

Lexington news

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Plans for the Morrow County Historical Society bus trip to Fort Vancouver, Wash. have been completed. The bus will leave Wright's Country Store at Ruggs at 7 a.m., Heppner at 7:30 a.m. and will then pick up riders in Lexington and Ione.

The afternoon will be spent in the Fort Vancouver area, with dinner later in the evening.

Sunday the group will leisurely return home with a hoped-for side trip to Maryhill Castle.

Those who would like to join the group should call Ruth McCabe, 422-7194 or Delpha Jones, 989-8189.

The Morrow County History Book submission deadline has passed and the committee is happy to report a fine response in sales and stories.

Book orders will still be taken for a few weeks yet, but please get your order in as this is a one-time project.

The ladies report that there are about 500 stories in at the present time, and some to be catalogued yet.

If your story was held up due to pictures or dates, you may call someone on the committee and perhaps arrangements can be made to accept the story.

Thanks to all these fine people who have given time

and expense to see that this book will be a good story of history of Morrow County and its residents.

Those from Lexington Grange attending Wheatland Pomona Grange were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse and son Kenneth Kyn. They were happy to have had a fine visit with Mr. Smouse's sister, Helen, and her husband, Orlov Martin, who were visitors at the Pomona meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck, Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck and Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones also attended Pomona Grange at Clarno, and enroute home they stopped in Moro where they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Ron Peck and enjoyed dinner and an evening of pinocle.

Millie Yocom is still a patient at Consolidated Good Shepherd Hospital in Hermiston. She had major surgery there one day last week. Her mother and father, Hilda and Joe, have been spending some time this week with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan returned home Friday from a few days in Portland where each had doctor appointments.

Mr. and Mrs. Zearl Gillespie of Boardman were callers at the C.C. Jones ranch and the T.E. Messenger, Sr. home Monday.

Picnic hosts' descendants explained

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The hosts for the 1983 Morrow County Pioneer Picnic on Sunday, May 29, are all descendants of Albert and Julia Wright. This couple married in Indiana, in the Turkey Creek area of Stuben County.

They came west in 1853 with their daughters, Mary Etta, and Julia, to settle at Oregon City. Their first son, Silas Albert, was born in Nebraska Territory along the way. Three more children George, Anson and Effie, were born during their 19-year stay in Clackamas County.

Albert's brother, Anson, who never married and who had come west to Oregon, and Albert's and Julia's oldest child are buried at Redland near Oregon City. In 1872 Albert came across much of the state to begin the history of his family in this area. He built a log cabin near Rock Creek, across from the present-day Anson Wright Park, and spent the winter there before moving his family to that part of southern Umatilla County (over 20 years before it became Morrow County.) They built their permanent home on upper Rhea Creek where some of their fifth and sixth generation descendants live today.

When Albert and Julia were coming west they traveled in the company of the Rev. J.K. Hines, an illustrious Methodist missionary. Mr. Wright and the Rev. Hines became staunch and lifelong friends. After the Wrights settled on Rhea Creek, they soon joined other pioneers who wanted church services and religious education for their children, and Albert, through his friendship with the Rev. Hines, by then a state leader

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, encouraged the starting of Methodism in Heppner where in time he long held many offices in the church.

The first Wright daughter, Mary Etta, married J.B. David in Clackamas County and died two years later, childless. Daughter Julia came to this area and married Timothy H. Bisbee and their children were Albert, Lillian, Louis and Mary Pearl. Silas Albert married Martha Cantwell and their family included Alonzo, Guv. Mary Pearl, Moses Albert, Svdna Del, Orian Elmer and Silas Delbert "Deh." Silas Albert is the son who continued on the Rhea Creek place.

The third son, George, along with his younger brother, bought the mountain place in the Lonerock area where he and his family lived, part of which is still used as summer pasture by the present Albert Wright family. George married sisters. His first wife, Ida Green mothered his son, Harry; after her death he married her sister, Minnie Green, and she became the mother of Earl and Mabel.

Anson, the youngest son of Albert and Julia married Ida Jane Knighton on December 29, 1886, at Eight Mile Center. They had eight children: Clyde, Maude, Ray, Harley, Myrtle, Nell, Walter and Samuel. The youngest child of Albert and Julia, their daughter Effie, married Frank Gilliam. The Gilliams' children were Ona, Edwin, Earl, Leonard, Clinton and Hazel. Anson Wright's granddaughter, Beth Clark (Mrs. Barton), has a story clipped from the "East Oregonian," written by Josephine Mahoney at the time of Anson's death in 1936 which tells:



An old picture of the log cabin Albert Wright built and occupied in 1872, parts of which still stand in Anson Wright Park.



Albert Wright (left) with wife Julia behind him; his brother Anson; their brother Edward wife Polly behind him (She was Julia's sister) — the later couple stayed in Indiana when the first three named came west in 1853.

"Anson Wright (then 12 year old) brought 750 head of sheep from The Dalles alone on foot through great herds of longhorn cattle through Grass Valley to this county. These were among the first sheep brought to the area.

"At the age of 14, he stayed alone in the mountains with the sheep and was aroused nightly by bear, gray timber wolves and coyotes attacking the flock. He was unarmed and was forced to sleep along with the sheep for protection.

"During the Bannock and Piute Indian uprising, Albert Wright (his father) moved most of his family to The Dalles, but Anson, then 18, stayed in the mountains with the sheep. In 1881, Anson started in the wool-growing business on his own. He followed sheep-raising until his death.

"At the beginning of his independent career he took up 480 acres near Hardman. At his death he owned 8,000 acres, having deeded a quantity of it to his children. He also had upon his large estate a large home he built with shed and barn on his Hay

Creek Ranch." The Wright family history will be continued soon with a larger look at the third generation.

Local woman attends conference

Morrow County Veterans Service Officer Claudine Warren of Heppner attended a semiannual state-wide County Veterans Service Officer Conference April 20-22 in Eugene.

The session, cosponsored by the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs and the County Service Officer Association, provided officers with updated information necessary to assist Oregon veterans, their widows or widowers and dependents in applying for state and federal veterans' benefits in such areas as housing, education, counseling, claims, employment, medical and pension assistance, said a department spokesperson.

Keynote speakers included the Oregon Department of Veterans Affairs Director Starvl C. Austin, Jr., Deputy Director Clint Gruber, VA Medical Center Director Joseph H. Ferry, VA Regional Office Director R.J. Vogel and other representatives from federal and state veterans' service organizations.

Association President Loraine Benson reported she was pleased with the well-represented participation and exchange of valuable information.

Local V.F.W. Post to hold installation

The local VFW Post and VFW Auxiliary will hold a joint installation of officers on May 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op conference room in Heppner.

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Former Ione Topic Club member gives review

The Ione Topic Club met at the home of Loree Hubbard with Jean Nelson as co-hostess on Wednesday, April 27.

Martha Barak of Hermiston a former club member, reviewed the book "Russia" by Hedrick Smith. Smith was assigned to Moscow as bureau chief of the New York Times from 1973 to 1977. He decided that the average American only learns from the media about the politics and trade maneuvers of Russia, its space accomplishments and its farm successes and failures but does not hear about the human quotient. Therefore, the book tries to convey a concept of the characteristics of the Russian people as individuals, she explained. As a people the Russians are imbued with a most strong national pride. However, there is a latent sense of rebellion which is evidenced by their procrastination and their illegal counter-economy to make up for their low incomes. Average wages are only about \$220 a month so they have to do something to

take up the slack. Mrs. Barak said. Sometimes it is moonlighting, called "shabashniki" by the Russians, or using "blat" which is access to things that are wanted or needed through influence or connections.

"Mr. Smith succeeds very well in presenting the 'Russianness' of the people and while at no point does one envy them we are left with the feeling of knowing them," said a club member.

Retired Educators to meet

The Morrow-Umatilla County Retired Educators Unit 9 will hold a May 7 luncheon meeting at the Sizzler Family Steak House, 1515 Southgate in Pendleton.

A business meeting will begin at 11 a.m. with an afternoon program following.

An installation of officers and a Memorial will be included in the day's activities, a spokesperson said.

Englert and Orr reign over HHS prom



Linda Englert and Jeff Orr were crowned Queen and King of Heppner High School's prom last Saturday night at the Heppner Elks Lodge.

Other members of the court were Judy Ward, Joanna Bown, Bruce Way and Tom Huston.

Goals and the four food groups, how to evaluate nutrition information and application of the information to their personal life and to the school hot lunch program.

The course was taught at Heppner High School by Linda Panter, home economics teacher at Heppner High School, and Liz Curtis, home economics teacher at Heppner Elementary School.

Food service personnel complete nutrition class

Saturday, April 30, marked the completion of a local Blue Mountain Community College course in basic nutrition for food service personnel.

Those completing the 14 hours of instruction were Betty Christman, Bebe Munkers, Martha Munkers, and Marilyn Bergstrom from Heppner Elementary; Ruby Steers, Joan McDaniel and Florence Nolan from Heppner High; Carol Daulton, Virginia Pettigrew, Jane Akers, and Kathy Hyder from Sam Boardman Ele-

mentary; Cheryl Hobbs and Terry Wood from A.C. Houghton Elementary at Irrigon; Doreen Munk from Athena School District; and Carol Mitchell from Heppner.

The course covered basic scientific information about functions, food sources and recommended intakes of proteins, carbohydrates, fats, vitamins and minerals, application of the U.S. Dietary

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Other securities	3,927,980.13
Federal funds sold & securities purchased under agreements to resell	-
Other loans less reserve for loan losses	16,351,003.46
Bank premises, furniture & fixtures, & other assets representing bank premises	741,569.19
Other Real Estate	153,700.00
Other assets	825,025.47
TOTAL ASSETS	29,963,959.98
LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,495,276.02
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	19,927,956.07
Deposits of United States Government	8,863.78
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	2,317,761.32
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	169,893.95
TOTAL DEPOSITS	25,919,745.14
a. Total demand deposits:	3,829,596.54
b. Total time and savings deposits:	22,090,148.60
Federal funds purchased & securities sold under agreement to purchase	695,000.00
Other liabilities	230,049.39
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,844,794.53
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Common Stock - total par value (No. shares authorized 6,000) (No. shares outstanding 6,000)	150,000.00
Surplus	1,700,000.00
Undivided profits	1,269,165.45
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,119,165.45
TOTAL LIABILITIES RESERVES & Capital accounts	29,963,959.98
MEMORANDA	
Average of total deposits for the 30 calendar days ending with the call date	25,704,357.00
Average of total loans for the 30 calendar days ending with call date	16,816,485.00
Standby letter of credit	178,981.59

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