

Local women enjoy 2-week bus trip

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Ila Albert, Helen Currin, Inez Erwin, Fay Ferguson, Faye Finch, Frances Mitchell, Irene Swanson, Justine Weatherford and Ila's retirement home friend from Salem, Mildred Plummer, had a fine time traveling with 29 other folks from October 2 until October 15. Their bus trip took them across much of the middle of the U.S. from Boise, Idaho, to Springfield, Illinois, and Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and as they traveled into 10 states beyond Oregon, they learned about many interesting places.

When personal introductions were made over the microphone on the bus the first morning, we discovered that Lois (Saling) Lee and her husband, Don Lee, were from Weiser, Idaho, were really familiar with the Heppner area. Lois was born at Hardman and attended school in Heppner before moving to Pendleton where she was working in a bank along with Gene Pierce at the time she met and married Don from Idaho. Her father was Marion Saling, who had a long career in the U.S. Forest Service and her mother, Hazel McDonald Saling, is living in Echo. Mike Saling of Heppner is Lois's first cousin.

The first day's travel through central and eastern Idaho ended at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, near the base of the spectacular Teton Mountains which are already being covered with new snow. On Monday morning, the bus crossed the Continental Divide at Teton Pass at 9,658 feet in a beautiful snowfall. The snow disappeared as soon as a lower elevation was reached and the eastward journey continued through Casper to Douglas, Wyoming where so many Morrow County youth have participated in rodeo events.

Visiting historic Fort Laramie was very interesting the next day. This place was very significant in the early development of the West. Travel continued eastward to North Platte, Nebraska, through level prairie land where we observed acres of parched, stunted corn. Oregon folks had set their watches back before reaching Idaho, and then lost another hour when they passed Ogalla, Nebraska. We drove through many attractive towns and the capital city, Lincoln, and entered Iowa briefly on the way to our stopover at St. Joseph, Missouri. From there the route led through Chillicothe to Hannibal where everyone enjoyed a lengthy afternoon visit in Mark Twain Country along the Mississippi. This early riverport makes much of being the boyhood home of Twain (Samuel Clemens) and the locale of his stories about Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn. The setting for these stories, Aunt Polly's home and garden, the little old stores, and even the frightening cave are really big tourist attractions.

Leaving Hannibal, we crossed the Mississippi into Illinois and continued to Springfield for the night. The next morning, at 8 a.m., Miss Ursula Beagan, an outstanding Lincoln scholar, came aboard the bus and talked to us about Honest Abe and his life as she guided us to the beautifully preserved and restored billage of New Salem where Abe lived and worked and got his political start. After a fascinating visit in that outstanding Illinois State Park, we traveled back to Springfield where we visited the massive, Lincoln Family Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery and the beautifully preserved and maintained Lincoln home, very near the state capital buildings in Springfield. This was the only home that Lincoln ever owned. We all lunched in a very large cafeteria in a massive shopping mall in Springfield and then Miss Ursula guided us to the freeway on which we drove back to the "Father of Waters" at St. Louis, Missouri, where we spent a most excit-

ing afternoon and evening along the great river. Viewing the sensational Gateway Arch, traveling up to its top view windows on its concealed railway and seeing the film telling of its amazing construction was very thrilling. The arch is our nation's tallest monument, extending 630 feet above the ground and spanning 630 feet at ground level. The foundations for the arch are sunk 50 feet below the ground level, the lower 30 feet being in bedrock. Ero Saaripen, the architect, claimed that this stainless steel building should last a thousand years. From its top, one can see for many miles eastward from whence the pioneers moved and to the West for which St. Louis calls itself the gateway. Just across the boulevard from the monument, there are three very modern, high-rise apartment buildings topped with recreational areas built around rooftop swimming pools. From the high viewpoint at the top of the arch, these looked like toy buildings topped with little soap dishes full of water.

That night everyone attended a splendid buffet dinner aboard the Goldenrod Showboat which is anchored very near the arch. After dinner, we went into the boat's theater to view a quaint Charlie Chaplin silent movie and to see a stage play spoofing Sherlock Holmes and a lively vaudeville show featuring excellent

County sheriff warns of confidence schemes

One of the most frequent crimes committed is fraud perpetrated by confidence criminals, says Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago. "A most unfortunate aspect of this type of crime," according to the sheriff, "is that many times older persons are the victims."

Confidence schemes are usually played against otherwise law-abiding citizens who put too much faith and trust in other persons. According to Sheriff Drago, "It is our suggestion that all citizens thoroughly investigate direct solicitors for services such as pest control, home repairs, driveway paving, and schemes which indicate a discovery of sums of money in which there is a promise of sharing the funds before any commitment is made."

It is further recommended that any person solicited in these areas should:

1. Check the reliability of the solicitor with the local sheriff or local police;
2. If you have doubts about a solicitor, ask for bank references or even contact your local Chamber of Commerce of Better Business Bureau; and
3. Closely read and understand fully all of the fine print contained in contracts for these types of services.

The sheriff also pointed out that many times older persons

musicians and dancers.

The next morning (Saturday, Oct. 8) we traveled south into the Ozarks for a three-night stay at Branson, Missouri, where we found bumper-to-bumper traffic as crowds of people poured into this popular resort area for the weekend. Surrounding Branson, there are dozens of special attractions, all hoping to draw tourist patronage. Our first afternoon and evening, there we went out to the farm immortalized by author Harold Bell Wright in his book "Shepherd and the Hills," where we toured the farm on which Wright lived and wrote. We ate there at a very crowded "Aunt Mollie's Cupboard" and went to the evening's production of "The Shepherd of the Hills Paigeant" in the spacious outdoor theater set in the lovely white oak woods. The stage area was at least three blocks long and accommodated the many actors, animals, horse-drawn conveyances and two very early motor cars. A big gun fight and the spectacular burning of a log cabin were exciting moments in this play based on Wright's story and characters.

(The next half of this travel story will continue with more entertainments near Branson and will conclude with the westward trip across Kansas, Colorado and Utah and back to Boise.

Error found in '82 BMCC property tax levy

Ted White, Umatilla County assessor, announced last week that an error had been made in computing Blue Mountain Community College's 1982 property tax levy.

The possibility that an error may have occurred was first raised by College President Ron Daniels in a preliminary end-of-year financial report to the college board. In that August 17th report, Daniels told college board members that preliminary audit figures indicated that property tax collections for 1982 had exceeded estimates by approximately \$233,000. Daniels said, "If the reported figures are accurate, that means that property tax payments for 1982 would have exceeded 98 percent. When you consider that collections very rarely exceed 90 percent, I am convinced that the reported figures are incorrect."

The college auditors, Morrison and Fife of Pendleton, were asked to confirm the figures with the Umatilla County assessor's office. A subsequent check with Ted White in the Umatilla County assessor's office confirmed that an error had been made in deducting a 1982 property

tax offset against the college levy.

The offset resulted from a prior year's property tax payment by the PGE Coal Fired Power Plant, located in Morrow County. The offset was properly deducted from the Morrow County levy, but due to a clerical error in the Umatilla County assessor's office, the offset was not deducted from the Umatilla County levy.

The error resulted in the Umatilla County levy being \$268,252 more than it would have been had the offset been properly applied.

According to Umatilla County Assessor Ted White, failure to reduce the levy resulted in an excess levy of 0.1967 per \$1,000 taxable assessed valuation. This means that the owner of a \$50,000 home paid \$9.84 in overpayment of property taxes for 1982.

The assessor's office has requested from the Department of Revenue an official ruling on the procedures necessary to correct the error. A ruling from the Department of Revenue is anticipated within a week to 10 days.

Livestock judging team does well at P. I.

The Heppner High School livestock judging team attended the Pacific International Livestock Exposition in Portland on October 8 and placed in the top 20 of 121 Oregon. Washington and Idaho teams, reports HHS instructor Roger Record. The Heppner team members also placed third in the market

lamb division and received a banner for their efforts. Records said this was the first banner Heppner had won since 1966.

Heppner members Kevin Hughes, Noelia Rill, Travis Harrison, Kim Wright, Andrea Ball, Loren Hayes and Tammy Hays attended the exposition with Records.

Primroses subject of club meeting

"Primroses" was the subject of the meeting of the Ione Garden Club led by Lorraine Ladd at the home of Joyce Buchanan on October 12 with Virginia Peck assisting.

Primulaceae or primrose, suggests the very early-flowering habit of the wild primroses of Europe. Primroses come in a wide range of colors, patterns and forms, the group learned. They usually grow from four to 12 inches tall with a cluster of leaves at the base of a cluster of flowers. They need shade, coolness and moisture, but not swampy conditions. They should be planted in partial shade with north exposure in acid soil fortified with generous amounts of humus to help retain moisture.

Plants may be divided immediately after flowering in the late spring or summer. Most people buy plants, but if you wish to sow seeds, this must be done in the spring or fall. Division should be done every three to four years.

The best known primroses are the hybrid polyanthus auricula (dwarf) and vulgaris which are perennials. There is also an annual called primula malacoides or fairy primrose.

Members attending a district meeting in Pendleton reported receiving awards from the state federation for first place for outstanding program cover for a district meeting, 100 percent subscriptions to the state newsletter, and contribution to the Willamette Cemetery. The club also received second place for their yearbook at the district level.

The Ione Garden Club has made contributions this year to the Willamette Cemetery, the Roadside Council, national and state life memberships, Leach Gardens in Portland, World Gardening and the Lexington Garden Bugs for establishing the Lexington city Park, said a club spokesperson.

HHS celebrating Homecoming week



HHS Homecoming Court from left to right: Ann McLaughlin, Eric Thompson, Carla Miles, Sarah Forrar, Sid Kennedy, Stephani Payne, Cam George and Pam Orr. Not pictured: Greg Orr and Steve Currin.

"You Can't Bring a Mustang Down" is the theme of this week's homecoming activities at Heppner High School.

If local residents are wondering why high school students have been sporting "strange" attire, dress-up days are scheduled for the entire week. Monday was Cowboy Day, Tuesday was Nerd Day, Wednesday was Punk Rock Day, Thursday is '80s Day, and a tug of war, a sock hop and an ice cream feed are scheduled, and decorations will be put up for a

dance which will be held following the football game Friday night. Friday will be Blue and Gold-Hat and Tie Day. A faculty pep assembly is scheduled for 3 p.m., followed by a parade and downtown pep assembly at 4 p.m. The football game against number one ranked Enterprise will begin at 7:30 p.m. The dance, with music by the Jim Ackley Band, will run from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Polled hereford sale to be held Sat

A Kirk and Robinson Ranches Polled Hereford Sale will be held October 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., announces the Robinson family. The location of the sale has been changed and will be held at the owners' Hinton Creek ranch, one and a half miles east of Heppner on Highway 74.

are in modest condition; both factors contributing to the animal soundness. Other guidelines for this herd have been keeping abreast of the need for larger and trimmer foundation stock with feed conversion efficiency, calving ease, larger weaning weights and higher production percentages.

This Morrow County purebred cattle operation has been in business locally for 35 years. For the first time, they are giving buyers the opportunity to select by sealed bid.

from their entire offering of 60 semen and bangs tested bulls, which have been weighed. A limited number of cows with calves at side, as well as some bred and open heifers may also be purchased. Sales from this herd have previously been sold by private treaty and limited shows and consignments to the state newsletter, and contribution to the Willamette Cemetery. The club also received second place for their yearbook at the district level.

These range-raised cattle

This year's Homecoming Court includes seniors Sid Kennedy, Greg Orr, Eric Thompson, Sarah Forrar, Carla Miles and Ann McLaughlin, and juniors Steve Currin, Cam George, Pam Orr and Stephani Payne.

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