

Events Around Adrian
By Dale Witt

ADRIAN - Mrs. Sue Ashcraft went to Madras June 20 and returned June 30. She visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Richards and granddaughter Connie and Kenny Bierman and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Gassner of Madras. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dodson and daughter and family came from Portland and joined the family get-together in the Ira Richards home.

Mrs. Sue Ashcraft attended the LDS pancake breakfast Monday morning at the Church at Owyhee Corners.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Mackey took dinner to the home of his mother, Mrs. Minnie Mackey. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Helton of Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo DeHaven went to Vale Friday and watched their grandchildren finish their swimming lessons and later went to the Danny Skerjanec for lunch.

Kimberly and Jeremy Cornmesser of Caldwell spent July 4 weekend with Jerry and Teresa Freel.

Carol Condie and Angela of Fruitland spent Sunday afternoon with her sister Cindy Freel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman called on Mrs. Dale Witt Saturday afternoon.

Saturday callers of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Remington Mrs. Albert Huff and Fanny Chamberlain.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Van DeWater and son Kent and Mrs. Van DeWaters cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Kieth Rundle of Axtell, Kansas were Sunday evening visitors in the Carl Begeman home.

Mrs. Bill Looney and Mrs. Anna Long flew to Anchorage Alaska June 7. They visited their sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coon. They went to Galena and spent a week with Mrs. Bill Looney's daughter Mary who works for the Bureau of Land Management. From there they flew back to Fairbanks where they were met by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Coons. They went with them in their camper and traveled down the highway through Mt. McKinley National Park and back to Anchorage. They had a trip down to Kenai Peninsula to Homer, Mrs. Looney returned home on Wednesday.

Sagers Observe

40th Anniversary

Raymond and Crete Sager celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 3. Their four children, mates and ten grandchildren were present for the anniversary and attended the morning service at the United Methodist Church. Around eighty friends and relatives enjoyed a potluck dinner in the Social Hall which followed a reception, after church.

Bonnie (Sager) Bevens and her husband Jerry made the golden tiered anniversary cake, which centered the reception table; with bouquets of white and yellow daisies around yellow candles furnished by Dorothy Wilson.

Their children attending the reunion were: Jerry and Bonnie Bevens with their two children arrived Thursday night by Amtrack, Harlan and Karen Sager from Portland arrived Friday evening to join their two children, who were visiting their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Beth Ellis, Letha and Kenneth Hummels with their three sons arrived by van from Fort Collins, Colorado Friday night, and Ellen and Larry Williams and their three children had been back-packing in the Clearwater, Idaho area and returned to Larry's home, the R. H. Williams in Fruitland. Besides their children, Raymond's uncle and aunt, cousins, brothers and sister with their families made it a happy time.

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REUNION TIME has come again for the Keck family. Flora Keck better known as Grandma Keck who lives at 309 Good Avenue in whose house the reunion is being held at for the week July 2-10.

A Round Up Of Kecks

Mrs. Flora Keck, who moved to Nyssa from Oklahoma in 1916 with her husband, has eleven children who are all graduates of Nyssa High School. The Kecks lived on a farm at the mouth of the Owyhee, better known as Keck's Island for 44 years. After Mr. Keck died in 1963, Grandma Keck moved to town.

In 1966, the family decided to have a reunion, then three years later to have another one. They then decided to have a reunion every two years, with a different family

member in charge of each reunion. They usually try to keep the reunions close to the Fourth of July.

This year's reunion began Sunday, July 3, with everyone attending Grandma Keck's church, Nyssa Church of the Nazarene. Monday was a Keck family bowling tournament, Tuesday-fishing Thursday-dinner for Keck adults, served by the Nyssa Nazarene Church members, Friday-Golf tournament, Saturday-family picnic at the Nyssa City Park. Sunday is farewell day.



"She's the one, she did it all." Grandma Keck.

Salem Scene
by Jack Zimmerman

First-Year Lawmakers Distinguished Class

Final adjournment of a biennial legislative session in Salem is a note-worthy event in the life of each Assembly member.

But adjournment sine die assumes proportions of singular significance for freshman members of the House of Representatives.

For the first time since that fateful decision to seek office, there is an opportunity to evaluate what has taken place since election some eight months before.

Was the session what I expected? Did it accomplish enough? Was I effective? And most important—should I continue to serve?

The last question is what sets apart first-year House members from freshmen in the Upper Chamber. A Representative's two-year term permits service during only one regular session. A Senator's four-year term virtually guarantees service in two.

Sixteen members of the 59th Assembly's House technically fall into the freshman category—although after a grueling six months in Salem each believes the time is past due for dropping the beginner's mantle.

The 16 House freshmen this session are something of a microcosm of the entire Assembly. Only their even division between Republican and Democratic parties tends to belie a more strict comparison with the full body.

Three are women. Three each represent Portland, Southern Oregon and Eastern Oregon constituencies. Their number includes a "Coastie," several from suburban areas and the balance stem from Willamette Valley districts.

There are so-called liberals moderates and conservatives Home addresses range from Adams in Umatilla County to Ashland and from Roseburg to Hood River.

Although newcomers to the Assembly, their average age is nearly 40 a scant three years younger than the average age represented by the whole House. The youngest is 27. The eldest 63. Both are figures paralleling closely the age differential in the entire body.

Occupations range from fulltime lawmaker to housewife and from photographer to insurance broker with an appropriate seasoning of farmers, lawyers and businessmen. There also is a teacher, a social worker, a real estate investment counselor and grocery clerk.

Two are in their twenties, seven in their thirties, four in their forties, two in their fifties and one in the sixth decade of his life.

As this session winds down their responses to identical questions reveal much of the attitude that prompted long-time Salem observers to rank them as an outstanding class of freshmen even before the Assembly convened.

General impressions of the session include a few that indicated depression, frustration and a toppling of heretofore-held ideals. But for the most part, this group came to Salem prepared for the give and take required by the system to enact meaningful legislation.

A consensus agreed the session's only major surprise was the revolt that removed Speaker Phil Lang from a position of traditional power. And it is interesting to note

this session's freshmen played a significant role in the uprising. Eleven of the newcomers sided against the Speaker during the vote that gave many of his previous prerogatives to a coalition committee of six.

Previous experience as legislative employees, lobbyists and in other branches of government provided this session's freshmen with more than usual ability to assimilate and participate in the system. Nearly all were pleased with committee assignments and many distinguished themselves both in those investigative panels and on the floor of their chamber.

Most prevalent complaints among the group involved the manner in which time was spent, lack of priority setting during the early going, the preponderance of politicking and game-playing and the fact decisions are not always made on the merits of issues in question.

All had praise for fellow lawmakers and several expressed surprise at the ease with which those of different philosophical bents could pull together to achieve the greatest good.

Incisively, this session's freshmen perceive the Assembly's efforts as productive in a moderate and positive corrective sense. They believe the body reflected the mood of the people and share a common pride in smoothing troubled waters and correcting past errors.

To a person, each wishes to return to Salem in 1979 and serve the same constituency. Nearly all responded with a strong affirmative when asked if they will seek the same office in 1978. And the few who were uncertain declared another campaign was at least probable.

One gets the impression that if they do return, they will spend a portion of future service doing what they can collectively to streamline and improve the legislative process itself.

Presumptuous? Impetuous? Not likely. If they continue to serve, the House freshmen of 1977 likely will do just that in sessions ahead.



Ever since William Austin of Winthrop, Massachusetts suspended a steam boiler between the wheels of a bicycle, back in 1868, motorcycling has been increasing in popularity.

Today, there are some six million gas-driven motorcycles registered in the United States and some 15 million riders. Here are some tips from the Motorcycle Safety Foundation that may help you improve your riding while making it safe and enjoyable.

Consider every road a potential obstacle course. Remember that you are riding on two wheels, not four. Keep your head up and your eyes moving so that you can anticipate hazards ahead of time.

Take the path of least resistance and go around (rather than over) an obstacle if you can. Slow down before you reach an obstacle, either by braking or down-shifting.

Avoid depressing clutch or brake while going over a rough or slippery surface. This should be done before reaching the hazard. Remember, motorcycle safety is no accident.

Newell Heights Items

By Dale Witt

NEWELL HEIGHTS - Mrs. Bill Webb, Mrs. Margaret Payne and Pauline King of Ontario left Tuesday, June 21 and returned Monday, June 27. They went to Milwaukie, Oregon where they visited Russell and Margaret Coffman and Carolyn and Ronnie. They later went to St. Helens and visited Ann Welty and children Theo and Alyce. They all took a trip to the ocean, Cannon Beach, returned to the Welty home and were later visited by Mrs. Margaret Payne and Loti Harp in Salem. She returned Saturday evening. They saw the Fish Lader at Bonneville Dam and the sturgeon in the pool. They live to be over 100 years old, are really huge. They saw many kinds of fish. It was very interesting.

They visited The Wallace Butlers via Multnomah Falls Bonneville and La Grande.

Bill Webb and son Bob fished at Higgins Reservoir. Fishing was very poor.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Webb went to a Grande Saturday and helped Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Butler move into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Barnes went to a family picnic at Centralia, Wash. on Tuesday returning home on Thursday.

Sunday dinner guests at the Leon Chamberlain home were their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tunis Garner of Homedale and their son Mr. and Mrs. Clint Chamberlain. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spence and family of Heyburn came Sunday to visit her mother over July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Schutte visited friends in Nampa Sunday afternoon and were later evening dinner guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Grant in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Zielke of Laramie, Wyo. came Friday evening to spend the weekend with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sprague. Their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cansler of Eugene met them here. They are both attending the University.

Other guests in the Sprague home for Sunday dinner were her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Jones of Emmett, their son Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jones of Boise and son Mr. and Mrs. Neil Jones of Nampa. Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sprague son, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Sprague and boys Mike and Joe of Salt Lake, Utah.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Simpson and son Ryan of

Kingman Kolony News

By Dale Witt

KINGMAN KOLONIA - Mr. and Mrs. Don Thompson and family of Seneca, came Wednesday and will spend the weekend of the Fourth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Thompson and family of Boise were Wednesday evening dinner guests in the Herschel Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Conant and family attended the reunion of Adrian's Class of 1961 Sunday with a potluck dinner at the Park. There 16 in the class. Twelve members were present, David Blaskey of Washington state came the furthest.

Mrs. Bill Toomb and Mrs. Charles Bowers called on Mrs. Dale Witt in Nyssa Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Phifer of Redmond came Monday. They have their camper trailer parked at the home of Mrs. Charles Bowers and are visiting her and other relatives in this area.

Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Avery and Laurie of Boise, Mrs. Kenneth Phifer and children and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer were Saturday evening dinner guests of Mrs. Charles Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Catlin of Seattle are house guests of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox.

Cindy and Craig Dennis of Prosser, Washington spent the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Myron Osborn.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Fox went to John Day last Wednesday where they met her sister, Mr. F. T. Douglas of Cuker, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar and family attended the wedding of Kathy Hay to their son Jay Kygar Saturday evening at the Catholic church in Nyssa, and the reception which followed. They were later guests at a

Umatilla were weekend guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nicholas of The Dalles came and are spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Topliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerrit Timmerman celebrated the July 4th on Sunday with a family dinner. There guests were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stam, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stam and families, Luit Stam, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Timmerman of Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Joki of Boise, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson attended the wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. Harold Boggs at her home in Boise Friday evening. They were all children together in Colorado. They were overnight guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason in Boise and returned home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson visited in the Gene Simpson home Saturday and got to see Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Simpson and baby who were here visiting his parents from Umatilla.

Dale Borge and wife and baby moved into his parents house next door to the Ray Simons on Friday.

Mrs. Ray Simpson called the Harrison Love home in Mt. Rose, Colo. Thurs. eve. and heard his brother Harrison was in the hospital following a recent heart attack. He is in Grand Junction Hospital. Her sister Tulip is also in the hospital. Harrison Love is well known in this area.

Sunday dinner guests in the Alfred Simpson home were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Galyen and Jennifer of Vale, Mr. and Mrs. Marion York and girls of Vale, Selma Simpson of Vancouver, and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simpson.

Selma Simpson of Vancouver came Friday to spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson and Johnnie attended the wedding of Jay Kygar and Kathy Hays Saturday afternoon at the Catholic Church in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson visited Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Eason in Boise Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Gossard and Gilbert Deffenbaugh of Nyssa visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Simpson Thursday evening.

party for the newlyweds at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hay.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gordon and Jerry Jr. of Caldwell and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jenkins and family were Sunday dinner guests in the Earl Kygar home.

Janeen Kygar of Ontario was a Saturday overnight guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kygar.

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Sornson of Los Banos, Calif. came Sunday to visit her father, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gehrke.

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