

## Local travelers recount European visit



The Eiffel Tower (Tour de Eiffel) in Paris, France

(Editor's note: The following article is the fourth 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.)

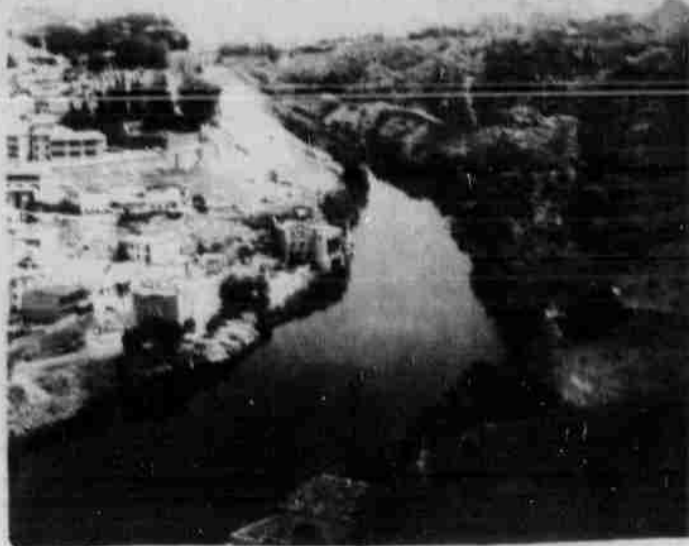
During our last day in Spain, we traveled through olive groves and almond orchards by bus to visit the country's oldest city, Toledo. When we say old, we're talking old — 200 B.C.! Toledo is built on a hill in a great curve of the River Tagus, actually it looked like a city of stone carved out of a hillside. At one time one million lived here; however, the population is now 45,000. A picturesque city of narrow winding streets, flowers and balconies, it is famous for its swords, its gold inlaid "damascening" introduced by the Moors but today called "Toledo Work," and El Greco, who lived there for 39 years until his death in 1614. We visited both a sword and inlaid jewelry factory and watched them pound the gold and silver as they decorated the swords and intricate jewelry.

Toledo was the capital of Visigoth Spain from 569 to 712 and after the Moorish occupation, was capital of Catholic Spain from 1085 to 1561. Prior to 1492, the Jews, Christians and Muslims lived side by side — now synagogues and mosques have been converted to Catholic churches. The Cathedral, one of the biggest and loveliest in Spain, has 88 pillars, 22 chapels, 750 stained glass windows and houses a treasury room with spectacular and priceless gifts. Archbishops are buried throughout the cathedral with their hats suspended from the ceiling above their tomb. Folklore has it that when a bishop's soul enters heaven his hat drops to the ground. Maybe that's why they were in the process of putting in the third marble floor—too many hats had fallen!

We also visited Gothic buildings, the 10th century Church of the Christ of Light, formerly a mosque, and Toledo's only intact Moorish building; and the massive Alcazar or fortress, which towers above the town. This fortress, which has been destroyed and rebuilt several times, was last pounded to rubble in the early days of the Civil War and then restored again. It contains many mementos of the siege.

There never seemed to be enough time and there was so much to absorb! We dashed for Toledo's hilltop restaurant for a delicious meal of bread, bean soup, Sangria and barbecued chicken, Spain's specialty, before boarding our bus back to Madrid. We made it just in time to board the overnight train for Paris.

With six passengers to a train compartment, which was approximately six feet by wide by seven feet long, our bags and purchases had to be juggled just right to fit. We soon were settled and enjoyed



The Tago River in Toledo, Spain

bunks in very little space and privacy! At 12 midnight our compartment was awakened by a Happy Birthday serenade for Claudia Hughes from the Heppner group! Were we ever surprised to awake again around 1:30 a.m., peek out the window, and discover we had been hoisted high in the air! To discourage invaders, when one reaches the border, the train is lifted up to change the wheels as the track is a different size in France!

Goodbye Spain, hello France! The first thing we noticed when dawn arrived was the change in the architecture of the homes— from white stucco houses with relatively flat red roofs in Spain to stone cottages with French windows and peaked roofs in France and the acres of abun-

dant gardens, green hillsides and the RAIN!

Paris arrival—10:30 a.m. By this time we are pretty experienced at loading and unloading, but nothing had prepared us for the touring hotel: 100 winding narrow steps to our room, a dim light that went off and on on the way up, certain accommodations lacking in le toilette, and three-fourths of a bed for two people. Needless-to-say, we just chalked this up as part of the overall experience and spent as little time there as possible. After all, we were in Paris and headed out to see the sights: Notre Dame Cathedral, the Seine, Arc de Triomphe, Place de la Concorde Square where Marie Antoinette was guillotined, the Louvre with its "Winged Victory," Venus de Milo and the Mona Lisa, and of course, the Eiffel Tower. The tower was built for the Exposition of 1889, cost \$1,000,000 and the fees alone that year nearly paid for it. It rises to 1,007 feet and was currently under reconstruction, so we were unable to go to the top, although the second level offered a fantastic view of this city of 10,000,000 people. Our first night in Paris ended with delicious crepes, singing in the Metro, and a walk in the rain past sidewalk cafes. More of France next week!

## Fair & Rodeo Court keeps busy before local event

The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court, Queen Lottie Laughlin, Princess Sylvia Ladd and Princess Dawn Timms, has been busy the past several weeks.

In July they rode in the Elgin Stampede and Parade and attended a luncheon. Later that week they attended a luncheon at the Commercial Club in Boardman.

At the sidewalk sale in Heppner the trio sold fruit punch and cotton candy.

The Irrigon Senior Citizen Meal Site was where they made their next appearance. Princess Sylvia read a poem she composed while Princess Dawn played the flute.

At the Umatilla County Fair the court, along with pennant bearers Bridgett Greenup, Stacey Kennedy, Bobbette Angell and Dvann Brosnan rode in the parade.

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## Lexington news

Delpha Jones 989-8189

Lexington Grange held their annual booster day and picnic last Sunday at Cutsforth Cabin. A bountiful dinner was enjoyed by all.

Guests for the day were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lewis of Baker and her mother, Edith Morin. Mrs. Lewis is the Oregon State Grange lecturer. She spoke on fellowship in the grange and reminded everyone that the grange is a legislative body, and encourages family participation, as children are also encouraged to attend events.

A good crowd enjoyed playing pinochle and visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck and Mr. and Mrs. Glover Peck spent the night there in their trailers.

The daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Breshears held an annual get-together at the John Day River Recreation Area recently. Those present were Marie Steagall and her husband of Lexington, Helen Crump and her husband of Alesia, Vera Steagall and her husband of Portland and Bunny Richelderfer and her husband of The Dalles. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crowell and family of Lone and Mr. and Mrs. Bill

Steagall of Portland, as well as other relatives.

Lexington C.W.A. met at the home of Marie Steagall on Monday. Plans were made to have a booth at the fair. Refreshments were served to Geri Martin, Charlene Papineau, Barbara Cutsforth, Frances Smouse, Josie Peck, Virginia Peck, Delpha Jones and the hostess.

Venice Hendrickson spent the weekend in Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Sager hosted a Hughey family reunion for Mrs. Sager's relatives over the weekend. Thirty-eight family members were present, including one brother they hadn't seen for three years. Four generations of the family were represented.

Relatives from Portland, Wallowa, Elgin, Spokane, Wash., and Missouri enjoyed dinner at the Rebekah Lodge Hall in Lexington, toured the Willow Creek Dam, played games and visited.

One of the Sagers' sons, Kirk, gave the sermon Sunday at the Lexington Christian Church.

## '83 HHS graduate wins scholarships

Tara Mahoney, a 1983 graduate of Heppner High School, has won a \$500 scholarship from the National High School Rodeo Foundation.

Mahoney, along with John Opie of Lawn, were the only two students from Oregon to receive the scholarship. The two were selected because of their successfulness in high school rodeo, among other qualifying factors.

She also recently received a \$200 scholarship from Levi Strauss for placing third in pole bending at the National High School Rodeo finals in Douglas, Wyo. (See related story.)

Mahoney plans to attend Blue Mountain Community College this fall and later transfer to a four-year college to major in accounting.

## Ione man wins \$250 scholarship at U of I

Jerry Rietmann of Ione, a student at the College of Agriculture at the University of Idaho, has won the \$250 John Otness Scholarship.

The scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding student at the university. Rietmann, who is majoring in agriculture economics, maintained a straight 4.0 grade point average last year at the

U of I. He is also a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

He graduated from Ione High School in 1979 and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rietmann of Ione.

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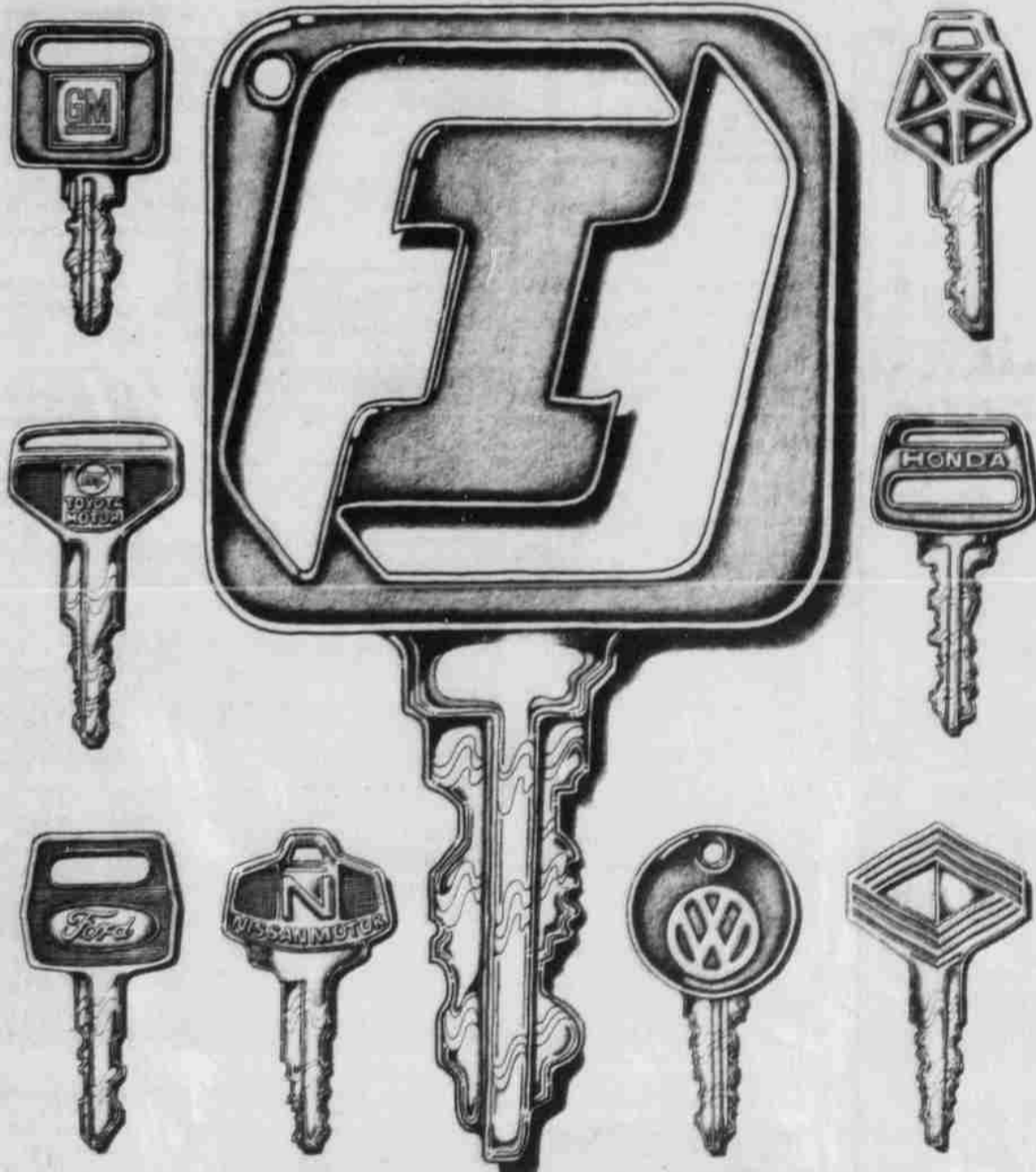
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