

## 'You can get there from here & back again, but it ain't easy'

(Editor's note: The following is the first of a four part series to be featured weekly in the Gazette-Times. The author, Kay Anderson of Heppner along with her husband Frank, an area wheat rancher, recently traveled to India, as well as other countries, and has written an account of their interesting trip.)

By KAY ANDERSON

My husband, Frank, and I have traveled quite a bit in recent years and have seen many interesting countries and a lot of peculiar things. I have been asked to write about our travels before, but never thought any of them very entertaining for others to read until the one from which we have just returned. This one was unusual, full of high adventure, and something we would probably not have done had we known beforehand what we were getting into.

On October 25 we took off for New Delhi via an overnight stay in Hong Kong, to join what was beautifully described in the travel brochure as a "Himalayan Nature Tour."

We were also promised a tour of farming in middle India and time spent in game parks and countryside instead of cities. Our arrival at the New Delhi Airport at 1 a.m. would have been a culture shock in itself if we hadn't already seen the same thing in other Third World countries—the floor of the airport covered with sleeping Indians. They sleep there because they simply don't have any other place to sleep.

We were delivered to our hotel at 1 a.m., fell into bed and slept until the next afternoon.

We investigated our hotel and found that one of its restaurants had authentic Indian food, so we thought we should get ethnic right away. Indian food is not the common peaceful type curry we think of in this country as being Indian. One bite of this food and you have ruined your mouth and throat and the top of your head just flew off.

We had quite a little bit of this type of food throughout our travels and our stomachs will probably never be the same.

The next morning we met our guide and the two other people with whom we shared the next 20 days. One was a photographer from New Jersey, and the other was a lovely lady, Marcia, from Seattle. Our guide was a Mr. Raj Singh who is about 35 years old. He is a naturalist who also has a law degree but had stopped practicing in order to farm his family farm, and to lead treks into the Himalayas and nature tours to hunt the elusive Bengal Tiger and other game in the game parks of India—which was what our nature trip really boiled down to.

Raj first took us on about a five mile walk through the Delhi Zoo, supposedly the largest in the world. I thought it very ill kept and secretly thought that he really wanted to know if we old people could keep up the pace. We also toured New Delhi and Old Delhi. I couldn't see much difference between the new and the old.



An Indian coffee house



An Indian farmer plows his field

The next day our high adventure began. We flew on Delhi Airlines to Lucknow and took a six hour drive to Tiger Haven. Raj said we would go in limousines, which turned out to be two Indian made cars about the size of a small foreign make. He had also warned us that Indian roads were very bad. That was the understatement of the year.

We traveled less than 200 miles on fairly straight roads and it took us about six hours. The roads were the worst I've ever been on anywhere, crowded with people, carts, goats, water buffalo, and the ever present sacred brahma. By the way, the Indians eat a lot of chappatis, as we wheat people know, but when they fry them in the morning, no matter how poor the family, the first chappatis go to the brahmas.

After six hours of horn blowing, one flat tire, and one broken shock absorber we arrived at the turn off to Tiger Haven. It had been raining, so we were met by a couple of native boys with a wheel tractor, who towed us the 1 1/2 miles into the haven ranch headquarters. This was truly a ranch that was situated next to a national park, and the Indians who owned the ranch took in guests who wanted to ride elephants into the park on tiger hunts.

Our hosts also by the name of Singh, but no relation to Raj, were very high caste Indians who had obviously been educated in English.

### M.C. Cowbelles to hold annual luncheon

The Morrow County Cowbelles will hold their annual no-host luncheon on Friday, Dec. 11 at the Heppner Elks Lodge. The luncheon will begin at 12 noon, said a Cowbelle spokeswoman.

An election of officers will be held and committee reports will be heard. Door prizes will also be awarded, she added.

## Senior News

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The noon hour was not nearly long enough Wednesday, Dec. 2, for all the activities which took place at the Heppner senior mealsite.

R.N. Karen Thomas, who conducted her regular first Wednesday of the month blood pressure testing, was introduced by Committee Chairman Bill Collins before the meal when he announced that the meal site really need a food processor. The idea of a benefit sale at noon on Dec. 16, was suggested by the site committee as a means of obtaining funds and was approved by the seniors present. Folks are to bring homemade foods and miscellaneous items which they will contribute to be sold to raise money for the purchase of a blender.

After the meal Chairman Collins introduced Pat Brindle, Morrow County director for the Blue Mountain Economic Development Council, who carefully explained the facts about the current energy assistance program which she is supervising in Heppner at the Neighborhood Center and also in Boardman and Irrigon.

Next Jo Ann Bugarski, who brought a film from Pendleton, was introduced. She explained the film on Accidental Hypothermia, a winter hazard for the elderly, which is being shown around Oregon in conjunction with LIFEAP ("Low Income Energy Assistance Program"). It stresses the importance of senior citizens protecting themselves against too low body temperatures by keeping their homes at 65 degrees and by dressing warmly, eating properly, staying active during waking hours, keeping warm in bed and, if they are alone, having someone checking on them regularly.

Symptoms of accidental hypothermia are a change in appearance or behavior, stiff muscles, slurred speech, shallow, very slow breathing, slowed, sometimes irregular heartbeat, weak pulse, low blood pressure, confusion, disorientation, drowsiness or coma. If any of the above symptoms are present, the senior's temperature needs to be checked, and if it is below 95 degrees, medical help should be obtained, said Thomas.

### Don't know what to give?

## Give a Carol Gram

Heppner High School chorus students will soon be delivering Carol Grams, an annual enterprise, said Chorus Director Kitty Coon.

The Carol Gram project is an annual fund raiser for the group.

For \$2, a small group of students will deliver a Christ-

## SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Morrow County Sheriff's Office at the Morrow County Courthouse in Heppner handled the following calls during the past week:

On Dec. 1 an ambulance was requested for a woman reportedly having chest pains. A Boardman ambulance responded to the call.

Also on Dec. 1, a trailer was reported on fire at the Shirley Rugg ranch at Three Mile, SimTag and Boeing responded.

In another Dec. 1 incident Frederic Glenn Roy was arrested by the Albany Police Dept. on a Morrow County Circuit Court warrant for alleged violation of a probation order. Roy was lodged at the Linn Co. Jail.

On Dec. 3 a fire was reported on Chase St. residence unknown. The Heppner Fire Dept. responded.

Again on Dec. 3, an ambulance was requested for a timber faller on Wetmore Road. A Heppner ambulance responded.

In another incident occurring on Dec. 3, an ambulance

### Area Scouts to carol, offer Xmas trees

Area Cub Scouts are extending an invitation to the public to join them in singing Christmas carols in local communities next week, said a Cub Scouts spokesperson.

Those interested in joining the Scouts in caroling should meet at the Heppner City Park on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6:30 p.m. to carol in the lone and Lexington areas. Scouts and others interested in caroling in the Heppner area on Thursday, Dec. 17 should meet at the park at 7 p.m.

Scouts are also offering Christmas trees for sale this year with prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$7. Trees are available at Les Schwab's Tire Center in Heppner and at City Hall in Lexington.

A group of Scouts and leaders cut the trees above Heppner on Sunday, Dec. 6, said a spokesperson. It was also reported that the group enjoyed some sledding during the outing.

mas carol and card that states who the carol is from, to anyone living in the Heppner-Lexington area, said Coon.

Carols will begin being delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 9 and continue through Monday, Dec. 21. To order a Carol Gram, call 989-8557 after 5 p.m.

### Santa to visit Story Hour

Santa Claus will be on hand Thursday, Dec. 10 at Story Hour at the Heppner Public Library at 10:30 a.m. to visit

with preschool children. Christmas stories will be featured at this special event, said a spokesperson.

## Lexington Christian to hold program

The Lexington First Christian Church will sponsor a special Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. which will feature Christmas carols to be performed around the community Christmas tree by the Pendleton Salvation Army Band under the

direction of Captain Dabbis, said the Rev. Ashby.

At 6 p.m., the group will move to the church for a special church caroling program, said the Reverend.

Everyone is invited to attend these special services, he added.

## Heppner schools slate winter concert

Heppner jr. and senior high schools, grades five through eight, will hold their winter concert on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. at the high school

gym. Christmas as well as other music will be featured, said Jim Ackley, band director.

## Grand Squares hold Christmas dance

The Grand Squares dance club held their Christmas dance on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the lone American Legion Hall, reports Dorothy Warren, secretary.

The hall was decorated with Christmas decorations and a Christmas tree.

Ron Davis of Rock Creek called some of the dances.

A gift exchange of one pound of anything usable was held. Some of the unusual gifts included a can of motor oil additive, one pound of clothes pins, dry onions, a one pound package of note pads, a 16 ounce container of glue as well as the usual nuts and candy, reports Mrs. Warren.

The next dance will be held at the lone American Legion Hall on Saturday, January 9 at 8 p.m.

## Meet Another Member Of The Mobil Synthetic Family,

## Mobilube S.H.C. Synthesized Multipurpose Gear Lubricant.

It offers the following advantages and benefits in low temperature operation.

- Contributes to more miles per gallon of fuel
- Dependable lubrication for start up of equipment under extremely cold conditions no drag
- Year round service in all types of automotive gear applications including hypoid and worm gears
- Easier gear shifting all year round
- Full gear protection at all operating temperatures
- Fully compatible with conventional lubricants
- Truly a multi-purpose lubricant to reduce inventories

Available At

PETTYJOHN OIL CO. 422-7254

# DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU



GET YOUR SNOW TIRES NOW!



**COUNTRY SQUIRE RADIAL**



**RADIAL STEEL TRACTION**

HERE'S A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR CAR

185/80R13.....UNIROYAL T/O .....50.00 (4 only)

195/75R14.....UNIROYAL T/O .....55.00 (4only)

## CO-OP BATTERIES



**5-Year Warranty**

Based on Months in Service



**'5 trade in on your old battery**

Special offer good thru Dec.

# Morrow County Grain Growers INC.

CENEX

## Right Gift Priced Right



**Simbeam 1200 WATT BLOW DRYER**  
 POW. PRICE \$9.97  
 MIN. RESERVE 2.00  
 YOUR FINAL COST **7.97**



**9-PIECE HOME HAIR TRIM SET 997**

Save money and time. Includes powerful clipper with 4 trim attachments, comb, scissors, oiling tube, blade guard. With easy illustrated instructions. (30)

**RIETMANN'S HARDWARE**  
lone 422-7211

10th Annual Elk's

# HOOP SHOOT

**Sat., Dec. 12**  
from 9 to 11 a.m.  
at the Heppner and lone High School gyms, whichever is most convenient

## All Boys & Girls

ages 8-13

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT Jim Swanson 422-7162

