

Gene Orwick appointed Elks district ruler



Gene Orwick (L) and Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Arnold

Gene Orwick of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 has been appointed a district deputy grand exalted ruler by the newly elected grand exalted ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, Raymond V. Arnold of Jackson, Michigan. District deputy grand exalted rulers serve as the district representative of the grand exalted ruler to the local lodges.

Orwick was sworn in as one of only 250 district deputy grand exalted rulers at the 117th annual convention of the Grand Lodge, B.P.O. Elks, held July 12-16 in Las Vegas. Over 5,000 voting delegates and over 25,000 total from across the U.S. attended the convention, the largest repre-

sentation in the history of the Elks.

The newly appointed district deputy grand exalted rulers heard reports that the order donated over 19.8 million to charity during 1980, for a recorded total of over \$382 million in charitable donations since 1880.

The Elks, in addition to numerous other charitable ventures, are sponsors of the annual Elks Hoop Shoot in which over three million youngsters participated during 1980.

Each of the 2300 Elks lodges nationwide receives representation with the Grand Lodge through one of the 250 district deputy grand exalted rulers.

Recreation Report

The following recreation report has been released by the Umatilla National Forest Service: **DALE RANGER DISTRICT**

Phone: 421-3311
Hours: 7:00 - 4:30, Mon-Fri, 8:00 - 5:30, Sat-Sun

Trails: All trails are open; only North Fork John Day, Granite Creek, Lost Lake, Silver Butte, and Granite Creek Trails are maintained.

Roads: All roads are open. Road 10 between Fremont Powerhouse and Olive Lake is rough; high ground clearance vehicles only are advised.

Campgrounds: Campgrounds open are Tollbridge - reduced service, drinking water available; Welch Creek - reduced service, no drinking water available; Olive Lake - self-service, no drinking water available; and North Fork, John Day - reduced service, no drinking water available.

Fishing: Fishing is fair to good. The water level is dropping in rivers and streams.

HEPPNER RANGER DISTRICT

Phone: 676-9187
Hours: 7:45 - 4:30, Mon-Fri

Penland Lake and Bull Prairie Lakes are both free of ice. Fishing at Penland Lake is fair.

All roads on the district are open, however, the road into Penland Lake is in poor condition.

Copple Butte Trail No. 3052 is open, and Bull Prairie Lake Trail No. 3056 is open and maintained.

Both Bull Prairie, with 20 campsites, and Fairview, with five campsites, campgrounds are open.

Woodsy Owl has been seen hiking along Road 53 headed toward Ukiah. He has a backpack and is picking up litter along the way.

POMEROY RANGER DISTRICT

Phone: 843-1891
Hours: 7:00 - 4:30, Mon-Fri

All trails, roads, and campgrounds on the district are open. The road crew has graded the main mountain road to Misery Spring, Road 4030 to Kelly Camp off Misery Spring, and is starting on Road 44, the Smoothing Iron Road, to the boundary and all

spur roads off it.

Trails that have had complete maintenance are Crooked Creek, Paninh, Tucannon, Bear Creek, Elk Flat, Grizzly Bear, and the upper part of the Wenaha.

Cauliflower mushrooms are still being found in the higher elevations.

Watch for log trucks when traveling forest roads.

WALLAWALLA RANGER DISTRICT

Phone: 525-5500
Hours: 7:45 - 4:30, Mon-Fri

Attention woodcutters: The fire precaution class to date is B as in Baker. The Umatilla National Forest is becoming dry - woodcutters should carry a shovel, fire extinguisher, and bucket with them at all times. For Class B days, woodcutters should stay in woodcutting areas and watch for fires one hour after saw shut-off.

Woodcutters: Please tie down your woodloads securely. Cut wood has been found on roadways. It is not only unsightly littering, but also a safety hazard for other motorists. All motorists should be on the lookout for logging truck traffic.

The weathermaker doesn't know it but according to the calendar, summer is here. With the cool temperatures and rain received in Walla Walla, the forest has received some snow. This has made the roads muddy. Campers and woodcutters are advised to stay on the roads to avoid getting stuck in the wet ground.

The cooler weather may be bad for the roads, but it is food for fishing. It keeps the water temperature down and the fish lively.

The demand for camping is very high this year. Jubilee Lake Campground has been full by Friday the past couple of weekends. A sign will be posted at Tollgate when this condition occurs. The backside of Jubilee Lake is off limits due to an active timber sale. Any large ground camping should be done at Target Meadows.

Campers should be advised that campground paving projects began July 13. Please be alert for gravel truck traffic on Roads No. 63 (Mottel Road) and No. 64 (Jubilee Lake Road). During the period July 12 through August 1, contact the Walla Walla Ranger District for up-to-date information on the paving projects and campground conditions.

Wenaha-Tucannon Wilderness maps are available at the Walla Walla Ranger District. Remember to obtain a permit, whether day or night use, before you enter the wilderness area.

W.P. Hill family holds four-generation reunion

From the first arrivals on Friday, July 17, through Sunday evening July 19, members of the W.P. Hill Family, 136 of them, had a most interesting and exciting reunion at Cutsforth Park.

The six living children of W.P. and Eva Phelps Hill are Harold, Heppner; Claude, Redmond; Virginia O'Donnell, Mollala; Archie, Hillsboro; and Betty Vinson, Danville, California. They and their 18 children, along with many grandchildren, were the direct descendants who were joined by other relatives and friends during the weekend event.

Harold Hill says that his father, W.P. Hill, who came here from Virginia, was a carpenter who built many of the older homes in Heppner. He met his future wife, Eva, who was born in Newport, Oregon, at Lexington where her parents had a store. After their marriage and as their family grew they homesteaded just five miles up Willow Creek from Heppner. W.P. built the District 34 schoolhouse which all their children attended until they were ready to ride horses in to Heppner High School where they all completed their schooling.

Harold recalls that his father told him how during June 1903 he worked constantly for three days building caskets for Heppner's flood victims.

After the Hill children grew up and were on their own, W.P. and Eva sold their land to Frank Wilkinson and retired in Heppner.

Most of the six children have reached retirement age now. Harold was in the electrical business here for 14 years before he and Julia left in 1949 to work for the state as an electrical inspector. Their two sons, Dale and Clayton, had much of their schooling here, but their daughter, Creagh, was only two years old when they moved to Coos Bay.

Claude Hill has been in the floor covering business at Redmond; Archie Hill has worked with heavy equipment in the Portland area; Rufus Hill was in the U.S. Air Corps flying gliders during WWII and then taught flying at three eastern airports for several years before beginning to work for Pitney Bowes business machines where he is still employed. Their two sisters, Virginia and Betty, have been busy homemakers. Betty is married to a cousin of Julia's and thus is twice related to the Hills.

Each second-generation Hill was given a personalized guest book which has "The Hill Family Reunion - 1981" and that person's full name printed in gold ink on its red leather cover. These were made by Archie's son, Larry Hill, who runs a print shop in

Portland. Larry also printed napkins and matchbook covers that he gave to the reunion. A great deal of fun was had in signing the six guest books - it seemed something like a high school yearbook party for awhile.

All ages of Hills had lots of activity going besides their great visiting during the time they spent at the park where some stayed in their recreational vehicles. Two pickups filled mostly with kids made many trips around the park site and nearby areas, including up to Penland Lake. Some of the youngsters fished, others of various ages played ball or pitched horseshoes.

Everyone was delighted with the park and enjoyed the great weekend weather. Harold reports they really admired the work that Dale Messenger of the County Road Department is doing in caring for both Cutsforth and Anson Wright Parks. They let him know he was appreciated.

Creagh Hill Williams, Coos Bay, is working on Hill family genealogical charts. She gave a review of the work she has done so far at the reunion. Creagh has had special training at Southwestern Oregon Community College in genealogical research. She is also beginning to put together records of her mother's family, the ancestors and descendants of Tom and Millie Harris.

In these busy summer weekends when many reunions are being held, the W.P. Hill family reunion sounds like it was a very happy and most successful event, an example of a well planned, first-class reunion.

Summer Weather Demands More Water

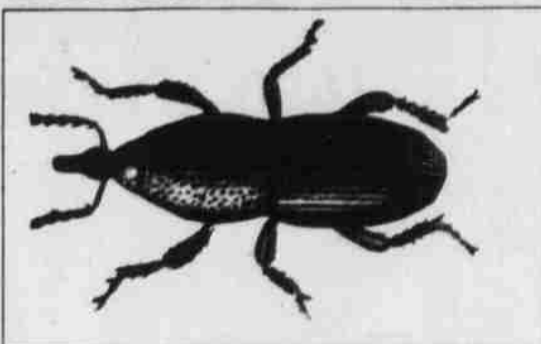
Water loss is greater during hot weather because your body perspires more than usual in an effort to keep cool. Maintaining a proper water balance will help regulate your body's temperature and prevent overheating.



According to the American Bottled Water Association, water is especially important to your body when playing warmer weather sports. During long periods of exercise, water intake minimizes dehydration that can result from sweating. It reduces stress on your circulatory system, and it helps your blood carry energy-providing carbohydrates to your body's cells.

The average adult needs to drink at least eight cups of water daily, more in hot weather, to maintain the body's proper water balance.

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By JUSTINE
WEATHERFORD

You all know that each year Morrow County has a lovely fair and rodeo queen and several princesses, but are you aware that since 1902, for seventy-nine years now, this county has held two goddesses?

Last Saturday afternoon Clint McQuarrie stopped me on the street to ask me if I knew anything about the statuesque ladies that decorate the front of the courthouse. He said he had just asked two friends who have lived here all their lives about the statues and that they hadn't even noticed these goddesses who have withstood 79 cold winters with lots of snow and wind and an equal number of bright, hot summers.

I was intrigued by the two ladies some years ago and tried to get some facts about them. Sadie Parrish, who was then the efficient county clerk, said that she had no idea who they were and didn't know where we could find out about them in the county records. Rachel Harnett showed me stories that are preserved at the museum which tell of the building of the courthouse from stone quarried along nearby Balm Fork.

Someone suggested I contact Frances Parker Mitchell whose father, Frank Parker, was one of the workers who helped to erect the stately building. Frances and her sister Kathryn Hoskins have some old pictures and some notebooks which their parents left that may tell a little about the building, but these are pretty well stored away. Frances recalls that her parents were pictured standing on the big front steps of the new building at the time of their marriage.

There may be other statuary in this county, but as far as I know these females are the only two that belong to the public. Many cities around the world have statues of local, national and mythological heroes and heroines. Morrow's statues seem to be likenesses of Greek goddesses. In trying to identify them I have read over some Greek mythology and am just guessing which divine ladies these two are.

It seems that the top rank of Olympic royalty consisted of six gods and six goddesses, and there were several groups of minor divinities, also. Let us presume that the builders of our courthouse-temple chose one of the six major goddesses. My guess is that one of their choices might be Athena, the goddess of wisdom. The Romans called her Minerva. The city of Athens is named after her. She was the daughter of Zeus (Jupiter).

The second choice goddess might be Demeter, goddess of agriculture (because in 1902 agriculture was the dominant feature of this area, as it still is today). However, the second figure might represent Artemis the goddess of hunting (long a major recreational pursuit here). The other three major goddesses were Aphrodite, Hera and Hestia who don't seem to fit the mode of the building or of its early planners and builders. Numerous courthouses display the figure of Justice. She wears Grecian robes, is blindfolded and holds a scale - our ladies do not fit her pattern.

So in my mind I shall henceforth think of one statue as Athena and the other as Demeter - although I am not at all sure which name goes to which of the ladies. Perhaps someone else can re-read mythology or can find some record of the correct names for Morrow's goddesses. Please let Clint McQuarrie and me and the county museum have the truth. I dislike thinking that I have not suggested the correct name of either goddess.

As I was reading about statuary, I was especially interested in the two statues that our state has sent to the nation's capitol. Do you realize that each of the fifty states has sent two statues - one of them is placed in Statuary Hall in the Capitol and the second is placed in some other part of the capitol city. Oregon's Jason Lee is in the hall with the 49 other notable figures and our John McLoughlin is elsewhere in the city.

The most exciting statue anywhere must be the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor which was a gift from the French to our country and which was made in France and assembled here before its dedication in 1886 by President Grover Cleveland. Liberty is not a goddess although she, too, wears Grecian robes. She is 151 feet from the soles of her sandals to the top of her torch, which towers 305 feet above the base of her pedestal. Liberty is made of sheets of copper over a framework of iron; she weighs 450,000 pounds. Alexandre Eiffel, designer of the great Eiffel Tower in Paris built the supporting framework for this statue which was designed by Frederic Bartholdi.

Last Friday afternoon I had my home closed tightly to keep out the heat and did not hear the announcement about a broken water main. After supper I had just started the sprinklers running on my front lawn when Gail Burkenbine kindly came to my door and told me that we were to use water for emergencies only. Perhaps you read the article in Sunday's Oregonian about the nation's growing water crisis. It states "Groundwater is a non-renewable source. Humans build their societies around consumption of fossil water long buried in the earth, and these societies, being based on a temporary resource, face the problem of being temporary themselves."

It seems good to know that our city water system is being improved as a preliminary to the building of the dam here. It is also good to hear friends say that they are happy that the county has graded the road to Lake Penland, making travel there much more pleasing.

Here's hoping that this Saturday's Sidewalk Sale will be a really successful affair. Many groups will be offering items for sale to try to bolster their treasuries. Merchants have planned ahead to present some very attractive bargains. The weatherman might cooperate by letting the sun shine on Heppner but tempering its heat with some soft, cooling breezes.

The likenesses of Athena (?) and Demeter (?) will look down on many people happily shopping along our city streets, and those ladies will continue to remain stately and to give forth no comments.

LABO exchange students to arrive Tuesday

Japanese students involved in the LABO program will arrive at the Heppner City Park Tuesday, July 28, around 2 p.m.

The students, who will be in Morrow County around a month, will be staying with the

Archie Ball, Rick Curtis, Bob McLaughlin, Kenny Wright and Ned Clark families, all of Heppner; the Delbert Piper and Bill Doherty families of Lexington; and the Dave Seel and Max Hellberg families of Irrigon.

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