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Weather

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	High	Low	Precip
Tuesday, May 7	60	42	.01
Wednesday, May 8	63	35	
Thursday, May 9	67	38	
Friday, May 10	58	28	.05
Saturday, May 11	56	28	
Sunday, May 12	65	39	
Monday, May 13	75	39	.15

Descendants of Swedish pioneers prepare for Pioneer Picnic



Andrew S. and Sophia C. Carlson from Varmland, Sweden, who founded the Carlson Family of Valby.

attended the chartering meeting for the Swedish Lutheran Valby Congregation in 1886 and their children were baptized and confirmed there. Their first son Carl (Emil) was born in Sweden, 1879, a daughter Hilda in Chicago in 1881, the four younger children, Victor (Leonard), 1884; Amanda, 1888; Edith Carolina, 1891 and Benard, 1893 were born in Morrow County.

Sophia died in 1928 in her 78th year and Andrew lived until he was 81 in 1931. They are both buried in Rose City Cemetery in Portland.

Emil married Mary Ethel Harrison a teacher from Gervais in 1909. Their children are Janet, 1910, and Charles (Swede), 1915. Emil and Ethel farmed land he purchased adjoining his parent's place, working with his brother Leonard and brother-in-law Jesse Warfield. In 1945 the Carlsons retired and moved to Woodburn where they are buried.

The first Carlson daughter, Hilda, married Samuel Oscar Esteb in 1905 in Heppner. They had five children: Edwin Elmer, 1906; Hazel Edith, 1907; the third and fourth children died very young; their fifth was Virgil L., 1911.

Andrew and Sophia's second son Victor (Leonard) married Julia Hagstrom in 1917. They met when she came from Iowa to Portland to visit her friend then a neighbor of Celia McElligott. Their four children, Joyce Amanda, Clifford, Mildred Carolyn, Louis Andrew, grew up on the homestead place purchased from the family estate in 1934.

The fourth second-generation Carlson, Hilma Amanda, 1880, married Robert Jesse Warfield and they adopted a daughter, Laura.

The fifth of the Andrew and Sophia Carlson family, Edith Carolina, 1891 was married to Evers, Rouse, Olson and Hite. She died in Portland in 1969. The youngest member of the family, Benard, 1893, never married and was killed in a farm accident in 1939.

By 1883 Andrew and Sophia had moved their family to the Valby area to a homestead where their descendants are still living. Sophia's sister Louise and her husband Carl Anderson settled in the lone area where she died in 1905; she is buried at Valby Cemetery. Their sister Charlotta (Mrs. Andrew Anderson) is also buried at Valby.

Andrew and Sophia Carlson became parents of six. In March, 1890, Andrew obtained his U.S. citizenship at Heppner. He and Sophia continued to expand their land holdings as their family grew. The family had



Bernard, Amanda (Warfield) and Leonard Carlson who lived their lives in Morrow County.

This year's Memorial Day weekend, Morrow County Pioneer Picnic is being arranged by the descendants of Anders (Andrew) and Sophia C. Carlson, who came to America in 1880 from Grythttan-Holmtrop, Varmland, Sweden. They tarried briefly in Chicago where sometime in 1881 Andrew read pamphlets telling of free farm land in Eastern Oregon so they moved on. Two of Sophia's sisters and their husbands also came here. The womens' maiden name was Carl-dottor, their parents were Carl Andersons, and two of the sisters married Andersons. Sophia and Andrew Carlson were married in 1878.

Boardman firm adds to Picnic menu

Jim Heimbacker, general manager of Gourmet Brands of Boardman, has announced that Eldyn Colburn, supervisor of personnel, will be in charge of providing hot French fries for everyone who attends the Pioneer picnic May 26, in Heppner.

Gourmet brought French fries to the 1984 Morrow County Fair where they were a popular feature. Coming to the annual picnic is a new venture this year for this company which in one of the county's largest employers with more than 1200 workers.

Art meeting set

The Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts meeting for the month of May has been changed because of the Memorial Day holiday. The regular business meeting will be combined with a paint day May 21 at the Morrow County fairgrounds dorm building in Heppner.

Beginning at 10 a.m., Umatilla artist Gary Snyder will give a demonstration with colored pencils. Snyder, says an art club spokesperson, is a Realist, working in several mediums. He had a one man show last year at TZUM Gallery in La Grande. He teaches art classes at McNary and last week was the winner in Pendleton at the Arts Council show.

A sack lunch is planned at noon, concluded the spokesperson. Anyone wanting to paint or finish works in progress with the help of other members is encouraged to attend



Emil Carlson (father), son, Charles "Swede", Ethel (mother); daughter Janet, as photographed in 1932 at Janet's OSU graduation.

Budgets, Serial Levy go to voters May 21

A special election will be held in Morrow County Tuesday, May 21 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registered county voters may mark their ballots at the following polling places:

Combined Boardman precincts 1 & 2 at the Greenfield Grange Hall, lone 4 at the lone City Hall, Combined Irrigon 5 & 6 at the North Morrow Annex; and Combined Hardman-Heppner at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Morrow County voters will decide the fate of the Morrow County \$2,882,247 one year special levy needed to balance this year's county operating budget. Voters rejected a \$2,980,470 levy proposal on March 26.

Following the defeat budget cuts were made in the areas of capital outlay from the Hospital and Road Dept funds. Elected officials are scheduled not to receive salary increases. Morrow County Judge Don McElligott said earlier that should the county budget fail at this election, the County Court would have to begin cutting county services not mandated by statute.

Voters will also consider a three year serial levy of \$84,429 to help fund the LifeGuard medical transport service. LifeGuard is currently funded through a Umatilla County three year serial tax levy with a \$250,000 yearly amount. LifeGuard Executive Director Craig Manley has asked 11 counties within the helicopter's service area to share in funding the service on a percentage

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots for the Tuesday, May 21 election are available at the Morrow County Clerk's Office at the Courthouse in Heppner. Anyone who plans to be gone on election day may stop by the Clerk's Office and fill out an application for an absentee ballot or mail a letter saying that they will be absent during the election and need an absentee ballot. One letter may be sent for a husband and wife who both plan to be gone, but both need to sign the letter explained County Clerk, Barbara Bloodsworth.

Heppner man receives WWII medal

Former Heppner resident, Jim Kenny, recently received a Bronze Star which he earned serving with the 77th Infantry Division, taking Hill 87 on the island of Okinawa near the end of World War II.

He explained that because his squad leader was discharged soon after the battle, paperwork concerning his commendation was "lost in the shuffle." When his children became interested in his life history, he continued, he wrote to the Defense Dept. asking the government to send him the medals he had earned and related the story of the Bronze Star wondering if an explanation why he didn't receive it was in the records.

He said he was surprised to learn that he should have received the star

Spring concerts slated

Heppner schools spring music programs are set for this week and next week. The Heppner High School Band and Choir will perform their "Spring Concert" this Wednesday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym. Featured groups will be the high school concert band, the high school choir, the jazz ensemble and as a special attraction Kathleen Brazell will perform her piano solo from the state competition. Don't miss the Heppner High Choir's

Artist fellowships available

The Oregon Arts Commission announce recently that application forms are ready for the commission's Individual Artist Fellowship Program. This program provides fifteen cash grants of \$2,000 each to individual Oregon artists to assist in their professional development.

Artist fellowships have helped recipients explore new techniques, travel, develop collaborative pro-

jects with other artists working in their medium, and market their work both regionally and nationally. Application forms will be sent automatically by May 13 to individual Oregon artists currently listed on the Commission's mailing list. Additional forms can be obtained by contacting: Oregon Arts Commission, 835 Summer Street NE, Salem, OR 97301, phone 378-3625.

ideas, or problems to Hanna who will then relay them to Congressman Bob Smith in Washington.

The public is urged to attend and to communicate their thoughts.

Heppner girl picked for international sports exchange



Stephanie Payne

Stephanie Payne, outstanding senior track athlete at Heppner High School, has been selected by the International Sports Exchange to participate in a 10-day cultural trip to China, July 7-16. The trip will be highlighted by a track meet in Canton, China, against youth of China.

request for \$128,386 outside the existing tax base. Last year's total budget amount was within the tax base so no special levy was requested.

The present tax base reflects a tax rate of \$8.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. If approved, next year's budget would require an increase in the tax rate of approximately \$5.02 per \$1,000.

Payne is one of three area track athletes chosen to participate in the cultural trip. The others are Donna Schiewe of Weston-McEwen and Tim Porter of Helix.

International Sports Exchange is a California non-profit corporation run primarily by track coaches and is dedicated to providing athletes from the U.S. with the opportunity to compete abroad with other nations and to bring foreign teams and athletes to the U.S. for competition. I.S.E. offers athletes an opportunity to travel and compete in sporting events with athletes of different cultures and languages. The track team Payne will be a member of is composed of track athletes from Oregon and Washington.

There is no host country nor organization to fund the team and each athlete is responsible for raising the funds to pay his way. Payne has raised approximately 75 percent of the cost. A special account has been opened at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner and anyone wishing to donate to that account to help her raise the necessary funds is encouraged to do so.

Other fund raising activities are in the planning stages including a possible bicycle raffle.

plan European tour

On June 8, 1985, seven Heppner High School students, accompanied by Phyllis Piper and teacher Valery Volesky, will depart for a 21 day educational tour of Europe. Students participating in the tour are: Jack Estberg, Kim George, Loran Hayes, Chris McLaughlin, Jodi Paddberg, Sheri Piper, and Kym Warren.

The tour leaves from Seattle and will visit London, England; Paris, Bayeux, Tours, and Mt-St-Michel, France; Madrid, Toledo, Cordoba, Seville, Granada, and Torremolinos, Spain; and Tangiers, Morocco.

Highlights of the trip include a ferry ride past the Rock of Gibraltar, and visits to the Prado and Louvre museums, Normandy's D-Day beaches, and Buckingham Palace. The combination of sightseeing special excursions, and free time will enable the students to more fully appreciate the art, history, language, and entertainment of major cities in England, France, and Spain said Volesky.

Parade entry forms available

Entry forms for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade are being sent out this week, announced parade chairman, Joyce Hughes. All individuals, businesses, clubs and organizations may enter. Children especially are encouraged to participate. Due to liability insurance no motorcycles, go-carts, or small RV's will be allowed in the parade.

This year's Fair theme is "Alive in '85." Participants may want to feature this in their parade entry, although it is not necessary.

Entries will be judged prior to the start of the parade, at 9:15 a.m. on August 17. Cash prizes and ribbons will be awarded in approximately 15 divisions.

If you have not received an entry form by mail, you may obtain one at the Farmers Insurance office in Heppner or by calling Hughes at 676-5818 or 989-8412. The entries must be returned by July 31, 1985.

Circuit Rider coming May 22

Michael Hanna, "Circuit Rider" for Congressman Bob Smith will hold a public town hall meetings Wednesday, May 22, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Heppner City Hall.

The public is urged to attend and to communicate their thoughts.