps and who founded the town of Heppner, was one of our early day high rollers. Dozens and scores of times I have stopped to see him play billiards for \$1,000 a game. Phil had a sad ending. Women and whiskey and cards were too strong a team for him. He killed himself here in Arlington."

Modern folks are more interested in the fact that "Doc" Severinson, whose horn-tooting brought him such fame, was born and reared there. From two until seven years "young Doc" played his father's clarinet, but at seven he declared he wanted a trumpet. Coached some by his dad, the Arlington dentist, he soon won state music contests and became the only grade schooler to play in the All Northwest High School Band. He was hired by Ted Fiorito before he completed school, which he did through correspondence, returning to Arlington to be graduated with his class in 1946. Many schoolmates returned to hear Doc play there last weekend.

Last week surely was educational for me. Along with other Heppner Garden Club members and gardeners from Ione and Condon, I enjoyed spending most of Wednesday at Ione where we learned so much at the excellent Mini-Flower Show presented by the Ione Garden Club in the Willows Grange Hall. Three of us Heppner ladies took time for a special tour of the new bank building. Fran Barnett showed us everything, even the upstairs.

That evening a small group of eager learners met with Ron Forrar in Heppner High's art room to further our knowledge and stretch our skills in his summer creative art class. We were greatly encouraged and aided by this good teacher as most of us tried out watercolor painting for the first time.

On Friday I toured the Kinzua mill which has changed a great deal since I went through the green veneer plant in 1972. Helen Currin and I joined a group guided by LaVerne Van Matler, Jr., the mill safety director, who told us that Kinzua would never again be manufacturing plywood.

I had determined to forego the centennial at Arlington in favor of a short visit with my daughter and family near Cheney in the good company of Helen Currin. We two drove directly from the Kinzua Mill toward the Umatilla Bridge. As we approached Irrigon, we decided to take time to look through the North Morrow County Annex Building. Only Andrea Hadley, Justice of the Peace Jorgensen's clerk was there.

Andrea graciously showed us about in the modern, attractive county branch office. Since I had read that fast-growing Irrigon often feels a lack of communication with us Morrow southerners, I asked Andrea if folks in the building read this paper. She said, "No. We never see it. Nobody here gets it."

After crossing the Columbia and noting that the new section of highway leading north from the Umatilla Bridge is nearing completion, we proceeded north on very busy, two-lane No. 395 to Ritzville and then on four-lane highway, until we took the Tyler-Cheney exit. Eastern Washington's wheat looks fine and some of it will soon be ready for harvesting. Around Ritzville, we were impressed with the amount of white St. Helen's ash that still lines the highway. It looks like soiled, end-of-the-winter snow.

Part of the acreage where my daughter, Ann Chenhall, and family live is covered with pine trees which are showing a great deal of new growth this wetter-than-usual spring. The family garden, the animals (goats, chickens, cats) and the four humans are all thriving too.

The Cheney-Spokane area had thunder and lightning and heavy showers on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. Saturday, as we walked through the great, downtown Riverfront Park, which was developed for the World's Fair and which is now one of the area's 60 lovely parks. We saw that Spokane, like Arlington, is celebrating its 100th birthday. A frame structure tops the old railroad-depot clocktower in the park's center now and there are banners proclaiming "Spokane 1881-1981."

As we drove around in Spokane we came across three Saturday yard sales. My daughter and Helen shopped more than I did - I get plenty of yard sales in Heppner.

It was good to return south safely and reach home on Sunday afternoon. Our main stop was for our lunch and a stroll through Columbia Center. Neither Helen or I purchased a single item in the many attractive shops there. I had obeyed the highway signs saying "put on your headlights" and when we got to the car after our less than two-hour stop-the lights were still on but the battery was too dead to start the car. How lucky we were that two young men approached their car, a shiny red model just beside ours, and rescued us with their jumper cable. How disgusted I was that I had rushed off for lunch without ever thinking of clicking off the lights.

Some years ago when Helen and I were traveling toward Puget Sound, we stopped to look around Janzen Beach Shopping Center, and I stupidly locked the keys in the car, and then I had to round up professional help to get going again. So I have since learned to check my keys before I lock the car. Now I must learn to turn off car lights. I think next time Helen and I travel, we will go by bus and not leave the driving and thinking to us.

Crums feted by Heppner Church of the Nazarene



Ralph and Lou Crum

Ralph and Lou Crum were honored on the occasion of their 42nd wedding anniversary at the Heppner Church of the Nazarene morning service on June 14.

The Crums, who celebrate their anniversary June 16, were given a dinner, flowers, cards and a set of China from their church family. Ralph was also presented a bucket with musical notes on it since he "says he can't carry a tune in a bucket," joked Pastor Floyd Wilks.



The oldest letter is "O" unchanged in shape since its adoption into the Phoenician alphabet C. 1300 B.C..

EOSC student to work in Black Forest

Buddy Mills, a sophomore at Eastern Oregon State College, has gone to Germany where he will be a counselor in a summer camp in the Black Forest.

Mills, who is majoring in German and has received an educational grant, will also receive wages during his stay in the Black Forest. He will spend the summer there and return in early Sept. He took folk dancing in school and has participated in several school programs.

Construction begins Heppner swimming pool solar project



Left to right, Gary Riley, Greg Glasgow and Ron Forrar

By PATTI ALLSTOTT

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the Heppner Municipal Swimming Pool solar heating project took place Tuesday, June 23 at 9 a.m.

The project is sponsored by the Heppner Lions Club with official construction to have begun Tuesday.

Greg Glasgow will supervise the construction with Ron Forrar advisor for the project. Four CETA students will aid in the construction of the system, said Forrar.

"One of the things we're doing right now is putting in the footings for the basic construction of the system, which Lexington Lumber has made material contributions. Morrow County Grain Growers has also made a considerable contribution of materials toward the construction of the patio which will house the solar panels," said Forrar.

Forrar further stated of the completion of the project that the "basic structure and solar panel frames will be completed this summer. The actual system will be completed next summer."

CF Bike-a-Thon winners announced

By DELLA HEIDEMAN

The winners of the May 30 Cystic Fibrosis Bike-A-Thon held in Ione were announced this last week. Taking top prize for total contributions and pledges was Marion McMillan of Lexington, with a total collected of \$111.10. For his efforts, Marion received a portable AM-FM stereo radio which picks up TV sound, compliments of the Morrow County Grain Growers and the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

First place in the 13-year-and-older age group went to Robert McMillan, Marion's brother. Deacon Heideman took first place honors in the 6-8 year old bracket, while Jessica Turley brought home the top honors for those 5 years and under.

A total of \$891.94 was collected by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation by the lone bike riders participating in the May 30 Bike-A-Thon.

All riders who earned \$25 or more also received T-shirts from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, as well as the radios and bicycle horns awarded by the local bike-athon coordinators. C-F patches and "I'm a Brat" T-shirts donated by a Yakima Subaru dealership were also

given to those participating in the ride.

The total list of winners included: Grand Prize and First in his division: Marion McMillan, 13 and up; 1st - Robert McMillan, 2nd - John Ferrell, 9 - 12 years; 1st - Marion McMillan, 2nd - Ben Turley, 3rd - Darcee Padberg.

6 - 8 years: 1st - Deacon Heideman, 2nd - Alex Turley, 3rd - Brent Sheirbon, 4th - Travis Greenup.

5 and under: 1st - Jessica Turley, 2nd - Aaron Heideman, 3rd - Truitt Greenup, 4th - Nathan Heideman.

Twilight tour set Tues.

The Morrow County wheat and barley variety trials and twilight tour of the 1981 conservation winner's farm will be held Tuesday, June 30.

Those attending will meet at the variety trial plots approximately 1/2 mile west of Frank Anderson's home on the Heppner-Condon Highway at 4 p.m. The tour includes discussion of varieties with Chuck Rohde, wheat breeder, Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, and discussion of annual cropping on dryland.

At 6 p.m. the second stop will be at the variety plots 1/2 mile east of Tad Miller's home on the road to Sandhollow. This stop will also include a discussion of varieties with Chuck Rohde, a tour of Tad Miller's farm, the 1981 conservation winner, and a steak barbecue.

The tour is sponsored by the Morrow County Extension Service, the Morrow Co. Wheat Growers Assoc. and the Morrow County Grain Growers.



Silver polish is said to take crayon marks off linoleum or vinyl tile.

RHS student plays in All Star games

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON

IRRIGON - Lerry Wilson of Irrigon, who graduated from Riverside High School this spring, played in the High School All-Star basketball games, June 12 and 13, in Gill Coliseum in Corvallis and Portland Coliseum.

Wilson was a member of the Metros, who won 106 to 104 against the state team in Corvallis and 102 to 91 in Portland.

Wilson represented the 'A' high schools of Oregon. All other players were from AA or AAA schools, except one player who was from Dufur, a 'B' school.

Historic preservation workshops conducted

By DELPHA JONES

The Historic Preservation League of Oregon, with assistance from the National Trust for Historical Preservations, the Oregon Committee for the Humanities and the State Historic Preservation Office, is traveling throughout Oregon with workshops to help the communities learn how to go about preserving things of interest in their localities.

The group spoke on such things as tourism and historical attractions, main street revitalization, organizing volunteers and a host of other interesting topics.

A meeting of this group was held on Friday at the Vert Memorial in Pendleton. This was a most instructive and educational meeting with John Merritt, assistant director of the National Trust for Historic preservation present, working with Liz Sillin, field representative, and Nancy Shanahan, legal council.

One of the main issues discussed was the destruction of parts of the Oregon Trail in the mountains were pipeline was being laid and in the irrigated areas. It was stressed that the Old Oregon Trail is a national area and should not at any time, at any part of the trail be destroyed.

Archeology and preservation were discussed and it was stated that any bones found which seem to have come from a grave must be brought to the attention of the local police department, and these will be examined to determine whether the bones are animal or human. It is against the law to display any bones, or materials from these graves without permission of the

Swim lessons set at Heppner swimming pool

Swimming lessons at the Heppner swimming pool have been scheduled for July 7 - 18 for the first session and July 21 - August 1 for the second session.

Swimmers and intermediates will swim from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.; advanced beginners will have lessons from 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.; and beginners will have lessons from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and from 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Beginners must be five years old by August 30, 1981.

A mother-tot session will be held from 11 a.m. to 12 noon during the second session only.

Cost for swim lessons is \$5 and registration is at the Heppner swimming pool.

The pool will be closed on Saturday, July 4.

BIRTHS

Nathaniel Levi Nolan - A son, Nathaniel, was born to Heather and Gary Nolan, Heppner, on June 22, 1981, at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner. Nathaniel weighed 8 lbs., 8 1/2 oz.

Grandparents are Lloyd and Helen Working, Valley Center, Calif.; Donna Belle Roberts, Hermiston, and William Nolan, Hermiston. Great-grandparents are Thelma Wallin, Minnesota, May Nolan, Grand Coulee, Wash., and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Huffman, Huntington, Ore.

Nathaniel joins four brothers, Jonathan, 8, Timothy and Anthony, both 6, and Charles, 2, and one sister, Tamar, 4, at home.

Shantell Marie Connor - A daughter, Shantell, was born to Kim and Duane Connor, Pendleton, on June 14, 1981, at Pendleton Community Hospital at Pendleton. Shantell weighed 7 lbs., 3 1/2 oz.

Grandmothers are Patricia Osborn, LaGrande, and Darlene Steele, Portland. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elby Akers, Ione, and Mr. and Mrs. W.C. Walter, Ione.

Shauna Lee Myrland - A daughter, Shauna, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Myrland, Boardman, on June 13, 1981, at Good Shepherd Hospital at Hermiston. Shauna weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz.

Kory Glen Killingbeck - A son, Kory, was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Killingbeck, Boardman, on June 2, 1981, at Umatilla Hospital at Umatilla. Kory weighed 10 lbs., 1 oz.

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