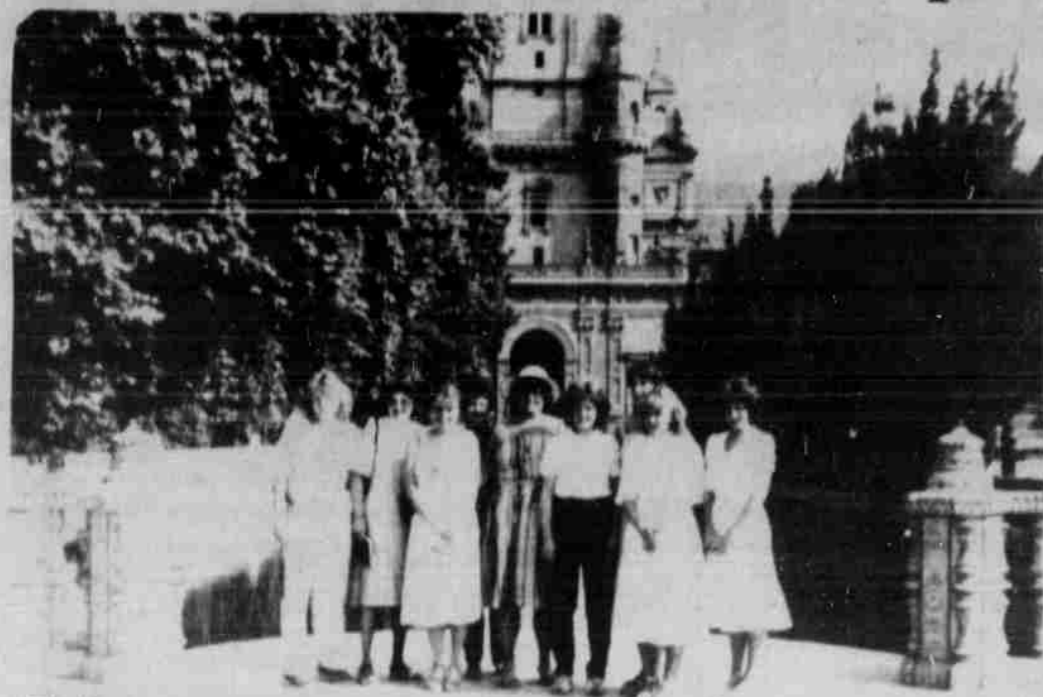


Local travelers recount European visit



The Heppner tour group poses for a photo in front of the American part of Maria Louisa Park in Seville, Spain.

Pictured from left to right are: Kathleen

(Editor's note: The following article is the second in a series to appear in the Gazette-Times concerning a recent trip to Europe made by several Heppner High School Spanish students, their teacher, one student's mother and a school counselor.)

Traveling south from Torremolinos, we were impressed with the diverse agriculture. The field boasted olives, wheat, grape vines, asparagus, oats, corn and tomatoes. Irrigation is done with water from reservoirs. They use both pipes and flood irrigation, depending on the crop. Although some modern

farming methods are used, we also saw a man plowing his field with a team of horses.

Our first stop was the city of Granada. In the center of town, we passed a statue of Queen Isabella and Christopher Columbus. Ole Chris was quite the hero in the "Old Country." Our major stop was the Alhambra - the summer home of kings. This palace and grounds were very interesting because they dramatically point out the differences between Moorish and Spanish philosophies, life styles and architectures. The Moor did not flaunt wealth. The outer facade was devoid of decora-

tion. In 1492, the Moors were banished from Spain and the outside of the Alhambra was redone by the Christian kings. Europeans tended to flaunt wealth and this is reflected in the ornate architecture. However, once inside, one can easily see the Moorish design. It was against their religion to reproduce images of living things. Therefore, all designs are geometric. Few colors are used: blue (sky), green (oasis), black (earth), yellow (power), and white, empty space.

Although built in the 1300s, the design, plumbing and security systems are remarkable. Reflection pools were

used for cooling and security as well as aesthetics. Cool running water under the floors cooled the interior building. Sauna baths and fountains functioned in the Alhambra over 600 years ago. The gardens, Generalife, were splendid with sculptured hedges and a variety of flowers and fountains.

Leaving Granada behind we headed to Seville. Here we ran into six students from Sherman County—small world! Some of the major sights in Seville are Maria Luisa Park, government buildings, the barrio - or old section - and the cathedral.

The cathedral in Seville is the third largest, after the Vatican and St. Paul's in London. One altar boasts over \$38,500,000 worth of gold, at current prices!

It was in Seville that a few of us ventured out on our own to have an authentic Spanish meal. Phrase board in hand, we made quite an impression on our waiter, not to mention other diners!

Our next major stop before Madrid was Cordoba. The town is built around a mosque that will hold 60,000 people. Over 1,000 columns help support the ceiling. These columns were salvaged by Moorish adventurers, some are Roman, Byzantine and Greek. Charles V commissioned a cathedral to be built in the center of this mosque. The choir loft alone took one man 40 years to hand carve.

Throughout Spain, we discovered structure that took 50-100-150 years to complete. Therefore, one can see different materials and styles in one building.

The next bus trip took six hours. It was during our traveling that friendships with other students and teachers developed. With the many marvelous sights we enjoyed, new friendships were one of the major highlights of our European adventures.

Next week - Madrid and Paris!

Clark, Valery Volesky, Carolyn Hughes, Claudia Hughes, Michele Portmann, Wanda Riley, Ann McLaughlin, Jennifer Hughes and Kimberly Hughes.

W.C.C.C. hosts Condon & Kinzua

Last Sunday, a total of 54 men and women enjoyed a full day of golf at Heppner's Willow Creek Country Club. Golfers from Condon and Kinzua joined together with the hosting Heppner club for the day's activities.

James Burns of Condon posted the low score for the day for the men with a 67 for 18 holes. Pat Edmundson had the low score for the women with a 39 for nine holes.

Winners from Kinzua were Rollo Loomis with a low gross score of 74 and Herb Wright with a low net score of 53.

Low scores from Condon came from Burns for low gross and Bob Cooney for low net with a score of 47.

Low scores from Heppner were posted by John Edmundson and Barry Munkers who tied for low gross with 69s and Jerry Daggett who won low net at 47.

Special event winners were Jon Mitchell and Rick Johnston, both of Heppner, and Pat Bunyard of Kinzua for closest to pin shots. Dale Holland, Jr. of Heppner, Max MacIntosh of Condon and Herb Wright of Kinzua were awarded for long drives.

For the women, low gross winners by club were Georgia Loomis from Kinzua, Dee Hollen from Condon and Susan Johnson and Bev Gunderson from Heppner. Low net winners were Andre Bunyard from Kinzua, Bethel Burns from Condon and Sue Jepsen from Heppner. Special event winners for the field included Edmundson for long drive and Hollen for closest to the pin.

Lunch was served to the group by a committee headed by Inez Erwin. After the meal, several stayed to play in a special scramble event with the team of Don Lott and Rollo Loomis taking first place with a low gross score of 26.

The final interclub activity of the year will be next Sunday

when Heppner travels to Kinzua. Men and women who plan to go should sign up in the club house or contact Bob Jepsen who is in charge of the activity and will coordinate rides for the event.



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Wilson family plans reunion

The third reunion of the descendants of William Stange Wilson is scheduled for Saturday, August 6 at the marina park in Irrigon.

This branch of the Wilson family played an important role in the settling of the West, and in parts of Oregon in the Willamette Valley around Independence. The Wilson River was named after him.

Born in Logan County, Ohio, in 1821, Stange Wilson was in his prime during the wagon train days of the 1850s, 60s and 70s and served on many trips over the Oregon Trail, both as wagon master and Indian scout. According to a Wilson family member, he is credited with saving a wagon train's people from starvation by shooting a sack full of jack rabbits. Stange was a close friend of Ezra Meekers and entertained him at his home in Boise, Idaho on Meekers' last trip through the area.

What's Your Opinion?



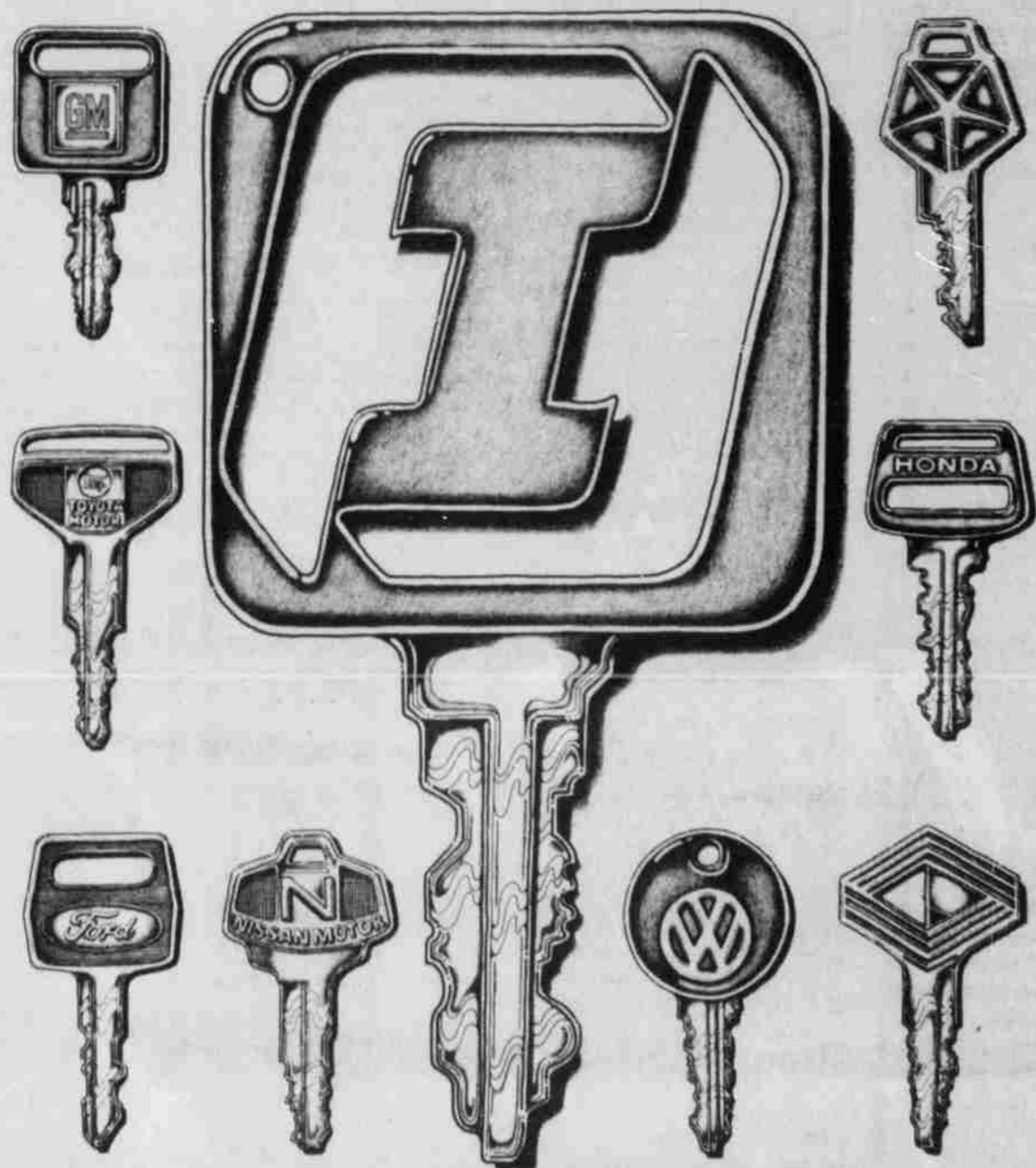
Question: "How do you feel about martial law being dropped in Poland last Friday?" "I think people should be as free as they are in the United States," said Beverly Miles of Clarkston, Wash.

Bible School slated

The First Christian Church of Heppner will be sponsoring Vacation Bible School August 8 through 12, from 9 to 11:45 a.m., announced the Rev. Don Shelton, pastor. All children ages four through fourth grade are encouraged to attend.

Activities including songs, puppets, Bible stories, crafts and games will be centered on the theme, "Jesus, Lord of Promises." There will be no charge to attend; however, voluntary offering will be taken each day to help defray costs.

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