

Couple celebrates 50th



Dolores and Lowell Gribble

Dolores (Mills) and Lowell Gribble will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at an open house at the Heppner Elks Club from 7 to 10 p.m., Friday, Aug. 10.

They were married December 31, 1934 and moved to the Pendleton area 10 years later where Lowell worked as a sales representative for a gasoline company and operated a service station.

In 1952 they moved to Heppner where Lowell became the co-owner (with Len Halderson from Condon) in the InLand Chemical Service. The Gribbles remained in Heppner for over 25 years.

The Gribbles are presently retired and spend their summers in Salem and winters at Indio, California.

Their three children; Douglas of Centralia, Washington; Stuart of Issaquah, Washington; and Barbara Derrick of Pendleton; and six grandchildren invite all their friends to the anniversary celebration. They request no gifts.

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Plant and animal life continued to thrive under Morrow's sky through the warm days of July. As I write, many acres of wheat are being harvested. Many truck loads of logs are rolling down Heppner's Main Street to the Kinzua Mill. During the last month a few human animals began life and a few ended their days here.

Very soon after July 4th celebrations, Heppner merchants held a Saturday Market. Although there were many bargains displayed that hot day, the buyers seemed rather apathetic. Maybe a little lively music was needed to pep up the quiet affair.

New School Superintendent Doyle McCaslin took over from Matt Doherty and began to get acquainted with county folks. Groups of county youngsters enjoyed summer learning at several church Vacation Bible Schools. A group of 4-H youngsters had a week at summer school on the Oregon State University campus.

The Oregon State Department of Fish and Wildlife's planting of 16,000 Rainbow trout above the Willow Creek Dam, 600 larger Rainbows below the dam and 25,000 Rainbows in Penland Lake brought joy to many fishermen. Members of the Heppner Swim Team and members of the Willow Creek Country Club became very involved in competitions at home and elsewhere.

The State Marine Board meeting in Portland was of great interest to south county residents who are eager to see the lake behind Willow Creek Dam developed to its full recreational potential. Further consideration and public input was deemed wise and the final action concerning the use of the reservoir will be announced later.

The few townspeople who visited with Rosel and Armand LaPalme, who came to Heppner because her granduncle was Henry Heppner after whom the town is named, found this Massachusetts couple very pleasing and interesting and delighted with this town.

The 20-year reunions celebrated by the Heppner High classes of 1964, 1965 and 1966 kept the arrangement committee members and all who attended the three days of activities and many local grandparents who got in some extra child care mighty busy. I enjoyed having the W. W. Weatherford III foursome plus their Basset Hound, their Keeshound and their black cat with me for 14 days. However, after they all departed on Sunday, July 22, I found I was tired and that the quiet house and yard promoted better resting.

Celebration of Morrow County's 100th Birthday is gaining momentum. Last Saturday's celebration at Lexington was a fine effort. It was good that a busload of visitors from the north county made a tour through Ione, Valby, Heppner and Lexington that day shepherded by Ruth McCabe of the Morrow County Historical Society.

Maybe not too many readers have noted the change in the format of this now 100-year-old newspaper. The overall paper is smaller now and has dropped from eight columns to only six, although the columns are a bit wider. This change brings the paper in line with those published by other members of the National Newspaper Association and the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association.

How good it is to learn that the Morrow County Courthouse may receive national recognition. This 1902 structure was carefully built from stone quarried on nearby Balm Fork. It is certainly a big plus for the county that the building has had such good care and maintenance during its years. Now we are noting a change in its landscaping with the planting of low shrubbery along its sloping front lawn.

For several weeks I have been hearing that there was an urgent need for citizens to file for the positions available on the Heppner City Council and for the office of the city's mayor. Although I have never thought I might aspire to public office, I did some investigating and picked up a copy of the city charter and of a nominating petition, with the idea that I would study the situation. Now, I have been informed that one of the newer council members is actively working toward becoming mayor and that a recently retired Heppner High School teacher may be filing. Since these persons are both capable, I probably will not file, but I am satisfied that I have learned a little more about the operation of our city's government.

During these last several weeks I have been thinking about possible ways to improve Heppner, and I've arrived at the one thing I feel is basic—the stimulation of civic pride in each citizen. I am hoping that all residents will clean up, fix up and really beautify their dwellings and yards and will begin to feel justifiable pride in this city which is a very good, sharing and caring place to live for children, for families and for older citizens, too.

This month, August, is County Fair Month. Fine groups of volunteers are hard at work implementing plans for a best-ever fair. They are striving to make this county-centennial-year fair more appealing to more folks than former fairs. We hope these leaders will achieve, with citizen help, a more beautiful, more interesting, better attended fair than usual. Let's all plan to enjoy the parade and rodeo events, too. And let's make visitors feel our pride in our city and in our 100-year-old county.

CBEC hires area att'y

The Columbia Basin Electric Coop Board of Directors met Thursday, July 26, and selected Val Doherty of Heppner to replace the deceased Herman Winters as the Co-op's legal representative. Their decision followed interviews with two local and two out-of-town attorneys reported CBEC Manager Fred Toombs.

Other business conducted by the Board included:

- approval of an extension of the capital term certificate of the Co-op financial corporation, a supplemental lender to C.B.E.C. The purpose of the extension is to retain the viability of the corporation because C.B.E.C. is unable to borrow all of its funds from the Rural Electrification Association.

- discussion of the Region IX meeting to be held October 9-11. November 8 was established as the date for the Co-op's annual meeting which will be held at Fossil. Public notices will appear the first two weeks in August so that prospective candidates for board positions will be able to contact the nominating committee.

DMV Schedule

The Heppner office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed August 3 and 15; the office in Condon will be open on those dates. August 6 through August 17, the Heppner office will be on call to the Hermiston office; anyone needing assistance during that time should call either the Heppner office, 676-5165, or the Hermiston office, 567-3804 before coming in.

The Heppner office will be open August 20 through 24 and closed August 27 through September 3.

Hospital Notes

The following patient was admitted and discharged from Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner during the past week:

Linda Cecil, Heppner - admitted July 24, discharged July 27.

The following patients were still receiving care at the hospital as of presstime, Monday:

Fred Hoskins, Heppner - admitted July 24.

Alba Moyer, Heppner - admitted July 27; and

Clell Rea, Ione - admitted July 21.

contact the nominating committee. preliminary discussion of the Kinzua contracts which will involve development of a wheeling contract to allow electricity produced at the Kinzua co-generation plant to be connected with the Bonneville Power Association system. The board has taken no action on these contracts, concluded Toombs.

Pre-fair work day set

Morrow County Extension Service has announced an open class and 4-H Fair Work Day scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Everyone is urged to come. A potluck dinner will be held at 2:30 p.m.

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