

Woolery home: prominent historic feature in Ione



By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

This recent photograph by Sue Vinson shows the historic Woolery Home in Ione. Built in 1896 by J.A. Woolery, it is still a dominate feature of the residential sector of Ione.

Last Sunday, Oct. 7, the J.A. Woolery's fourth daughter, Josephine Woolery Conway, visited this county where her roots go deep and where her

late husband, D.J. Conway, who died in Portland on Sept. 21, will be buried in Ione's High View Cemetery. She is very proud of her Morrow County birthplace and has kept in touch with matters here through her life-long readership of the Gazette-Times and through irregular visits.

Petite, attractive, vivacious Josephine, or Joie, Conway was driven to Morrow last Sunday from West Portland by a born-in-Ireland friend, Reg Redston, formerly of County offaly where he lived in the town of Birr near the River Shannon. Redston had become acquainted with the Conways because D.J. and he shared a great interest in things Irish. Mr. Conway, who was a keen student of the history of Morrow County and especially of the Irish community here, was a nephew of Morrow County pioneer, Ada Parker Ayers of historic Parker's Mill. Josephine and Reg had come here to tend to business matters, to make arrangements with Sweeney Mortuary for D.J.'s burial and for a grave marker and to enjoy attending the annual meeting of the Morrow County Historical Society.

Josephine's parents, Helen Vilott and Joseph A. Woolery, were married in Clackamas County in 1888, then lived briefly in The Dalles and later in Grant County where Helen had been born in a log cabin. young J.A. Woolery worked at driving the stage from Heppner through Monument to John Day. The couple lived in and owned a general merchandise store in Hardman from 1889 into 1892 when they moved to Ione and had a general store, some wheat lands and where Josephine began a bank and served as the first mayor of Ione. The land for the Ione City Park was donated by the Woolerys and was developed into the present park in later years by the Ione Garden Club.

The Woolerys were parents of four daughters: Audrey, born in Hardman in 1889, Edna 1892 and Velmaleta, 1894, were born in the family's first home at Ione, and Josephine was born in 1902 in their large, newly built Victorian home pictured here. 'Joie' went to Ione schools through the ninth grade. She moved with her parents to the Portland area in 1916 where she attended Lincoln High School.

Since the Woolerys left Ione, the big house has been owned by several families and has been used in various ways. Mrs. Elmer Ladd tells me they bought the house from Mary Holtz about 1973. They repaired it and repainted it and added wrought iron work while they lived there. In 1980 the Ladds sold it to the Turley family. He was employed at the coal fire plant at Boardman and Mrs. Turley, a beautician, installed a shop in one parlor. The Turleys moved back to Utah early this year and the house is unoccupied just now.

Wood stove seminars slated at fairgrounds October 15

Two wood stove seminars will be held Monday, Oct. 15 at the Morrow County Fairgrounds by the Oregon State University Extension Service.

According to Robert Wright, energy agent for the Extension Service, the first seminar entitled "Making Friends with your Wood Stove" will begin at 7 p.m. It will include such things as the basics of heat transfer, safe installation methods, improved fireplace efficiency, guidelines for stove efficiency, wood burning economics, state and DEQ regulations and ventilation and humidification techniques.

The second seminar will start at 8:30 p.m. and is entitled, "Heating Water with your Wood Stove". It will cover things like:

- how to connect your wood stove and water system.
 - safety considerations.
 - common errors.
 - typical costs and savings.
 - sources of hardware.
 - experiences of Oregonians who have installed systems.
 - who should not do it.
 - what the building code says.
- Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be no admission charge.

BMCC slates meeting in Lexington

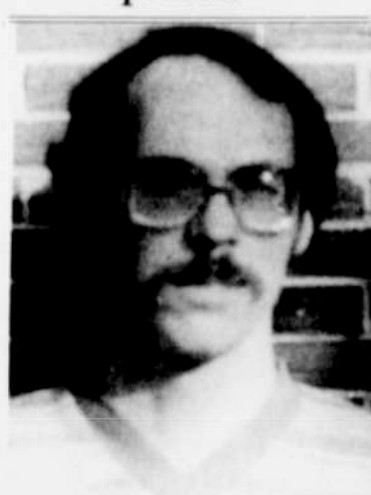
Blue Mountain Community College Board will be holding one of its two meetings outside of Umatilla County at the Morrow County School District office in Lexington.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The board has announced its agenda as follows:

- new contract with faculty.
- appoint budget committee for south Morrow County.
- offer a new contract for the nursing instructor.

-discuss the continuing education program.

What's Your Opinion



Question: "Do you feel that the state officials are doing everything they can in the voting situation involving Rajneesh Puram?"

"It seems to me like they could be doing more," said Doug Sheirbon of Heppner, "because I'm against what's going on down there. They shouldn't have let it get to the point where it's at...the Rajneeshes are probably within the law, but it's a little shaky."

Morrow County Chronicles now available

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MORROW COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Morrow County Chronicles are now available, in time for the county centennial celebration, announced a spokesperson for the Morrow County Historical Society.

The Morrow County Chronicles are published annually by the Morrow County Historical Society and may be purchased for \$3 at the county museum or at the Gazette-Times office in Heppner.

4-H'ers plan mini-park dedication for Oct. 13

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They've worked hard at the project, 4-H'ers of all ages, leaders, and individuals who have given them a hand. Now the little mini park is almost completed. In fact, the members plan a dedication ceremony on Heppner Centennial Saturday, October 13th.

That date will see the project completed as far as possible this fall, with planting of trees, shrubs, spring bulbs, and other finishing details carried out on Friday, October 12th, the final 4-H work day.

The mini park project was undertaken by 4-H'ers in a way of saying "thank you" to the community for continued support. It also became a symbol of pride in community to the workers, and offered a sense of satisfaction in adding some bit of beauty to what was an unsightly vacant lot.

Four-H has several to thank for help on their project; Doug Smith of Heppner Bowl, for instance, who provided free soft drinks to workers.

Then there was Columbia Basin Electric who sent a crew to prune and shape a tree. The Fair Board loaned a dump truck to haul away debris and haul in new soil and river rock. Fire Chief Forrie Burkenbine

brought the fire truck to stand guard as debris was burned; Ansoleguis hauled big rocks donated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for landscape accent; Mark Tullis, Tul-Tec, Ione, brought his mobile crane in to move and place the rocks; Chamber of Commerce is providing funds for shrubs; Soroptimist Club of Heppner is donating a tree; Kinzua Corp donated bark dust and boards. The list is long and continues to grow. Topping the list are Arnie and Rita Hedman, who own the lot and made it possible by allowing 4-H to take on the challenge of building a bit of beauty for Heppner.

Four-H invites you to take a little walk thru the mini park, pause and reflect on what can happen with enthusiasm, cooperation, and work... and even fun! The final addition to the mini park will be a bench around the big old tree, where, maybe, next summer you may want to sit awhile. You may even be inspired to look around and see what other little things and places in your town can be made lovely thru much the same procedures as outlined above. The 4-H'ers will have a memory of working together toward their goal, and feel a sense of accomplishment. It's a matter of community pride.... Enjoy it!

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