

Former Heppner resident relates Middle East encounter

Shorts, tank tops and short sleeve dresses are out, no kissing is allowed on television, and only a woman's husband is allowed to see his wife's uncovered face.

If you guessed the middle east, you're right.

Former Heppner resident Nona Grace gave these details of living for four and one-half years in Saudi Arabia traveling with her husband while he worked building apartment buildings in that oil-rich country.

"You don't wear any type of revealing clothing," she told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce at its luncheon last Tuesday.

"And television is heavily censored." She said that while watching a show, just when a couple would begin to embrace, the screen would go blank until the kiss was over, and then the show would resume.

Schools in Saudi Arabia are segregated she says, boys in one and girls in the other. She says that when students, especially girls, go abroad to study, many of them have begun adopting western ways, which has bothered the Saudi government to the point that overseas study is being cut back.

"The best educated men don't come back to Saudi Arabia," she said.

Nona says that, as everyone has heard, construction is booming in Saudi Arabia, and government-constructed apartment complexes are going up all over. There are some interesting consequences.

"They give the lower cast



Nona Grace

nice apartments to live in and they will move-out in a month and rent them out," she says.

She lived on the local economy and in local housing, not in an American compound, and says the consumer services, including a brand new Safeway store, are there.

"What I really missed (from America) was the medical facilities," says Grace. She says the hospitals for the royal family, which number in the thousands, are clean and new.

But those for the rest of the people, including Americans,

are not clean enough or very well kept.

The towns Nona lived in were Al Khobar, on the gulf, where she was when the American hostages were taken in Iran. "There wasn't any problem there, not really that much reaction," Jeddah, on the Red Sea, and Riyadh, the capital, located in the center of the country.

Grace, who worked for Kinzua for 20 years, will next be going to Venezuela where her husband has another construction project.

Peck Family. Because that history is laid mainly in Morrow County, Lucile told the group how helpful county newspaper accounts have been to her.

Mrs. Kimball's demonstrations based on her own experiences in compiling records of her own and her husband's family histories, her descriptions of possible problems that one may encounter and how to avoid various mistakes, were outstanding. She gave out sample charts, copies of a new genealogical supply catalogue, and many of the helpful facts and guidelines which have made her classes in Pendleton so successful.

Because I was eager to watch the Mustangs win that play-off game, I didn't stay at Lexington for the completion of the workshop. I was so pleased to see much of the Heppner team's play in the bright sunshine and cool wind of last Saturday. The game was well attended, and we all know that the best team won. It was sad to learn that lone's Cardinals didn't manage to win their play-off with Cove. How we hope that next Saturday's weather cooperates as crowds gather in Heppner to watch the Mustangs win again.

As I close this column, I am feeling very inspired by the leadership presented at the genealogy class last Saturday. By gathering facts and attempting to verify them, by studying history and thinking about past successes and past failures, we may improve our futures. The fact that so many persons around the world are now searching out their family histories is a sign that people are going to learn much about the history of their communities, of the nation in which they live and about the world generally far beyond the facts they gather about their own ancestors.

Visiting national and area shrines such as Mt. Vernon and Gettysburg and the Whitman Museum can surely help adults and children understand the development of our nation and state. Delving into the history of our own families likewise will contribute to a broader understanding of history. Yes, genealogical research is very educational. It might, in some cases, be a very entertaining hobby, also.

I.U.C.C. plans ADVENTure Day

The United Church of Christ will sponsor and ADVENTure Day, Sunday, Nov. 22 to prepare for Advent and Christmas, announced the Rev. Cathy Barker.

"We are planning ADVENTure Day in order to prepare for ADVENT and Christmas, both as a church and a united congregation — much as a family prepares. The activities also include the construction of some learning tools for our kids' use in Sunday school throughout the year," the Rev. Barker stated.

The day will begin with worship at 11 a.m. followed by

a pot-luck dinner at 12-15 p.m. The I.U.C.C. women will be in charge of the dinner. Katherine Lindstrom is coordinator.

Beginning at 1 p.m. a filmstrip, "Stories about Our Christmas Carols," will be shown in the sanctuary.

Following the film, Rev. Barker, Sharon Rietmann, Della Heideman, Helen and Fred Nelson, Linda Conklin, Debby Sherbon and all the deaconesses will have various craft and preparation projects.

"People of all ages are welcome," said the Rev. Barker.

Artifactory to offer special, original gifts

Saturday, December 5, the AAFW Artifactory at the Morrow County Fairgrounds will be offering a great variety of artistic creations and Christmas foods for shoppers searching for special and original gifts.

Over 45 persons and organizations have reserved space to sell such things as sterling silver jewelry, wheat weaving, dough art, oil paintings, tree ornaments, fabric frames, baked goods, Christmas candy, handmade aprons and towels, plus much more, said a spokesperson.

Santa Claus is scheduled to visit with the children between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The Heppner Garden Club will be offering its annual wreath and swag making workshop.

Members of AAFW will be on hand at their book-nook where books for all ages will be sold. Pies, coffee, and punch will also be available.

There is still some remaining table space for those who wish to sell their handicrafts or baked goods. Phone Susan Schubothe 676-5282; Joan Records 676-5260; or Bonnie Templeman at 676-5187.

Close to Home

Mary Ann Cerullo

continued from last week

Marcus and Narcissa Whitman worked at Wailatpu along the Walla Walla River for eleven years.

Indian unrest among the Cayuse was gradually building, mostly the result of cultural differences between the white and Indian ways of life.

The Cayuse began to feel endangered as more and more settlers poured into the Pacific Northwest, bringing stories of white men taking land from the Indians in other areas.

Then a measles epidemic hit, brought by the emigrants. The illness spread quickly among the Indians, who had no resistance. Within a short time half the tribe had died. Whitman frantically tended the ill, but when the medicine only helped the white children, the Cayuse believed they were being poisoned to make way for more settlers.

On November 29, 1847, a band of Cayuse Indians led by Chief Tomahas attacked the mission at Wailatpu. When the massacre was ended, Marcus and Narcissa, the Sager boys, and nine others lay dead. A few managed to escape, but the fifty that remained, mostly women and children, were taken by the Indians.

A month later the captives were ransomed to a member of the Hudson's Bay Company, but not until three of the children had died of the measles.

As a result of the tragedy of Wailatpu, Protestant missions were stopped in the Oregon country and fighting began against the Cayuse by settlers from the Willamette and Columbia Valleys.

In 1848 news of the killings, along with petitions from settlers reached Washington D.C. Congress created the Oregon Territory in August of that year, which was the first formal territorial government west of the Rocky Mountains.

Dec. 17 - Christmas Caroling for the Heppner area. Meet at City Park, 7 p.m.

Dec. 21 - Christmas Party. Potluck with a gift exchange for ages 12 and under.

Valby Lutheran to hold harvest festival

A community-wide celebration of thanks for a bountiful harvest is going to be held this coming Sunday, Nov. 22, 4 p.m. at Valby Lutheran Parish Hall. All are invited to attend, said the Rev. John Maas.

There will be a Service of Thanks for the harvest and the American Legion will dedicate a flagpole to the church.

Following the worship everyone is invited to a pot-luck dinner and entertainment. "Bring one dish of your choice to the dinner. Table service and drinks will be provided," said the Rev. Maas.

After dinner entertainment

will look at the '81 harvest and will thank the many harvest helpers. A special award will be presented to a long-time community member. Two movies will be shown: an entertaining animated film for kids and a fascinating film, "I Want to Live" produced by John Denver.

The evening will end with a free-will offering of thanks to God that will be used to combat hunger in the world, the Rev. Maas concluded.

Valby Church is located on Valby Road, 17 miles south of Lone, off Gooseberry Road and four miles north of the Condon Highway (Ore. Highway 206).

Baby shower to honor Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Chuck Nelson and son Justin Wyatt will be honored at a baby shower Monday, Nov. 23 in the Lone United Church social room at 2:30 p.m.

The shower will be hosted by the Lone United Church of Christ women.

All friends and relatives are invited to attend.

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Around About

By Justine Weatherford

As I reflect on the two patriotic holidays (Armistice and Thanksgiving) in November, it is evident to me that folks who live in the thirteen first states, or travel through them, get closer to our national history with less effort than do we who live out west.

Today is not a holiday but it is the 118th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's brief address at the dedication of the military cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. If you are a history buff, you may know that Hon. Edward Everett of Massachusetts, considered the "foremost orator of our day" gave the main address which took two hours and was full of Greek and modern European history and also recounted the action which had taken place at Gettysburg. By comparison, the president's address was very brief, just a few short paragraphs which he delivered seriously and with great understanding of the suffering that the Civil War was causing.

As I write I am re-reading a reprint of a Nov. 20, 1863, newspaper which I bought at Gettysburg last month. It contains a report of the speech "the President gave here yesterday when members of the cabinet, governors of several northern states which are financing the new cemetery, military leaders, foreign diplomats and thousands of plain people converged on this village to hear the President and the main speaker of the day, Dr. Everett."

There are several feature stories about the progress of the war, about the two men chiefly responsible for the cemetery's being provided—Andrew G. Curtin, governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and David Wills, a 32-year-old Gettysburg lawyer and former superintendent of schools in Adams County.

A boxed item quotes White House sources as saying "Both the Lincolns are greatly concerned over the illness of their young son Thomas (Tad). Since the death of their son Willie in February of last year, Tad's health has been of increasing concern. The Lincolns have one other son, Robert T., now a student at Harvard University." (Tad died in 1871, six years after his father was assassinated.)

On an inside page there is a long review of excerpts from the speech by Dr. Everett's "who was first asked to speak at Gettysburg on October 23, but because he felt he could not prepare himself by that time, the dedication was postponed until yesterday, November 19." "Although Mr. Lincoln may have prepared some notes in Washington, he wrote his little speech in Gettysburg on Wednesday night." The complete text of his speech is carried by the paper, requiring less than one-fourth of the space that the excerpts of Everett's speech fill.

Last Saturday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. a three-credit BMCC Workshop on Genealogy took place in the School Administration Building at Lexington. It attracted a group of grandmothers who are interested in preserving family histories. The workshop instructor, Betty Kimball, came from Pendleton loaded with materials and helpful pointers, both of which she generously shared. County BMCC coordinator Nancy Brownfield, who was there as the class began, to handle enrollment and to introduce Mrs. Kimball, said that she hopes that perhaps this workshop can be re-scheduled again later on.

The women attending were completely fascinated by Kimball's presentation. All had already taken some preliminary steps into America's third largest hobby, genealogy. One, Lucile Peck, Lexington, has published an interesting, well-written account of part of the history of the

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