

Judge buys Centennial button



Morrow County Judge Don McElligott buys the first Morrow County Centennial button from Delpha Jones, chairman for the centennial, on the steps of the Morrow County Courthouse Friday, July 20.

Plans are going well for the Morrow County Centennial Celebration said Centennial Committee Chairperson Delpha Jones.

The city of Lexington has planned an afternoon and evening of events this coming Saturday, July 28. A senior citizen bus from Irrigon will make a trial run at that time to determine if enough people will participate to make future bus trips between the end of the county a feasible activity.

The bus will leave Irrigon in the morning with stops at Wells Springs, Cecil, Valby Lutheran Church, the Willow Creek Dam, Morrow County Courthouse, and the County Museum before arriving at the Lexington celebration at 3 p.m.

If this bus trip is well attended, the Historical Society will also sponsor bus trips from the south end of the county to the Irrigon Watermelon Festival and Centennial Celebration, says chairman Jones. "This will be a real celebration with concessions, centennial booths, and boat trips on the Columbia River," said Jones.

In addition to the Lexington and Irrigon celebrations, the Historical Society is planning an event at the Morrow Co. Fair. Jones asks that anyone with old fashioned dresses, hats, shoes, etc. contact either her or Ruth McCabe. If they are unable to obtain models for the fashions, they will prepare a display of the items.

Centennial buttons are now on sale and Jones expects the Centennial hats to be on sale soon. The

Centennial committee "urges all towns in the county to attend the celebrations and to continue to co-operate to make this a unified effort and a unified 'county' event," concluded Jones.

Creative Arts Club announces projects

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Club has announced that a watercolor class will be held July 30, 31, Aug. 1, and 2 at the Heppner Junior High Cafeteria from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost of the class taught by Tina Sharp is \$15. Anyone interested in registering for the class should call 676-5408, 676-5039 or 676-9636.

The Creative Arts Club has decided to support the "Artist in Education" program in the public schools. They propose to do this by sponsoring a drawing to be held at the Morrow County Fair. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased from

Heppner T.V. adds service

A new service is being added to Heppner T.V., Inc. For the next ten days, a spokesperson announced, experimental programming will be broadcast over Channel 3. "Nickelodeon," designed for preschool through teenage audiences will be transmitted from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. "Arts and Entertainment," features the visual and performing arts including Broadway plays and dramatic and comedy series from the British Broadcasting Corporation and will be transmitted from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. daily.

Additional equipment has been ordered for the transition to new programming which will replace the three Washington channels. Heppner T.V. expects the changeover to be sometime in September.

The next network to watch for on channel 3, Heppner T.V. advises, will be WGN from Chicago which includes movies, sports, specials and syndicated programming.

Comments about these stations should be left at the Heppner T.V. office at 126 E. Willow.

Births

Justin Robert Claeys - a son, Justin Robert was born June 29 to Carmen and Randy Claeys of Salem. He weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman Clow of Irrigon. Justin joins a sister, Rachele, 2 1/2 at home.

G-T history

suspended publication of the Herald, leaving the Gazette-Times Heppner's sole newspaper again.

Under Crawford's editorship, the G-T won the Sigma Delta Chi trophy as the best weekly newspaper in the state in 1931.

Vawter Crawford died in April 1935 and his sons ran the paper until O. G. Crawford, Vawter's younger brother, took over. In 1952, O.G. sold out to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Penland. The Penlands sold to Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Wildman, who remained in Heppner only eight months. Then, in 1966 Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sherman bought the paper. Mr. Sherman died in 1969 and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heard bought the G-T. In July 1973, Ernest Joiner bought the paper and then sold it in 1976 to Mr. and Mrs.

Jerry Reed. The Reeds sold to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Sheldon in August 1979. In 1980, the Sheldons sold the paper to its present owners, David and Wil Hilton-Sykes, who also own the Enterprise, headquartered in Boardman.

Editors note: information for this article was gleaned from accounts submitted from the late O.M. Yeager in 1963. Yeager was a historian and former Heppner resident; from "History of Oregon Newspapers," by George S. Turnbull, professor of journalism at University of Oregon published in 1937; from Frances Cox Griffen, who obtained information from a thesis by Brant E. Ducey; and from an account of G-T history written in 1963 by the late O.G. Crawford.

Rival editors Words deliver final blow

An outstanding anecdote in Gazette-Times history is contained in a note by O.M. Yeager which Giles French includes in his account in "Homesteads and Heritages. A History of Morrow County, Oregon." Yeager recalls, "I once saw a terrible fist and knock-out battle on Main Street." J.W. Redington, editor of the Gazette, had published something in his paper which was derogatory to E.M. Shutt and his paper, the Times.

Redington printed a story that cast some aspersions on Shutt and a young woman who was working in the "Times" office. Yeager says, "They had been carrying on something of an editorial battle for

months, and Mr. Shutt and his paper were getting the worst of it. Mr. Redington had a fiery tongue and his witicism has never been surpassed or equaled in the newspaper field. He was known as the 'Bill Nye' of the West. Mr. Shutt, who was a much younger man and a trained athlete, was too much for the old Indian Scout and fighter, beat him up pretty badly. Years later, Shutt's daughter Marion, wrote this: "Mr. Shutt went to the Courthouse and paid his five dollar fine, so he could not be tried for assault and battery."

"But, the very next issue of the Gazette almost made the ghosts dance with glee, at the blistering leveled at Mr. Shutt and the Heppner Times."

any club member in quantities at a cost of 50 cents each or three for \$1. The first prize which will be offered is a framed oil painting by Cork Norene titled "Over the Back Fence", which will be on display at Murray's Drug in Heppner. This will be the first of several paintings offered during the year by members of the club.

A spokesperson for the club reminds members to get their work to the Morrow County Fair Grounds for the art display and entrance for judging in the fair this year. Entry time is from 1 to 8 p.m. Sunday, August 12. Betty Mills, 676-5546 has asked for volunteers willing to help get the booth space ready for the fair.

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Masons honor 60 yrs. service

On Sunday, July 8, 1984 Glenn Cooper, master of Heppner Masonic Lodge No. 69 accompanied by Brother Paul Jones, marshal of the Lodge presented a lifetime Memorial Fund Certificate from the Grand Lodge of Oregon to Mrs. Hazel

Bauman and her son Carroll in memory of C.J.D. Clarence Bauman. They were also presented with a plaque from the Heppner Lodge commemorating his 60 years of dedicated service to Masonry.

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