

New books reflect small-town life

Two new books now available at Lone Public Library will delight and entertain anyone familiar with life in a small town.

"Lake Wobegon Days," by Garrison Keillor (Viking Penguin Inc. 1985) is a collection of episodes in the life of the people of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota. It contains graphic descriptions of the many characters and places that are found in small town United States. Filled with warmth and humor, sadness and tenderness, songs and poems, "Lake Wobegon Days" is an unforgettable portrait of small-town American life, of "why we are what we are" and "why smart doesn't count for much."

Garrison Keillor was born in Anoka, Minn. in 1942 and now lives in St. Paul. Since 1974 he has per-

formed every Saturday evening on the American Public Radio in the show he calls "A Prairie Home Companion." This show has been very successful and has received the Peabody and Edward R. Morrow awards for excellence (reviewed by Jean Nelson).

"A Short History of a Small Place," by T.R. Pearson, (Linden Press Simon and Schuster, New York, 1985) is a first novel and an enjoyable reading experience, particularly for anyone from a small place. From beginning to end a complete and telling tale is told of an interesting epoch of the town (and of its passing); when the Pettigrew family were first powerful and then wealthy eccentrics. But this is only a single cord which ties the book together; the story is

manyfold-people and events that make up the life of the place told with an earnest simplicity that is delightfully and outrageously funny. The humor comes directly from life and the twists of its experiences. Told from the viewpoint of an adolescent boy, people and events are described through the slant of his parents gossip and discussion as his youthful curiosity explores, observes, and absorbs the stories of his small-town niche. (reviewed by Kerry Rietmann)



To thicken a cream sauce, add a tablespoon of crushed dry cereal just before serving.

Beachfront lights disorient turtles

Newly hatched turtles, naturally attracted to the sea by the rising or setting sun, are easily disoriented by artificial lights from beachfront development. So, several Florida counties and towns have passed ordinances restricting beach lighting between May and October, the prime sea turtle nesting season. According to "International Wildlife" magazine, the protective ordinances require that beachfront lights be turned off after 11 p.m. or shielded so they don't shine directly on the beach. The penalty for not complying? A \$500-a-day fine and possible jail sentence.



Benzel - Curtis

Kim Benzel and Steven Curtis of Phoenix, Arizona, announce their engagement.

Benzel is the daughter of Pat Benzel of Springfield and George Benzel of Weston. She is a 1984 graduate of Weston-McEwen High School, attended Blue Mountain Community College and is presently employed by Contract Personnel Systems, Inc. of Phoenix, Arizona.

Curtis is the son of Rick and Liz Curtis of Heppner. He is a 1984 graduate of Heppner High School, attended Blue Mountain Community College, and will graduate from Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Phoenix, Arizona, in May.

The couple plan to marry June 20 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.



Kloepfel - Palmer

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kloepfel of Vernal, Utah, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Tina to Larry Palmer son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Palmer.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Helen and Everett Keithley, Heppner.

The couple plans to be married June 6 in Vernal, Utah.



Lankford - Rea

Bob and Betty Lankford of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi L., to Rick J. Rea of Heppner, son of Jerald and Leann Rea of Boardman.

The couple plans to be married May 2.

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

Bicentennials and centennials are continuously being celebrated throughout the world. Of course, where there are older histories, great celebrations call attention to events many hundreds or thousands of years ago. In our newer section of this new, young nation we don't commemorate many events over one or two hundred years past. Most of us were caught up in the U.S. Bicentennial of 1976, and we know we will be noting the bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution soon. Those of us who happen to enjoy history find these periodical celebrations most interesting and fine opportunities to refresh our knowledge of historical events.

In Oregon and Morrow County we have had chances to review our past rather regularly recently. Many of us do not think of past events unless the TV or our newspapers call our attention to them. As I made a quick review of documented events in our state and county since white persons first became aware of the Pacific northwestern area of the U.S. a few dates stand out.

The Morrow County History, in the pages 10 through 19, contains brief histories of most of the churches of our area. As the Christian world is now in the middle of the Lenten Season and will be celebrating its most holy day on Easter on April 19, many might be remembering how significant the development of all the churches of this area has been.

You surely remember that Morrow County was not born until 1885 when it and Gilliam County were separated from Umatilla County by the state legislature. However, before this event several of the area churches besides St. Patrick's and Valby had begun their formations.

Both the All Saints Episcopal and the Heppner United Methodist churches give 1876 as the date of their first services in Heppner. Neighborliness began early for the two congregations now located at the corner of Gale and Church streets. Local Episcopalian history states "In June 1889 when Bishop Morris traveled from Canyon City to Heppner, he entered this in his journal, 'two days travel brought us to Heppner which I found to be in the evening in the Methodist Church (kindly allowed by the minister in charge). We have six to eight communicants there, and I hope, with the assistance of the Rev. Mr. Potwine of Pendleton, to have services for them about once each quarter.' The Heppner United Methodists' Bishop Jack M. Tuell came from Portland to help lead their centennial celebration in October, 1976, while Rev. Steve Tollefson was the minister in charge here.

Other church histories state that plans to organize the Christian Church of Heppner began in 1893 and that the organization was officially begun in 1895. Several churches in Lexington began before 1900—the Congregational Church was built in 1887; the Methodist Episcopal was erected in 1899. A Southern Methodist Church functioned in Heppner for some time, and other churches have come and gone in south county locations since then.

As the years pass people here will have many good chances to review local history. Next year the Morrow County Historical Society (which was formed during the U.S. Bicentennial year) will lead in the centennial celebration of the coming of the railroad up Willow Creek, a great change-producing event. In anticipation of this centennial members of the historical society are attempting to collect pictures of Morrow County trains and events related to the building and operation of the railroad through the years. Any citizens who have usable pictures should contact the society's secretary Ruth McCabe of Lone as soon as possible.

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