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Richland, Washington, Friday, November 23, 1956

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....There's so much to be thankful for

No matter what our station in life . . . no matter what we have won or lost . . . no matter how many material blessings we have or wish we had—and we have more than any other people in the world . . .

But forgetting all of these . . . there's still
so much to be thankful for:

For peace in our land.

For our families,

For our health,

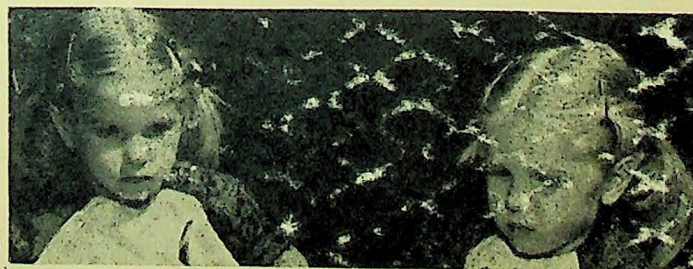
For our freedom to earn a living, to think and
to speak without fear,

And, as important as any, for our freedom to give thanks.

As we come to this Thanksgiving Day, we realize more
than ever that, no matter how man-made they may
appear, all our blessings come from God.

And as we pause to offer thanks, we could make no higher
resolve than to remember this each day of the year--

There's so much to be thankful for.



THESE YOUNG LADIES of a General Electric Family at Hanford are all set for Thanksgiving festivities tomorrow. And they're attaching particular seriousness to a very important event. For what commands their undivided, devoted attention, we suggest you turn your attention to page three.



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Good Food Makes a Healthy Baby

Whenever we have an addition to our family one of the first things the doctor does is to work out a satisfactory formula which will aid in the growth of the baby. Much emphasis is placed on getting the right formula so that the new born child can progress and be healthy and strong.

The case is very similar in the birth of a new product at General Electric, as we work continually to improve our products so that they will be the best and please the customers we depend upon.

Through the many years our Company has been in business we have built a reputation which is second to no other Company in the electrical field. Our millions of customers know that whenever they purchase a product bearing the General Electric monogram this familiar trademark means quality and naturally our customers expect more from our products than they expect from items carrying a less-known name. We must reassure and coddle this confidence as the more acceptance we receive, of General Electric products, the more job security we will have and the more chance we will have to continue to grow and maintain our leadership.

Many of our competitors try to corral hungry customers with trade-in gimmicks, payment-plan concessions and giveaway propositions and many other lures which marketing men devise. This is not the approach with our company.

General Electric has won the deep confidence of the world's consumers to such a degree that quality is still the biggest bargain behind the General Electric monogram. The skill, care and effort we put into every product certainly reflects in new acceptance we gain as well as the continuing business we receive in our competitive field.

We must never spare skill, care and effort in producing General Electric products. Whenever we turn out a product bearing the General Electric monogram, it must be the best. Our reputation is at stake in everything we offer our customers. Any contribution we make in producing a product, as small or as large as it may be, must be our best.

Yes, building a General Electric product, has a lot in common with the building of a child. Good workmanship is a major contribution to a successful product just as GOOD FOOD MAKES A HEALTHY BABY.

GENERAL ELECTRIC NEWS

"THERE'S NEVER A TRAIN AT THIS CROSSING"



"WELL, HARDLY EVER"



Commuters' Pool

Gloria R. Jones; ride; days; from 4218 W. Clearwater, Highlands, to 700 Area; work phone 6-4849; home phone JU 2-2482.

Vera Jones; 2 rides; days; from 205 Atkins, Richland, to 700 Area; work phone 6-4896; home phone 5-1482.

R. K. Hilliard; carpool; days; from Tri-City Heights to 300 Area; work phone 3660.

Carpool; days; from Gribble & Guthrie, Men's Dorms Area to 300 Area; work phone 3443; home phone 5-1133.

Don Stenquist; carpool; days; from 5804 W. Clearwater, Highlands, to 300 Area; work phone 3841; home phone JU 2-9581.

Erlene English; ride; days; from 1428 Goethals, Richland, to 300 Area; work phone 3611, ext. 25; home phone 6-6642.

Ann Arnold; ride; days; from Highlands to Mart or Bus Lot; work phone 2-4342.

Margaret Van Lear; ride; days; from 1611 Stevens Dr. to 700 Area; work phone 6-4065; home phone 7-2893.

Ann Ruff; ride; days; from Sahara Motel, Pasco, to 700 Area; work phone 6-4638; home phone LI 7-7705.

N. A. Taylor; carpool; days; from vicinity E. 4th, Kennewick, to Bus Lot; work phone 2-7606; home phone JU 2-3715.

O. P. Gifford; 1 rider; days; from Grandview to 200 West or East Area; work phone 2-7716; home phone Grandview 4302.

G. R. McMillan; 3 for carpool; days; from Terrace Heights, Yakima, to 200 East or West Area; work phone 7307; home phone GL 3-2934.

Marilyn Frazier; ride; days; from E. 2nd, Kennewick, to 300 Area; work phone 3604; home phone JU 2-3809.

Jessie Granata; ride; days every other week; from BOK Station, Highlands, to Mart or Bus Lot; work phone 3550.

V. A. Schouville; riders; days; from Pasco to Richland for 200 East & West Express Bus; work phone 2-7838; home phone LI 7-3261.

It's Insurance You

The following question about the Federal and Survivors Insurance program is typically asked of the Social Security Administration:

who visits Richland the first and third Monday of each month. It is being reviewed here as a service to employees. The Richland area is serviced by the Social Security District Office, Walla Walla.

QUESTION: If I am a working woman or the wife of a man who is getting social security retirement payments, will my benefits be reduced if I take payments at age 62, and if so, how much?

ANSWER: You may become entitled to social security payments after you reach age 62 instead of having to wait until

you reach age 65. You choose to take before you reach 65, of the monthly benefit, either as a man or wife of a worker, will be permanent. The amount of benefit depends on the number of months before you start getting it. For a working woman, the reduction is 5/9 of the monthly benefit for each month before age 65.

Include a Friend . . .



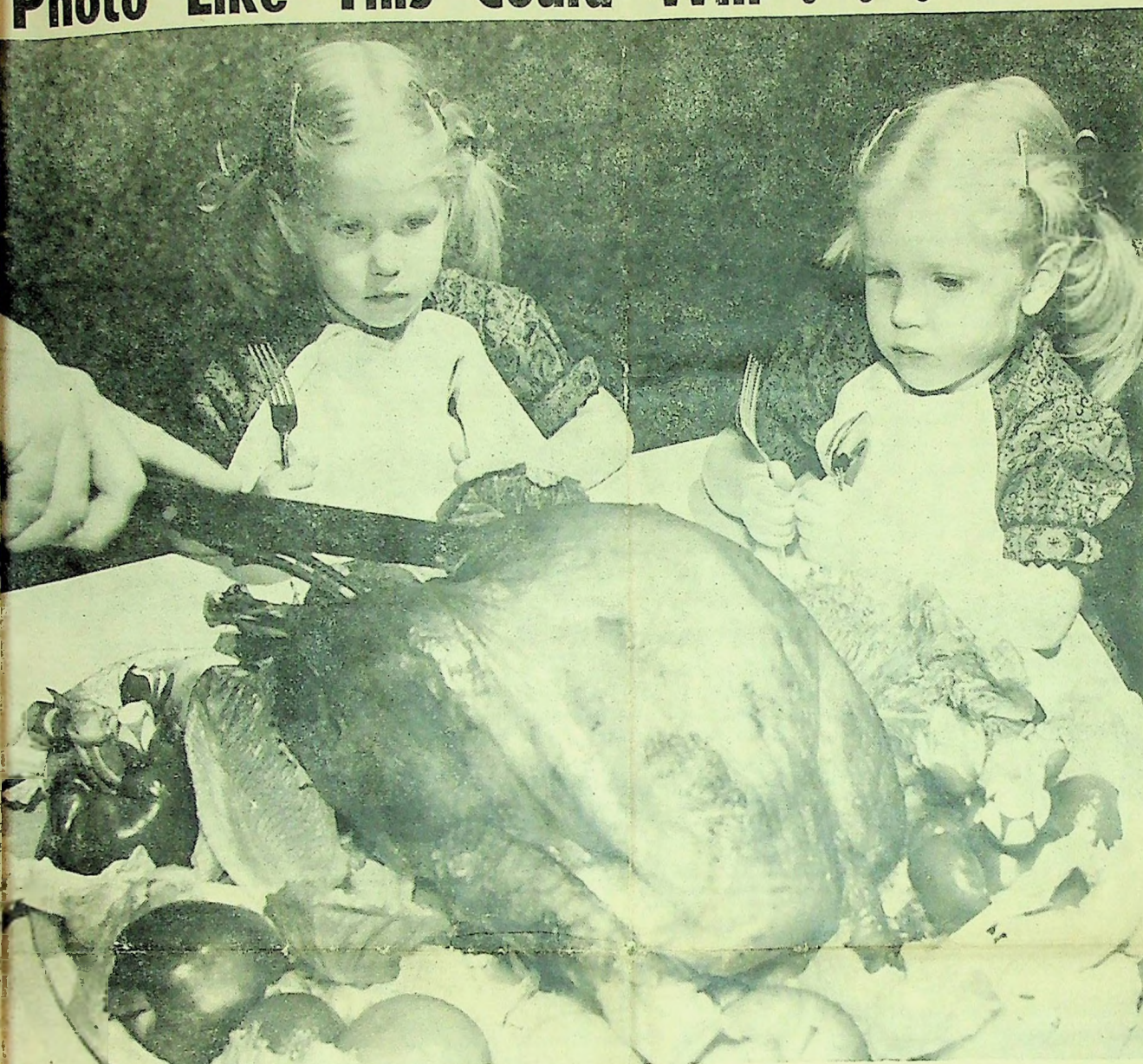
A four day weekend is coming up, and many of us are entertaining guests or leaving town for shopping and whatever we do, let's include a buddy in our plans.

This buddy is a friend indeed, and he never gets off, nor a holiday, nor a vacation.

This buddy is security and, like our shadow, should be with us, off the job as well as on the job.



Photo Like This Could Win . . .



VIEW OF TOMORROW. This business of carving a drum from the turkey is a serious matter to Beth and Becky Watts. Scenes like this will be re-enacted within the family gatherings of thousands of HAPO employees tomorrow. The event

offers real opportunity for the type of human-interest photo that could win the Photo Lamp Division's "Family Album" photography contest. The twins are daughters of W. A. Watts, of Relations and Utilities.

Pension Plan Featured on TV

The General Electric Pension Plan will be featured on the General Electric Theater Progress Report to be televised over most stations on Sunday, November 25.

The Progress Report will highlight the value of the Plan in helping employees to provide an income for their retirement years.

How well the Plan can fulfill its purposes will be illustrated by the real-life story of a retired General Electric employee, Stanley W. Sullivan of Erie, Pennsylvania.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

THANKSGIVING DAY and the Friday following, November 22 and 23, are two of the seven holidays observed by GE people at Hanford. Insofar as safety, security and production requirements permit, the plant will be shut down on these holidays to allow as many people as possible to enjoy the days off with pay.

Shift workers scheduled for days of rest on either the 22nd or 23rd, or both, will observe the holidays on their regular work days preceding or following the holidays, or both depending on their shift schedule.

Employees will be notified in advance by supervisors whether or not they will be required to work on their scheduled holidays. Those who do work will, of course, receive premium pay.

On this longest holiday weekend of the year, highways and hunting areas will be crowded. Whether you drive, or hunt, or stay at home, remember safety . . . and have an enjoyable holiday.

Getting the Inside Story on Things Too 'Hot' to Handle...

A remote-controlled microscope looks at such intensely radioactive materials that its optics go "blind."

Hanford Laboratories Radiometallurgy scientists use the instrument to study changes that occur in the microstructure of metals exposed to chain-reaction bombardment. The goal is to find alloys and fabrication methods enabling atomic "furnaces" to withstand increased punishment.

Radioactivity Damage

But the metal test pieces which have been structurally deformed by radiation have in the process become ray-emitters themselves. So the microscope, in exploring for radioactivity damage, is itself damaged by radioactivity.

The instrument is located within a 38-ton totally enclosed steel cell with walls 10½ inches thick. The steel absorbs radiation from the samples, permitting Radiometallurgy people to approach the cell from the outside.

The radioactive metal sample, contained within a one-ton cask of ray-absorbing lead, is placed into the cell through a port. All subsequent operations are performed remotely with the aid of motors, cable and metallic extension "arms" and "hands."

An arm removes the sample from the lead container and positions it against revolving

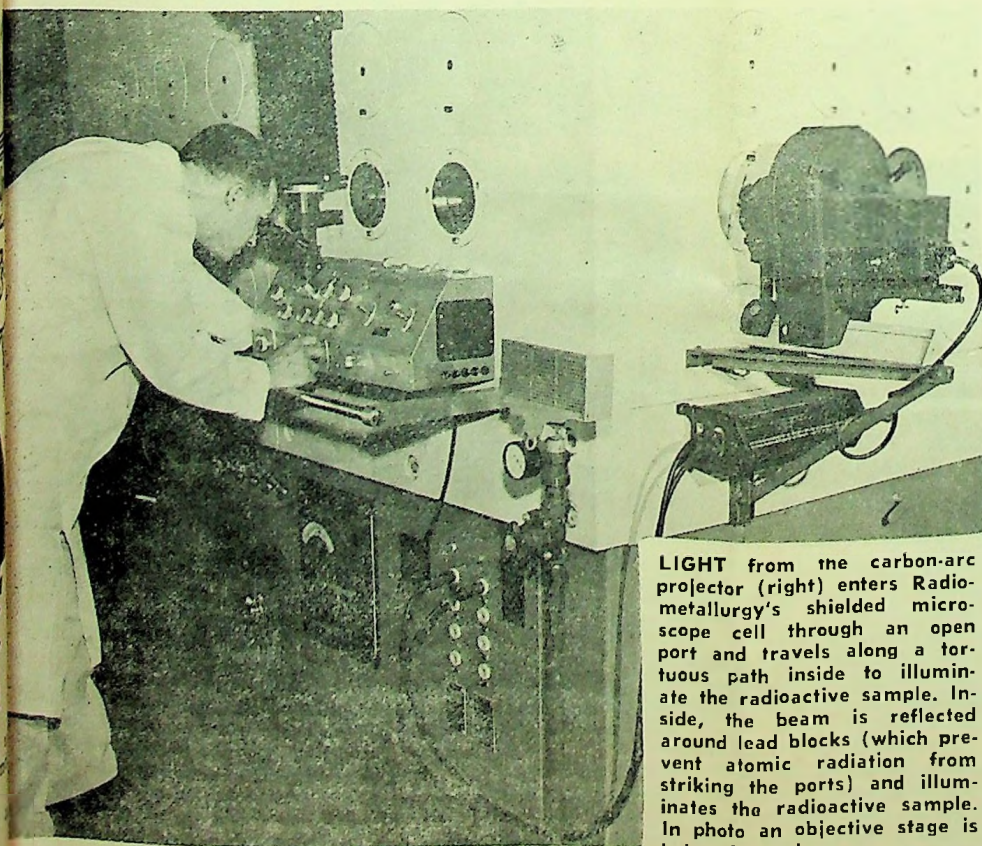
wheels which grind and polish the "hot" metal. Next, electrical etching removes the top layer which has been transformed into non-typical microstructure by the heat of grinding.

Mechanical fingers now place the radioactive specimen on the microscope stage. By pushing buttons and twirling knobs, the scientist at the external control board can select one of three compound lenses, rotate or shift the specimen—all remotely.

The instrument can visually separate two elements of grain structure 1/100,000 of an inch apart. In effect it does this by permitting the observer's eye to approach to within 1/250 inch of the "hot" surface and still be able to focus.

Only it is the objective lens which actually comes this close to the radioactive metal. In so doing, the optical glass encounters intense atomic radiation.

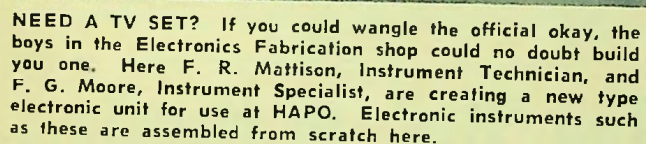
Within three to six months of normal use, the glass has absorbed a dose of radiation that could kill 2000 persons. The glass darkens under this punishment and the "blinded" lens must then be replaced.



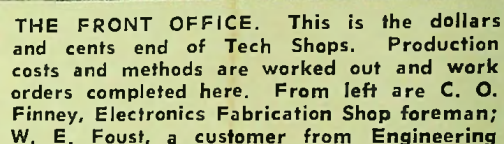
LIGHT from the carbon-arc projector (right) enters Radiometallurgy's shielded microscope cell through an open port and travels along a tortuous path inside to illuminate the radioactive sample. Inside, the beam is reflected around lead blocks (which prevent atomic radiation from striking the ports) and illuminates the radioactive sample. In photo an objective stage is being focused.

These men and their fellow workers are equipped with the experienced know-how and the finest facilities anywhere to turn out anything from small precision instruments to heavy mechanisms not available on the open market. And all this at the drop of a HAPO hat.

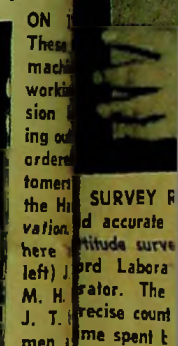
But the services of Tech Shops on occasion do travel farther than the Hanford reservation. Work has been turned out for AEC-approved projects around the nation.



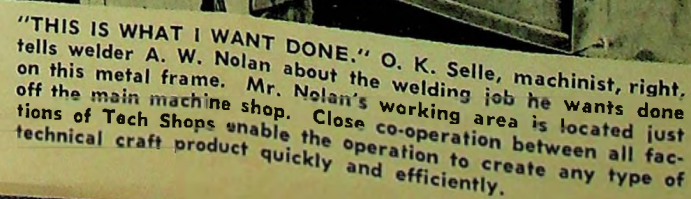
THE OPTICAL SHOP. Another operation lending to the completeness of Technical Shops is the optical shop. Lenses for various instruments ordered through Tech Shops are produced here. R. E. Amend, optician, operates a glass grinder in this photo as Dave Howser, Technical Graduate, looks on.



Fuels Development operation, Har-
boratories Operation; George Miner,
Shops estimator; Joe Ford, material
and Jim Berwick, Technical Shops.
More than 100 craftsmen and techs
employed in Technical Shops.



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WORK OF ART. The
able art of glassblowing
is not a thing of the
past. It is still being
taught in the
Tech Shops, as is pro-
ved by the work of
W. A. Robertson, who
is now working on
designing a special tube
for use in the
laboratory. The glass
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by chemists. The glass
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D Radiation Survey Reveals Favorable Opinion . . .

Findings of the Radiation Attitude survey, conducted last for certain Reactor section people, have been compiled. survey shows Non-Exempt personnel are almost totally in agreement with radiation safety measures practiced by operation of the Irradiation Processing Department.

In 50 out of 55 questions comprising the survey, Non-Exempt people gave the okay to radiation safety measures in place now. The remaining five questions have resulted in modified radiation safety education programs to bring about better understanding and in direct corrective action in instances where needed.

The answers to free response questions confirmed general satisfaction but also highlighted local problems which are requiring full attention.

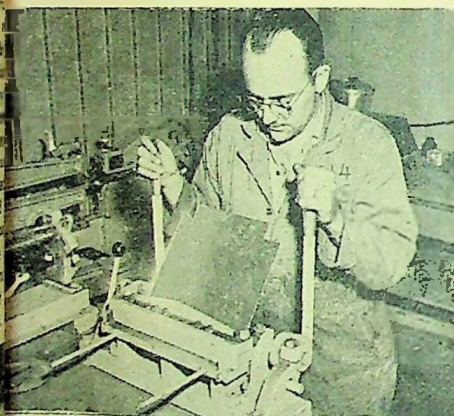


STUDY FINDING PERUSED. Reading the results of the Radiation Attitude Survey for Non-Exempt employees are these five workers in 100-D & DR Reactor Operation, Irradiation Processing Department. The survey was started last July for Reactor Section people. Perusing the results are (from left) B. A. Domarotsky, D. D. Smith and R.R.

Chaney. Facing away from the camera are J. M. Harvey and R. M. White. Survey shows radiation safety procedures meet with employee approval almost 100 percent. Action is being taken on those points where employees indicated through the survey that dissatisfaction is evident.

SURVEY RESULT. Fabrication of dose integrators, which accurate time keeping, is another result of the radiation attitude survey. Here F. R. Mattison, Technical Shops, Hanford Laboratories Operation, works on completion of integrator. The device is a type of timing instrument which gives precise count of exposure received in relation to the amount of time spent by an employee in a radiation area.

More on Tech Shops . . .



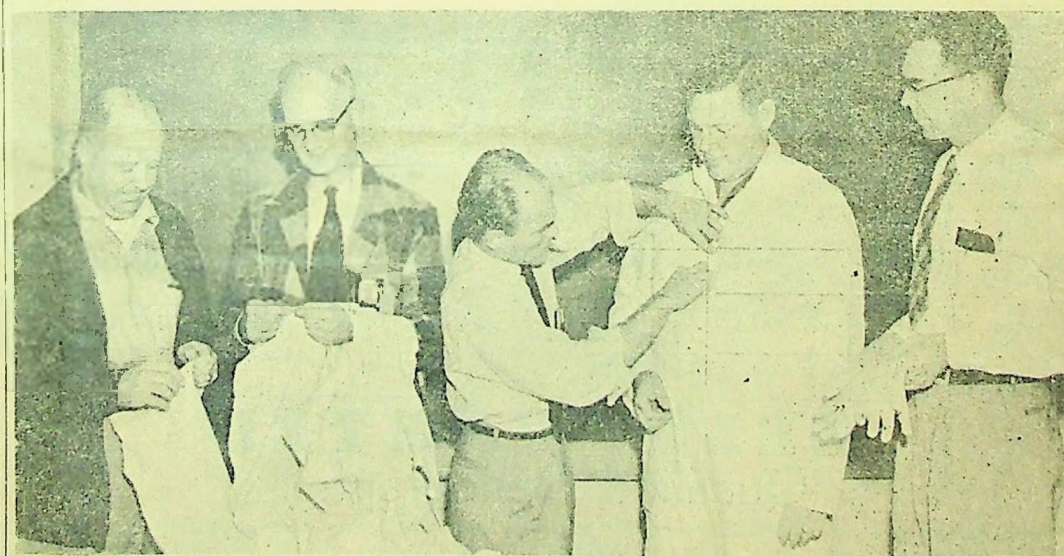
A SHEETMETAL SHOP, TOO. One of the supporting facilities of Technical Shops, the sheetmetal shop which houses tinsmith P. T. Murray, his co-workers, and all the machinery needed for his type of work. Here Mr. Murray shapes a metal pan by means of a bending device.



BY A WATERFALL. George Henderson, who mans the paint shop, discusses coating of a metal rack with Jim Berwick, paint estimator. "Waterfall" in background serves to eliminate paint fumes. Mr. Henderson is a specialist in all types of paint coatings and plastic coatings.



EDUCATION A L PROGRAM. Part of a long-range training program in regard to radiation safety are explanatory lectures followed by quizzes. Such sessions explain the whys and wherefores of radiation safety for the IPD Non-Exempt personnel. Completing written quizzes are (from left) F. H. Butcher, M. E. McPeck, R. J. Roach, R. J. Varro, T. W. Cannon and R. J. Ascherl. A. F. LaMonte conducts the session.



PROTECTIVE CLOTHING COMMITTEE. This group of men meet monthly to compare notes and discuss possible new developments in protective clothing. Committee members include (from left) L. A. Carter, Radiological Engineering; R. F. Sullivan 100-H Processing Operation; J. K. Clausen, 100-F Process-

ing; A. O. McDaniel, 100-D Maintenance; F. M. Stratton, 100-K Maintenance. J. H. Soehnlein, Radiation Monitoring, is not pictured. He is chairman of the committee. Committee activities include design, development and procurement of new items of protective clothing.

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The "Trading Post" column accepts only one listing per person in each issue with listing limited to 10 words. No listing may be repeated. Listing cannot include area buildings or office phones.

All articles mentioned must be personal property. Information concerning private businesses or services cannot be accepted. For acceptance, listings must be accompanied by individual's name, pay number and department.

Since space for the "Trading Post" will be limited, listings will be published as they are received. Those sent in too late for one issue will be held over until the following week's issue. All listings should be sent to the GE NEWS, Building 770-B, Room 10.

FOR SALE:

BIKE, 26" like new, \$35; clarinet, good cond., \$35; headboard for bed, \$10. 1202 Van Gieson.

'49 DODGE, 4 dr; GE wringer washer; blinds for 2 BR, Rich. Village home, all reas. Call JU 2-8318, Kenn.

SCINTILLATOR, precision 111B, 1-1/2" crystal, perfect working cond., used later part of season only, \$300. Call 4-9447 after 5.

CHROME TRALER HITCH, fits '53, '54 Ford, camp, with ball, \$8; child's rubber boots, sz. 12 1/2, good cond., \$1.50. Call 8-6427.

BIKE, boy's 20", \$10; cooler, 2800 CFM, \$25; lawn mower, 18" manual, \$7.50. Call 4-0022.

PORTABLE TYPEWRITER, Remington Rand, office riter, like new. Call 8-6027 after 5.

SHOTGUN, Winchester 12, shells, cleaning kit, used 1 season. Call 8-4633.

NYLON UNIFORM, skirt, sz. 10; other skirts, cheap. Call 5-0527.

MEN'S OVERCOATS, sz. 42; ladies suits, dresses, raincoat, sz. 10-12; mahogany upright piano. Call 8-6822.

WASHABLE SNOWSUIT, sz. 11 1/2; boy's coat, sz. 8; girl's coat; jumper sz. 5; bike; "balance wheels"; pedal blocks. Call 8-6672.

6 YR. CRIB, complete, \$10; ladies English bike. Call 7-3662 or 8-0342.

MAYTAG WASHER. Call 8-1817.

BOX SPRINGS, 2, innerspring mattresses, double, like new, reasonable. Call 8-8712.

REMINGTON 12 GA. PUMP, like new, one and half boxes shells and gun cover, \$75. Call LI 7-4553.

GIRL SCOUT UNIFORM, sz. 10; Brownie uniform sz. 8 with caps, like new. Call JU 2-2007.

'37 CHEV. TRUCK, complete with rack, suitable for moving. Call 4-6097.

GE ELECTRIC OVEN; crachot table cloth. Call 5-0783.

6 YR. CRIB, needs mattress, \$5; corner table, matching step-and table, \$8 each. Call 5-2632.

ARVIN PORTABLE RADIO, AC-DC and battery, now. Call 8-4727.

'55 BELAIR CHEV., 15,000 actual miles. Call 7-7452.

'40 CHEV. PICKUP, 3/4 ton, 4 speed trans., \$70. Call JU 6-6354.

AUTOMATIC WASHER, Whirlpool, exc. cond. Call 7-8588.

SHOTGUN, 16 ga. bolt action, case of shells; '48 Crosley station wagon. Call 8-8618.

GI COUCH, \$10. Call 4-8372, after 6:00 p.m.

SAWDUST TIRES, 2, 6-70x15, \$15; child's wardrobe chest, \$8. Call 5-5612.

AUTOMATIC WASHER, Bendix, good cond., \$25. Call 4-9102 even.

OR TRADE, wringer washer, exc. cond., \$20, for rug or what have you. Call 8-2262 after 5:15.

PHEASANT FEATHERS, for hat making, clean and skins dried. Call 4-7837.

STUDENT DESK LAMPS, \$1 each; 3, 1ES lamps, \$4; child's snowsuit, \$4. 810 Torbott.

HEILAND FLASHGUN, with synchronizer, speed light. Call 4-7542.

35mm PROJECTOR, Eastman, with blower, 300 watts, like new, \$30. Call 7-8588.

HOUSE, unfurnished, 2 bedroom. Call 4-6627, Richland.

FURNISHINGS, complete 3 room. Call 8-7713.

TWEED COAT, girl's sz. 12; girl's English bike; 2 Toni dolls, complete wardrobes. Call 8-4862.

SECTIONAL DAVENPORT, 4 piece, Kraehler red; double bed with bookcase headboard, innerspring mattress and box springs; end tables; skills; roping saddle. Call 5-5652.

FLYER TRAINS, 2 automatic accessories large table, over \$200 worth of equipment, reas. Call 8-9323.

DRAPES, for 2 BRPF, \$15. Call 8-0697.

YOUTH CHAIR, \$2; blande coffee, step, lamp table, \$10; 9x15 rug, \$2.50. Call 5-5612.

SECTIONAL, two piece, gray and maroon, good condition. 1304 McPherson. Call 8-3642 after 4 p.m.

ANGORA CATS, free, 1 mother gray, 1 kitten black. Phone LI 7-7008.

CEDAR POST—24'long—dia. 3/2 to 4". Call. 5-5497.

FEMALE PUPPY, free, 10 week old, part cocker, part unknown. Call 7-6302.

BUICK SUPER, '48, sacrifice, for quick sale. Call 4-9892.

'38 CHEV. tudor, runs good, good tires, R&H, spotlight, 2 extra rims. 2103 Trippie.

'50 FORD, custom deluxe tudor, 41,000 miles, \$275. Call 8-2717.

28 CHINCHILLAS, all or part, offer, or care on shares. Call JU 2-2872.

CAR TOP CARRIER, luggage, scale model dirt loader toy. Call 5-5227.

SINGLE BED, complete, \$15. Call 7-3137.

HEAT PUMP EQUIPMENT, 5 HP, compressor, 1ST Carrier exchanger fan. Bargain for sharp engineer or craftsman. Call nights, 7-3082.

ACCORDION, 120 bass Video., \$125. Call 4-6327 after 5 p.m.

OLD STYLE DAVENPORT, good cover, springs slightly sprung, \$5. 1108 Willard.

PUPPIES, Reg. tiny Toy Fox Terrier, beautifully marked. Would hold until Xmas. 2005 Kuhn, call 5-1242.

METAL BLINDS, living room ranch house, hollywood bed; 2 chest drawers; chrome dinette set. Call 5-8867.

RED VENETIAN BLINDS, for F house, \$25; 3 bedroom light fixtures, \$5. 508 Endress.

LOST:

TOOLED LEATHER BILLFOLD, with name, "Bill Hunter" engraved outside. Call 5-0192.

WANTED:

2 BEDSTEDS, metal twin, with or without springs and mattresses. Call 4-7037.

BOY SCOUT UNIFORM, sz. 10. Call 8-6427.

CHROME DINETTE SET. Call 5-9735.

USED IRONER, preferably Ironrite. 809 Wright Avenue. Call 4-7192.

DRAPES, and/or blinds for living room of 2 BRPF. Call 5-8452 after 5.

TYPEWRITER TABLE, standard size. Call 7-5642.

TIRE PUMP. Call 5-3442.

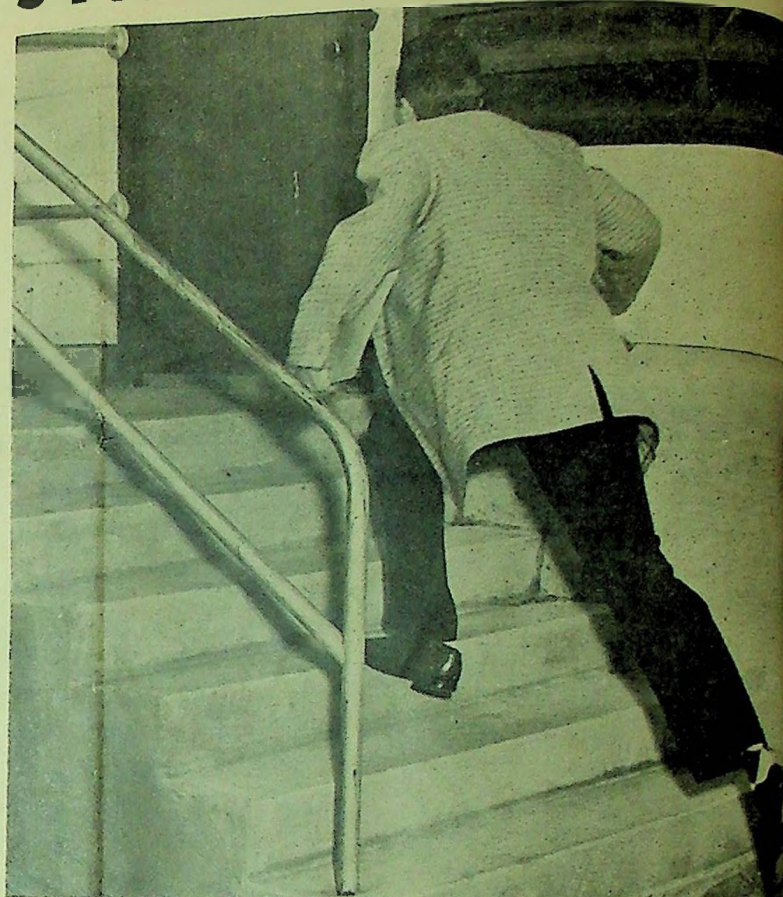
BICYCLE, boy's 20 inch. Call 8-9722.

BIKE, girl's 24", in good cond. Call 5-4267 evenings.

BABY-SITTING or childcare, experienced. Call 5-0467.

What's Your Hurry Joe?.. You'll

Don't
Let
Careless
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Drop
You



See... What Did I Tell You



JOE WORLD BEATER SCORES AGAIN... only his touchdown haste laid waste to most of his front knee and a sprained ankle. If time is so important, why not plan and organize our dashes like the one shown above? When you tread steps and stairways use the necessary! Keep your hands free and watch out for slippery days are upon us, so if you do see a hazard report it. And a note to any potential "Joes" you'll live longer. We appreciate your enthusiasm, but use it in vain.

HELP WANTED

(Qualified Stenographers)

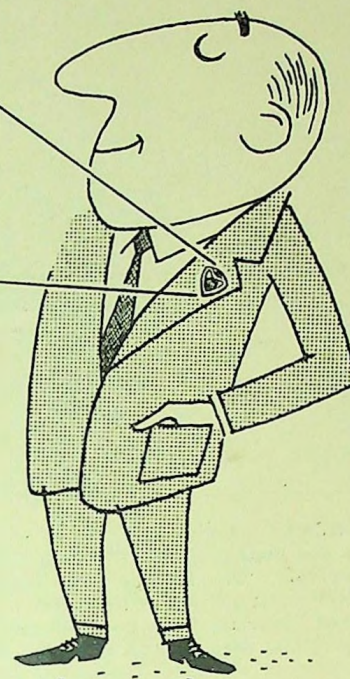
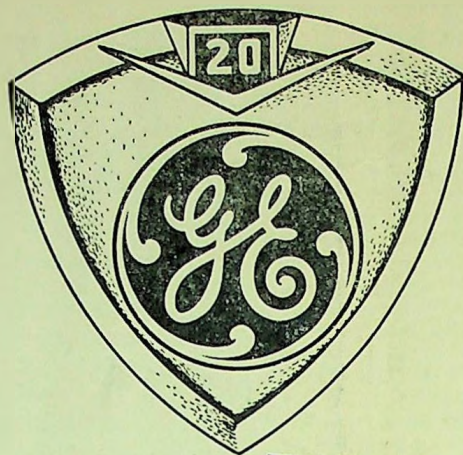
Applications are now being accepted for qualified stenographers. These positions will be filled immediately. If you have a friend or relative who may qualify for the position of Stenographer and is interested in working at the Hanford operations, have her drop in at the General Electric Employment Office, 705 Building, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday or complete the following form and mail to Zane Wood, Employment, 705 Building, Richland, Washington.

NAME

ADDRESS

IF IT IS MORE CONVENIENT, CALL 6-5072 FOR FURTHER DETAILS

If not residing locally, please submit this form to Employment, and an application will be sent



LOTS CAN HAPPEN IN TWENTY YEARS ...OR EVEN FIVE

WHAT comes to your mind when you see a General Electric Service Recognition Pin? To its wearer it symbolizes a segment of life well spent in loyal partnership with a progressive organization. The time represented by a 20, 15, 10, or 5 year emblem has left many impressions upon

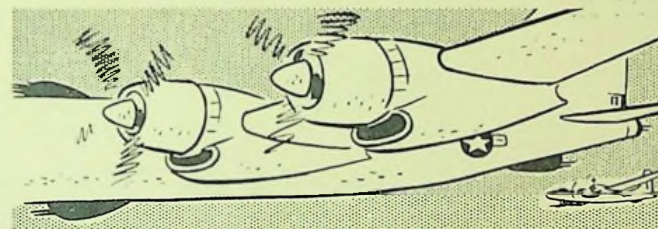
the world and General Electric and the people who compose them. In this illustration, here's a look at the world and at General Electric - showing how they fared when wearers of General Electric Service Recognition Pins were new to the organization.



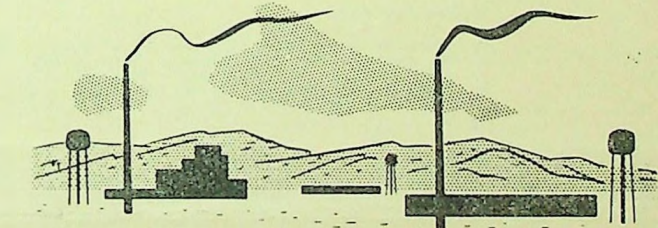
1936 When the man with the twenty-year pin started with General Electric, times were marked by memorable events. Mussolini proclaimed annexation of Ethiopia. King Edward VIII abdicated the British throne to marry the woman he loved. Spain was rocked by civil war. The impossible happened when Max Schmelling ko'd Joe Lewis. The San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge opened lighted by more than 1000 General Electric units. General Electric, after half a century of progress, looked to the future as a challenge to bring new and superior products.



1941 Chances are, the man with the fifteen-year pin remembers one outstanding event in the year he joined General Electric. All other highlights were shaded when Japan attacked the United States Fleet at Pearl Harbor. To General Electric the coming of all-out war meant all-out production in response to our country's need for defense equipment. General Electric met that challenge by crowding twelve years' normal production into four years. Among other things General Electric produced howitzers, bazookas, fuses, gun directors, electrically heated flying suits, searchlights, and aircraft superchargers. Three quarters of our nation's warships were propelled by General Electric turbine drives.



1946 With the return of peace the world seemed destined for a bright future. The first assembly of the United Nations opened in London. The Republic of the Philippines became an independent nation. General Electric faced peacetime with an unprecedented production of consumer goods. Newer, better products were the result of intensified research and engineering. Among these was the development of the aluminized picture tube for television receivers. An Atomic Energy Commission of five was established with David Lilienthal at its head. An intensive atomic energy program had been undertaken by General Electric for several years - and on September 1, 1946 General Electric came to Hanford.



1951 If you wear a five-year General Electric Service Pin, you may remember that the year you joined the company a new war was raging in Korea. The New York Headquarters of the United Nations opened in January. Jersey Joe Walcott was heavyweight champion. General Electric's efforts at that time were successfully divided in meeting the simultaneous demand for defense products and peacetime commodities. From research and development, General Electric introduced the UHF converter for television tubes. At Hanford the Atomic Energy Commission presented its safety award to General Electric. An extensive expansion program was under way here, and employment surpassed the 9000 mark.



THUS, while the world has recorded its history, General Electric has recorded its progress. Those who wear the company's badge of service have played a proud role in that progress and those destined for 5, 10,

15, and 20 year emblems in the future will have witnessed even more remarkable progress, and will be reminded of their contribution whenever they wear this symbol of a productive segment of their lives.

Progress Is Our Most Important Product

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Richland Library Ready For Annual Book Fair



THE FINAL TOUCHES. Completing a gay and colorful display proclaiming the theme of the Richland Public Library's sixth annual Book Fair, "It's Always Book Time," Jacqueline Augier, library staff assistant and artist, adds a final touch as Doris Roberts, head librarian, looks on. The event will feature contests, displays, films, special programs and special exhibits next week.

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The Richland Public Library's sixth annual Book Fair will be held November 26 through December 1.

The event ties in with National Book Week which will be observed during the same period. A veritable bevy of interesting events have been planned during the fair. For the convenience of HAPO employees, a complete program is listed below.

RICHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

Invites You To Attend

SIXTH ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

National Book Week, November 26 - December 1, 1956

Mon. - Fri.
Nov. 26 - Nov. 30
12 Noon - 9 p.m.

BOOK EXHIBITS—Adult and Children's Books
Books on display loaned courtesy of Columbia Book Store.

BOOK LISTS

"It's Always Book Time"—Book comments by Richland children. 100 winners in Book Week Contest in cooperation with Richland Public Schools. (Winners awards courtesy of Columbia Book Store)
Book lists of adult and children's books on display.

SPECIAL EXHIBITS

Three Rivers Mineralogy Society Exhibit—Uranium ores, petrified wood, and jewelry.
Model Cars—Courtesy of R. S. Bell, Sidney Woodcock, T. E. Aull, R. K. Henrich.
Floral Arrangements—Courtesy of Richland Gardenaires and Flower Fiddlers.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Monday
November 26
7:30 p.m.

Mr. Click Relander—"Ancient Ways and Atomic Days"
Mr. Relander, City Editor, Yakima Daily Republic and author of the recent book "Drummers and Dreamers" will speak on American Indians and particularly on the Wanapum Indians of Priest Rapids.

FILMS

Monday, November 26
3:45 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday
10:00 a.m.

"Chips Vacation" and "A Dog-Gone Story" will be special features of the regular children's story hours. (Films financially sponsored by Richland Chapter of A.A.U.W.)

Saturday, December 1
9:30 and 11:30 a.m.
1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Walt Disney's "Dumbo"—for elementary school age children. Due to limited space, admission must be limited to ticket holders only. Free tickets are available at the library desk November 26-December 1. (Film sponsored by Richland Rotary Club)

CONTESTS

Friday, November 23
4:30 - 4:55

KEPR-TV—Elementary School Children's TV Contest—Guess title of book or guess title of book or name of book character dramatized by six 6th grade students from the 6th grade students from the Richland Public Schools. The child sending in all correct answers with the earliest post date will be the winner. Mail your answers to the Richland Public Library, 320 Newton Street, Richland, Wn. All Tri-City area elementary school children are eligible to participate. Winners prize will be awarded by Shield's Book and Stationery Store.

Monday, November 19
Tuesday, November 27

Junior High School CROSSWORD PUZZLE CONTEST—Completed puzzles can be turned in at the Children's Room of the Richland Public Library, beginning November 19 through 27. Puzzles will be marked with date and time turned in. The earliest ten correctly solved puzzles will receive awards. (Awards courtesy of Shield's Book and Stationery Store.)

RADIO AND TV PROGRAMS

Friday, November 23
4:30 - 4:55 p.m.

KEPR-TV Elementary School Children's TV Contest

Wednesday, November 28
4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

KWIE Miss Maria Galubski, Children's Librarian, will tell stories as guest of Uncle Ben.

Friday, November 30
5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

KEPR-TV Winners of Book Week children's contests will be announced on Bert Wells' "Buckaroo Time". Contest winners will be presented.

Hungarian Relief Drive Underway

Donations of cash, blankets and good warm clothing are being solicited this week for shipment to eastern Austria for distribution to the thousands of Hungarians who have escaped from their strife-torn land. Boxes for blankets and clothing are located in all Campbell's stores, and jars for cash contributions will be found in most other establishments. Checks should be made payable to "Unitarian Service Committee—for Hungarian Relief," and may be mailed to Roy Thompson, 74 Whitten, Richland.

Calendar Of Events

Wilderness Expert Slated

An invitation has been extended to all concerned to attend the Inter-Mountain Alpine Club annual dinner, and to hear and meet Mr. William Parke, Land Management director of the Sixth Region of the U. S. Forest Service. His topic will be "Wilderness Area management Plans;" and he also will be available for questioning following this talk. The dinner will be on Nov. 30th, at the Desert Inn. Reservations are available through Dick Morrow, phone 5-0253.

Art Session Set . . .

The next session of the Arts and Crafts class, sponsored by the Public Works and Recreation Operation, will be held after the Thanksgiving Holidays on November 28 from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

CAP to Meet . . .

General Electric members of the Civil Air Patrol are reminded that the regular semi-monthly meeting will be held at 8 p.m. November 27 at the CAP airbase. All CAP members are urged to attend.

Library Takes Holiday

The Richland Public Library will be closed tomorrow and Friday in observance of Thanksgiving. Saturday hours will be as usual.

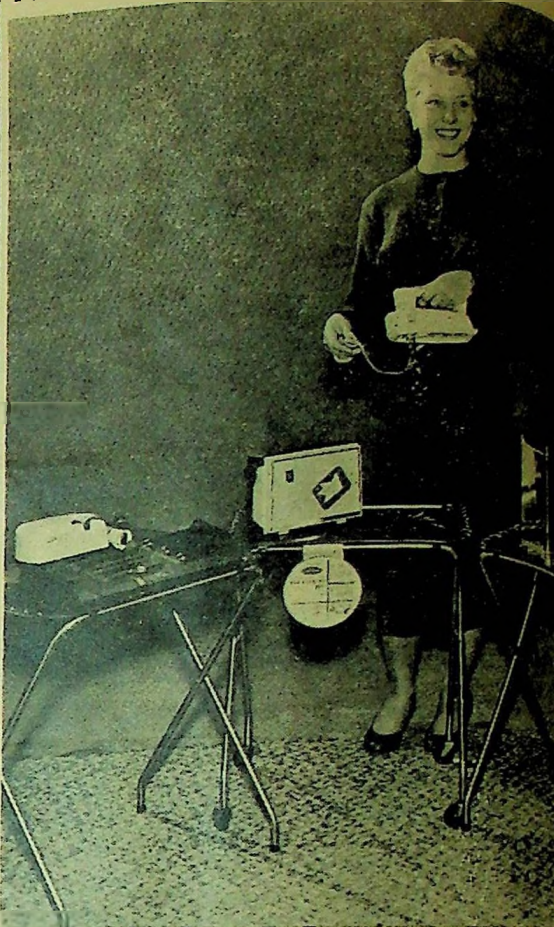
Share-a-Ride

If you want a ride or desire passengers for week-end or vacation trips, call Employee Services, 6-5461, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Notices should be received by 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, if they are to be included in that week's edition.

Wanted	Destination	Date
Pass.	Seattle	Ev. Fri.
Ride	Seattle	Ev. Fri.
Ride	Othello	Ev. Fri.
Pass.	Yakima	Ev. Fri.
Pass.	Walla Walla	Ev. Fri.
Ride	Portland	Ev. Fri.
Ride	Milton, Ore.	Ev. Fri.
Ride	Los Angeles	11-20-56
Pass.	Seattle	11-21-56
Pass.	Portland	11-21-56
Ride	Portland	11-21-56
Ride	Bellevue	11-21-56
Ride	Aberdeen or Olympia	11-21-56
Pass.	Spokane	11-21-56
Ride	Klamath Falls	11-21-56

Ready for GESA Dance



A PRIZE WITH PRIZES. Pretty Jo Biggerstaff, Accounting, Relations and Utilities Operation, display of the door prizes to be awarded lucky winners of General Electric Supervisors' Association Thanksgiving dinner, slated from 8 to 1 o'clock Friday night in the Cam Officers' Club. Prizes shown here include General portable radio, a portable mixer, electric knife sharpener, four-piece set of canisters (two display tables with serving cart. A lawn sweeper will also be awarded during the dance. Joe Banana and his orchestra provide dancing music.

Joe's on a Diet, But He'll Still Eat Turkey

By Caesar Branchini, Public Health Officer
"That's a dirty trick," Joe said. He was over my shoulder as I was writing a column on week's paper.

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"To write about weight control on the day before Thanksgiving. That will spoil the usual Thanksgiving feast for anyone who is overweight and has a conscience."

Well, Joe was speaking of himself, of course. And, in a way, I agree with him.

Time to Regroup

But you know there was lots of interest in weight control among HAPO employees last spring, and through the summer. Since then not much has been said about it, and this might be a good time for some of us to regroup our forces and press the fight a little harder.

The fact that the holiday season is on us shouldn't disturb the diet pattern too much. You can eat a holiday dinner and not exceed your calorie allowance.

Breakfast:

Orange juice—8 oz.	125
1 Egg Boiled	75
1 Slice Toast, 1/2 pat butter	110
1 Glass Milk—6 oz.	125
Calories	435

Dinner:

Tomato Juice—8 oz.	
Turkey—4 slices—4"x2 1/2"x1/4"	60
Mashed Potatoes—1/2 cup	400
Peas—1/2 cup	100
Pumpkin Pie—3" piece	65
Coffee (No cream, sugar)	250
Calories	

Supper:

Turkey Sandwich—(No gravy, no mayonnaise)	875
Lettuce, Tomato Salad—(No dressing)	250
1 Glass Milk—6 oz.	50
Calories	125

Fruit—(Fresh or canned)

Calories
The total is 1835 calories. You'll agree that day's eating even for ing. At least Joe

This will do for diet plan permits 1500 calories. Those on a 1500 calorie diet may make minor adjustments in this pattern and stay within desired limits.

Joe Is Pleased

But it pleased Joe. I said "even if you eat your calorie allowance right, so long as it's a day. And, so long as you up for it by squeezing calories off each day to for the excess."

Come to think of that idea, too.

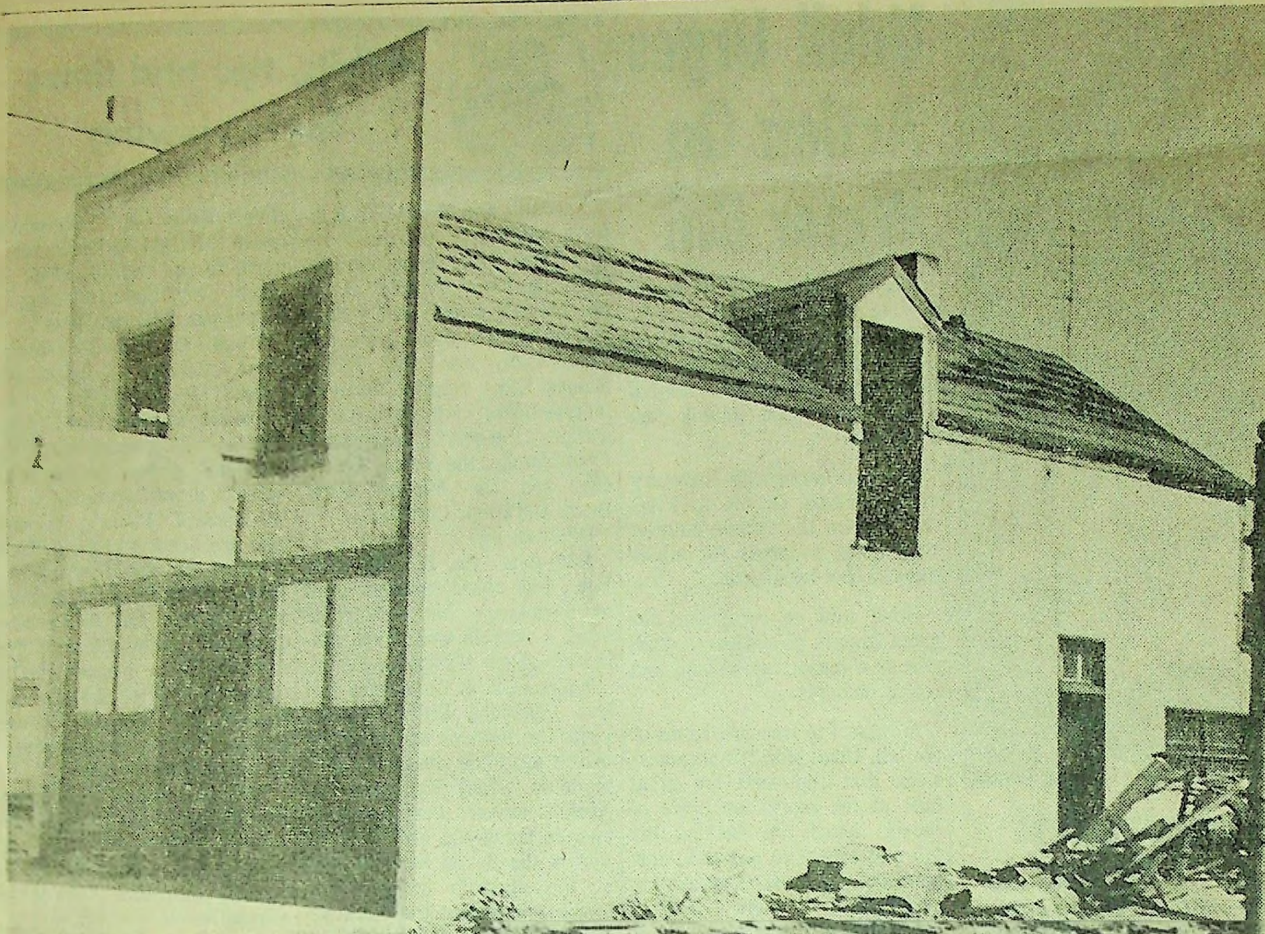
WORK TODAY TO BE HEALTHIER WAY.

Removal Schedule

The waste removal for the two Thanksgiving days will follow the routine for residential pick-up commercial pick-up made on Thanksgiving however.

Notice

The Community Hall will be closed November 24 and 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.



Old-time false-front store buildings are getting so scarce that they are seldom seen anymore, except in Western movies. But Kennewick has one—or had until late last week when a wreck-

ing crew began tearing it down. It was located at 111 W. Front Ave., and had played a prominent role in city affairs since 1906.

Several Businesses Used Old Building

Kennewick Landmark Is Coming Down

By CHARLES LAMB
Herald Staff Writer

Wrecking bars and claw hammers are ripping away a sentimental link to Kennewick's past.

It is a wooden store at 111 W. Front Ave. The structure and its false front have loomed prominently on the Kennewick scene and in the affairs of its people since about 1906.

IN ITS FINAL LOCATION and at an original site at 115 W. Kennewick Ave., the building has served several roles. One of the first was as the home of Kennewick's first newspaper, the Kennewick Courier, where history was both made and recorded.

"I hate to see the little building go, because it represents so many memories," said Ralph Reed, 3602 Deschutes Place, former editor and publisher of the Courier. Reed said the Courier was established in 1902 by the late E. P. Greene in a building at Washington Street and Front Avenue, where the Washington Hardware Co. park-

ing lot is now located.

But the newspaper's equipment was being moved into the little frame building in 1906, when Reed began as apprentice printer for L. W. Soth, then editor.

"My first job was to carry trays of type over from an office across the street, above Jim Hawkins' saloon," Reed recalled.

THE PIONEER PRINTER explained that the little building was originally a meat market. The newspaper was quartered briefly above the saloon before its purchase by Soth. After Soth died of typhoid fever, his wife sold the paper to Reed.

The building being dismantled on Front Avenue continued as the home for the Courier until 1914, when Reed merged with the Kennewick Reporter and moved into the Reporter's offices at 217 W. Kennewick Ave. That space is now occupied by Meverden Press, a commercial printing firm.

Reed sold his paper, the Kennewick Courier-Reporter, to the Scott Publishing Co. (owners and founders of The Tri-City Herald) in 1949. But he continued as a Kennewick resident and an authority on the city's history.

He recalled that sometime after 1914, the building now being torn down was purchased by the late Frank Beste, who moved it to Front Avenue and sold it about 10 years ago to Wes P. Brown.

Since being a newspaper office, it served as barbership consecutively for Joe Martin, Bill Struve and George Armstrong.

AT ITS FRONT AVENUE site, the building housed Brace Transfer Co., and until recently, Brown's window-blind business. The upstairs apartment was occupied for eight years by Minnie Milne, a pioneer Kennewick woman, and Polly, her 150-year-old parrot.

Brown sold the pioneer structure recently to Graves Auto Co.

to provide space for a car-body and paint shop.

Al Zimmerman, who is tearing the building down, said he found several old newspapers inside the walls that could have been extras from the years Reed worked there.



Once the pride of Kennewick, but for many years an eyesore, the Washington Street school at Washington and Sixth Avenue will be demolished soon. When built in 1906-07 it stood alone on the prairie

south of the Columbia irrigation ditch. Oldtimers report there were no irrigated farms south of the school.

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Kennewick Landmark To Be Torn Down

1906 Residents Had To Vote On Which Of 3 Sites To Build

By TERENCE DAY

Herald Staff Writer

Within a few days machines will begin tearing another page out of the history book of Kennewick buildings.

The Washington Street school, built in 1906-07, is scheduled to fall to the wrecker's bar as soon as the contractor can complete insurance arrangements.

In 1906 Kennewick was a rapidly growing city. A census that year set Kennewick's population at 1,011. Only three years before it had been 50.

Voters took to the polls on Feb. 3, 1906, to settle a dispute over three sites for the new school.

SITE REJECTED

They turned down a site between Albany Avenue and the railway tracks near Dayton Street, and one near the Northern Pacific railway tracks between Date and Gum streets.

Work began in May, 1906.

Brick for the building came from Walla Walla. Bricklayers came down from North Yakima (now Union Gap). The general contract was for \$9,600.

A later contract for installation of heating and ventilating totaled \$2,670.

BOOK DISPUTE

Where to build the school was not the only argument early-day Kennewick citizens had. They also argued over whether schools should give students free text books and supplies.

School directors finally decided in favor of free books and supplies.

But there were many things on which Kennewick apparently had no cause for argument.

Shortly after work began on the school a movement was started to get a wagon bridge across the Columbia River between Kennewick and Pasco.

That was also the year Kennewick started rural mail delivery. The 16.5-mile route served 374 persons at 94 houses.

The Kennewick - Portland

Railway was being built and the First Methodist Church had just finished a new church valued at \$3,750.

NEW ICE PLANT

A new ice plant to be built here was announced that year, and there was talk of Kennewick and Pasco becoming the transportation center for Eastern Washington.

The number of steamers plying the river was increasing rapidly and railways were expanding.

Kennewick's first water and electric system was begun in 1906. They cost \$20,000. Old newspapers said 8-inch iron-bound pipe was installed. It was guaranteed to last 25 years.

Harry Ray, Kennewick water

superintendent, said about 40,000 feet of the original 170,000 feet of pipe are still carrying water to Kennewick residents. The guarantee expired 33 years ago.

NEW BUILDINGS

In June, 1906, the Kennewick Courier reported 12 new business buildings and about 70 houses built in Kennewick during the preceding 12 months.

The Washington Street school was finished in the fall of 1907. There were five classrooms upstairs and four downstairs.

Both grade - school and high-school classes were held there.

The school district was also using an elementary school where the city now has a park at Fruitland Street and Entiat Avenue.

As near as oldtimers can remember, the Washington Street school was abandoned in the 1930s, and was converted to a bus barn about 1939 or 1940.

When the Hanford boom brought an influx of people to Kennewick, the upstairs was pressed back into use for elementary classrooms while buses were still garaged and repaired downstairs.

The building was again abandoned in 1962 when a new bus garage was built on Eighth Avenue near Dayton Street.

The Washington Street school was traded to the city this year for a parking lot near the high school. The city hopes some day to build a fire station on the site.

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Pioneer Remembers Talk He Gave At '08 Graduation

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Jay Perry, 74-year-old Kennewick pioneer, still remembers the talk he gave at graduation in 1908.

He was one of eight students in the first class to graduate from the old Washington Street school.

Perry said yesterday he talked on profit sharing. Each of the graduates gave a short talk. Perry still has his in a file.

CHURCH CEREMONY

Graduation was in the First Methodist Church, built two years earlier, at Kennewick Avenue and Dayton Street. The church has since been torn down and replaced by the brick church now at the same location.

Perry came to Kennewick in 1904. He should have been in the ninth grade, but Kennewick had

no ninth grade so he skipped that year.

He attended school only a few months in 1905 and 1906, but when the new building opened in 1907 the school superintendent was anxious to have as large a graduating class as possible for the first year so he talked Perry into returning to school.

"I had a lot of work to make up," Perry recalls, "but the requirements were not so strict then as they are now, and I made it."

ONLY SAGEBRUSH

Perry recalls there was "nothing but sagebrush" south of the school.

"We thought that was quite a fine school house at that time,"



Looking out the window of his house at 2306 S. Garfield St., in the South Highlands of Kennewick, Jay Perry can see the old red brick building where he graduated from high school in 1908. Soon the building will be leveled.

he said, but "kids today would think it was awful if they had to go to a school like that."

Perry said another graduate of the 1908 class, Mrs. Charles Robertson, 919 W. Bruneau Ave., still lives in Kennewick. Three others are living outside the Tri-Cities.

A Pioneer Reflects

Bachelor Proved Thorn To U.P.

Former newspaper man Ralph Reed has recorded many of the early happenings of Kennewick and the Tri-City area during the pioneer days of the region. He worked and operated weeklies in Kennewick from the early 1900s until he retired in 1947. He lives with his wife in Kennewick.



RALPH REED

By RALPH REED
Tri-City Pioneer

In 1902, when Kennewick first began to show growing signs, a man by the name of E. P. ("Pea") Green decided to start a newspaper, which he called The Kennewick Courier.

The population at that time was about 400 or 500, as there was only the promise of irrigation water for the project.

He used hand-set type of course, and the paper was printed on a Washington hand press. You can see accurate pictures of the thing in any old dictionary — old that is. (This one is now in a museum in Seattle.)

SIMPLE DEVICE

It was a fairly simple contrivance. It had a "bed" where the type was placed to one end of which a "fly" was attached. This fly was a simple frame with muslin stretched across it.

The operator took one sheet of newspaper from the pile of blanks conveniently at hand, flipped it against pins on the fly, dropped the fly down over the type forms which were then cranked under the impression screw.

A big lever, a two-handed affair, was pulled and the impression was put on. Then the form was rolled back out, the fly flipped up and the printed sheet taken off and another put on. In the meantime the "devil" or someone would run a big ink roller over the type forms, ready for the next sheet.

WEIGHT

The whole press weighed probably less than a ton. Which gets me into the following story, which for me is mostly hearsay, although events seemed to prove them.

An old bachelor named L. G. Moore, who lived with his mother in a little house on Washington street north of the N.P. railroad tracks, once told me that he had freighted that old hand press overland, in a farm wagon over the dirt roads which were the only kind there was at that time, from Salem, Ore. He said it took three weeks to make the trip and he did it for \$25 "and didn't break a thing."

He didn't break the press, but he did change the appearance of the town's front yard. And here's the story.

Along about 1906 or 1907 the

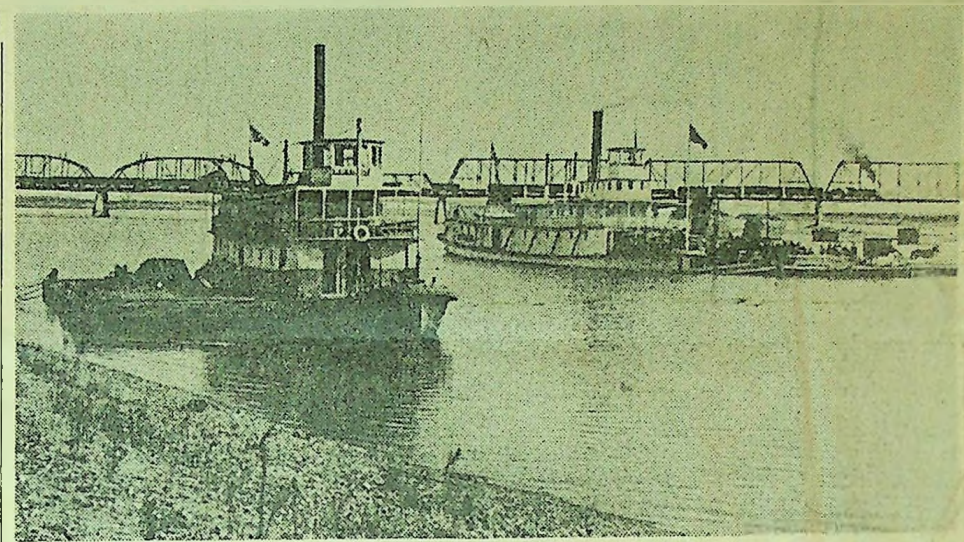
O., W. R. & N. railroad (nicknamed then the Old, Wornout, Rotten & Nasty) now the Union Pacific, wanted to go through Kennewick on its way to Yakima (then North Yakima.)

They had purchased right-of-way from their bridge down below the N.P. bridge up along the river, going under the N.P. at the bridge. That would put their tracks north of the N.P. clear through town and on up the river.

ROUTE SECURED

They had secured all the route up to Moore's from both east and west. Moore proved a tough cookie to deal with, but they finally came to an understanding.

When the time came to make the transfer Moore decided he wanted more money, inasmuch as his lot was all they had left to acquire. So the railroaders took it up with the head offices in St. Paul, got an increase and tried again. Moore again whooped



The Todd, an early navigator of the Columbia River, was tied up near the tip of Clover Island between 1908 and 1914 while the steamer Twin Cities discharged freight at the Kennewick dock (right). Note old-time steam engine

on railway bridge. Clover Island, used to extend beneath the old Kennewick-Pasco bridge which was built after this picture was taken. The dock was just a few yards downstream from the Kennewick approach.

ed up the price and another delay occurred.

Fed up with the monkey-business, the railroad tried another tack. One Saturday (when the county offices were closed) they assembled a couple of work trains, loaded with ties and rails and a couple hundred hunkies, they started to lay a track down Front street (where it still is.)

Why this route should stir up so much excitement, I'll never know. Anyway the whole town turned out to watch and Scott Henderson (the other editor — and also an attorney) hired a livery rig and raced to Ritzville where county Judge Truax lived, to try to get a stop and desist order.

Anyway they didn't succeed

and the tracks were put down. At first they laid the ties on top of the ground and as fast as they were in place rails were bolted on. Then the train was moved up. The big race, I understand was to get across the N.P. tracks before that outfit could stop 'em.

Later the U.P. was compelled to make an underground crossing.

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Orchard industry returning to Kennewick area

The fruit industry is growing rapidly in the Kennewick area and to some it may seem new, but Jay Perry, a long-time area fruit rancher, knows differently.

The land now known as Columbia Park in Kennewick was under trees from the turn of the century and to the late 40's. The Angus Village area, Midtown Plaza and the Kennewick Highlands all featured orchards.

Perry, a retired fruit grower who came to the Tri-Cities with his father in 1904 said all of what is called Blossom Hill south of Kennewick had lots of trees. He said there were about 4,000 acres from one mile east of Washington Street to a half mile east of Columbia Center Boulevard and most of them featured apple trees.

Perry served as a Benton County commissioner for 16

years between 1932 to 1952.

When the family reached Kennewick in 1904 from Michigan, it moved into the river-front area known as the Garden Tracts where it planted strawberries on the ground where the SpudNut shop now is along Columbia Drive.

"Asparagus and strawberries were a good money crop," said Perry.

Before the 1920's, he noted, the Kennewick area was a widely known strawberry area. "When you said fruit, you said strawberries," said Perry.

Mrs. J. C. Pratt, who came to the Tri-Cities with her parents in 1909, said they planted strawberries in their small orchard. Strawberries meant income while the family waited for the trees to produce.

The Perry family later

moved to the Columbia Park area and lived in a house where the swimming lagoon is today.

Perry said a massive advertising campaign by the Northern Pacific Railroad brought many people from the East to seek their fortunes in fruit. Many of them had never farmed before reaching the Tri-Cities.

The fruit industry was experiencing a good market and good prices, said Perry, and everybody wanted to get in on a good thing.

As the people filtered in, trees grew and by 1920 the area was in good production, according to Perry. Along the Columbia River, from the old bridge area, to halfway to Richland, all was fruit.

Mrs. Pratt said the fruit farms extended along the Columbia River east as far as Hover Flats, 7 miles from

Kennewick.

Fred Mills raised cherries on the River Road in the Columbia Park area. His father-in-law planted the trees in 1905 and Mills took them over in 1919.

Mills remembers there were numerous people involved in the fruit business then, but the farms were small; 5 and 10-acre orchards.

Cal Liebel, manager of the Kennewick Irrigation District, said his father raised fruit in the Angus Village area until he died a few years ago. Liebel still has a small orchard.

Liebel remembers the Angus Village area was all orchards and grapes. Perry said where the stores are was a peach orchard.

The fruit industry reached a high point around 1928, said Perry, as 1,000 carloads of apples were shipped out of



JAY PERRY

the region that year.

"That's a lot of apples," said Perry. There were higher production years later, but

they were interrupted by the depression of the 30's, the first set back.

"No one knows how it happened," said Perry, "but it started in the East and spread West."

He said the panic started in 1929 and within three years, many residents were broke. In 1932-33 trees were being pulled out. Most of the farmers lost their land to the irrigation district because they couldn't pay the assessments.

Those that were able to hang on turned to asparagus, grapes and peppermint — crops that could bring money.

Perry remembers the next few years the area turned into a major peppermint farming area. He said people began planting a lot of grapes too.

The Perrys lost everything, except for 40 acres at what is now Blossom Hill.

Perry remembered one day walking to town on what is now Columbia Drive he found a package of bacon someone had dropped on the road. He took it home.

"I always remember that," he said, "It was a treat. We hadn't had bacon for months."

People he had known for years and many older than him, often came to his place seeking work, but he had to turn them away. "It really hurt me," he said. "It was pitiful."

As the end of the depression came, he planted an orchard in the 40 acres and started all over again.

Some had left the area because of the Depression, but many stayed to start into the fruit business again. "I guess we knew it would all come back," he commented.

Orchards flourished along the river and in the highland as it had previously, but also the river farming came to an end with the building of McNary Dam downriver Umatilla.

Starting in 1948, farmers had to move. Some accepted the money offered by the Corps of Engineers, and others fought, but all moved by 1954 or 1955.

In November of 1955, the mercury dropped below zero, unusual for that time of the year.

Liebel remembers he was watching the Pasco Kennewick high school football game. "Halfway through the game," he said, "the temperature started to drop and it just kept dropping."

Perry said it wiped out just about every tree in the area.

Growers seek early market

The Kennewick area has changed immeasurably since the turn of the century, but there's one thing that's constant—the land's fruit-growing ability.

Nowadays the Kennewick fruit industry is probably larger than ever because of large concerns like Valley-Roz, Burd and Hudnall's south and west of Kennewick, say industry observers.

Harley and Gary Hansen own Valley-Roz which used to be known as Hy Valley and they also have orchards in Yakima and Wapato. The one near Kennewick is Valley-Roz No. 3 and it is the largest in the area with 400 acres of fruit.

The whole operation includes about 1,300 acres of fruit. The Hansens also have a packing operation in Yakima to handle their fruit and that of about 60 other growers, said Harley. He handles the orchards and

Gary the packing business.

Apples are harvested in the Tri-Cities about 10 days before Wapato and Yakima and even sooner than those in Wenatchee. Valley-Roz also grows pears, cherries, prunes, plums and peaches, but apples are the main crop.

"We shoot for the early market," said Harley. "That's when the prices are best."

Another advantage of the Kennewick area, said Harley, is less spring frost than in Yakima and Wenatchee.

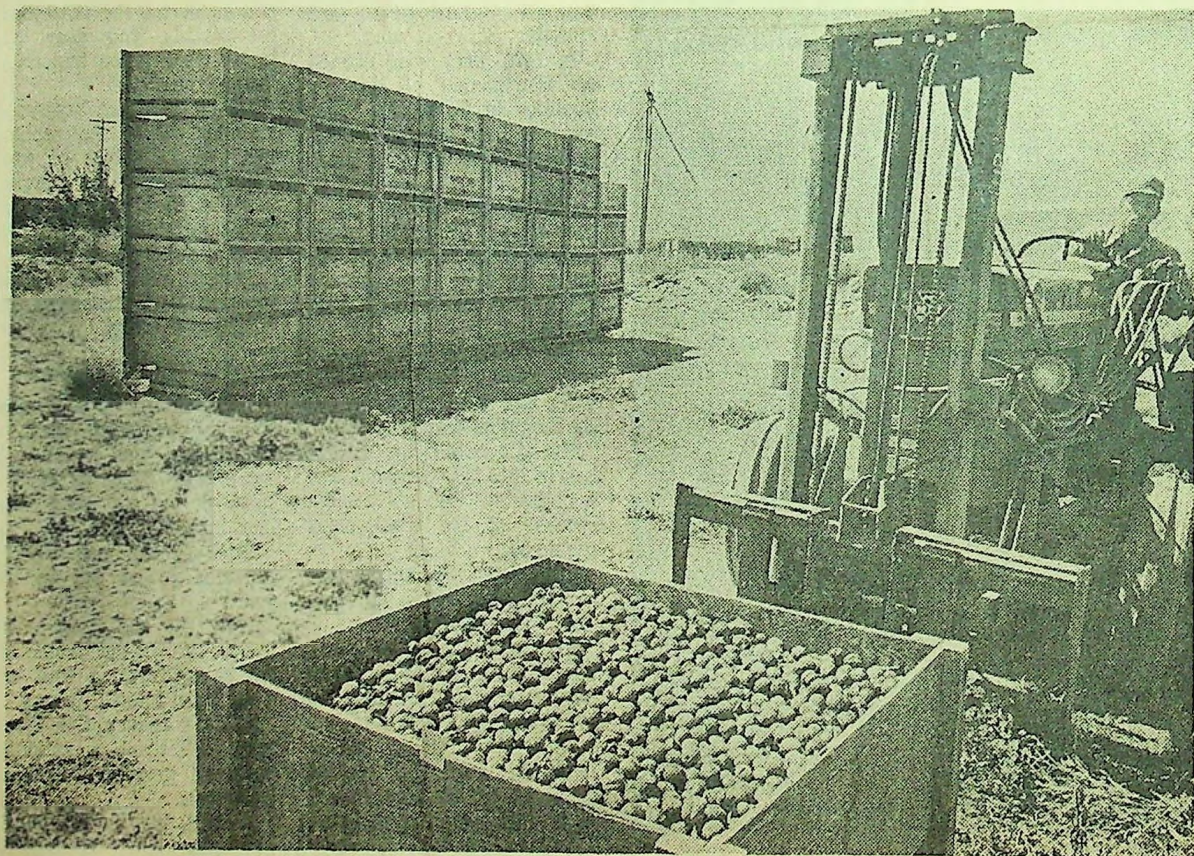
Of the 400 acres, only 125 have to be heated, said Harley. The rest can get by without heating because of location on hillsides.

Valley-Roz was planted about 1957, said Harley, when the Kennewick Irrigation District began to serve the area.

He said it costs about \$2,000 an acre to bring an orchard through the seven non-production years.



Although growing and harvesting techniques change over the years, the sights don't. These apples at Valley-Roz are seen by Harley Hansen, 50-60 years ago. Jay Perry



Modern techniques abound on the Valley-Roz fruit ranch in Kennewick. Here ranch foreman William Fittro stacked bins with a

fork lift to be hauled to town by a strato-carrier.

Tri-Citian gives Indians arrowheads

By REX ALLISON

Herald Staff Writer

In 1905 Jay Perry found his first arrowhead.

In 1974 the former Kennewick fruit grower gave an Indian arrowhead collection to the Pacific Northwest Indian Center in Spokane worth an estimated \$72,000.

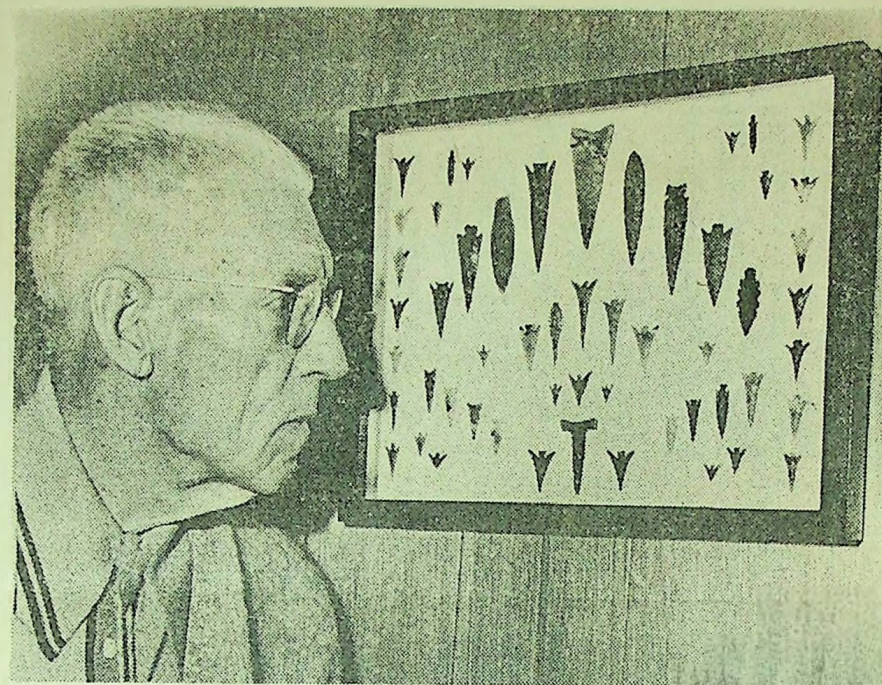
Perry, of 2306 S. Garfield St., Kennewick, said the center, adjacent to the Gonzaga University campus, is scheduled to open Thursday, the same time as Expo '74, the world's fair in Spokane.

Perry, who came to Kennewick with his parents in 1904, said he wasn't seriously interested in collecting old Indian arrowheads when he rode his horse down to the fork of the Snake and Columbia rivers and found several in 1905.

His serious efforts at collecting arrowheads and knife blades along the Columbia River came in the late 1920s after he found some on a sandy, barren stretch of desert south and east of the old Hanford townsite.

He said it used to be a traditional Sunday outing for him, his wife and daughter to go along the Columbia River looking for arrowheads.

He searched from Vantage, Wash., to The Dalles, Ore., in a stretch of the Columbia



Jay Perry looked at some of the arrowheads and knife blades he has collected since the 1920s. He estimates he has collected 10,000 along the Columbia River. (Herald photo by Rex Allison)

that had "an incredible number" of old Indian campsites.

Perry said Columbia River arrowhead collecting is just about a thing of the past, because most of the campsites were covered with water after the dams were built.

Perry said he used to visit Indians in the Priest Rapids area of the Columbia during hunting trips, but added that

these modern-day Indians weren't arrowheadmakers.

"I've never known any Indians that made them or took any particular interest in them," he explained, adding that the skillfully made arrowheads found along the river were believed to be 3,000 to 10,000 years old or older.

Perry gave an earlier arrowhead collection to a museum at Sacajawea Park, east of Pasco. He said the remainder of this collection has gone to the Indian center in Spokane except for about 100 that he kept.

Perry, a former Benton County commissioner, said he would dig in the sand and sift it through a screen to find arrowheads. He also used to buy them from people to add to his collection, but has hesitated to do that in recent years.

He explained that after arrowhead collecting became a popular hobby, skilled craftsmen made them and it was nearly impossible to tell the difference between fake and real.

After he had been collecting awhile, Perry became interested only in the fine, delicate arrowheads, which he says probably were used only for decoration.

It is hard to believe they could chip away stone to make such fine points, he said, showing some of the arrowheads he has kept at home.

"I always got the feeling the Indians were laughing at me," said Perry about the times he would visit them at Priest Rapids.

He said they probably thought he was a foolish white man to collect useless arrowheads.

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Boom claims shop

By JOHN HARRISON
Herald Staff Writer

Louis Eichner of Kennewick is giving up his radiator repair shop this month on the heels of a Tri-City boom he thought would die down in 1945.

"We all went out to the Hanford works to work and they told us it would all be locked up by the end of the war," said the 75-year-old metal worker who's lived here since 1905.

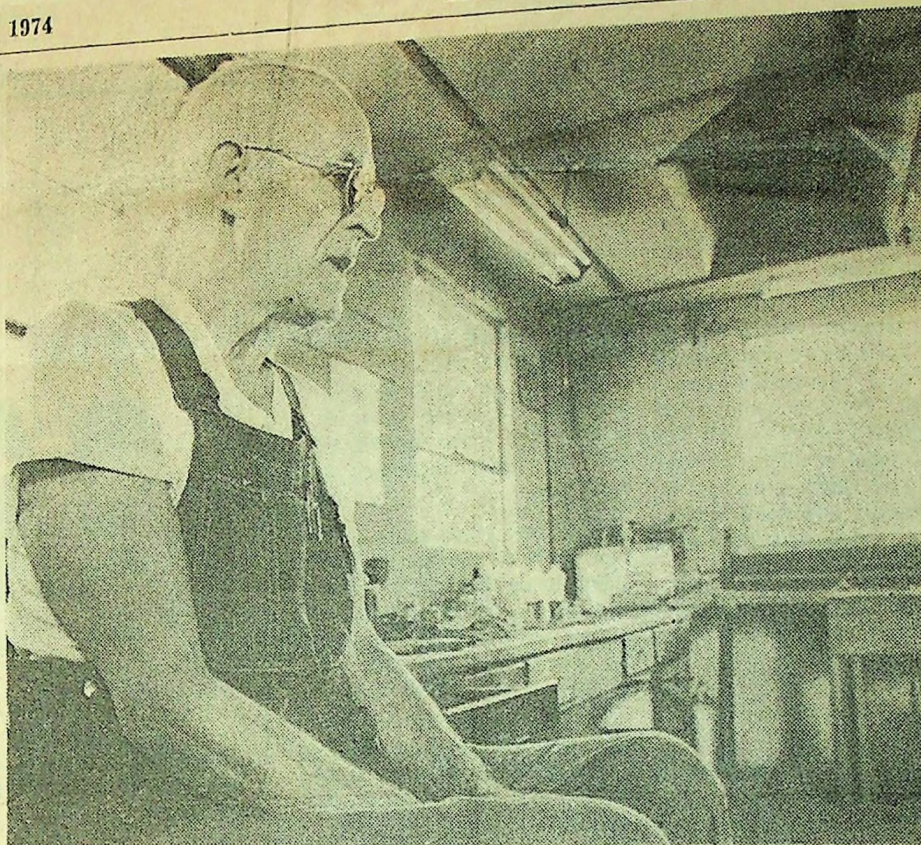
"But when 1945 came around we were working as hard as we ever were and everything just kept on going."

But progress has its price. Eichner's radiator repair shop, which has been closing off leaky coolants at 12 W. First since 1949, is coming down. The National Bank of Commerce bought it for another parking lot.

"They've been after me for a long time," Eichner said with a shrug. "I finally got the price I wanted so I gave in. I'm getting kind of old."

But Eichner's memories of early Kennewick are still vivid. "There were no paved streets then. Seems somebody's horse and buggy was always getting stuck and needing to be pulled out."

"It was real wild West back



Louis Eichner of Kennewick looked around his radiator shop which will soon be coming down for a parking lot.

then. I remember when two guys held up an old hardware store down by the river. Shot the clerk and rode away."

The winters were mild and so were the prices. A loaf of bread cost a nickel and filling the 20-gallon tank of the family Maxwell cost \$5.

The radiator business is a hot market here for anyone that's interested. "It's almost a racket," said Eichner, who learned the trade from his father and made many of his own tools.

After the death of his wife two and a half years ago, Eichner moved in with his son Fred, a worker at Battelle Northwest, at his home in Kennewick.

Although he's seen the town grow from 1,200 persons to 16,800, he's got some reservations about progress.

"I can't believe some of the homes being built now. These \$50,000 things look like they're going to fall apart in a good wind."

On Watergate and related matters: "They've all got dirt behind their ears. Oh, they'll all behave for a while, but then the politicians can't resist the temptation."

Such philosophy might consume a lot of Eichner's time after he finishes cleaning out the shop he's worked in for the past 25 years.

"I really don't know what I'm going to do," he said

wistfully. "But then I think of all these people coming down here wanting their radiators fixed, and I won't be there."

"It's going to kind of tickle me."

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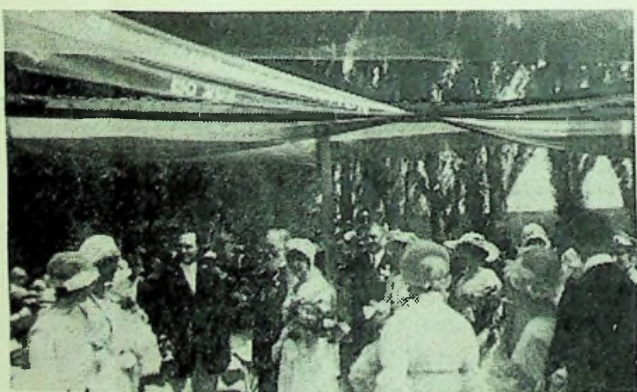
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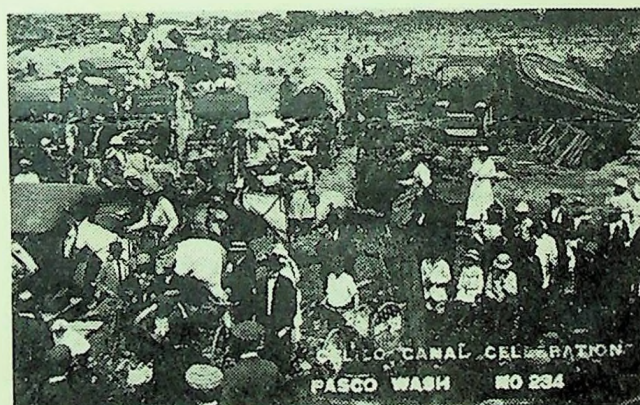
Steamers docked at Pasco during the "Open River" celebration, May 4, 1915. The "Undine" at right was Admiral W.P. Gray's flagship as he lead the up-river fleet to the Dalles-Celilo canal formal opening on May 5, 1915.

(Photo courtesy Ralph Smith)



"Wedding" of Snake & Columbia Rivers, May 4, 1915. Miss Katie Williams, the bride with bouquet facing camera. Admiral W.P. Gray with beard. Senator Wesley Jones, tall man beside Gray. Frank Jones the groom barely visible at Senator Jones' right.

(Photo, courtesy the late Mary Clark)



Celilo Canal celebration at Pasco May 4, 1915.

(Photo, courtesy Josephine Storment)

OPEN RIVER CELEBRATIONS HELD IN 1915

By Walter A. Oberst

Optimistically believing that the completion of the Dalles-Celilo Canal in 1915 would remove the last barrier to free navigation of the Columbia River and its tributaries for five hundred miles inland, "Open River" celebrations were held during the week of May 3-8, 1915 in a dozen or more river towns and localities stretching from Lewiston, Idaho to Astoria, Oregon.

All of the celebrants expected their towns to become prosperous river ports, some of them believing that the completion of the Dalles-Celilo Canal would be as important to the Pacific Northwest as was the completion of the Panama Canal to the United States as a whole. (1)

The week of festivities, which started at Lewiston, Idaho on Monday May 3, included the usual great number of speeches by local and visiting notables both in and out of government, parades, baseball games, fireworks, barbecues, carnivals, banquets, and free ferry rides.

On the following day Pasco and Kennewick, thronged with thousands of visitors who had arrived by horse and buggy, special trains, river steamers and automobiles, held a joint celebration. A big parade was staged in Pasco at 11 A.M. after which the celebrants crossed the Columbia River to Kennewick via ferries that operated free that day, and via Northern Pacific trains that charged 10¢ a ride. Ten N.P. trains operated between Pasco and Kennewick that day.

A mock wedding was staged in Kennewick which the souvenir program described as the "Wedding of the Snake and Columbia announced by the State of Washington, the marriage of her daughter Miss Columbia to Mr. Snake of the states of Idaho and Oregon, May 4, 1915, at Kennewick-Pasco. At home, the Pacific, after May 8, 1915". (2)

Miss Kate Williams of Kennewick represented the Columbia River. Frank Jones of Pasco stood in as Mr. Snake when the river steamer from Lewiston bringing Wallace Stainton to be the groom was delayed. Admiral W. P. Gray of Pasco gave the bride away, and U. S. Senator Wesley L. Jones of Yakima performed the ceremony. Maids of honor, all from Kennewick, were the Misses Pat Cunningham, Olga Fylpa, Mayme Jorgenson, and Ruby Slaughenhaupt, while the flower girls, also from Kennewick, were Lucila Collins and Esther Moulton.

Pasco supplied nearly all of the bridesmaids, each of them representing an eastern Washington town. They were Dorothy Davis, May Dolan, Wilma Donnell, Bertha Fancher, Alice Hays, Alice Hogan, Esther Hogan, Zella Jewell, Eulalie Johnson, Martha Johnson, Marie Koester, Eva Kuhn, Bertha Leverich, Margaret Paxton, Gladys Sheffield, Francis Walsh, Grace Welsh and Goldie Wren. Nine out of the thirteen "Men of Honor" were from Pasco.

Speeches were given by Governor Wythecombe of Oregon and by Scott Henderson a Kennewick resident, who was Attorney General for the State of Washington. This was followed at 1 P.M. by a mammoth free barbecue in a grove of trees on the banks of the Columbia River near the Northern Pacific railroad bridge, but the crowds were so unexpectedly large that the food ran short. A baseball game, a dance, and a carnival provided further entertainment.

Later in the afternoon the crowd returned to Pasco where a wrestling match in a theater, an outdoor band concert, a Japanese street parade and other events were staged. The climax of the day-long celebration came Tuesday evening at the Open River Banquet in the Pasco Masonic hall, served by the ladies of the Congregational Church. Reproduced below is an exact replica of the banquet program listing the menu, the entertainment, and the names of the long list of notables who spoke. (3)

Open River Banquet

Commemorating Celilo Canal

PASCO, WASH., MAY 4TH

Piano Duet: Mrs. W. D. Pence, Miss Ruth Taylor.

Piano Solo: Miss Josephine Kouba.

Vocal Solo: Miss Elizabeth Kinsella.

Toastmaster: George W. Zent, Mayor of Pasco.

"The Columbia: Rich in History, Romance and Legend."

Ex-Gov. Miles C. Moore, Walla Walla, Wash.

"The Columbia and Snake: Ranking Highest Among Scenic Waterways of the World."

Eugene A. Cox, Lewiston, Idaho.

Song: Ladies Quartet.

"Comedy and Tragedy of Pioneer Navigation."

T. C. Elliott, Walla Walla, Wash.

"Not Absolutely Dry."

Congressman C. C. Dill, Spokane, Wash.

Piano Solo: Miss Eulalie Johnson.

"Our Uncle Sam: May He Stay on the Job."

Senator Miles Poindexter, Spokane, Wash.

"Power: Possibilities and Probabilities."

Senator W. L. Jones, North Yakima, Wash.

Violin Solo: Miss Ethel Burlingame.

"Good Roads: Next, and Soon."

Governor Ernest Lister.

"The Inland Empire, Forty Years Fore and Aft."

J. A. Perkins, Colfax, Wash.

"The Inland Empire as a Beneficiary of Open Waterways."

Dr. E. A. Bryan, Pullman, Wash.

Song: Mixed Quartet.

"A Boat and a Breadbasket: A Good Combination."

W. D. Smith, Ritzville, Wash.

"The Valley of the Columbia Fifty Years Hence."

Scott Z. Henderson, Kennewick, Wash.

"Panama-Pacific-Inland Waterway Commerce"

J. E. Gratke, Astoria, Oregon.

Vocal Solo: Mrs. Myrtle Treadwell.

"The Rivers as an Aid to Electrical Transportation."

Mayor C. M. Fassett, Spokane, Wash.

As reported by the PASCO EXPRESS, the banquet was a splendid success. After full justice had been done to the feast, they wrote, the chairs were pushed back and the feast of song ensued. (4)

And what a feast of reason, and a test of endurance it has been. Twelve speeches were given. One has to marvel how that large crowd endured the hot May evening without air-conditioning in the hall. The PASCO EXPRESS stated the meeting lasted until midnight, leaving less than two hours for the distinguished visitors and others to catch the S.P. & S. passenger train to go to Big Eddy to be on hand the next day for another round of speeches at the formal opening of the Dalles-Celilo Canal.

The upriver fleet of river steamers commanded by Adm. W. P. Gray in his flag ship the "Undine" left the Twin Falls for the Dalles at 4:30 A.M., May 5, taking their load of distinguished passengers to the Dalles-Celilo area in time to participate in the formal opening the same day. They were met there by a fleet of steamers from downriver ports. So many trains brought thousands of visitors.

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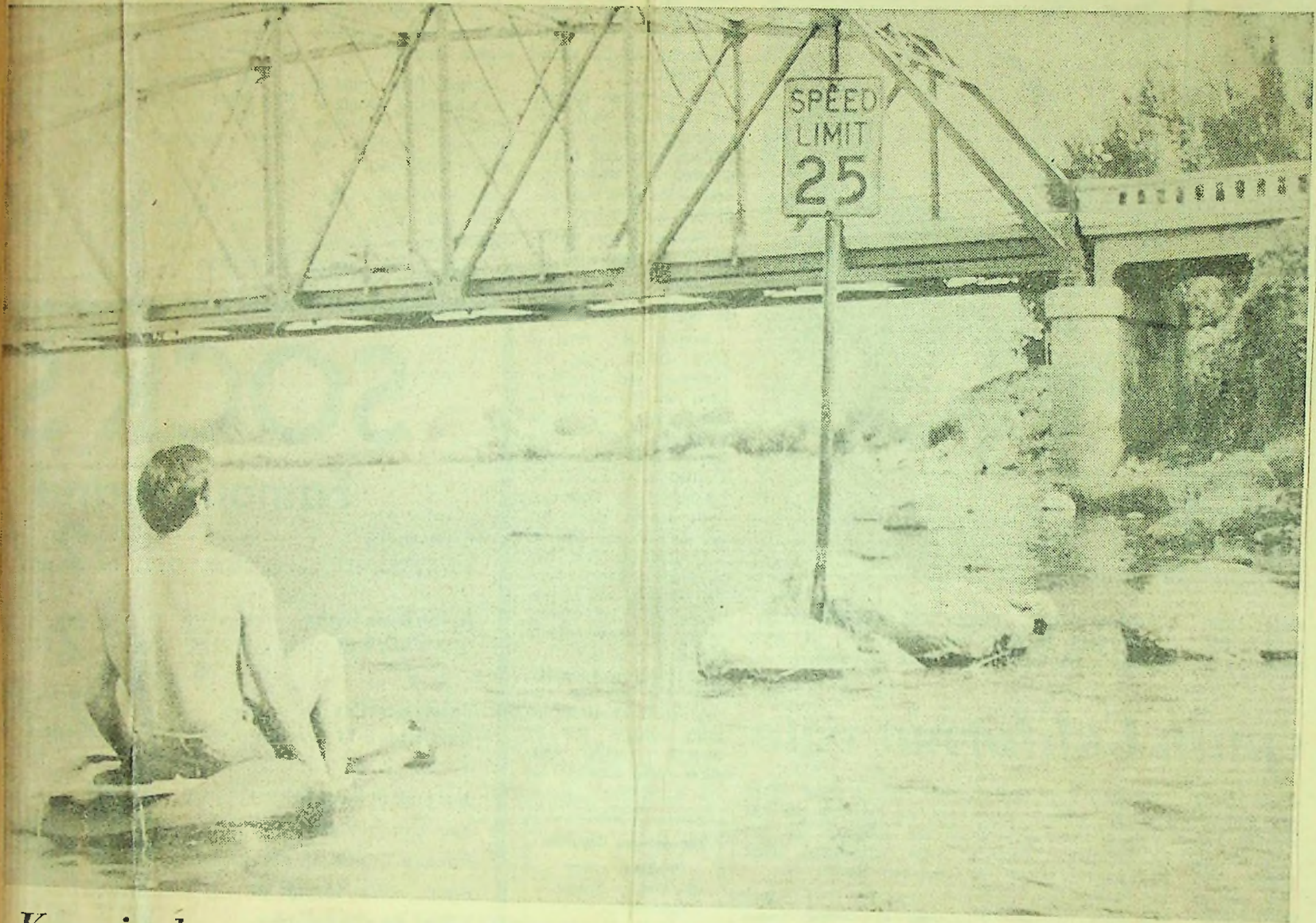
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Keep it slow

Charles Raffety of Richland, Wash., eyes a speed limit sign as he travels in an inner-tube raft on the Yaki-

ma River in West Richland. The unusual water sign is the work of pranksters.

Associated Press

Home Telephone Co. opened in Tri-Cities in 1903

One hundred years ago today Alexander Graham Bell was issued a patent for what many considered was an impractical gimmick — the telephone.

Three days later Bell transmitted the first complete sentence on the instrument. "Mr. Watson, come here, I want you," and opened the door to transcontinental communication.

In the summer of 1876, Bell took his telephone to the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition where the United States' first 100 years was being commemorated.

Although Bell, a teacher for the deaf, demonstrated that his invention could operate over a distance of several miles, most people were skeptical.

But Bell and his supporters thought otherwise. On July 9, 1877, papers were drawn creating the Bell Telephone Co.

Before the year was out, telephones were popping up all over the country.

By the time the Tri-Cities was introduced to the telephone, 15 years later, the invention had outgrown its novelty stage.

It was about 1903 when R. A. Klinge and A. F. Brown, father of Bob Brown, a Kennewick businessman, opened the Home Telephone Co.

Within two years the partners split and Klinge moved to Pasco, opening an exchange in a small building on Second Street.

Brown, meanwhile, established the Kennewick Valley Telephone Co., at what's now 14 S. Benton St.

Brown sold his interests in 1941 to his sons Bob, Burns and Mark. Later Bob Brown sold his interest to his brothers and in 1948, the Brown brothers sold out to the Interstate Telephone Co.,

which later became General Telephone Co.

Brown's business moved slowly, but soon Klinge moved his office to Lewis Street between First and Second. Klinge had one telephone booth for long distance calls and a messenger was hired to summon people to the phone when they received a call.

Pasco's first operator was Bessie Gray, known locally as "Miss Central." Shortly thereafter Miss Gray married Pasco's first mayor, S. M. McGee.

In 1916 Pacific Northwest Bell bought Klinge's firm. At that time Pasco's population was 2,500.

In 1925 Pasco had 805 phones for 3,500 people.

Information from General Telephone was unavailable for that period.

When the Depression struck in 1929 the economy sagged in

the Tri-Cities and the number of telephones decreased.

A decade later things were looking up. But in 1939 a disaster occurred which made headlines all over the state. A raging fire engulfed the Pasco Hotel, causing damage estimated at \$175,000.

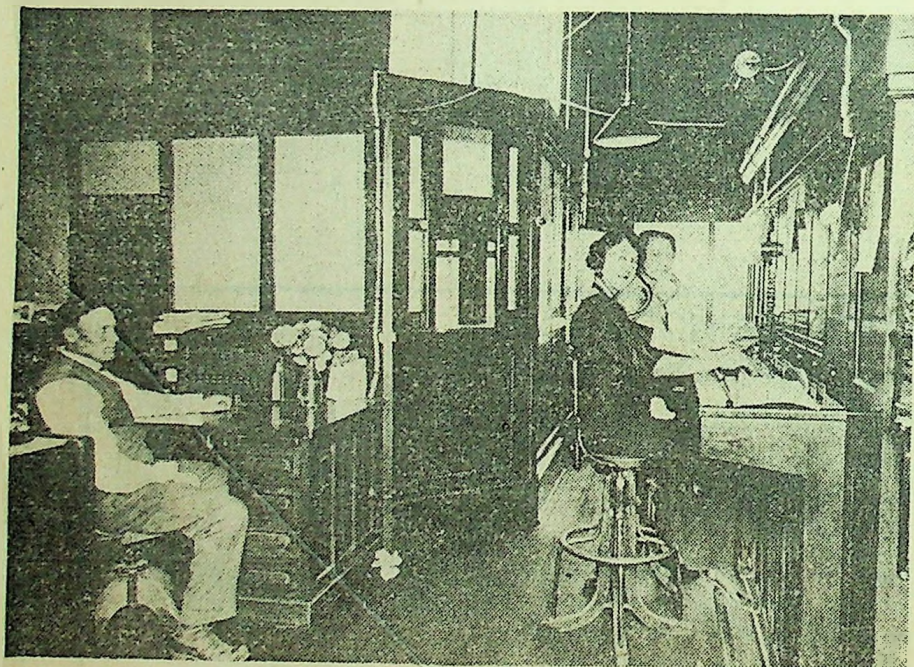
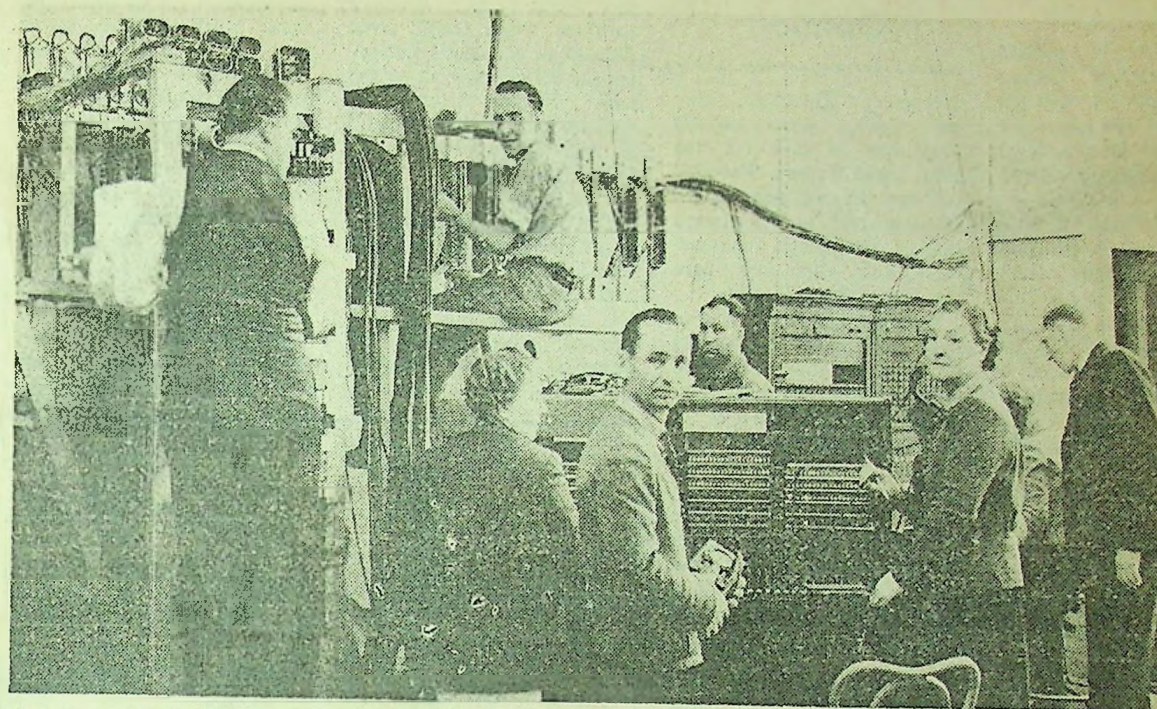
While the firemen fought the blaze, water was poured onto the building that housed the telephone company equipment and for a while service was out all over town.

Operators Olga Wayde, Gladys Howe and Bessie Mae Savage "Remained at their posts in the burning building until forcibly ejected by firemen."

According to the Pasco Herald of Dec. 22, 1939, "Long distance service was re-established almost immediately. . . although Pasco people experienced the inconvenience of no local service all day. The break between housewives and the grocers was a severe shock to both. . ."

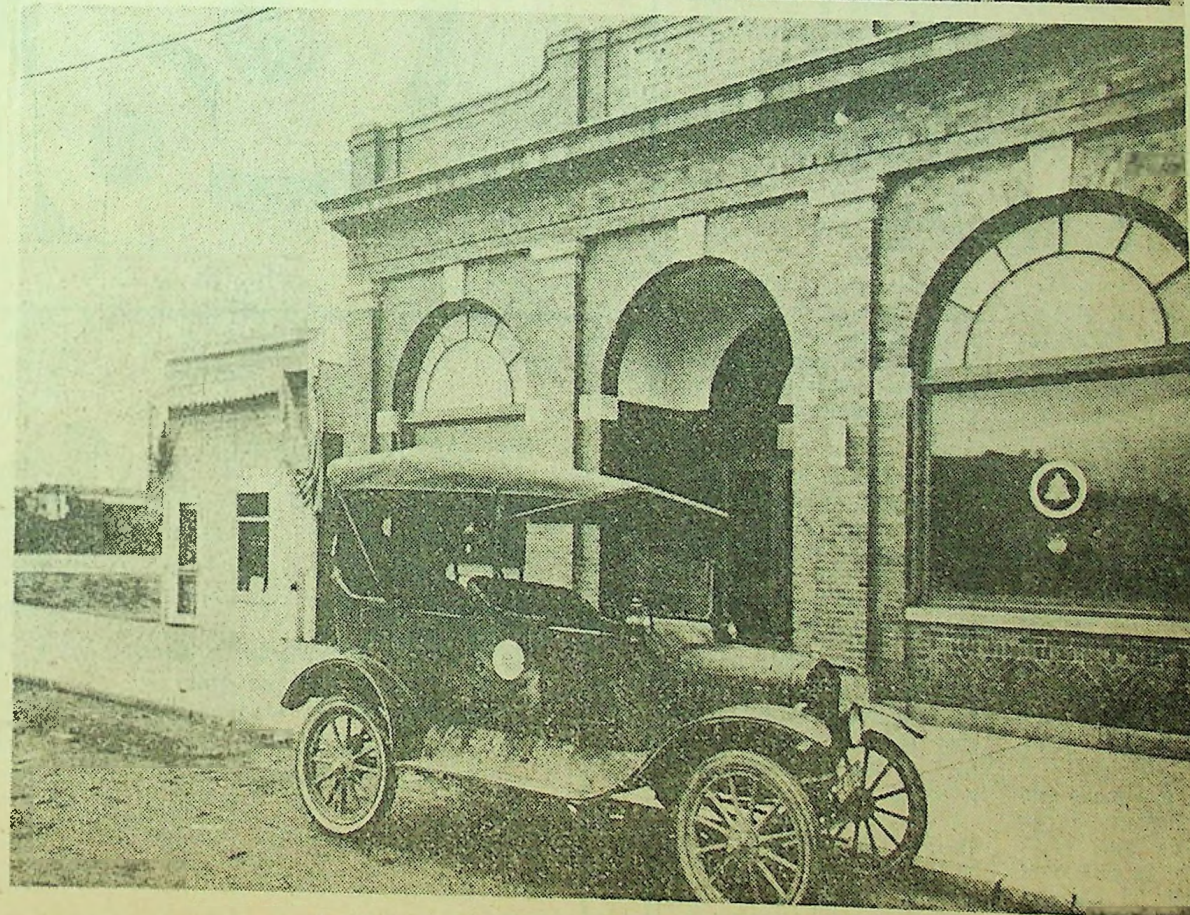
In 1949 General Telephone Co., in Kennewick, had six operators serving 700 lines with 10 or 20 customers on each line. "There were lots of problems," one General Telephone official said.

Getting things back to normal after the December, 1939, fire in Pasco, were from left, in top photos at right: F. M. Mcbach, A.G. Ewing, Esther Wellman, F.H. Smith, C.A. Goodyear, Olga Wayde, Marjorie Hiller and D.W. Fry. Working at the board in the background and barely visible was Bessie Mae Savage. The small wooden frame building on the left of bottom photo at right was used by R.A. Klinge when he operated the first local telephone system in Pasco. The brick building which bears the inscription "Twin City Telephone Company," was built in 1914.



This picture taken in 1910 showed an interior view of the then modern two-place switchboard and office of the Kennewick Valley Telephone Co.

Seated at left is the late A.F. Brown, who owned the telephone system that served Kennewick. The two operators are not identified.





LEAH LUDWICK

... today



11- 1977

... in 1906

Of course she needed a driver's license, exclaimed Leah Ludwick of Kennewick.

"How else would I get to the golf course?"

Mrs. Ludwick is 93.

This Thanksgiving Day, Mrs. Ludwick has more to give thanks for than just a driving license—which she obtained on her fourth try.

She also has almost perfect health which enables her to play nine holes of golf three times a week in Columbia Park.

Sunday, with the temperature around the freezing mark, Mrs. Ludwick was down at the course trying to correct her swing and reduce her 27 handicap.

State officials say Mrs. Ludwick could be the oldest active Tri-City driver with an unrestricted license.

She has no resentment the state made her take the test four times before giving her the license. "I think they're clamping down," she said. "And they should. There are too many kooks on the road."

She wrote a letter of thanks to the local driver-licensing office. In it she pointed out that in 60 years of driving her only accident was five years ago when she backed into a car and smashed a tail light in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Ludwick wrote, "I came up without knowing how to parallel park, back up around a corner, park on a hill, signal soon enough or often enough, and all those danger potentials I was guilty of. It was something they said I had forgotten about."

"From now on out I will be more cautious and see what the other driver is doing wrong, and profit by their mistakes maybe."

No wall flower

When she was 91 Mrs. Ludwick explained to Herald golf columnist Mark Musolf why she took up golf.

"I still like to square dance, but you have to have a partner, and they expect old ladies to sit on the sidelines. I need to exercise and you can't do that sitting and watching. I wasn't about to sit in a rocking chair."

But if Mrs. Ludwick had trouble finding dancing partners in the Tri-Cities, she didn't in Las Vegas.

"I went to Phoenix last winter to get away from the cold." On a trip to Las Vegas Mrs. Ludwick won first place in open tango competition and two seconds in waltz competitions at the annual MGM Grand Hotel dance tournament.

Keeping active is part of Mrs. Ludwick's way of life. Between 1900 and 1908 she was on girls' basketball teams at Goldendale, Snohomish, Yakima and then was captain of the Washington State University team.

On the days when she doesn't play golf, she spends half to three-quarters of an hour walking up and down the steep hill from her Underwood Street apartment to the Tri-City golf course.

"You are what you do and what you eat," said the woman who for years operated a health-food store in Los Angeles.

Homesteaded at Meadow Springs

It is fitting that Mrs. Ludwick is one of the oldest active Tri-City drivers.

She was one of its first.

Mrs. Ludwick ("I'm a member of the Lampson clan. There are about 60 of us around") came to the Tri-Cities in 1906 with her parents.

Her father built the two-story stone house which still stands at 4606 Volland Street, off Canal Drive.

In 1917 Mrs. Ludwick obtained her first driving license. She and her husband were teaching at Richland high school while homesteading near Leslie—a long-vanished railroad station where Leslie Road intersects with Kenne Road near Meadow Springs.

She was teaching agriculture because the ag teacher had gone to the war, she had lived on a farm, had a brother who was the Benton County farm agent. "And I guess they thought I was the best they could get."

In those days Leslie Road was sand. "Some nights we had to let the air out of the tires to get up the hill."

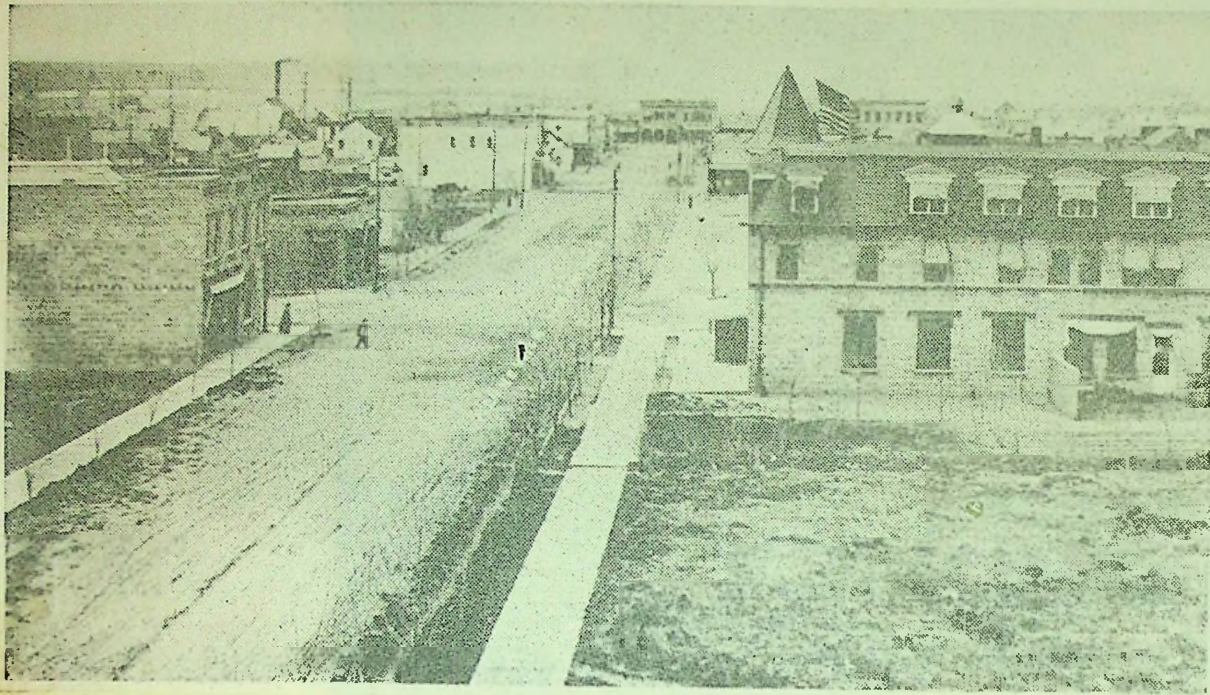
After years living in the Los Angeles area where she and her husband (who died in 1942) operated health-food stores, Mrs. Ludwick returned to the Tri-Cities five years ago "because it got too smoggy, too crowded and has too much traffic for an old lady."

According to state officials the state's oldest active driver is a 105-year-old Tacoma man who recently renewed his license.

"The doctor said I'd live to be 115," laughed Mrs. Ludwick. But how much longer she keeps driving depends, she says, on her health. Every morning she checks her eye sight by means of an eye chart on her bedroom door.

"I just hope I have the sense to know when to quit, because some day I'm going to have to."

Kennewick Avenue changes since 1904



Kennewick Avenue, east from Dayton Street in 1904, looked like this, one year after the city was incorporated. In right foreground, is the Ken-

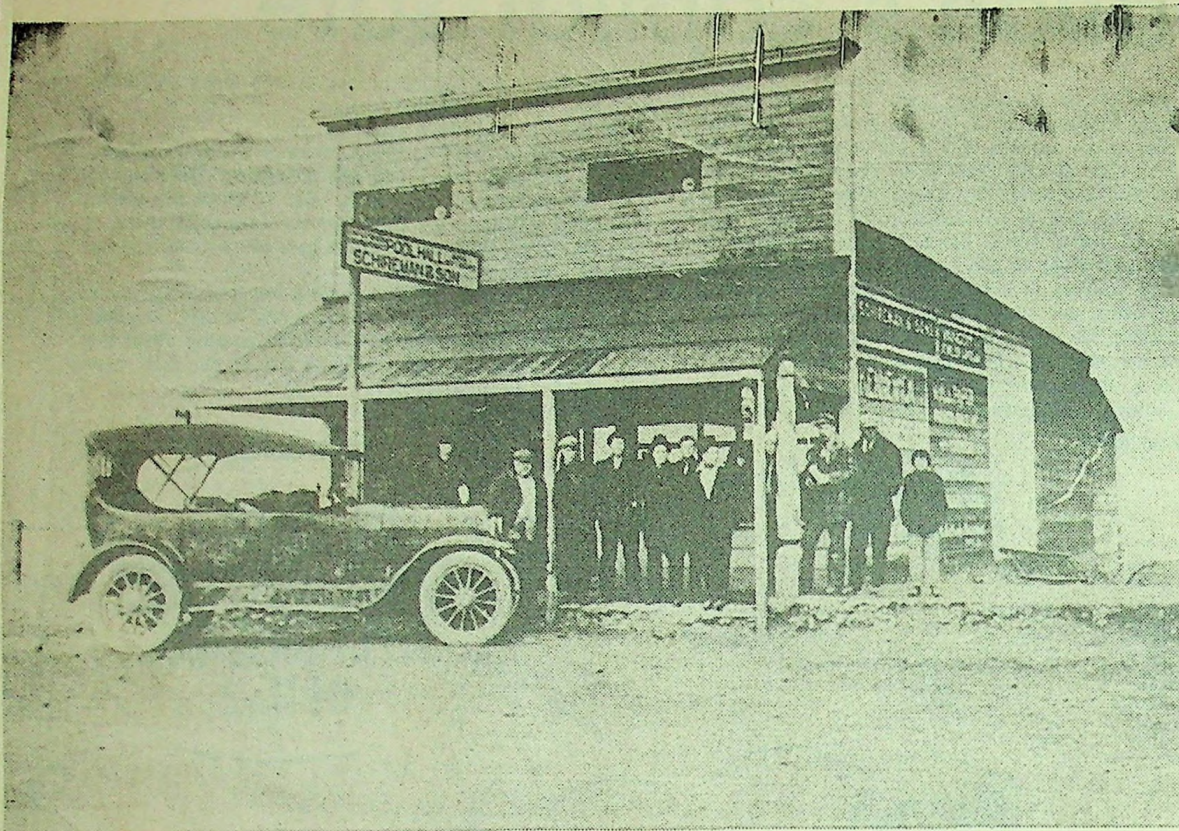
newick Hotel. The building housing the Back Door Inn now is on the site. (Photos courtesy East Benton County Historical Society)



Today the same Kennewick Avenue, looking east from the same spot, looks like this. The same

building continues to look down the street as it did in 1904.

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Shireman's and Sons, a pool hall, confectionery and tobacco store was located at 710 George Washington Way.



A 1910 photo of "French" the blacksmith whose shop was next to the Wiesenbach store on Columbia Avenue.

'Richland was named after the good rich land'

By MARY JANE LEWIS
Herald Staff Writer

When Sybil Garbett reminisces about Richland she doesn't talk about the influx of construction workers, nuclear fission or fast flux test plants.

In fact, it makes the Richland pioneer angry when people say, "There was no one here before the Hanford Project."

There were 800 to 900 residents in the farming community before Hanford, according to Mrs. Garbett.

Many of them will be getting together this weekend for the annual Richland Picnic. Pre-Hanford residents will meet Friday at Roy's Chuck Wagon, Richland, for dinner, visiting and dancing, and Sunday in the shelter area of



SYBIL GARBETT

Howard Amon Park for an 11 a.m. social time and 1 p.m. picnic.

"We arrived in June of 1909," Mrs. Garbett said. "My father Charles Sa-

wyer, was sent West because of his health, but the rainy Willamette Valley didn't do him any good."

"We read about the irrigation project and he thought it would be "nifty" to be able to control the water on his crops," she said.

"We raised alfalfa, potatoes, apples, apricots, pears and cherries and called one of our Bing cherry trees the \$75 tree because that's how much it would earn in a summer."

"It's hard to realize today how much money that was. You could buy a suit of clothes for \$5 and a pair of shoes for \$1."

In 1904 Allan and Downs had started a canal from Horn Rapids Dam to water the upper land where the

300 Area is now. Mrs. Garbett attended the Fruitvale School there for six years. It was closed in 1926 when the districts merged and the students were driven to Richland Schools in a horse drawn bus.

"W.R. Amons, Howard S. Amon, Albert L. Smith and Bruce McGregor incorporated the Benton Water Co. in April 1905. The area was still in Yakima County. Benton County was named later that year," Mrs. Garbett said.

The town started in 1905 and was incorporated for the first time in 1910 and had to be reincorporated when the Hanford Project was started, according to Mrs. Garbett's daughter,

Martha Parker, who is writing a history of Richland.

"There were two or three grocery stores, two lumber yards, a blacksmith shop, meat market, and barber shop. Some of the old buildings were remodeled into a tavern and other businesses along George Washington Way," she said.

"The Amons had a contest to name the town. There were 1,000 entries and 12 people suggested Benton in honor of the new county. Althea Rosencrans won the prize from among the 12 and received town lot 21, Block 1, a 24x40 foot lot, now between the paint store and the old theater,"

Mrs. Parker said.

"In October the name was changed to Richland because a postal official said it was too close to the name of Benson, another Washington town. By that time we had several hotels and a bank," said Mrs. Garbett.

She married Lee Berry and they moved to Seattle where he helped build Highway 99. But in 1933 they moved back because they didn't like to work in the rain.

Berry milked cows on the Grosseup farm and then worked as a carpenter, later becoming business agent for the Carpenters Union.

The Berrys had six children, Audrey, Alan, Mar-

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tha, Betty, Mary and Marcus. For the past five years Martha has been compiling an early day history of the town with the help of old-time residents who gather annually to show photographs they have from those early days and recall its history.

"Richland was named after the good, rich land, not for Nelson Rich as many believe," Mrs. Garbett said.

"In the Columbia Courier Oct. 6, 1905 it says, quoting

Jim Hill, "Richland was a euphonious title, very appropriate to the region which has the most fertile soil in the world."

At that time the hills were covered with bunch grass so high Indian ponies could hide in it, Mrs. Garbett said.

To make reservations or for additional information about the Richland dinner and picnic, call Esther McClendon, 582-8186 or Martha Nelson, 967-2238.

Historical society finds new Kennewick home

By GALE METCALF

Herald staff writer

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The East Benton County Historical Society finally has a home.

The society, which for years has housed its collection of historical items in the attics and basements of its 350 members, will come home to its new museum behind Kennewick City Hall Saturday when the cornerstone of the new complex is to be laid in ceremonies beginning at 10 a.m..

Gene Spaulding, historical society president, says he expects the museum will be ready by first of the year.

"We're going to be hiring a director, probably without question this month," said Spaulding during a tour of the new complex that was financed by public donations and contributions by contractors and subcontractors.

There are 6,000 square feet on the main floor and a 4,000-square-foot basement, Spaulding said. A wide door to the main floor will allow antique cars to be displayed inside the building, and a driveway ramp slants to the basement for delivery of larger displays.

Perhaps most unique about the handsome structure however, is a beautifully inlaid entrance floor made of colorful petrified wood.



Gene Spaulding

"When people walk in the door they don't get past that before stopping to look at it," Spaulding said proudly. The

floor inlay was built by Gordon Maxey in the Tri-Cities and was acquired by D.L. and Willa McKeown of Kennewick.

Mrs. McKeown donated it to the museum on behalf of her late husband and herself, Spaulding said.

A 75-year-old asparagus cutting device now sits in back of the still uncompleted building waiting to be displayed, but Spaulding says most artifacts and historical items belonging to the society presently are housed with members.

"They (historical items) are under beds, in attics, and everywhere else," he said. "We expect to have enough to fill half of the building and more is coming

in." The new facility was built without any public funds, Spaulding said.

"There were no government funds," Spaulding said. "It was simply contributions by a lot of people. It took seven months to raise \$200,000."

The city of Kennewick contributed the land to the historical society but will get it back, Spaulding said.

"Upon completion we're going to deed the land back to the city," he said. "We are the occupants and have agreed to maintain the museum."

The contractor, B.R. Chapman, provided all materials at cost, and subcontractors also do-

nated materials for the \$200,000 structure, Spaulding said.

"We feel we've got a \$300,000 building because of the tremendous individual support of the contractor and subcontractors," Spaulding said. "The business community has been behind us in every respect."

The East Benton County Historical Society was formed in the 1930s, Spaulding said, but it became more active in 1975 when it became a non-profit organization.

Members pay \$5-a-year dues and members receive a publication from the society every two months. It is prepared by member Neva Bequette, Spaulding said.

Museum cornerstone in place

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The cornerstone of the East Benton County Historical Society museum, which one speaker noted proudly was built "entirely with private money," was laid ceremoniously Saturday by officers of the state Masonic Lodge.

About 350 persons attended. The building is in Kennewick's Keewaydin Park.

State Grand Master George R. Bordewick, who supervised the ceremony, called the building a fine tribute to the pioneers of this area, whose struggles and privations tend to be forgotten.

Jim Bates, Kennewick mayor pro-tem, said that the value of the land given by the city for the museum was "insignificant" in the total cost of the project. It is highly important to note, he said, that the museum "was built entirely with private money and no government funds were used."

Among those introduced was Bernard Chapman, Kennewick, the builder, who donated his work. The architect, Lawrence Frymier, also donated his services.

Glenn C. Lee, who was introduced as a major contributor to the building fund, said the museum is "a tribute to the persistence and stubbornness of the promoters of the project... Gene Spaulding and George Jones."

Lee, former publisher of the



Herald/Ron Perry

Fran Spooner, of Kennewick, a board member of the East Benton County Historical Society, peers over the shoulder of Mrs. Larry Frymier and her daughters, Amber, 7, (center) and Autumn, 10, when the cornerstone of the new museum was laid Saturday. Larry Frymier, the architect who designed the new complex behind Kennewick City Hall, is hospitalized and was unable to attend the ceremony which attracted some 150 persons.

Tri-City Herald, predicted that "this building and its contents, as time goes by, will be a

worthy monument to the early pioneers and citizens of this region."

East Benton museum celebrates anniversary

By EDWARD MERRIMAN
Herald staff writer

The East Benton County Historical Museum will celebrate its first anniversary with an open house from 1 to 5 p.m., Oct. 21.

The museum, dedicated in 1982 and officially opened in 1983, contains exhibits showing the early history of East Benton County, its pioneer settlers and the development of its towns and economic and social life, according to Mary Ellen Rowe, the mu-

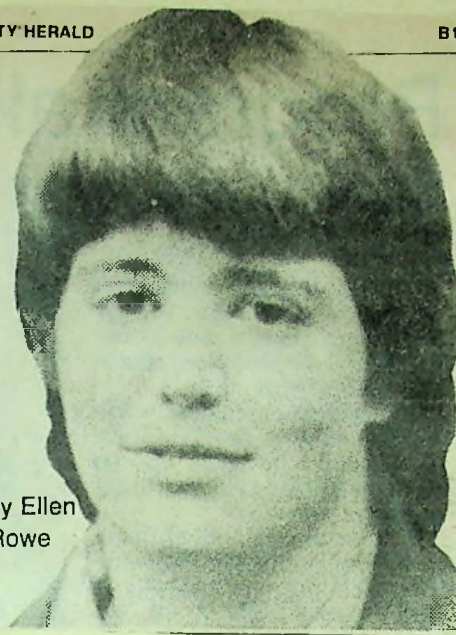
seum's new director.

"It's a place for old-timers to bring their children and grandchildren and tell them how it was. We're in the process of developing exhibits to show and explain family and social life as it was at the turn of the century," Rowe said.

When the museum opened the historical society had barely started gathering exhibits, and most of the items were related to agriculture. Since then the collection of artifacts has grown, with many of the new ex-

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Mary Ellen
Rowe



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hibits showing how early Benton County residents.

Once inside the museum visitors will find a collection of Indian arrowheads and stonework, a scene from a late 19th century sitting room and numerous pictures and other mementoes. There is also an old-time assessor's office, complete with the leather saddlebags used by a Benton County treasurer who collected taxes on horseback.

One wall is covered with a display of uniquely patterned quilts.

There's also an assortment of farm implements from a time when tractors hadn't yet been invented. Another section of the museum has cowboy gear.

In addition to the displays, the museum also houses archives including tapes and slides which will be available to the public in the next few months for research of local history or genealogy.

Hidden there is such information as how the first grape juice factory in the west was started in Kennewick in 1913 by Merlyn Howard Church.

A story in the Kennewick Reporter said "The foundation for a new industry was laid last year when Mr. Church made a few gallons of grape juice in an open kettle on a kitchen range. Last winter Mr. Church went east carrying with him samples of the juice. Even though produced by crude methods, the new product was pronounced by chemists and experts as equal to the best juices on the market."

Another tells of a flu epidemic that broke out in 1918, closing schools, theaters and churches. And on Dec. 12, with every hospital bed filled, 95 new cases were reported. Many people had to be isolated in their homes. And many died, according to historical society reports.

Rowe said future plans for the museum include creation of a recreation area complete with old time toys, and a library for research material.

As a special attraction for the open house, Rowe will don a turn-of-the-century costume and narrate a slide show that was part of an original campaign to promote the area in the early 1900s.

The museum is located at 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

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Making sagebrush pretty

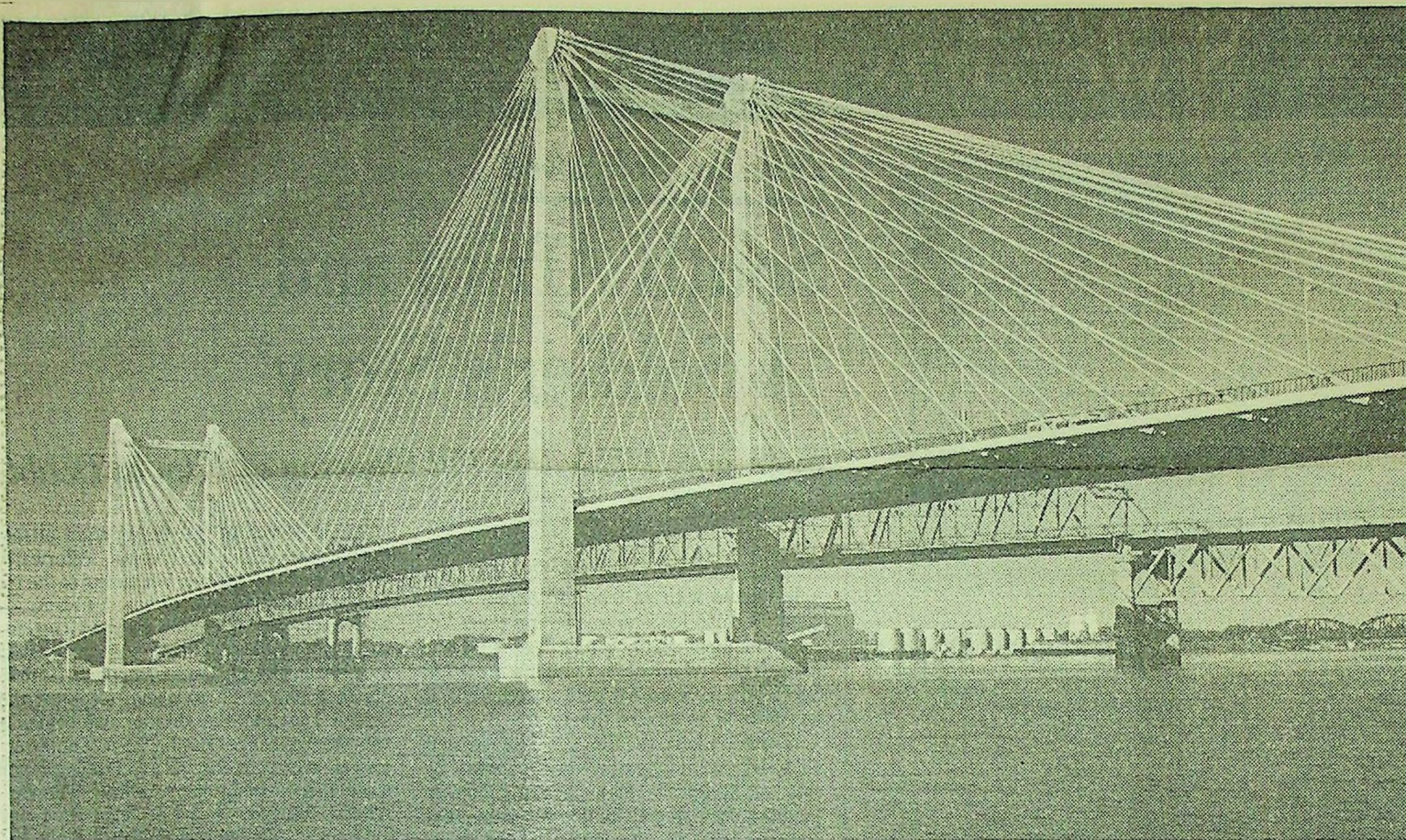
Children participate in a tradition from pioneer days — decorating a traditional Christmas tree for the Tri-City area — sagebrush. The decorating was Sunday during the East Benton County Historical Museum's St. Nicholas Day celebration in Kennewick. Sagebrush

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Herald/Bob Brawdy

was used in pioneer days because of availability and the cost of obtaining evergreen trees. Decorating with paper chains and strung popcorn are, from left, Michael and Patricia McCawley of Walla Walla, Aulin and Annie Smith and Brian Chou, all of Kennewick.



The Intercity Bridge connecting Pasco and Kennewick in Washington state, one of the 13 winners in the first Presidential Awards for Design Excellence.

Designers

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money, and you know how much that warms my heart."

The quadrennial awards are the culmination of efforts to enhance government design that began three presidents and 13 years ago with the federal design improvement program initiated and supervised by the National Endowment for the Arts.

The 13 winners, selected from 91 finalists by a jury chaired by I.M. Pei, the renowned American architect whose award-winning buildings include, among many others, the East Building of the National Gallery of Art, represented a wide spectrum of design, from buildings to bridges to signs to an artificial foot.

"It is my hope that the great variety of the 13 awards will help persuade the public that design isn't just buildings or parks and so forth," commented Frank Hodson, chairman of the arts endowment. The only building on the awards list directly commissioned by the federal government is, in a sense, a nonbuilding—architect Robert Venturi's white metal-frame outline of Benjamin Franklin's house (called a "ghost" in the jury citation) in Franklin Court in Philadelphia, a Bicentennial project built under the aegis of the National Park Service.

Three other projects involving buildings—the Lowertown mixed-use project in St. Paul, Minn.; "The

Gardens," a dense, low-rise residential project in San Mateo, Calif.; and scattered-site public housing in Charleston, S.C.—were produced by local initiatives and funded heavily by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Among the more spectacular and beautiful award recipients are three engineering projects: the Linn Cove viaduct along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, the stunning steel-and-concrete bridge spanning the Columbia River in Washington state between Pasco and Kennewick, and the flood-control dam at the Charles River Basin in Boston, Mass.

Three systematic graphics programs received awards: the "symbol signs" now deployed throughout the country by the Department of Transportation, the "Unigrid Design Program" that governs all visual communications of the National Park Service, and the design standards manual that performs a similar service for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Congress and the Department of the Interior were praised by the jury for enacting and administering, respectively, the historic preservation tax incentives program, credited with saving "more than 9,000 historic buildings nationwide." Another program selected by the panel is the art-in-architecture program of the General Services Administration, which, the jury commented, "has produced salutary results at more than 250 sites" across the country.

Perhaps the most amazing of the award-winners is the "Seattle Foot," a prosthetic device developed by pri-

vate designers in Seattle under contract to the Veterans Administration. Called "a quantum leap in prosthetics technology," the artificial foot, a realistic-looking mold containing a plastic spring, "duplicates the complex motion and energy of a real foot with just two lightweight parts."

The presidential awards are the belated fruit of the federal design improvement program begun in 1972. Other major initiatives of the program—to encourage preservation and mixed-use of federal buildings and federally-assisted projects, to overhaul the graphics design in countless federal agencies, and to encourage good design throughout the bureaucracy by means of design competitions and hiring practices stressing design excellence—were put in place during the 1970s.

"We are greatly encouraged by the reaction to the awards program," commented Adele Chatfield-Taylor, director of the design arts program of the National Endowment for the Arts. "There are a lot of people out there who are proud of their work." More than 50 federal agencies submitted 630 entries to the competition. Photographs of the 13 winning designs, along with those of the 78 other finalists, are on view at the headquarters of the American Institute of Architects, 1735 New York Ave. NW.

Pei, whose name Reagan mispronounced—"Do I have that name right? Is it *Pie*?" he asked—concluded yesterday's ceremony by thanking the president for placing "the essence of design excellence at the highest level of government."

Designers For the Nation

Reagan Gives First Presidential Awards

By Benjamin Forgey
Washington Post Staff Writer

Praising architects, engineers and designers for the beauty they create and the money they can save, President Reagan yesterday presented the first Presidential Awards for Design Excellence to 13 federal projects completed between 1974 and 1984 and selected last fall by a prestigious independent jury.

"It may be true that the federal government is not known first as a world-class designer, but today's awards prove that inspired design . . . is possible from within the federal ranks," Reagan said in a mid-afternoon ceremony held in the elegant Indian Treaty Room of the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House.

"Our award winners have also shown," he continued, "that good design need not be a luxury added onto a project at extra cost. In fact, good design can help us to save

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Society salutes library history

Libraries.

How so very important in the life of a community. Even if you do not use them every day, or every month, or every year, it is nice to know that they are there helping people, young and old, rich and poor, men and women.

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APRIL 1986

W.S.U. History Student To Discuss Irrigation

Tom Moak, program chairman of the East Benton County Historical Society announced the following program to be given in their museum in Kennewick. "The Ideal Versus The Reality: The Demise Of The Yeoman Farmer in The Kennewick Irrigation District" will be discussed by Dorothy Zeisler/Vralsted, who is working on her Doctoral Thesis of W.S.U. in Pullman. She will discuss the change in focus of irrigation districts over time, from serving small farmers to serving the urban community, and will examine the effect this has had on water resources, Moak stated.

She will give this program on Monday evening May 19th at the Kennewick museum at 7:30 p.m. The program is open to the public, and is cordially invited.



Neva Bequette, Lawrence Scott, Chris Cadwell and Harlan Anderson of Kennewick pose in Keewaydin Park at the site of the "new" Mid-Columbia Library in this photo from October 1963.

Photos by John Peterson

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 1986

Pioneer's photos are on display

The Kennewick community is indebted to yet another generation of the Gravenslund family.

John's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gravenslund, came to Kennewick in 1905. Mr. Gravenslund was the town's photographer and much of the history of that era is recorded in his work — the people, the places and events.

Many of his photographs are displayed at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum at 205 Keewaydin Drive.

BONNIE B. SCOTT
Kennewick

Law enforcement on agenda

"Law Enforcement in Benton County: 50 Years of Change and Improvement" will be the topic of the meeting Monday of the East Benton County Historical Society, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

A.M. "Bud" Richter, Benton County Sheriff from 1935-43, and retiring Sheriff Bob Rupp, in office since 1975, will compare notes about the operations of the sheriff's office over the past half century and the many improvements made over the years. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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Senior Living

Society examines KID

In a dry area such as Tri-Cities, irrigation is a way of life and irrigation districts have become part of our local heritage.

The East Benton County Historical Society will look at the Kennewick Irrigation District (KID) On May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Dorothy Zeisler-Vralsted, a doctoral candidate in history at Washington State University will discuss the KID in a talk entitled "The Ideal Versus the Reality: The Demise of the Yeoman Farmer in the Kennewick Irrigation District."

Zeisler-Vralsted will examine the change in the KID over the

years, beginning as a reclamation project to serve small farmers, but beginning in the 1960s becoming more urbanized so that now the full-time farmer is an exception rather than the rule.

Those attending the presentation and others visiting the museum during the month may be interested in the display of irrigation implements (many donated by the KID) and other additions to the museum collection. Jessie Sonderman Kent Schuster, now of Portland and Lester Larson, now of Walla Walla, were generous with many photos and other artifacts. □

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March 26. The program begins at 7 p.m. in the Kennewick First Lutheran Church. DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION Columbia River Chapter, will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday in the East Benton County Historical Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick. Mary Ellen Rowe will speak about "Our Local Heritage." For information phone Mrs. Beral Slate, 946-1149.

March 1986

HISTORY

Richland woman plans to start historical journal

Her love of history and genealogy has led to an unusual business venture for Richland resident Elizabeth Ramsey — she is planning to start a quarterly journal about the history of her family.

"I've always been a history buff," admitted Ramsey. "Most

"It has a lot of errors, because people forget dates. But I was on the way. I couldn't wait to finish what I had started," she said.

Ramsey found herself in an unusual position. Not only had she married a Ramsey, she was born a Ramsey. So she was able to trace both her own and her husband's branch of the family.

It was never easy.

"The Ramseys have some links to the pilgrims. Once they got here, they multiplied like rabbits," she said.

Links II, her second book, discussed the Tennessee branch of the family.

Ramsey wants to leave a history of the family that others interested in their roots would be able to use as a starting point for any further historical research, but she cannot afford to publish more books.

So she is hoping that she will be able to sell subscriptions to her proposed journal that will cover the cost of printing and enable her to continue her research.

"I think we ought to know about our ancestors and the part they played in the building of our country," she said. "It gives us a link with the past."

After awhile, she began to feel like a detective, searching for elusive clues that would tell her why people moved or acted the way they did.

"It gets in your blood. It's sort of a disease," she laughed. □

of my reading matter has always had to do with history."

After she retired, she was able to indulge herself.

Back in 1975 she traveling to Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia and Texas in search of elusive clues about her family's history, asking anyone she could find about the family's history and receiving letters, photos and reminiscences from dozens of people.

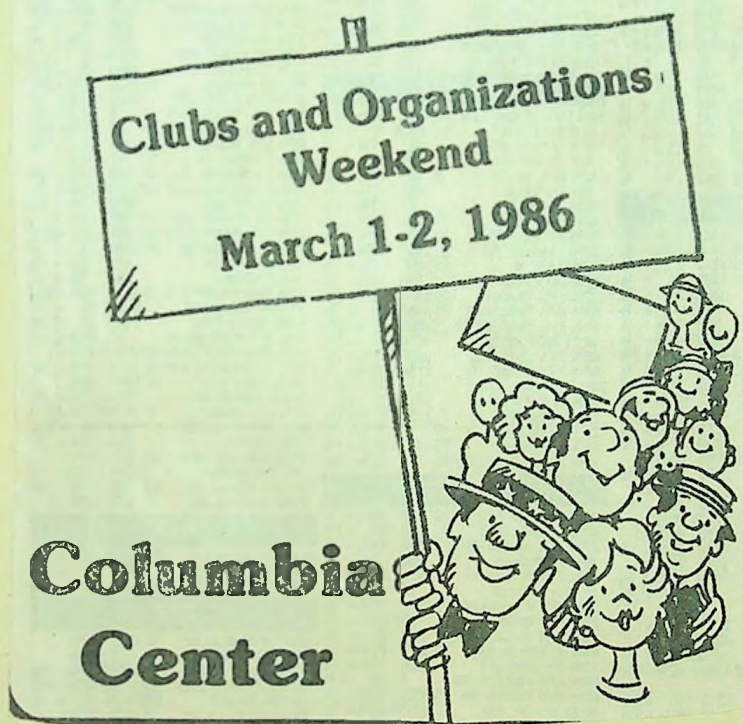
"Everybody welcomed me," she said.

After she had gathered several notebooks stuffed full of photos, letters, official documents and notes, she began to think of publishing a book.

She published *Links* about the branch of her family in South Carolina.

Columbia Center invites area non-profit clubs and organizations to participate in the 1986 Clubs and Organizations Weekend, March 1-2, 1986.

To participate, please apply in person at the Columbia Center office between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, February 3, 1986. The space will be allocated on a first come first served basis.



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It's Sentele, not Zintel, woman says

By DOUG LEVY
Herald staff writer

Zintel Canyon has been in the news a lot lately, and a lifetime Kennewick resident cringes each time she hears the canyon referred to by that name.

Bonnie Scott, who has lived in Kennewick 76 years, said it's Sentele Canyon, not Zintel Canyon. She wrote a letter stating as much to Councilman Harvey Keene, who has lived in Kennewick all of his 65 years.

Keene said Scott has a good point. Scott's husband Lawrence, who was

mayor of Kennewick from 1960-65 and 1970-72 and has Lawrence Scott Park named after him, also agrees. City Manager Joe Painter isn't disagreeing with Scott, either. But he said her request to change the name from Zintel Canyon to Sentele Canyon may involve more trouble than it's worth.

In 1889, Mike and Mary Sentele homesteaded land above what is now Zintel Canyon, Scott said.

The Senteles came to the wheat country of Kennewick from Bohemia, said Mary Margaret English, their granddaughter, who now lives in Bellevue.

"Grandfather had a wheat farm above the canyon, and that's why it was named after him," she said. "But I guess someone mispronounced the name at one time or another."

"That (Sentele) might be the proper spelling, but changing the name may take a lot of time," he said. "And I would add that Kennewick is not the proper spelling for Kennewick." The city was Kennewick when it originally was formed, he said.

Painter said city officials have considered dedicating a plaque in honor of the Senteles when Zintel Canyon becomes a wilderness park.

January 1986

Local historian presents Oregon Trail slide show

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1986

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 582-7704, 205 Keewaydin Drive, east of the Mid-Columbia Library and north of City Hall, Kennewick. Gallery hours 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday through Sunday or by appointment. Donation: 50 cents regular and 25 cents students and seniors.

"The Oregon Trail Revisited" will be the topic of a narrated slide show by Robert Kirk Frye at the Jan. 20 meeting of the East Benton County Historical Society. It will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the museum, 205 Keewaydin Dr., Kennewick. Frye recently retraced the Oregon Trail and will intersperse her narration with excerpts from women's diaries of the long arduous journey over a century ago.

"The Oregon Trail Revisited" will be the topic of a slide show presented by Roberta Kirk Frye, local historian, to the Jan. 20 meeting of the East Benton County Historical Society.

The meeting is set for 7:30 p.m. in the museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

Frye recently retraced the Oregon Trail, which many of the settlers of the West traveled some

140 years previously. The presentation will include the reading of excerpts from women's diaries of the long and oftentimes arduous journey west. The settlement of this region is due, in great part, to the pioneering spirit of the men, women and children who left their homes and sought a new fortune in the West.

The public is invited to this free program. □

Remembering Halley's Comet

Did you see Halley's Comet last time around?

If you did, we want to know!

Senior Living would like to prepare a story of reminiscences of those who saw the comet 76 years ago for the February edition. The

information will also be shared with the East Benton County Historical Museum.

Please call Sandy Healy, 582-4499, to discuss your sightings. Or write Triad Printing, 110 N. Cascade, Kennewick, WA 99336. □

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BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 582-7704, 205 Keewaydin Drive, east of the Mid-Columbia Library and north of City Hall, Kennewick. The society will give a multimedia presentation, "Remembering: the '48 Flood," about the flood that ravaged the Tri-Cities during May and June of 1948. Experiences will be shared by area residents who lived through this natural disaster at a 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 program of the East Benton County Historical Society Feb. 17 in the museum. Pearl Bateman, Vina Hudson, Johanna Colby, Norm Starkebaum and Ralph Smith will share their unique viewpoints. Others who remember the event are welcome to participate.

Gallery hours 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday through Sunday or by appointment. Donation: 50 cents regular and 25 cents students and seniors.

February 1986

Benton historical society to remember 1948 flood

1948.

Maybe you remember that year best as the year that "Dewey Beat Truman." Maybe as the year of the birth of one of your children or some other special occasion. But for many Tri-Cities residents the year is transfixed in their minds as the year of "The Flood."

In May and June of that year the Columbia River overflowed its banks such as never seen before in this area and, due to work since then by the Army Corps of Engineers and the building of McNary Dam, will never be seen again.

Memories of this landmark event will be rekindled at the Feb. 17 meeting of the East Benton County Historical Society when a group of Tri-Citians will share anecdotes and interesting experiences of life during the flood.

Pearl Bateman and her

family lived on Bateman Island; Johanna Colby and Vina Hudson lived along the Columbia River in houses they presently occupy (although now much farther inland). Norm Starkebaum saw the devastation and rebuilding in Richland, and Ralph Smith was a part-time photographer with the fledgling Tri-City Herald. Each will have stories to share; photographs and slides of the flood and its aftermath will be shown.

Those of you who remember the flood are invited to come and share memories and relive an important event. If you were not here in 1948, why not come and hear what your friends and neighbors who lived here went through? The program will begin at 7 p.m. in the museum at 205 Keewaydin Drive in Kennewick. The program is free and open to the public. □

Putting bits and pieces together

Jean Carol Davis enjoys solving historical puzzles

By Sandy Healy

Curiosity gave Jean Carol Davis the impetus to explore history.

Davis is the new president of the East Benton County Historical Society, which operates the East Benton County Library, located on Keewaydin in Kennewick.

"I've had a lifelong interest in the history and geography of the Pacific Northwest," Davis said.

"I like to know what went on. History is like a puzzle. I like to put the bits and pieces together to make a whole," she said.

Often answering one question just leads her on to another question.

"The search for the answer opens up many more questions," she admitted.

Through it all, Davis focuses on people — what they did, how they lived and why they did what they did.

"I like people and what people do as opposed to development of the region," she said.

If possible, Davis likes to trace events and people back to the

Photo by Bob Baker



Jean Carol Davis, head of the historical society, encourages seniors to volunteer at the museum.

original source, because surprisingly often historians make errors.

"The thing that disturbs me is historical records of error. Someone says something and it is copied until it is accepted as fact," she said.

For example, she is exploring the possibility right now that Bad-

ger Flats were named after a man named Bill Badger who settled there in 1883 rather than after all the badger holes as a later historian said. At this point, she has found no conclusive evidence that her hunch is right, but she will keep searching for clues until she solves this historical mystery.

"I spend a lot of time hunting

things up, correcting erroneous assumptions of the 1920s," she admitted.

Davis is working on a book right now on the origin of place names in this area. Previously, she published a work on the history of East Benton County.

Even prosaic events can often

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be interesting to a historian, Davis noted. Those "little" things help to paint a picture of the entire community.

As part of the effort of the museum to expand, Davis encourages old-timers to record what they remember about life here when they were young.

"It's important to record memories so we can have it here to share with their children or grandchildren and the community," she said.

Often seniors who visit the museum will see something that will trigger thoughts of their own about the past and these should be recorded, she said.

Having a museum is important for every community.

"It is a place to share the past of this community with the present people," she said. "It's a place to reminisce and compare the past with the contemporary. A lot of people, many who are young with families, are interested in gaining a feeling of the community."

Local schools take advantage of the museum exhibits, which have included railroad memorabilia, World War I mementoes, and his-

torical representations of kitchens, bedrooms and parlors. The exhibits change periodically.

The historical society presents a program the third Monday of each month on a historical topic. The public is invited.

The museum was made possible through donations and was built on city land. Currently, there is not a director, only a part-time custodian. No decision has yet been made about whether to hire a new director.

When the museum first opened several years ago, many people who had lived in the region for years donated photographs and artifacts. Donations are always welcome, Davis noted. About 500 people belong to the historical society.

Many seniors also volunteer for the museum, identifying artifacts and setting up exhibits and displays.

The museum is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Admission, which is by donation, is 50 cents for adults and 25 cents for youths and seniors. Membership in the historical society is \$7.50 per calendar year. □

HISTORY

Society salutes library history

Libraries.

How so very important in the life of a community. Even if you do not use them every day, or every month, or every year, it is nice to know that they are there helping people, young and old, rich and poor, men and women.

In the Tri-Cities we have had libraries for 75 years, beginning with the Carnegie Library in Pasco in 1911. The building, designed by C. Lewis Wilson, at Fourth and Bonneville now houses the Franklin County Historical Museum and still retains much of the character of the library that inhabited it for 50 years. Libraries also sprung up and have lasted in Kennewick and Richland and the history of these will be recalled in a program put on by the East Benton County Historical Society entitled "Saluting: The Libraries of East Benton County." The program, to be held on April 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the museum at 205 Keewaydin Drive in Kennewick, will serve as a close to National Library Week which takes place every April.

Three speakers, who among
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Neva Bequette, Lawrence Scott, Chris Cadwell and Harlan Anderson of Kennewick pose in Keewaydin Park at the site of the "new" Mid-Columbia Library in this photo from October 1963.

Photos by John Peterson

Library

them total some 100 years of service to libraries in the area, will discuss the struggles and triumphs of libraries in Kennewick and Richland. Neva Bequette spent 25 years as the first library director of the newly formed Mid-Columbia Library beginning in 1949 and helped get the inter-county rural library district off to a good start. She also served as a statewide leader in library service. Beginning in a building on East Kennewick Avenue, she worked to move the library into its new quarters on Dayton Street in 1964.

Her counterpart in Richland, Doris Roberts, began service as library supervisor in an old Ford Garage on Newton Street (now the Harry Kramer Center) and nurtured that library until moving into the beautiful new building on Northgate Street in 1970 that the

library presently occupies. She retired from her position two years ago.

Dedication to good library service in Kennewick has been a hallmark of Lawrence Scott. As a longtime councilman, mayor, and library board member, he worked diligently to secure good library service with the Mid-Columbia Library, beginning with its origin and lasting until his retirement as library board chairman three years ago.

To a large extent, our libraries thrive because of the time and effort that these three expended to bring quality library service to our area. At the meeting, which is open to the public, those in attendance who are past or present library staffers, library board members, or Friends of the Library will be recognized and honored. □

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Anyway you spell it, it's still Kin-i-wak, er... Kennewick

By DOUG LEVY
Herald staff writer

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Few people know it, but Kennewick will be celebrating its 100th birthday next Saturday. Sort of.

Before Kennewick was Kennewick, it was Konewok. Or Kin-i-wak. And Kenewock. And Tehe, Washington Territory. And Kene-wick.

On April 12, 1886, three years before Washington became a state, a charter was signed marking "Kenewick" as an incorporated

town in the Washington territory. The town was a part of Yakima County at the time, because there was no Benton County.

"There were four square blocks in Kennewick back then, and the Northern Pacific railroad owned the town," said Andrew Dixon, the city's public works analyst. Dixon first found out about the 1886 charter a few weeks ago and has worked with the East Benton Historical Society to dredge up some of the city's pre-1900s lore.

People who live in the Kennewick of today would not have recognized the Kennewick of

yesterday, Dixon reports. The town consisted of Pine Street, Front Street, A Street and C Street in the area where Welch's Foods sits now, and the downtown was made up of First, Second and Third Streets, Maple Street and Ash Street. Most of those streets have since been renamed.

The city has been renamed as well — several times.

In the 1870s and 1880s, the Sokulk Indians made up much of Kennewick's population. They lived on the shores of the Columbia River

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and on islands where the old railroad bridge is now, and they labeled the area "Konewok," which meant "a grassy place surrounded by water," Dixon said.

"To this day, between Parker Flats and Moxee by Union Gap, there is a low pass called Konewok Pass," Dixon said.

Dixon is not alone in his fascination for pre-1900 tales of Kennewick. Neva Bequette of the East Benton Historical Society detailed much of the area's past, and now Martha Berry Parker of West Richland is writing a book about Kennewick, due to come out in a few months.

Parker's grandparents came to Kennewick by riverboat in 1909, and she said she always has been enthralled by the area. After writing, *Tales of Richland, White Bluffs and Hanford 1805-1943*, she decided to write about Kennewick.

She said the Indians of the 1870s and 1880s called the town Kin-i-wak, which means "a grassy place surrounded by water." Her source is the University of Washington press.

The Sokulks lived on herbs, Dixon said, and lived peacefully. "According to Lewis and Clark's journals," he said, "they found the women rather fat, the people pretty blissful and not particularly bright."

Konewok, or Kin-i-wak, was not to retain its name for long. Dixon estimates that Northern Pacific Railroad workers changed the name, and the place, when they moved west in the mid-1880s.

In 1883, a civil engineer named H.S. Huson called the town Kenewock, and Dixon said historians figure the name was Anglicized until it became Kennewick.

But Kennewick became Tehe, Washington Territory, from Aug. 31, 1886 to Feb. 16, 1891, Dixon said.

"A wife of a Northern Pacific engineer obviously didn't care for the

place too much," Dixon said. "She thought it was a joke, and so she called it tee hee," Dixon said. The name, however, was spelled Tehe. While the woman didn't like Kennewick, the townspeople didn't like her, Dixon said.

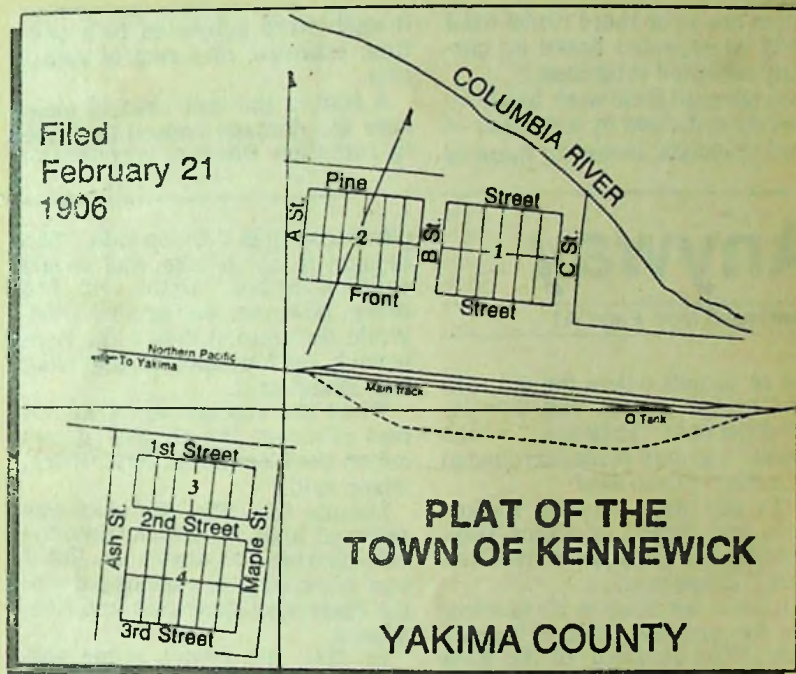
When the community erected a post office on Jan. 21, 1885, it was called the Kennewick Post Office, Dixon said.

Despite that title, the town was referred to as Kenewick when the 1886 charter was drawn up. But it was referred to in various parts of the charter as Kenewick and Kennewick.

In 1891, the town's name was changed to Kennewick, but it discontinued in 1895 when the railroad was built, Dixon said.

Eventually, the town was built back up and incorporated on Feb. 5, 1904, according to records kept by the city clerk's office. The population of the city back then was about 1,050.

Most people consider Dec. 29, 1905, as Kennewick's official birthdate, Dixon said, and it wasn't until Feb. 21, 1906, when Benton County was carved out of Yakima County, that Kennewick's charter was first signed by a Benton County auditor.



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Museums

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"Saluting: Libraries of East Benton County" will be the topic when the East Benton County Historical Society meets in the museum at 7:30 p.m. A discussion of the history of area libraries will be led by Neva Bequette and Lawrence Scott, formerly of the Mid-Columbia Library, and Doris Roberts formerly of the Richland Public Library. The three have given nearly 100 years of service to libraries in the Tri-City area.

Museum examines historical surprises at June 16 program

A museum, by its nature, is full of historical surprises. Each item, preserved, tells a rich story.

On June 16, in a program entitled, "Learn the Mysteries of the Museum," the East Benton County Historical Society will explore some of its treasures and relate some of their curious histories.

The museum, located at 205 Keewaydin Drive in Kennewick, is only a few years young, yet it relates the rich and varied history that is Benton County. The program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m., will attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions that the museum volunteers receive, as well as clarifying the origin of some items.

Anyone wishing to be a volunteer at the museum, or even considering such a role, will find the program answering some of the questions that they might have about the duties and responsibilities of museum volunteers. The museum is always looking for volunteers with a friendly disposition and a love of this area who could serve as greeters to the many people who visit the museum over the course of months.

The museum is now open summer hours, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays. Seniors and children are asked for a 25¢ donation, others for only 50¢.

Kennewick woman gets second peek at comet

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

*Jump on old Halley's Comet
With the big tail upon it
and we'll ride through the Milky
Way
Through the fields of clover
We'll ride up to Dover
On our golden wedding day
— Stanza from Halley's Comet
song, 1910*

Virga Adams was a 16-year-old schoolgirl in southwestern Wisconsin when that song was popular.

It was 1910 and Halley's Comet had made its first earthly visit since 1835. It was a visit that both captured the fancy and stimulated the fear of a nation.

In regaling the visit, someone wrote a song about the comet, part of which Adams recalls to this day at 91 while Halley's Comet again makes itself visible to people on earth.

"For kids — if you were out together and happened to see it — it was kind of fun to sing the song," Adams, a Kennewick resident,

recalled. "We used to sing that quite a lot."

She doesn't recall the origin of the song, only that it was a popular tune among youngsters in rural Grant County, Wis.

"I . . . lived out in the country where we could see it real good," she said. "There were no electric lights at the time and no cars."

The 1910 visit produced a spectacular view for residents of the Northern Hemisphere.

"There was a great big ball at the head of it and then it looked like a thick heavy tail, and then after that kind of like fumes," Adams said.

Stories now abound how Halley's Comet in 1910 struck terror in many people who feared the world would come to an end when the earth passed through the tail. Adams said she can't recall any real fear where she lived, though there was some concern.

"I think there was kind of an awe," she explained. "You were a little bit alarmed about it."

She said she hasn't yet had a chance to view Halley's Comet on this visit, but hopes to get to a

rural setting away from the lights of the city to get a good look at it.

Halley's Comet is on its in bound journey toward the sun.

According to information prepared by the Tri-City Astronomy Club, the comet should get slightly brighter this month.

"Viewing is best during the first 10 or 12 days of January as Halley glides through the constellation of Aquarius," the club reported. "Early January might offer the best viewing of Comet Halley during 1986. . . . The comet will be lost in evening twilight beginning the third week of January."

During most of February, the sun's glare will hide Halley's Comet, the astronomy club says, but the comet again will be visible as it makes its out bound journey.

She said she and her friends used to talk about possibly seeing it a second time when it came again 75 years later.

"(But) I never thought I'd live to see Halley's Comet again," she said.

March 1986

Historical Society to honor memory of Dr. Spaulding

"Dr. Spaulding is dead."

So began Ralph Reed's lead editorial in the Kennewick Courier Reporter on June 20, 1940 announcing to this community the death of its most prominent citizen three days earlier. But Dr. L. G. Spaulding, who spent nearly 30 years as the main physician in the area we now call the Tri-Cities, did not die. His memory lives on at the hospitals in Pasco and Kennewick as well as in the orthopedic guild that bears his name.

The East Benton County Historical Society will honor his memory on March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in its museum, when his son, Port of Kennewick Commissioner Gene Spaulding, will lead reminiscences of this pioneer doctor.

What was the practice of medicine like in the early days? No hospital until 1916, traveling to

house calls by horse and buggy. Relive those days and honor a man who gave so much to his community.

Dr. Spaulding might well feel at home in the kitchen exhibit that the museum is creating depicting a typical kitchen of the 1920s. While a refrigerator, stove, and dish cabinet are already in the museum, still needed are a kitchen table, utensils, and empty food containers of that era, such as spice cans or other labeled tins and boxes. It is hoped that the exhibit will change with the season, from canning supplies in the summer, to Christmas items in December.

If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to the exhibit, or would like more information, they should call the museum at 582-7704.



Virga Adams

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Old-time valentines

Valentines of chocolates, cigars and homemade candy have been a tradition for decades, says Barb Kubik of the East Benton County Historical Society. Kubik holds a one-pound tin from 1923 that once held Whitman's Salmagundi. The Kennewick museum's Valentine's Day display is open today from 1 to 4 p.m.

House tour planned 4/9/87

Thomas Hart Benton, the namesake for Benton County, died 129 years ago this Friday.

The U.S. senator from Missouri will be on the minds of the East Benton County Historical Society members at 2 p.m. Friday, as the group announces its first annual Historic Homes Tour. The tour will take place July 11

as part of Kennewick's "Old Fashioned Days" celebration.

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 1987 TRI-CITY HERALD

Girl Scouts spruce up forgotten Horse Heaven cemetery

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

Sometime during the past 83 years, a cemetery in the Horse Heaven Hills was pretty much forgotten.

The 10 or so graves about a mile west of Travis Road above Kiona were unkempt. Weeds grew above graves and around headstones.

Only the wind visited, whistling between the grave markers and depositing tumbleweeds against a barbed wire fence.

That all changed Saturday.

Tall grass was cut away and tumbleweeds removed as the cemetery underwent a general sprucing up by Kennewick girls of Girl Scout Troop 173 of the Mid-Columbia Girl Scout Council.

That was the first phase of a two-part project undertaken by the girls of Troop 173, said Terri Ritter, 16, a Kamiakin High School sophomore. Ritter is heading up the cemetery project for the troop under the direction of troop leader Judy Crippen.

"In the second part of our project we're going to do some history on the cemetery and graves," Ritter said.

The troop knows little about the cemetery, situated on land owned by Benton County, except the names and dates on the grave markers, Ritter said. "The most recent grave is from 1904," she said. "Most of the grave markers show

the people were pretty young. "They ranged from about six days old to about 21 years old," Ritter said.

Even the cemetery's name, Horse Heaven Hills Cemetery, is one given it by the Girl Scouts until they determine if it has a name of record.

The Girl Scouts plan to make a wooden sign for the cemetery, said Ritter. A Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter has agreed to donate money toward the sign, she said.

The cemetery cleanup became a Troop 173 project through a chance visit to the site by Judy Crippen's husband, Monte, an avid biker enthusiast who came across it two years ago, Ritter said.

"My scout leader thought it might be a good project for us," Ritter said.

Crippen explained she thought a project of some sort was in order, but it was the girls of Troop 173 who suggested refurbishing the cemetery.

The first task was to find out who owned the land.

"We didn't just want to be up there on somebody's private property," Crippen said. The Girl Scouts finally determined that Benton County owned the land.

Last Tuesday, county commissioners gave approval to the Girl Scouts to clean up the site.

Ritter is working toward her Challenge of Being a Girl Scout Award, one of four requirements to achieve her Silver Award, the second highest honor in the Girl Scouts.



Herald/Dorothy Adcock

Girl Scouts Terri Ritter, left, and Amanda Griffin trim weeds near a gravestone at the Horse Heaven Cemetery, Saturday.

Troop 173's good job

Troop 173 of the Mid-Columbia Girl Scout Council spent a busy Saturday cleaning up a near-forgotten cemetery in the Horse Heaven Hills above Kiona and about a mile west of Travis Road.

It was the first phase of a project they selected for themselves, and that took some research before it could be undertaken.

Worried that they might be moving onto private land, the Scouts took care to find the owner of the 10-grave site, unused for burials, apparently, since 1904. That owner turned out to be Benton County, and the commissioners were happy to have the Scouts clean away the tumbleweeds and cut the grass.

The second phase of the project is to collect as much as possible about the history of the little cemetery. Perhaps, the girls feel, they may even discover its name, lost now, so far as they can determine.

They hope to find the name and then erect a sign with money promised by another group eager to improve the community, a Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter.

It's a good project, and we're glad the Girl Scouts thought of it.

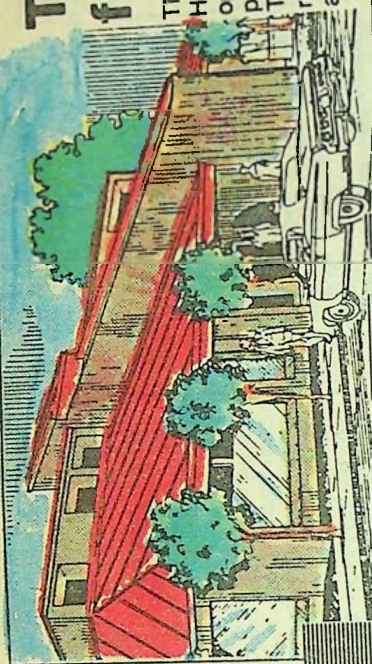
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TRI-CITY HERALD

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1987

Tour set for Saturday

The East Benton County Historical Society Museum will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. as part of a Historic Homes Tour of five early Kennewick residences. Tickets cost \$5 and are available at the museum.



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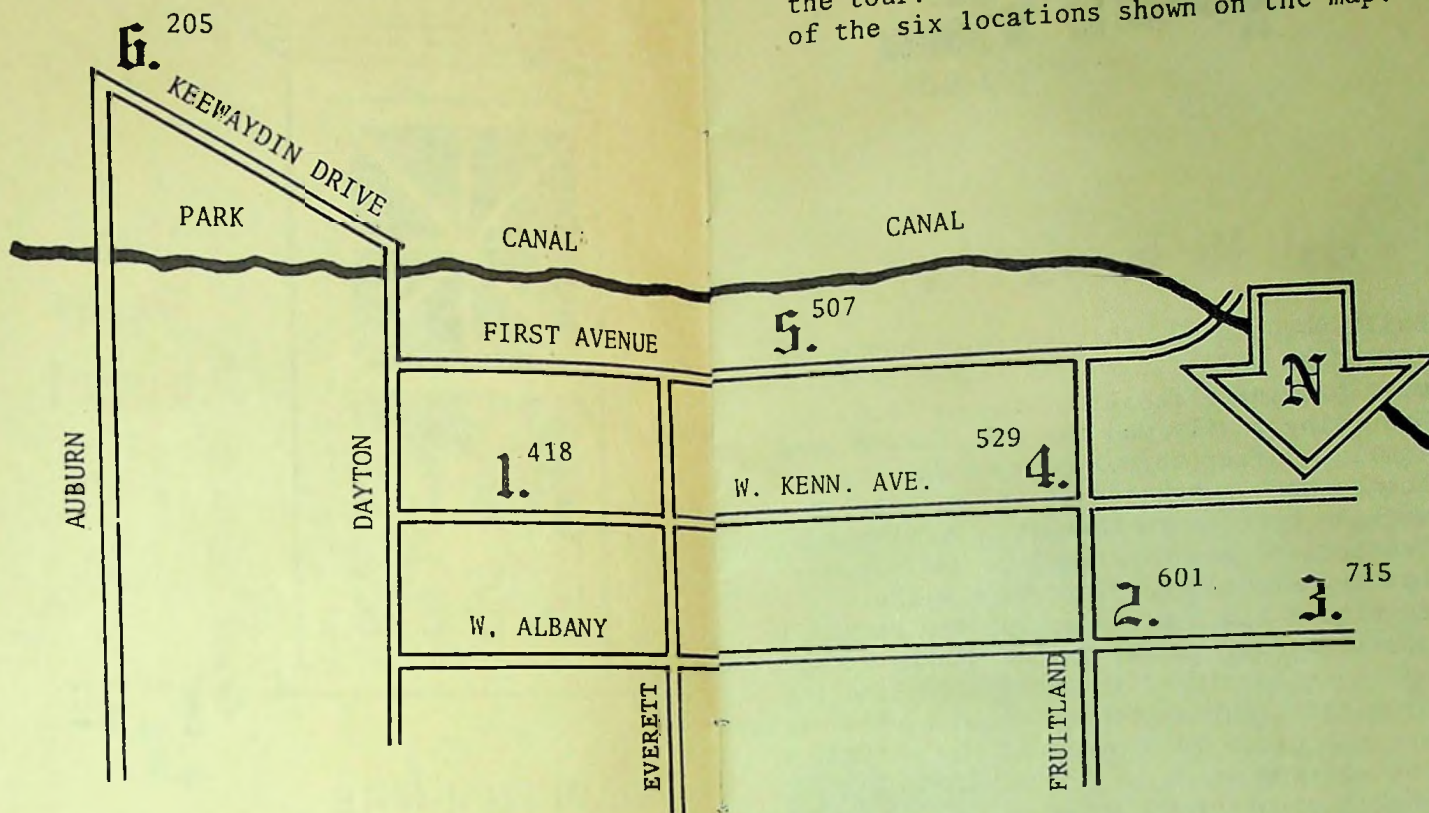
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Home Locations in Kennewick, Wash.



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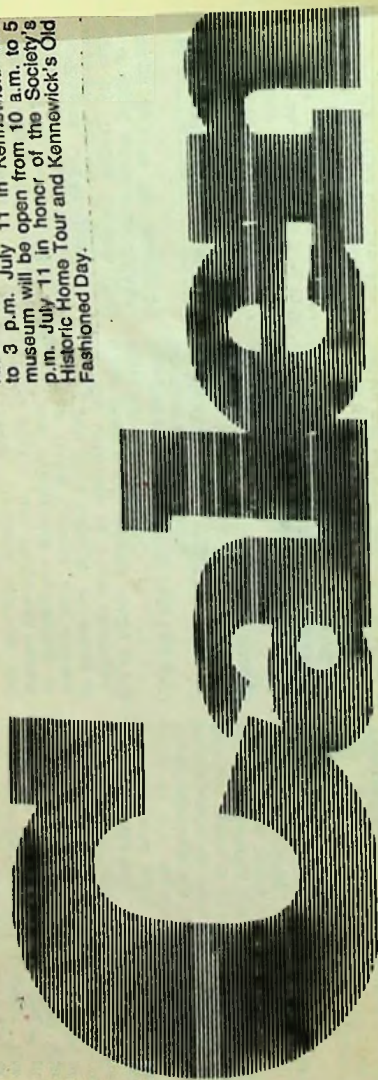
RESTROOMS
Red Steer
Mid-Columbia Library
First United Methodist Church
East Benton County Historical Museum

This is your ticket !

This must be carried with you during the tour. It will be validated at each of the six locations shown on the map.

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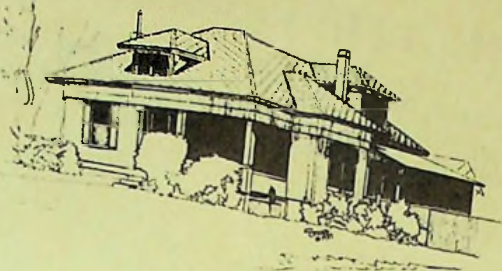
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418 W. Kenn. Ave.

Built about 1907, this charming house has served as home for two of Kennewick's most prominent families--the Dr. L.G. Spaulding family and the W.R. Gravenslund family. After three years of vacancy, Thomas Moak purchased it in 1986 and is working hard to restore it. Outstanding features of the home include its three lovely porches, complete with wicker furniture and a porch swing, the pocket doors leading to the formal dining room, which is furnished in cherrywood, and the original light switches. Also to be noted are the circa 1900 piano in the parlor, the walking stick of Mr. Moak's great-grandfather, his grandmother's silver coffee service on the sideboard and the auditorium chairs salvaged from an old school in Longview, Wa.



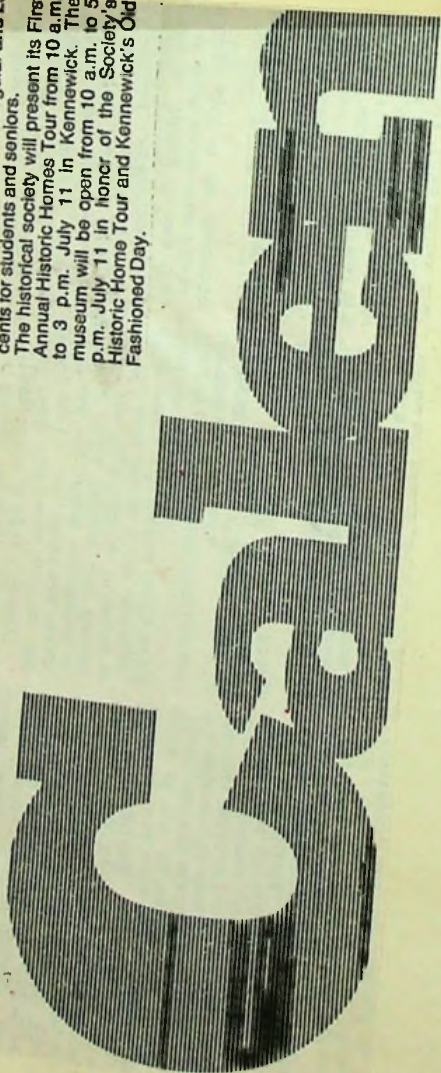
601 W. Albany

W.G. and Mary King bought the property in 1905 to build this fine house. Mr. King established the King and Son General Merchandise Store on the corner of what is now Kennewick Avenue and Benton Street and Mrs. King was active in the Kennewick Women's Club. The house features exquisite windows, original cupboards and woodwork, and a claw foot tub in the bath. Old Maple trees stand in the front yard. Currently owned by Charles and Eleanor Morbeck, the character of the house is enhanced by the taste of Sylvia Bakan who makes her home there. She has furnished her home with antique furniture including Austrian china closets. All of the bears who share her home are her own handmade creations.



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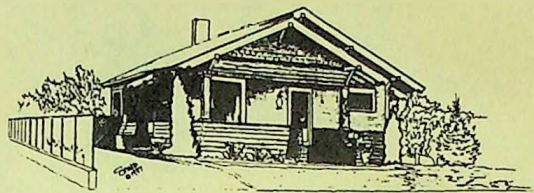
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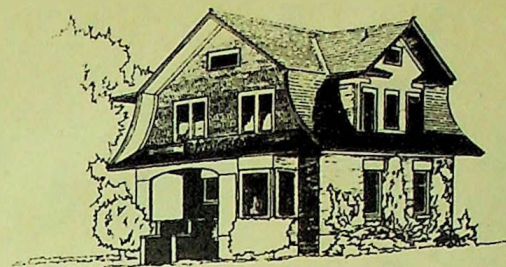
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715 W. Albany



When this house was built in 1910, Albany Street was still known as Kennewick Avenue. This was George and Phoebe Sherk's home; he operated a dry goods store in town and served as Mayor of Kennewick from 1916 to 1918. Presently Robert and Marian Mertens own this little jewel which features beautiful woodwork throughout with a nice plate rail in the dining room. The original claw foot tub still occupies the bathroom. The kitchen stove is made from a mold dating from the Civil War era. The trunk in the living room belonged to Mr. Merten's mother and the desk and chair in the den belonged to his grandfather. The baby clothing on the door of the second bedroom was worn by Mr. Mertens.



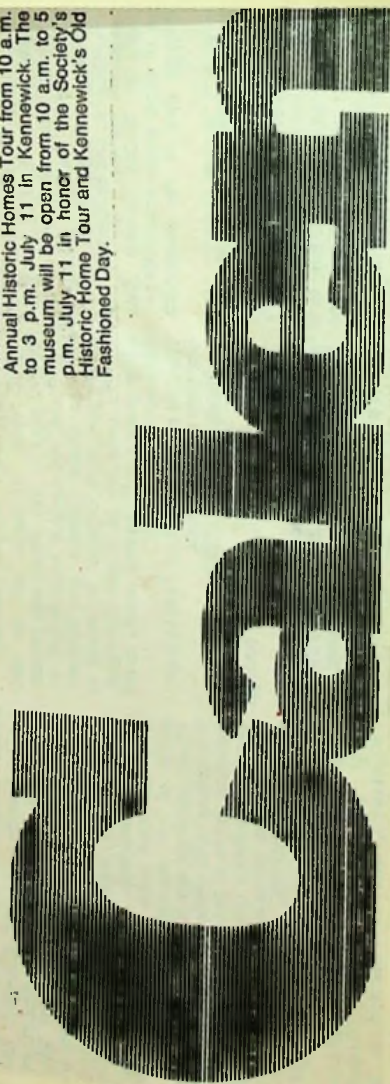
529 W. Kenn. Ave.

Constructed in 1900 at the corner of Second Avenue and Seventh Street, this Queen Anne home still watches over the same intersection, now known as Kennewick Avenue and Fruitland Street. For a time in the early years of the century, this home housed the Coyote Club, a group of seven prominent bachelor men. Remodeled in the early 1940's, present owners Gary and John Hansen are ambitiously working to restore many of the original features of the house as well as to enhance the character of their home. With its distinct Gambrel roof and unique window mullions, this home features beveled leaded glass windows.



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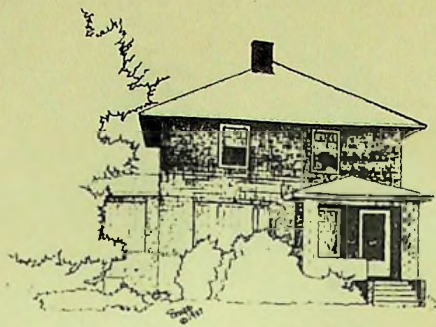
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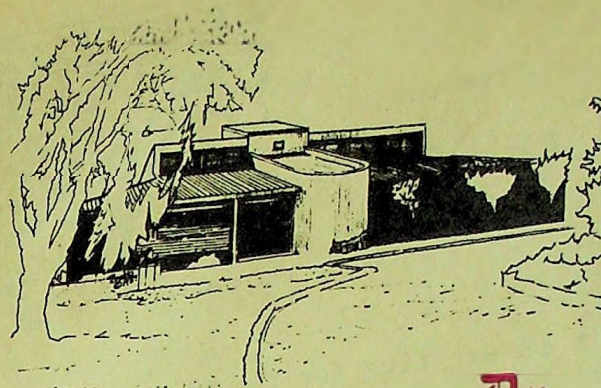
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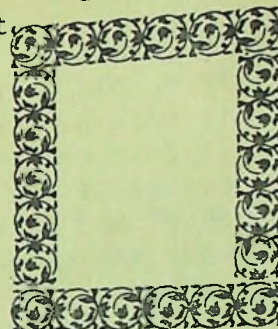
507 W. First Ave.

This house was built in 1923 for Virginia and Joseph Siegfried by Arthur McReynolds. Mr. Siegfried was Superintendent of Pacific Power and Light and Mrs. Siegfried was a glass collector and lecturer. The house is made of Granger tile, one of only two such homes in Kennewick. Except for the kitchen and the bathrooms, the house is all original including the light fixtures. Of special note in the dining room are the Bingn Grondahl plates, Mrs. Siegfried's glass collection and the Heppelwhite pine-apple dining room furniture. Also of note will be the spoon collection of Mr. Silliman's mother, and the original architectural plans for the home.



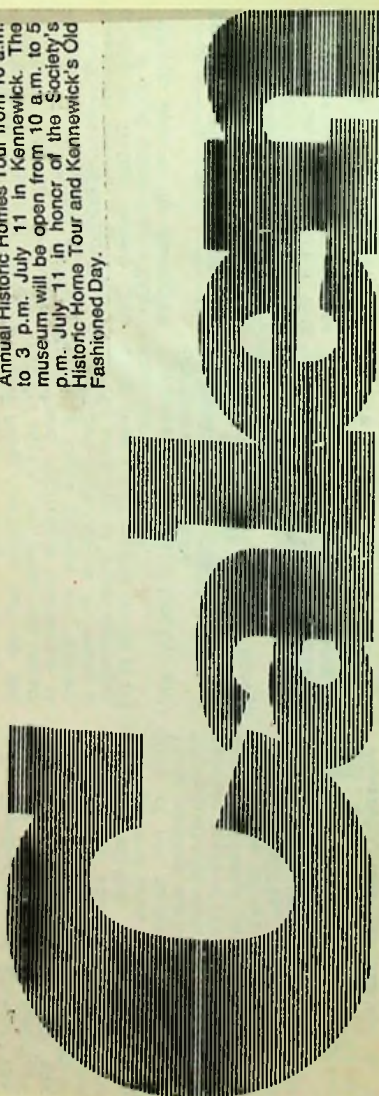
205 Keewaydin Dr.

Dedicated in 1982 and opened to the public in 1983, the museum attempts to capture a glimpse of East Benton County's past through its displays of unusual artifacts and memorable photographs. Designed by the late Kennewick architect, Lawrence Frymier, the museum features a beautiful petrified rock floor in its foyer and includes exhibits related to Indians, farming, transportation, schools, businesses and home life. The museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the summer, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. the rest of the year, and will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on July 11th for your convenience.



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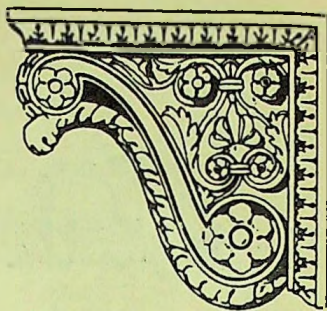
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A Message

From Our
President



It is exciting for the East Benton County Historical Society to sponsor this first annual tour of homes. We are proud of our community, its past and its present. We hope this tour will kindle in many of you a similar appreciation for the history of this area, especially for its fine older homes.

The proceeds that the Society derives from this tour of homes will be used to mark historic buildings and sites in East Benton County so that both residents and visitors might learn about and understand something about what has made our community what it is today. We appreciate your interest in the homes of our area.

Thomas Moak

Thomas Moak, President
East Benton County
Historical Society

Join Us !

The East Benton County Historical Society presents monthly programs that are open to the public and publishes a local history newsletter, the Courier. The Society is funded only by private donations, and welcomes contributions of money, time and artifacts. Such contributions may be tax deductible.

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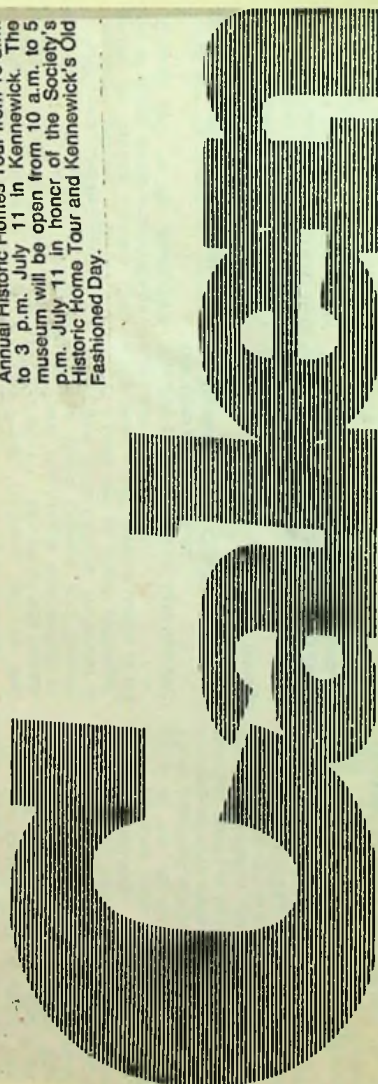
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Society
Box 6710
Kennewick, Wa. 99336-0639

or call 582-7704 for more information

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, phone 582-7704, 205 Keewaydin Drive, east of the Mid-Columbia Library. Museum hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday until Sept. 5. Donation: 50 cents regular and 25 cents for students and seniors. The historical society will present its First Annual Historic Homes Tour from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 11 in Kennewick. The museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 11 in honor of the Society's Historic Home Tour and Kennewick's Old Fashioned Day.

July 10 through July 16



Tour was grand; expansion planned

7-17-87

It was tremendously exciting for the East Benton County Historical Society to see its first Historic Homes Tour turn out successfully on all accounts. There was so much community support, from the homeowners who lent their homes, to local business people, to interested individuals and groups who greeted and supported this project most enthusiastically.

The turnout of the public for this tour on a beautiful summer day was most gratifying. Over \$2,000 was raised to mark historic buildings and sites in East Benton County. Because this was a first-year pilot project, an agreement was reached between the tour committee and the homeowners to limit the number of tickets sold to 500. While the committee made every possible effort to inform the public of this fact, unfortunately some people expected to be able to buy tickets right on the day of the tour and were unable to take the tour because all tickets were sold. Due to the tremendous success of this project, it is planned that future tours will be able to accommodate greater numbers of people.

In the meantime, it is hoped that the community will continue to enjoy the rich historic heritage that is present in its older homes.

CATHY MERRILL FOLTZ
Tour Chairperson
Kennewick

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1987

THE EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY will have its fifth annual Open House on theme, "The Rivers and Their Boats" from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday at the museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick. Special guests will be Northwest authors, Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown, who wrote *Ferryboats on the Columbia* in 1974. For information, phone Barb Kubic, 783-1207, or Tom Mercier at the museum, 582-7704.

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Restoration of 1907 Kennewick building highlights historical society home tour

By FAY TOLLEY
Herald staff writer

3-2-88

A bit of Kennewick's past is getting spiffed up for show.

Plans to restore the Cascade Building in downtown Kennewick in keeping with its 1907 construction style have been announced by the East Benton County Historical Society. The building will be included in the society's annual Historical Home Tour Sept. 10.

Five Kennewick-area homes, built pre-1940, are also needed for the tour. Cathy Merrill Foltz, tour chairwoman, asked anyone willing to open their residence for public display to contact her by March 12 at 582-7704.

Homes should hold to their original design and form, she said. Ceil-

ings should not be lowered nor sprayed unless the house is being restored.

"We'd like to see the work that is being done today and any future plans," Foltz said. "We want people to experience the beauty and charm of older homes and realize what wonderful treasures they are."

The Cascade Building, located at Kennewick Avenue and Cascade Street, is the second oldest building on the street and was originally a mortuary, according to owner Murray Croteau. Pictures of the two-story structure show it without abutting buildings in 1937.

Croteau said it will be painted colors popular at the turn of the century, and one of the six second-floor apartments will be refurbished and furnished in early 1900's style. "Old pictures of the building show no awnings, so the first thing that's

going to happen is the awnings are coming down," he said.

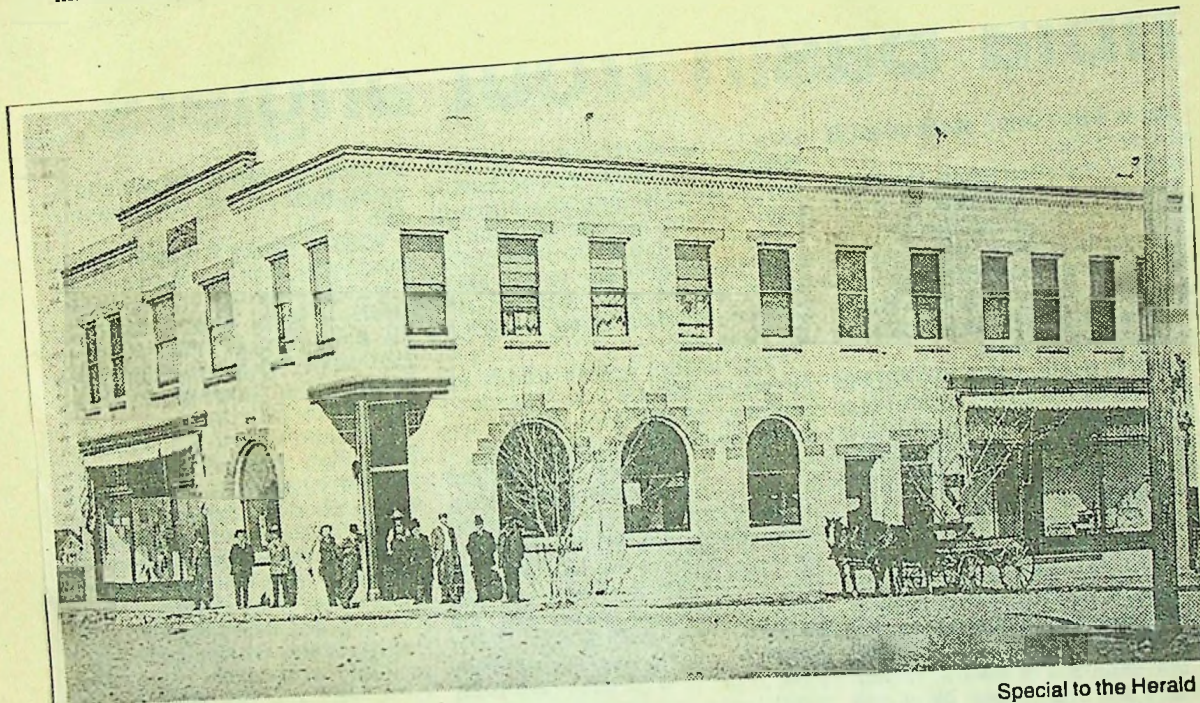
Tom Moak, historical society president, said, "It is our hope that the Cascade Building restoration will be the first of many similar efforts throughout the old section of Kennewick."

The tour aims to spotlight the distinct architectural features of local homes and the people who lived in them.

"Reminiscing will be a good part of the tour program," Foltz said. "This is when you learn about the lives that contributed to the growth of this community."

The tour will be limited to 750 admissions, 250 more than last year, and there will be morning and afternoon tours. For information, contact Foltz at P.O. Box 6710, Kennewick, or leave a message at 582-7704.

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 205 Keewaydin Drive, 582-7704, Kennewick, will show the video, *The Hanford-White Bluffs Story* March 21 during the Historical Society's monthly meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the museum. The meeting is open to the public. The Society is honoring the communities during March. The museum is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. Phone 582-7704. The museum is selling its 1988 Historic Calendar, a collection of historic pictures, for \$5.

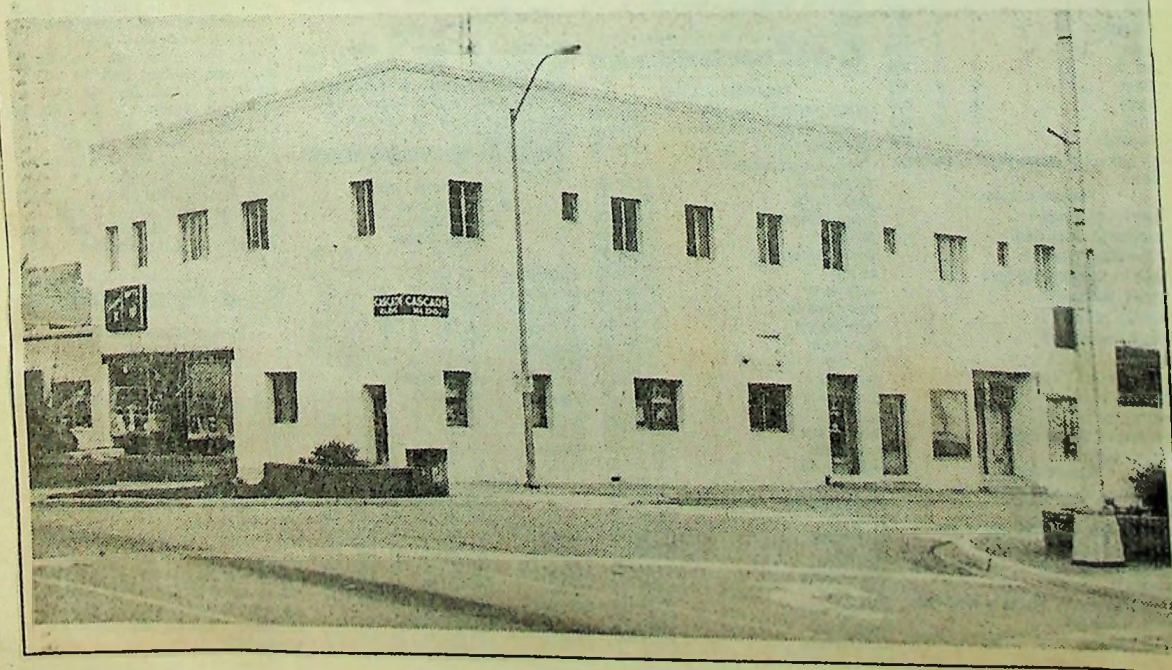


Special to the Herald

3-11-88

A new, old look

In 1907, W.L. King built a two-story stone block building, above, at Kennewick Avenue and Cascade Street in Kennewick and opened King's Grocery. Its wide windows were shaded by folding canvas awnings, and the east corner of the building housed Mueller's Mortuary. Today, the Cascade Building, below, which remains an anchor of the downtown Kennewick business district, is in the first phase of being refurbished to reflect its former turn-of-the-century style. Owner Murray Croteau has started restoring the window design and plans to paint the exterior in a color popular at the turn of the century. Results of the cooperative effort between Croteau and the Benton County Historical Society will be seen during the Sept. 10 Historical Home Tour. Society members hope the Cascade Building will be the first of many similar efforts to restore and maintain Kennewick's older buildings.



Croteau atypical downtown leader

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

3-14-88

God made all kinds of people, Murray Croteau says.

Murray Croteau is one.

A gruff exterior, he won't be kicked around by anybody and admits he sometimes unintentionally intimidates adults.

A gentle interior, he'll stoop to help fix the chain on the bike of a youngster he doesn't even know.

"I love kids," says the husky, strong-voiced owner of Croteau Construction, who is known by many as the unofficial mayor of downtown Kennewick.

It's a title of affection given by downtown friends and merchants for one of their own who has worked hard to re-establish downtown Kennewick as an important commercial center.

Old people also hold a special place in his heart, because of the sacrifices his parents made for him and his sisters and brothers.

"I came from a poor family, and we went without a lot," said Croteau, 45. "My folks raised seven kids. They pooled their funds, and together they saved up and gave it to their kids."

Croteau's construction business is headquartered in a cramped office off Cascade Street in the historic Cascade Building that he owns on the corner of Kennewick Avenue. It is the second oldest building on the street, and one he is refurbishing to its historic luster.

Croteau is now completing the second of two full terms as president of the Downtown Kennewick

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Herald/Bob Brawdy

Murray Croteau is known to many as the "unofficial mayor of downtown Kennewick" because the businessman has been working hard to make the area a vibrant commercial part of Kennewick. Croteau, president of the Downtown Kennewick Association, credits both pioneer and recent downtown merchants with making the area vibrant.

Croteau

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Association (DKA), plus part of a third. A new president takes over April 1.

He's not your typical president of anything. Thick, rough-hewn hands are badges of his more than 25 years in and around the construction trade. Denims and plaid cotton shirts with pockets stuffed with pencils and notes take the place of business suits and dress shirts and ties. A dog named Blue, his pet of many years, accompanies Croteau in his pickup truck.

But Croteau is very much a president, taking leadership roles in monthly DKA meetings, helping direct downtown promotions, and even donning a Santa Claus suit on a bitter cold winter day to help place Christmas decorations along downtown Kennewick streets.

Ask him about it, and he'll brush aside accolades. Instead, he quickly rattles off the names of downtown merchants, some comparatively new, and some downtown pioneer merchants (such as the Gravenslunds, owners of Washington Hardware, and the Sillmans, who founded Farmers Exchange). He sees them as a mixture of strength, enterprise and diversification.

"You need the new ones and the old ones," he said. Downtown has been blessed, he says, with mer-

chants who are close-knit and compatible.

"I like to think we accomplish a lot."

Croteau refuses to be an absentee landlord. "I'm involved. I'm a businessman. I just want to do my part. I like the people."

"It is a nice feeling to go over to the (Lyle's) drug store, and Hazel Morton, the fountain manager, treats you like kinfolk," he adds. "It's nice being addressed by your first name."

His affection for people is buttressed by independence.

"I'm not one to allow someone to do something for me," he said. "If I have to do something, I prefer doing it for myself."

The father of two daughters (Michelle, almost 20, and Noel, 18), "kinfolk" is a word of significance to Croteau.

Though divorced, he has strong feelings of family ties developed growing up in a family that moved frequently. He attended 16 different schools in 12 years.

He is the second oldest of the seven children born to parents of French and French-Canadian ancestry. They migrated from Webster, Mass., where he was born, to Salinas, Calif., when he was 8 years old. There, his father, a baker in Massachusetts and skilled in many enterprises, went to work for Del Webb, later owner of the New York Yankees and casinos in Nevada. Croteau's father helped build military barracks for Webb at Fort Ord, Calif.

"We lived there for 16 months. Del Webb finished the job and asked my dad to move to Sun City, Ariz.," Croteau said.

Instead, his family eventually found its way to Colville, 65 miles north of Spokane. He graduated from high school there in 1961. Since then, if he has not been directly associated with the construction business, he has at least been closely attuned to it.

"I love my trade," he says. It can be demanding however, and 16- to 18-hour workdays operating his own business in the Spokane area led him to move his family to the Tri-Cities in 1976. He went to work for a developer here because Croteau wanted to work fewer hours.

In time, he found he was again working 16 to 18 hours a day supervising projects for the local developer and he quit, still friends with the man he worked for. In 1978 he started running his own construction business. He was missing out on seeing his daughters growing up, Croteau said.

His youngest still lives at home with him, and his oldest recently got her own apartment in Kennewick. Raising them has been the greatest joy of his life, Croteau said.

"My kids are my life," he stressed, leaning back in his chair where the walls of his office show positive proof of the reciprocal affection his daughters feel for him. Photographs of Michelle and Noel, and notes they have sent him, car-

ing and love in their prose, adorn the walls, overshadowing any and all plaques and certificates of appreciation he has received as a downtown leader.

Diverse topic mix in history contest

3-20-88

About 170 projects, performances and research papers on such diverse topics as Roman law, black airmen in World War II and the history of Hanford were entered and judged at the southeastern Washington regional History Day contest Saturday.

Rep. Sid Morrison, R-Wash., presented awards ribbons at the end of the judging and told an audience of about 150 students, teachers and parents to put the historical perspectives gained from their projects to work in their future enterprises.

Entrants competed for two sets of awards — for first, second and third place awards and the right to compete in the state contest in Ellensburg in April, and for cash prizes of \$25 in topics ranging from constitutional and legal issues, to military history, to use of newspapers in research.

Those who won first-place awards are:

Research papers — Junior division: Paul Angulano, Carmichael Junior High, Richland, "Richland Boomtown: The Story of Hanford." Senior Division: Polly Hanson, Touchet, "Disarmament."

Individual media — Junior division: Stephanie Flynn, Desert Hills Middle School, Kennewick, "Slavery to the Stars."

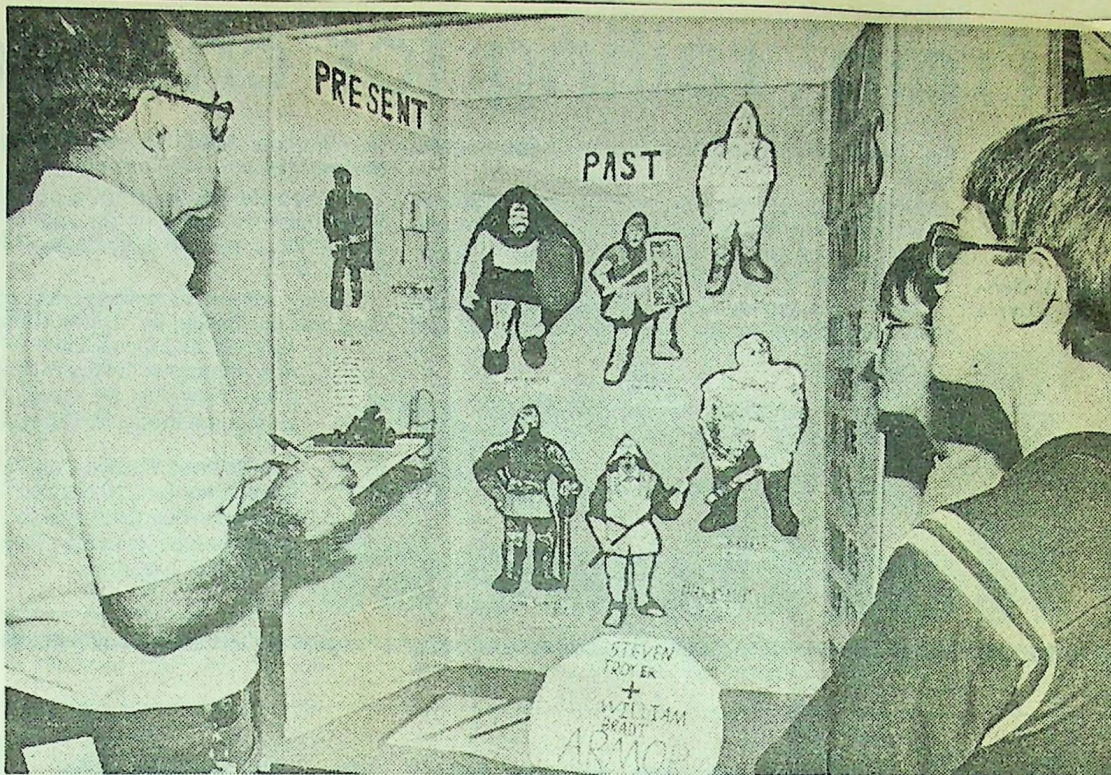
Group media — Junior division: Melissa Holmes and Kevin Coddington, Carmichael Junior High, "The Hanford Story."

Individual projects — Junior division: (tie) Michelle Dupay, "Yorktown," and Bonnie Hauck, "Trains and the Western Frontier," both from Desert Hills Middle School. Senior division: Don Flynn, Kamla-klin High School, Kennewick, "The Noble Experiment."

Group projects — Junior division: Michelle Evans and Alex Bletel, Carmichael Junior High, "History of the Nuclear Industry."

Individual performance — Junior division: Bonnie Gibbs, Carmichael Junior High, "Arcadian Exile." Senior division: Charity Worsham, Connell, "Elizabeth Cady Stanton."

Group performance — James Bates and Jason Skorup, Othello, "Censorship." Senior division: Jack Schenck, Scott Goehle and Greg Kammer, Othello, "The Wall."



Herald/Dorothy Adcock

William Bradt, far right, and Steven Troyer, both of Richland, watch Judge Tom Mercer of the East Benton County Historical Museum as he judges their "New Frontiers In Armor" history exhibit.

Centennial proposals look to past, present, future

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

4-11-88

When the State Centennial Commission reviews four applications for possible centennial project funding in Benton and Franklin counties, they will be looking at ideas touching on the past, the present, and the future of the region.

Those proposed projects — submitted by centennial supporters from Kennewick, Prosser, Connell and Kahlottus — would paint a picture of yesterday while providing residents and visitors of today with places to go and things to do, and leaving to the citizens of the next 100 years a legacy they can enjoy, according to the applications approved and sent to the state by the Benton-Franklin County Centennial Committee.

The state commission is scheduled to decide in August which of the various proposals to fund from



those received from around the state, Ann Walker of the bicounty centennial committee said.

The East Benton County Historical Society, with its museum in Kennewick, is seeking a \$24,900 grant from the state commission to fund its project, "Walk Kennewick's History."

The historical society and other local supporters are willing to put up \$17,750 of their own money or in services to help fund the \$42,450 project.

"Our goal is to show and explain the early history of downtown Kennewick to residents and visitors, and to enlist ... support (for) historic downtown Kennewick," says the society's application prepared in large part by Tom Moak, president of the historical society.

"This will be accomplished by means of historic walking tours, interpretive kiosks (a small structure with one or more open sides), and historic plaques," the application adds.

"We're looking at basically converting some of the (decorative) mushrooms down on Kennewick

Avenue," Moak explained.

The interpretive kiosks will include photographs, memorabilia and narratives to illustrate the downtown area.

Use of some of those existing structures would help cut down on cost, he said.

A Centennial Flag Plaza also is planned, and a 38-star flag like that existing in 1889 when Washington became a state will be flown.

"We're looking at several different locations along Kennewick Avenue but, there are no firm plans yet," Moak said.

Also during the centennial year, 54 American flags with 50 stars will be flown from lighted locations around a 12-block area in downtown Kennewick.

Historic events in downtown Kennewick will be researched, and from the research four different walking tours varying in length will be laid out in the downtown commercial and residential area. The historical society plans to conduct some guided tours during the centennial year, but Moak said brochures will be designed and

printed to aid residents and visitors in making the tours on their own.

"Permanent bronze plaques will be imbedded in the sidewalks in front of 25 or more historically significant buildings," the application noted.

In Kahlottus, the Kahlottus Lions Club is seeking a grant of nearly \$20,500 for Pioneer Park Development. Local supporters will put up \$3,376 in money and services to help on the proposed \$23,872 project.

"A local park with no name will be named Pioneer Park in memory of early pioneers in our area," the application headed up by Dennis Wonders notes. "A monument giving names and dates of early

founders and settlers of Kahlottus will be installed."

The plan includes building a large covered barbecue area, a picnic area with cooking facilities and picnic tables, and a serving area. Four smaller barbecue and picnic areas are planned, along with a playground area and restroom facilities.

"A visual display is also planned to provide travelers with an interpretive center concerning our local and community history, and a map showing local areas of geographical and historical interest, such as Palouse Falls, Lyon's Ferry Park and fish hatchery, and Lower Monumental Dam," the application notes.

The cities of Prosser and Connell

are sponsoring their proposed projects.

"The goal is to construct a multi-purpose jogging, bicycling, and exercise path that will accommodate the handicapped," says the Prosser application submitted by Bev Garvey.

The project is seeking a \$25,000 grant for the 1.55-mile pathway within the city limits. The city will be making in-kind contributions valued at \$17,420 by utilizing city crews for part of the work, while \$11,000 from other sources will go into the \$53,487 project. Private citizens have so far pledged \$6,950, the application notes.

Pioneer Centennial Pavilion is proposed for Pioneer Park in Connell, according to the city's application prepared by Jill Klindworth.

"Plans are to construct a 40-foot-by-60-foot open-air structure in Pioneer Park to serve as a gathering place for community events and enhance local activities," the application notes.

Connell is seeking a \$10,000 grant to go along with \$12,500 worth of volunteer labor and \$500 in donations for the project.

Metro Northwest

4-25-88

Head librarian says he'll run for Benton commission seat

By LAURIE WILLIAMS
Herald staff writer

Benton County elected officials need to knock off infighting and take a "united front" to get the county moving forward again, said a prospective candidate for county commissioner.

"A key issue is how to get the elected (county) officials working together with themselves and with the county commissioners ... rather than six or seven elected officials each out on their own," said Tom Moak of Kennewick, in an interview Sunday.

During Saturday's Benton County Democratic convention, Moak, 34, told fellow Democrats he is expecting to announce in May that he will seek the four-year District 3 commissioner position.

Eight-year incumbent Ron Jones, a Republican, holds that District 3 seat, which includes eastern Kennewick, Finley and the Horse Heaven area, south to Plymouth and Pater-son, he said.

"I do believe we need to have a

fresh look at the way county gov-ernment is being run," said Moak, the senior librarian for the Mid-Co-lumbia Library System for eight years.

"It's time for a new emphasis and focus," he said, but he added that his cam-paign is not aimed solely at Jones or a single issue.

Moak said there should be a more unified front on county issues, with the commissioners taking the lead more.

For example, he noted that Sher-iff Jim Kennedy appeared to be standing alone when he was re-cently pleading to get a \$5 boat tax to support increased river patrols this year.

Among the other problems Moak sees in the county's future are:

- Keeping the county from dipping into its reserves for operations.



Moak

- Make sure county roads do not fall into disrepair if the economy slips.

- Take a firm stand on the future of the county's parks and how to pay for the upkeep.

Moak said he would make a good commissioner because of his ability to work things through with individ-uals "with prickly personalities."

In the past, the Benton County commissioners have had difficul-ties working with each other, in ad-dition to problems creating agreements with other agencies, such as Franklin County over the bicounty fair.

"We need better ideas if we're going to move the county ahead in the next few years," he said, add-ing, "I can offer my different per-spective."

Moak also is the president of the East Benton County Historical So-ciety in Kennewick, where he says he has worked as a leader in the de-velopment of downtown Kenne-wick.

Moak, who is single, moved to Kennewick from Tacoma in 1979 to work for Mid-Columbia Library.

5-13-88

Museum filled with surprises

I visited the East Benton County Historical Society Museum — the one over by the library — for the first time. It has been there since 1982. I was amazed! The entrance boasts a gorgeous polished solid agate floor like I have never seen before. On the wall hung a rare thing called a "di-ploma." There was a counter filled with odds and ends called "this N that." There was plenty of the usual old furniture, utensils and fancy work. An author was selling autographed copies of the neatest books ... *Folklore of the Pacific Northwest*. I got three for only \$5.50 each.

But the main attraction, by far, was the display case right in the middle of the room that held, under glass, docu-ments, yellow with age, from our country's past, including the Declara-tion of Independence and the Bill of Rights, safely in the hands of our se-nior citizens.

As I gazed at these documents, I wondered how many of our young peo-ple had seen them. Do they know what to look for in their text books? How many young people know what it is we have been defending against at such high price? Granted they know Amer-ica is not perfect, but do they know she has a heart and is the best form of gov-ernment running? And why? Do they know they can be proud? Will our young people treasure these docu-ments and the American dream they represent, or will they despair and let them become nothing more than folklore?

Only 50 cents per person; senior citi-zen discount; club memberships available.

5-19-88

ATTENTION KENNEWICK RESIDENTS

The Kennewick City Council is looking for volunteers to assist in the development of a Historical Preservation Ordinance. The development of this ordinance is one of the steps toward becoming a Certified Local Government which will provide the opportunity for the City to apply for historical preservation grants.

In accord with State guidelines, persons with interest and competence in historic preservation, and professional members in the fields of history, architectural history, historic preservation, planning, cultural anthropology, archaeology, cultural geography, American studies, law or other historic preservation related disciplines are encouraged to apply. If you are interested in historic preservation and want to help with this ordinance, please send a brief letter explaining your qualifications to the: Director of Planning and Community Development, P.O. Box 6108, Kennewick, no later than June 1, 1988. This information will be submitted to the City Council for their review. Appointments will be made by the City Council. Please contact Bill Kennedy at City Hall (509) 586-4181 should you have any questions.

Mid-Columbia digest

Moak to seek county post

A 34-year-old Kennewick librarian plans Tuesday to become a candidate for a seat on the Benton County board of commissioners.

Thomas Moak, a Democrat employed by the Mid-Columbia Library, has scheduled a news conference to announce his candidacy for the post held by Commissioner Ron Jones.

The 10:30 a.m. announcement will be made at the Kennewick Senior Center.

Ron Jones to leave Benton commission

By GALE B. ROBINETTE

Herald staff writer

6-17-88

Benton County Commissioner Ron Jones said Thursday he is "burned out" and will not seek re-election to a third term.

The Republican also said he will endorse Kennewick Port Commissioner Dave Dickerson, who plans to announce Monday he is a candidate for Jones' seat.

Jones, a commissioner since 1981, said he might re-enter politics someday but added he has no immediate plans. After his term expires in December, he will spend more time helping run a Kennewick tavern owned by his son, Jones said.

He decided Thursday not to seek re-election after thinking about it for several days and talking it over



Jones

with his family, Jones said.

"Frankly," he said, "I have given it my all. I have no regrets. The county has been good to me and, I hope, I have been good for the county."

Jones, 51, said it was a "tough decision" but "it is just time to step aside."



Dickerson

"I really like what I do," he said. "But I feel like I am treating people like they shouldn't be treated. I think I am getting a little callous. I used to be more sensitive to the issues ... I don't have the patience I used to."

About two weeks ago, Jones said privately would seek re-election in November, but it didn't matter whether he won or lost.

"That was not the right attitude

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to have," Jones said Thursday. "There must have been a question mark in the back of my mind at the time."

Jones said he would be re-elected if he wanted another four-year term in the \$36,000 job, predicting he could easily defeat Democratic candidate Thomas Moak.

"I'd smoke him," Jones said. "That's not my concern at all."

Jones said he was "hurt" by Moak's recent criticism that Jones could have been more of a leader on the three-member board of commissioners. Jones added, however, Moak's criticism had no influence in his decision not to run again.

Moak, 34, said he was surprised

Jones stepped out of the race.

"I just expected he would continue trying to do what he has been doing," Moak said. "He made intimations to me only last week that he expected to see me a lot this summer."

Moak, a senior librarian for the Mid-Columbia Library District, said Jones' bowing out will not affect his campaign.

"Our intent from the very beginning was to run a strong campaign not because we are against Ron Jones, but because I thought I have some capabilities to lead Benton County," he said. "I still believe that."

Dickerson, 56, said he talked with Jones on Thursday about running for county commissioner.

"I have thought about the city council or that job, and that job appeals to me more than the city council," Dickerson said. "I am going to win that thing."

Dickerson, a port commissioner for 10 years, owns the B-OK Pump and Save gasoline station in Kennewick. His six-year term on the port ends in December 1989. Dickerson said he would resign from that post if elected county commissioner.

Jones said he will endorse Dickerson because he is informed and would provide a "good balance" on the board of commissioners. The other commissioners are Ray Isaacson and Bob Drake, both Republicans.

Jones was elected commissioner in 1980 and re-elected in 1984. He was a member of the Kennewick City Council from 1967 until 1972, when he resigned because he moved outside the city limits. Jones was appointed to the Washington State Gambling Commission in 1983 by then-Gov. John Spellman. His term expired in 1985.

Museums

HISTORIC HOME TOUR buildings will be announced at the 7:30 p.m. Monday meeting of the East Benton County Historical Society. The society has chosen four homes and two businesses for its second annual Historic Homes Tour on Sept. 10, and building owners will be at the meeting. The meeting is open to the public. Phone 783-1207. 6-17-88

Historical society tour to include Moore Mansion

The East Benton County Historical Society has chosen five homes — including the Moore Mansion — and a commercial building with apartments for its Sept. 10 Historic Homes Tour.

The tour homes will showcase original furnishings, stained glass and antiques. The Moore Mansion is one of only two homes in Tri-Cities area on the National Register of Historic Homes.

Owned by Gene and June Leck-enby, the Moore Mansion is on the Pasco side of the Columbia River near the blue bridge.

Other homes selected for the tour belong to John and Kathy

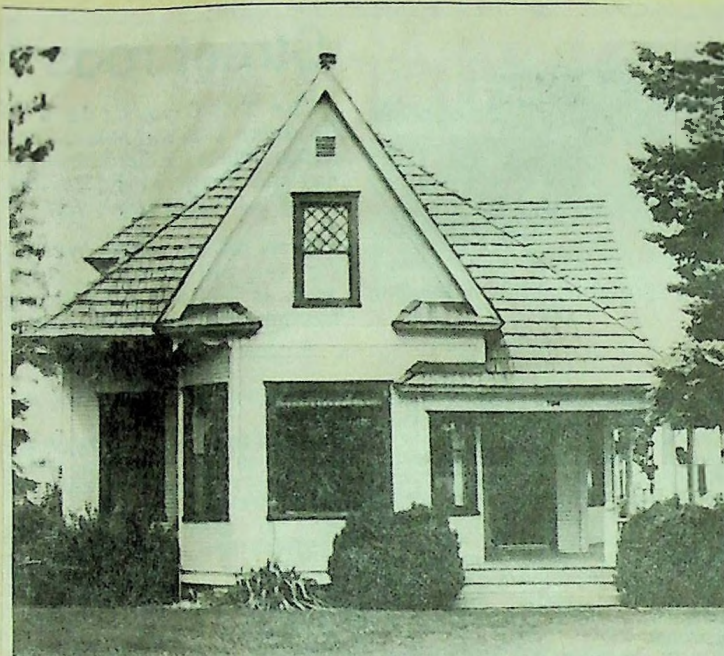
Knowles, 602 W. Albany Ave., Kennewick; Scotty and Patty Kruschke, 22 E. Third St., Kennewick; Rod and Pam Burton, 704 W. Grand Ronde Ave., Kennewick; and Pat and Bonnie Putney, 220 S. Benton St., Kennewick.

Also featured will be the Cascade Building at the corner of Cascade Street and Kennewick Avenue in Kennewick. The East Benton County Historical Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, will also be on the tour.

Tour tickets go on sale Aug. 6. Proceeds from the tour will be used to identify and mark historical buildings and sites in East Benton County. 6-24-88

8-26-88

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM. 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Visitors to the museum during August see the exhibit *BPA and the Struggle for Power at Cost*. The colorful, multi-panel display was a gift of the Hanford Science Center. Phone 582-7704.



Rod and Pam Burton's house at 705 Grand Ronde Ave. is one of four Kennewick homes that will be part of the East Benton County Historical Society's Historic Home Tour on Sept. 10.

Historic homes open during tour

9-2-88

Victoria Plum will once again welcome visitors to the East Benton County Historical Society's Historic Home Tour Sept. 10.

Homes on the tour date from the first decade of this century. The East Benton County Historical Society Museum and the Moore Mansion are the only buildings on the tour that are not private residences.

Homes on the tour belong to John and Kathy Knowles, 602 W. Albany Ave., Kennewick; Scotty and Patty Kruschke, 22 E. Third Ave., Kennewick; Rod and Pam Burton 705 W. Grand Ronde Ave., Kennewick; and Patrick and Bonnie Puntney, 220 S. Benton St., Kennewick.

Tickets for the tour are \$6 and are on sale at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum, Christopher's II Gift Shop and Benjamin's Antique Mall.

Thomas Moak for commissioner

If you are tired of internal discord affecting the productivity of Benton County government, vote for the man whose skills at developing consensus and drive to produce results have earned him the support of not only incumbent Benton County officials, but also the unions that represent their staff. Thomas Moak is the man to pull it all together and ensure that the constrained budget dollars available to this county are not wasted on frivolous in-fighting.

If you are concerned because you depend on county services and they just seem to get harder and harder to obtain, vote for the man who has spent his adult life administering public services. He understands that the penny saved by shutting down branch offices will not offset the dollar lost by each individual who has to make a long trip to gain access to county services.

If you are indignant because a local issue has once again been decided behind the closed doors of distance and daytime meeting hours, necessitating time off work to make your voice heard, then vote for the man who promises to listen — and respond: Thomas Moak.

I am going to make my ballot be my voice to the county commission: with Thomas Moak, my concerns will be addressed.

JUDITH M. JOHANNESSEN JORGE
Richland

Tom Moak there at critical time

10-14-88

I have been a Benton County deputy sheriff for six years. Nothing has so unified county employees as the decision by two Benton County Commissioners to build a \$125,000 boat dock for Richland at the expense of laying off five county employees. Morale in almost all Benton County offices is low because of this incomprehensible decision.

One candidate for county commissioner has spoken out against this lack of common sense. And that is Tom Moak. When the preliminary budget was adopted in Prosser on Sept. 19, Tom Moak stood and spoke in agreement with county elected officials such as Sheriff Kennedy and Prosecutor Andy Miller and with other county employees. Tom Moak's opponent, Sandi Strawn, wasn't even in Prosser for that important meeting and has not said whether she's for the boat dock or for county employees. That's why I'm backing someone who will take a stand and will make decisions with knowledge and common sense — Tom Moak.

JOHN FOLTZ
Kennewick

10-7-88

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM. 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, is open from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum will have an open house from 1 to 5 p.m. Oct. 16. At 3 p.m. students from Sunset View Elementary School will present a musical pageant *Washington's For Me*. The celebration will also feature new exhibits, the library, the archives and additions to museum collections. The public is welcome. Phone 582-7704.

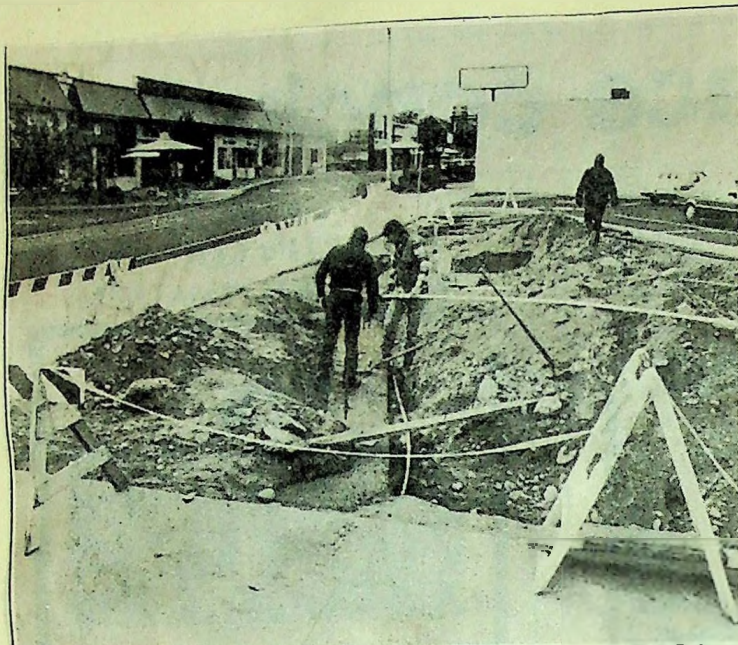
100-year-old Kennewick residents sought

Kennewick residents 100 years or older are wanted. At 2:30 p.m. Friday at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum, Kennewick will celebrate the beginning of the Washington State Centennial.

During ceremonies, Kennewick residents 100 years or older are to be honored.

Those with family members 100 years or older are asked to call Ann Walker at 582-2021 so all those deserving can be honored, Walker said.

11-7-88



Herald/Bob Baker

11-8-88

Flag plaza

Construction continues Monday on the Centennial Flag Plaza at Kennewick Avenue and Benton Street, with a dedication ceremony planned for 9 a.m. Saturday. The plaza will include a 30-foot lighted flag pole and benches. Carol Voss, Downtown Kennewick Association president, said the \$15,000 project is being funded by donations. The centennial flag will be a 38-star flag, the same type of flag that flew over Washington 100 years ago.

11-18-88

THE KENNEWICK LIBRARY has a display of centennial pictures of Kennewick in its Keewaydin Room. The pictures, on loan from the East Benton County Historical Society and Museum, show the changes that have occurred in the past 100 years to Kennewick and the surrounding area. The display can be viewed during normal library hours.

Museums

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum is celebrating the kickoff of Washington State's centennial during November. Books on local history are available, and the archives may be used by the public. New exhibits include an early office and butter-making equipment.

Phone 582-7704.

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Photo from East Benton County Historical Society

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Days of old

This 1925 photograph of downtown Kennewick shows Kennewick Avenue from Washington Street looking toward Dayton Street. Some of the businesses shown include the Commercial Hotel, far left, and Washington Hardware and Furniture Co., far right. Photos such as these are part of a centennial loan from the East Benton County Historical Society and Museum, show Kennewick and the surrounding area from 1889 to the present.

Mid-Columbians honor veterans, pioneers

State centennial celebration starts

By GALE METCALF
and GALE B. ROBINETTE
Herald staff writers 11-12-89

Patriotism blended with the past and the future Friday as Benton and Franklin counties honored veterans and celebrated the state's history.

Flags were raised, children sang and speeches were given as people recognized veterans of the U.S. armed forces and helped begin a statewide celebration that continues through Nov. 11, 1989 — Washington's 100th birthday.

"We celebrate Armistice Day and kick off a whole year of celebration for the state's centennial," Beverly Green, chairwoman of the Benton-Franklin Centennial Committee, said in Pasco.

Green led combined centennial and Veterans Day ceremonies in the rotunda of the historic Franklin County Courthouse. Similar events were held in Kennewick at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum and in Richland at John Dam Plaza.

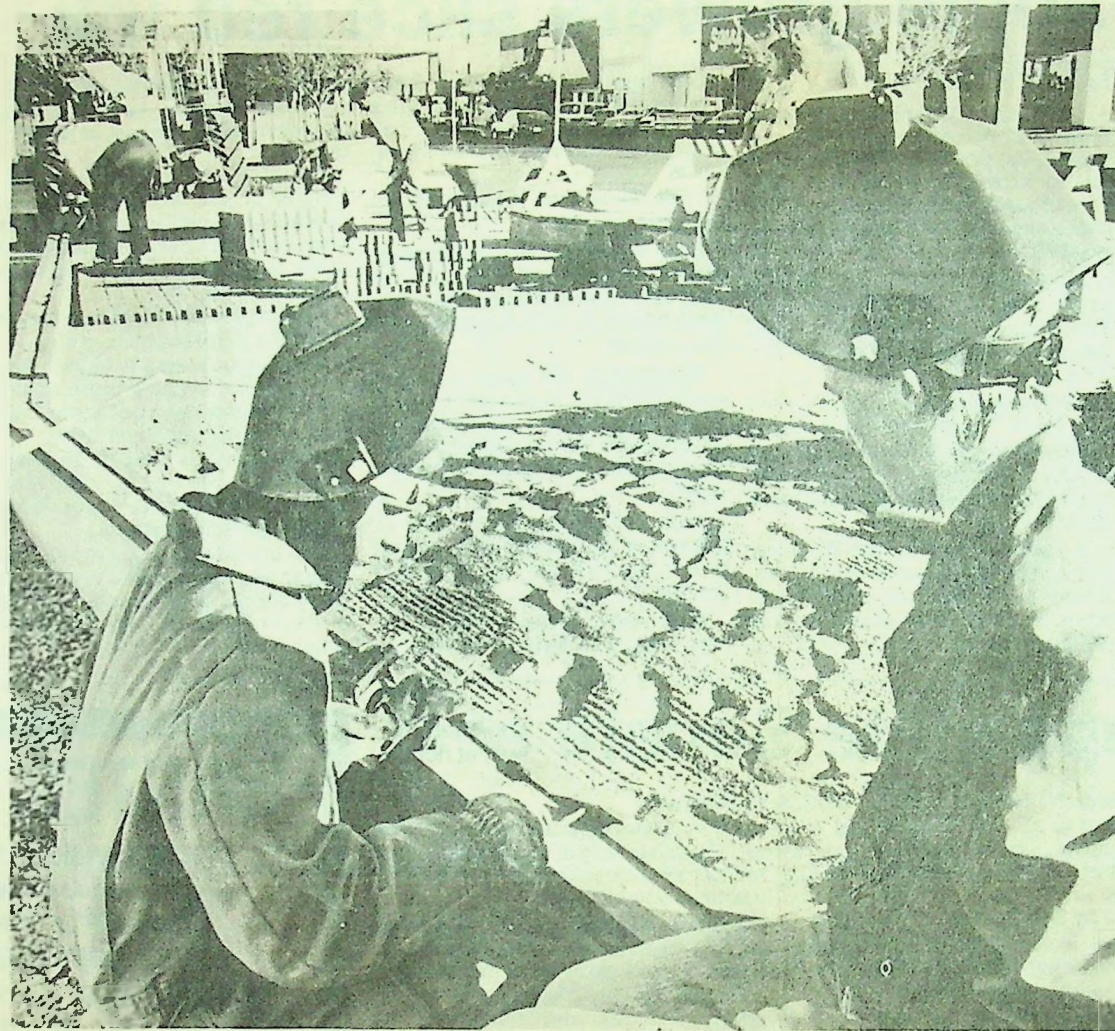
Gov. Booth Gardner officially launched the centennial year from Olympia, but celebrations were held in the state's 39 counties and communities such as Prosser, Benton City and Connell.

"The flag is our symbol, and I suggest to you the flag is the soul of America," Roy Carriker, a retired U.S. Navy officer, told more than 100 adults and children at the Franklin County Courthouse.

As he spoke, veterans of four wars, World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam, stood in uniform nearby.

Overhead in the rotunda, centennial flags hung, and curious youngsters looked over the balcony as guests spoke, the Sweet Adelines sang, the International Folk Dancers performed and Larry Ziller, dressed as Benjamin Franklin, read the centennial proclamation from Gardner.

The proclamation was delivered in Pasco and Kennewick Pony Express-style by Rattlesnake Ridge Riders horsemen dressed like cowboys. Randy Felts, 40 and bearded, gave the proclamation to Kenne-



Herald/Dorothy Adcock

Kennewick High students Cody Ford, his brother Tony and other volunteers put the finishing touches on the Kennewick flag plaza at Kennewick Avenue and Benton Street in preparation for today's 9 a.m. dedication

wick Mayor Brad Fisher.

Centennial flags were given to Pasco Mayor Ed Hendler and to Franklin County commissioners Bruce Whitmarsh and Harold Mathews.

"Our veterans have fought under every commissioned flag of the United States of America," Ziller said. "Our country was in a wonderful period of growth (when Washington became a state) and has continued to grow since, due to the constant vigilance of our veterans."

In Richland, ceremonies at John Dam Plaza honored the past and looked toward the future.

"I call upon our citizens to draw on the past to create more and better opportunities for the future,"

Mayor pro-tem Craig Buchanan told about 125 people who braved a chilly wind.

Buchanan read the proclamation launching the state's centennial year, then put it into a time capsule to be buried Nov. 11, 1989, and to be unearthed in 100 years.

"Today we begin the fun, a year of celebration," Councilwoman Shirley Widrig said. "Washington state is 99 years old today."

The Richland ceremonies were attended by Margaret McCamish of Seattle and Geraldine Peebles of Portland. They are the daughters of Richland pioneer John Dam, for whom the downtown plaza is named.

"It's neat to be a part of this for

our dad," said Peebles, who was a member of the Richland High School girls basketball team that had a 20-0 record in 1934.

Her only regret, Peebles said, was that more of the few hundred people living in early-day Richland were not around to attend.

"Daddy is simply a representative of all the community of Richland as it was at that time," Peebles said.

The sisters also broke ground for the proposed John Dam Centennial Plaza. Richland City Manager Neal Shulman said John Dam moved to the region in 1910 at age 19.

"He began a long and devoted period of community service," Shulman said. A barber and later proprietor of a general store in



Herald/Gale Metcalf

Margaret McCamish, from left, and Geraldine Peebles, the daughters of Richland pioneer John Dam, sit with Richland City Councilwoman Shirley Widrig at the city's centennial ceremonies Friday.

Richland, Dam also was a Benton County commissioner for 11 years. He died in 1966.

The John Dam Plaza Centennial Committee and Richland's Parks and Recreation Department are making plans to refurbish the park.

"It was the land that brought our fathers west, and it's this land we focus on today, this special piece of land that is the heart of our city," said Nancy Adams, co-chairwoman of the committee. "By enhancing John Dam Plaza, we feel our community can draw from and enjoy these efforts."

She and co-chairman Milt Lewis said they want citizens to be involved in the project, which will include new pathways, trees, plants and benches. "We envision it can be a pleasant place to rest and meditate," Lewis said.

Holland St. John represented the parks department, while youngsters from the Chinook Council of Camp Fire presented the time capsule and released red, white and blue balloons. The Hanford High School Band performed.

In Kennewick, about 70 people stood outside the East Benton County Historical Museum for a ceremony that included singing of *God Bless America* by the Campfire Girls of Finley.

A flag was raised by several

members of the Sonderman family, descendants of Charles Aune, the territorial marshal who raised the first U.S. flag in Kennewick in 1886.

Three Kennewick residents who are 100 years or older were recognized. They were Ida Combs, 100; Emma Giles, 100; and Bertha Klundt, 102. Klundt is the cousin of Councilwoman Betty Klundt's father-in-law.

Combs attended the outdoor ceremony, seated in a wheelchair with a multi-colored quilt across her lap. She came to Washington in 1920 as a young bride from North Carolina. She said the trip by train took eight days.

Organizers of the event in Kennewick were unable to arrange a 50-gun salute. They set off firecrackers instead, although the devices are illegal.

"We're only 100 years old once," Councilwoman Klundt said when asked about the fireworks. She declined to say where the fireworks came from. City police and fire department officials attended, but none indicated concern.

In Prosser, ground was broken for a bike path being built by the city and Benton County and a centennial celebration was held at the county courthouse. A highlight was the receipt over a speaker phone of the governor's centennial proclamation in Morse code.

12-3 88

Heritage owner pleads innocent

The owner of the Heritage restaurant and lounge pleaded innocent Friday to setting his business on fire in August.

Steve R. Blair, 41, Kennewick, entered the plea at his first appearance in Benton County Superior Court.

Judge Duane Taber continued to allow Blair to be free without bail pending his trial Feb. 6.

A late-night fire heavily damaged the nightclub at 2811 W. 10th Ave., and police investigators believe a flammable liquid may have been used to start the fire.

Sibling help class offered

WALLA WALLA — A class to help children under age 10 adjust to a new child in the family will be offered by Walla Walla General Hospital at 4 p.m. Sunday. The fee is \$5 per family. For information, phone the Women's Center, 529-8444.

Santa Claus to visit museum

Santa Claus will visit the East Benton County Historical Museum during the museum's Christmas open house, set to run from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

St. Nicholas is to appear at 3 p.m. The Mid-Columbia Brass Quintet is to perform at 2 p.m.

The museum is at 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

1,100 tickets still available for show

There are 1,100 tickets left for Tuesday's Rich Little show and grand opening ceremony at the Tri-Cities Coliseum, said Mike Kennaw, director of promotion and special events.

Tickets cost \$17.50 and are available at all three Tri-City chambers of commerce and the coliseum box office. Parking is \$2 at the coliseum.

The grand opening ceremonies are to begin at 6:30 p.m., and Little's show is to start at 8:30.

Part of Kennewick street to close

West Fourth Avenue in Kennewick between Sheppard and Tweedt streets will be closed to traffic next week so Kennewick Irrigation District crews can work on a canal.

The avenue will be closed Monday and reopened Thursday.

Horticulture fair to start

The Washington State Horticultural Exposition is returning to the Central Washington Fairgrounds in Yakima as part of the annual horticultural association meeting Monday through Wednesday.

The exposition will feature more than 170 exhibitors from throughout the country displaying farm machinery, chemicals, storage and packing equipment, financial services and computer services.

Exposition hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday.

1-8-89 State events for centennial

■JAN. 3-9: Constitutional Convention Re-enactment. Ellensburg.

■FEB. 18: Washington's Birthday Gala. Musicians and other performing artists will entertain birthday parties at shopping malls throughout the state.

■FEB. 23-26: Centennial Winter Games. Olympic style winter sports. Wenatchee.

■APRIL 2: Lewis and Clark Trail Run. A 500-mile race for teams of runners from Clarkston to Cape Disappointment.

■APRIL-OCTOBER: "Time of Gathering" exhibit of Native American arts and crafts. Burke Museum. University of Washington, Seattle.

■MAY: Pacific International Film Festival. Twelve-year-old Seattle film festival takes on Pacific theme.

■MAY 7-8: Discovery Days. Highlight of annual celebration of Capt. Robert Gray's discovery of Grays Harbor in 1792 will be the maiden voyage of the Lady Washington, a tall ship built as a centennial project.

■MAY 26-29 INDIAN POW WOWS: Native American customs and ceremonies at Chelan County Fairgrounds. June 10 at Walla Walla.

■JULY 28-AUG. 6: Pacific Seafaring Heritage. Seattle's Seafair festival will feature Pacific and Native American small ships.

■JULY 29: Wings Over Washington. Air shows at airports across the state.

■AUGUST: Constitutional Convention. High school students take part in mock state constitutional convention.

■AUGUST: Circum-Pacific Prehistory Conference. Scientific conference on human evolution and emergence of Pacific civilizations. Seattle.

■AUG. 8-9: Pacific Summit. Pacific Rim leaders explore trade opportunities and international relations. To be followed Aug. 9-11 with Pacific International Symposia on specific economic sectors. Seattle.

■AUG. 10-13: Summer Centennial Games. Olympic-style amateur athletic competitions. Spokane.

■AUG. 15-Sept. 21: Pacific Chautauqua. Performing arts showcase tours state fairs. Monroe and Puyallup.

■NOV. 11, 1989: Centennial Day. State celebrates 100th anniversary with the theme, "Dawn of the Next Century."

Pioneer diary to be read 1/16/89

The Story of Adam and Eve from the diary of

Clarissa Keene will be read by her daughter, Trud Keene McMonagle, at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

The reading is from the diary of Clarissa Keene, a Kennewick pioneer. Keene's husband, Lewis, was a county commissioner, and Clarissa was a school teacher for many years. The Story of Adam and Eve is about their life together.

There is no admission charge.

Tri-City group pursues history of area churches

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

4-2-89

More than 100 years of church history in Benton and Franklin counties is buried away somewhere, but Ruth Steach has only a couple of weeks to dig it out.

By April 15, the Richland woman said, a compilation of church histories in the biconity area must go to the presses to be ready in time for a major local event honoring churches here as part of the state centennial celebration.

She and others comprising an ad hoc committee are relying on Tri-City churches to respond to a questionnaire sent to them earlier this year asking for their history.

"We sent out 250 copies, and so far we've received about 42 or 43," said Steach.

Material compiled and published is to be presented during *Westward the Bible*, a centennial program planned for the Richland Library at 7:30 p.m. May 8.

Members of the committee believe much can be learned about society itself by what is buried in the history of churches, Steach said.

"We feel so many of society's institutions were begun by churches or church people for religious or moral reasons," she said. "We're trying to determine what impact the church had on history as it pertains to the two counties."

Committee members under the general chairmanship of Faith Cooke of Richland also include Sallie Fisher of Pasco, Mary W. Rasmussen of Richland and Irene Towne of Kennewick.

The committee first was surprised to find that at least 250 churches exist in the biconity area, Steach said.

"We took a phone book and went down through it," she said. "There were six pages of churches."

Predominant among churches that have responded to the ad hoc committee's request are those either with a rather lengthy history or a fairly limited one, Steach said.

"I've been surprised by how



Herald/Dorothy Adcock

The First Methodist Church at Kennewick Avenue and Dayton Street in downtown Kennewick is one of the oldest in Benton and Franklin counties. A committee is compiling histories of churches in the biconity area as part of a centennial project.

many little house churches there are that have anywhere from 30 to 80 members," she said. "They're just independent churches. In the place where we would ask for denomination, they would say non-denominational."

"It would appear they are groups that don't want any denominational connection," Steach added.

To the degree possible, the committee would like to learn how, why and when particular churches formed, and who formed them, she said. Many churches established here as recently as 40 or 50 years ago may be losing a valuable opportunity to record their history through the recollections of senior members, Steach believes.

"After 40 or 50 years, (original) members are beginning to pass away," she said. "Pretty soon their history will die away."

"We need to realize that history is

something we need to write down, or it just doesn't happen otherwise," she continued.

Already some religious history of the area appears to have been lost, and efforts are under way to recover as much as possible, Steach said.

The first hint of a church in the area appears to have been known as the St. Rosa Catholic Mission. But little is known about the mission, she said, and the committee is trying to trace its history.

While the committee would like to gather as much history as possible by April 15, Steach says members realistically know they can't gather and compile it all in time for the May 8 centennial presentation. They don't intend to stop, however.

"What we will get done by May will only be the tip of the iceberg of what we hope to do in the long run," Steach said.

Sacajawea descendants to take part in centennial

By MIKE LINDBLOM
Herald staff writer

3-20-89

Councilwoman Bev Green, a centennial committee member.

Sacajawea Park, at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers, marks the place where the explorers changed direction and followed the Columbia River to the sea.

A main attraction April 3 will be a

time with members of the tribes, said their adviser, Debbie Lynch.

"Our intent is not to be Indians," she said. "We don't want to offend anyone. We just enjoy history."

Afternoon performances will include Muzzleloader Club members with their old-time rifles and another group called the Rendezvousers, who represent white trappers, traders and explorers, said Lynch.

A square dancing demonstration by the Sundancers group will be part of the night program, said Green.

The event also will include teepees, drums, dancing, breads and possibly roasted buffalo meat, with a spaghetti dinner late in the day, she said. There is no admission charge. Dinner is \$5.

Another program is planned at Columbia Crest Winery near Paterson at 7 p.m. April 4. Runners will stay overnight at Paterson school and the winery, said Rincker.

The Happy Time Band, a Prosser senior citizens group, will play patriotic tunes and "songs they used to sing around the campfire at night," Rincker said. Other music is still being arranged, she said. The winery will be giving tours all day, she said.

The Polar Bear Canoe Club of Ashford, Wash., will bring a replica of Lewis and Clark's 16½-foot canoe — "just a tree that's dug out," said Rincker. Paterson residents will serve breakfast for the runners as they leave, she added.

BEV GREEN

"It's always been her (Nettie's) dream to see the park."

Pasco official



Organizers of an April 3 centennial event at Sacajawea Park are planning to bring two descendants of Sacajawea to town.

The festival will welcome runners on a 495-mile route from Clarkston to Ilwaco to commemorate part of the trip by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who reached Clarkston in 1805 and traveled onward to the Pacific coast.

The April 3 celebration, from noon to 8:30 p.m., will mark the runners' arrival after their leg from Dayton to Pasco. A day later, the runners stop in Paterson, where about 817 are expected, said Roberta Rincker, chairwoman of the Benton-Franklin Centennial Committee.

About 37 runners will run the entire length, while about 720 will run the state as a relay in groups of 10.

The Benton-Franklin Centennial Committee plans to fly Nettie Kirchee, a great-great-granddaughter of Sacajawea, and her husband Melvin Kirchee, also a descendant, to Pasco.

The plane tickets were reserved Thursday, but the committee is still raising money to pay for them, said Rincker.

"It's always been her (Nettie's) dream to see the park," said Pasco

team of 25-30 Boy Scouts from Explorer Post No. 169, Kennewick, which will perform authentic Indian dances throughout the day and during the 7 p.m. evening program. The boys and girls will wear porcupine quills, robes of real buffalo hide from locally raised animals, wool leg coverings, hard shell necklaces and other items.

The scouts perform around the region, have studied inland Northwest Indian customs, and spent

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Carmichael students win History Day honors

3-26-89

Students from Carmichael Junior High in Richland took a host of awards Saturday as 170 students from Eastern Washington schools competed in the regional History Day contest.

Carmichael, the host for the contest, took the grand prize for most entries among large schools, while Olds Junior High took grand prize for most entries among smaller schools.

Students in grades 9 through 12 competed in the senior division, while students in grades 6 through 8 competed in the junior division.

SENIOR DIVISION:

Individual projects: Michele Dupuy, McLoughlin Junior High, "Lewis and Clark."

Local history award: Michele Dupuy, McLoughlin Junior High, "Lewis and Clark."

Research papers: (1) Katy Terry, Hanford High School, "Voltaire, Catalyst of the French Revolution;" (2) Jane Huang, Hanford High School, "The Valor of the Vietnam Soldier;" (3) Corrie Batishko, Hanford High School, "Woodie Guthrie and the BPA."

JUNIOR DIVISION:

Individual projects: (1) April Mitchell, Carmichael Junior High, "Race for the Big Nail;" (2) Charis Santelli, Carmichael Junior High, "Brave Bess;" (3) Annette Reich, Tapteal Elementary School, "Elizabeth Katie Stanton."

Group projects: (1) Celia Baynes and Jennifer Miller, Carmichael Junior High, "The Pope, World Mover;" (2) Lasara Jones and Patty Ryder, "Curtis Inabinett, Political Innovator;" (3) John Powell and Amy Powell, Carmichael Junior High, "Man With A Mission, Marcus Whitman."

Group performance: (1) Ben Con-



Herald/Cynthia McGhan

Jennifer Long, 13, a student at McFarland Junior High in Othello, and Larry Lowther of Central Washington University discuss Long's history project about Walt Disney during the History Day contest Saturday at Carmichael Junior High in Richland.

tine, and Shelley Slate, Carmichael Junior High, "Virginia Devine and the Green Bridge;" (2) Brian Schroeder, Tapteal Elementary School, "Chiang Kai-shek;" (3) Laura May, Megan Montgomery, and Nina Garza, Othello, "Flying For A Dream."

Individual performance: (1) Kisten Larson, Carmichael Junior High, "Rebecca Nurse and the Salem Trial;" (2) Sam Singla, Hanford Middle School, "Ghandi;" (3) Kristi Morton, Hanford Middle School, "Sincerely Harry."

Junior research papers: (1) Kirk Debban, Tapteal Elementary School, "Mary Campbell;" (2) Ari Skorpik, Desert Hills Middle School, "Borglum;" (3) Heather Tomsick, Carmichael Junior High, "Dixie Lee Ray."

Group Media: (1) Heidi Brown and Amy Thompson, Carmichael Junior High, "Eleanor Roosevelt;" (2) Angela Todd and Erica Shoening, Carmichael Junior High, "Memory of Martin Luther King;" (3) Amy Jones and Evelyn Bien, Hanford Middle School, "Martin Luther King, Freedom Fighter."

Individual media (1) Stephanie Flynn, Desert Hills Middle School, "Pyramid of Peace, the Story of Sadat;" (2) Matt Snyder, Carmichael Junior High, "Booker T. Washington, American Educator;" (3) David Fryer, Carmichael Junior High, "Eddie Rickenbacker."

Special award categories for outstanding entries dealing in certain areas of study were:

Cross cultural: Stephanie Flynn,

"Pyramid of Peace;" Celia Baynes and Jennifer Miller, "The Pope, World Mover."

Education: Matt Snyder, "Booker T. Washington, American Educator."

Women: Laura May, Nina Garza, and Megan Montgomery, "Flying for Your Dream."

Local: Ben Contine and Shelley Slate, "The Green Bridge;" John Quandt, "Bailie and the 100-year-old Farm."

Research: Heather Tomsick, "Dixie Lee Ray."

Political: Kristi Martin, "Sincerely Harry;" Jennifer Keene, Jill Batishko, and Nicole Waldo, "Life and Death of Adolph Hitler."

Scientific: Marla Wells and Jason Broberg, "T. Schwann-Fell Research."

Sixth grade: Danzo Kuhn, "Aristotle's Life."

The top three finishers in each category will be sent to the state competition scheduled for May 3 at Central Washington University in Ellensburg. State winners go to Washington, D.C., for the national finals.



Herald/Bob Brawdy

Nettie and Melvin Kerchee of Lawton, Okla., discuss their relationship to Sacajawea Thursday afternoon in their Pasco motel room. The couple will be participating in various activities throughout Benton and Franklin counties next week.

Sacajawea descendants hope to learn more about ancestor

Couple visiting Lewis and Clark trail sites

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

3-31-89

The great-great-granddaughter of Sacajawea feels she has as much to learn from the Tri-Cities as she has to offer about her legendary ancestor who guided the Lewis and Clark Expedition past this area en route to the Pacific Ocean.

Nettie Kerchee of Lawton, Okla., visiting the Tri-Cities with her husband Melvin as guests of the Benton-Franklin Centennial Committee, said after arriving Thursday there is much she doesn't know about her great-great-grandmother.

"We don't know the history from this part, we just know a little of her in our area," said Nettie who, like Melvin, will turn 68 in May. Melvin is also a descendent of Sacajawea and a distant relative of Nettie, other than by marriage.

"We're kissing cousins," he joked.

The Kerchees are scheduled to be in Benton and Franklin counties into next week, visiting schools, attending various functions, and going to sites visited by Sacajawea, including Crow Butte State Park and Sacajawea State Park. The park bearing her name at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia Rivers outside Pasco was a campsite of the Lewis and Clark Expedition Oct. 16-18, 1805.

Sacajawea is believed to have been born in what is now Idaho in the late 1700s as a Shoshone. Nettie said in time various members of her family moved to Oklahoma.

Delivered by a midwife 20 miles southwest of Lawton in 1921, three days before Melvin was born at an Indian hospital in Lawton, Nettie said she didn't know for years she was related to Sacajawea.

In a slow, painstaking search of family history, her

ancestors were traced to Sacajawea.

"It took a good 20 years, and in that time her name kept coming up," Nettie said. "We searched further, and that's how through my father I'm the great-great-granddaughter of Sacajawea."

A few years ago they visited the gravesite of Sacajawea in Lander, Wyo. It is still a mystery when she died. Some accounts say she may have died as early as 1812, while others place her death on April 9, 1884. The Kerchees said that like others, they don't know.

As full-blooded Comanches, the Kerchees say they strive to maintain their Indian heritage and pass it on to their descendants, fearful of losing traditions that have been handed down to them from preceding generations.

"Our children are full-blooded Comanches, and that's about where it ends," Nettie said. "We do have a set of grandchildren who are full-blooded."

Much of their history has been passed by word of mouth from generation to generation.

"What I was told, I tell to my children," said Melvin, head of the Comanche War Dance Society. "I tell them: 'Whatever I tell you, I want you to pass on to your children.'"

Both speak Comanche fluently and have tried to pass it on but are more successful with grandchildren than with their own children, the couple said. A 5-year-old granddaughter now can speak "conversational Comanche," they said.

The couple have given Indian names to their descendants as they are born, including a great-granddaughter who was born recently.

"On her birth certificate she has the Indian name also," Nettie said.

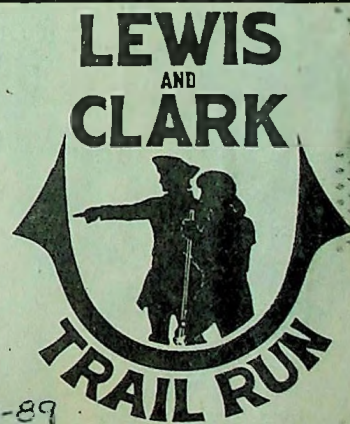
A son who still follows the traditional Indian ways, including wearing braided hair, carries the Indian name "Little Warrior," the couple said.

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Educator recalls turning down date with history

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

4-16-89

If Judi Kosterman had accepted a date 21 years ago with a young Costa Rican, she might be that country's first lady today.

"I missed my chance," she says jokingly.

Kosterman, now vice principal of Kennewick High School and married to Steve Schmitz, assistant superintendent of schools in Kennewick, was a teen-age foreign exchange student in Costa Rica in 1968 when the young Costa Rican named Oscar Arias Sanchez asked her out.

Today, "Cousin Oscar," as Kosterman calls him, is president of Costa Rica and winner of the 1987 Nobel Peace Prize for his Central American peace plan.

Kosterman renewed her acquaintance with the 45-year-old Costa Rican president last month during a spring visit to Costa Rica.

Kosterman, along with her husband, parents and brother, spent a week in Costa Rica visiting the Armando Sanchez family, with whom she lived for a year beginning in 1967. Kosterman has maintained close ties since leaving Costa Rica to complete her senior year at Columbia River High School in Vancouver.

Arias, a first cousin to her Costa Rican "brothers and sisters," had just returned from studies in London when Kosterman met him in 1968. Charming and speaking nearly flawless English, Arias asked Kosterman if she needed permission from her parents to go out with him.

Kosterman remembers she declined his offer because she didn't feel she should date a member of the family with whom she was living. But she recorded the event in her diary.

Though Arias made international headlines for his peace initiatives, Kosterman said she didn't link the Arias with "Cousin Oscar."

But while talking by telephone to one of her Costa Rican sisters last year, "all of a sudden it hit me who he was," Kosterman said.

Browsing through her diary, she recalled their first meeting.

"The family was very excited about him and very proud of him. He had just returned from two years of study in London," Kosterman said. "I thought he was kind of a regular guy, and I was kind of excited he spoke English."

When Kosterman returned to Costa Rica last month, everyone went to the Sanchez family cottage in the mountains for Easter. They had hardly got settled in when they peered out the window to see the president coming up the driveway.

"He just by chance appeared at the cottage in the mountain with his wife and two children," Kosterman said.

Accompanying him were two



Herald/Bob Baker

Judi Kosterman, vice principal of Kennewick High School, reads from the diary in which she wrote about being asked out on a date 21 years ago by a young Costa Rican named Oscar Arias.

cars carrying security officers, though they are much more low key than the troupe of Secret Service officers that accompany a U.S. president, she said.

"Oscar has found himself in a much different situation than he ever expected," Kosterman added.

Yet she said the Costa Rican president is so down-to-earth that he frequently drives his own car and has been known to stop for hitchhikers.

During the Easter visit, Arias also arranged for Kosterman and her family to visit him in his government offices.

The president's office has the typical assortment of photographs taken of world leaders, but they don't dominate the setting, Kosterman said.

"The most important pictures in his office are those of his family. They're placed all over," she said.

The only photograph related to Arias receiving the Nobel Peace Prize is one in which he shows his son the Nobel medallion, she added.

"From my point of view, this man and the country of Costa Rica are built upon and around family," Kosterman said.

In a country bordered on the north by Nicaragua and on the south by Panama, people there are devoted to peace, and the country has no military, she said.

"There is peace in that country built on two things," Kosterman said. "The first is family, and specifically the importance of children. Children are the center of everything."

"The other thing... is the emphasis on education," the vice principal said. "Costa Rica has the highest literacy rate in the world — a 97 percent literacy rate."

Costa Rica, she said, is "the Switzerland of Central America."

All-star volunteer puts heart into drive

roots with the American Heart Association — door-to-door fund raising and distributing educational materials to help people become more aware of the importance of good heart health care.

"This year I walked my block," said the Richland woman, who with a chuckle describes herself as "a senior citizen, plus."

She never wanted to acquire an attitude that she was "too good to be a block worker," McKinney said, so she makes a point of walking every year.

Every step of every year, and every fund-raiser, such as the Celebrity Serve, have paid off because of what research has achieved, she says.

"The thing that is gratifying these many years is to see the results, to see how many lives are saved," said McKinney. "You just look at those people who are able to function and go back to work because of heart research and what they're doing."

She didn't continue to serve every cause she volunteered time and effort to because some she found were not as worthy as she first thought, McKinney said. But the American Heart Association always has been more than worthy, she stressed.

"It's above reproach; it's fabulous," the lifetime board member said.

outlets in the Tri-Cities. About 50 community leaders, including the mayors of four cities, county commissioners, presidents of companies, etc., have volunteered to be celebrity servers, Finnigan said.

Part of the money for tickets will offset costs, but the remainder goes to the American Heart Association for research, as will all the money bid for the celebrity servers, he said. A professional auctioneer is also providing services, while Greg Reed, assistant administrator of Kennewick General Hospital, is chairman of the fund-raiser.

"It is so much fun, if people could just realize how much fun we have and just come," said McKinney.

She became involved with the American Heart Association when she was asked to be a door-to-door volunteer fund-raiser nearly 40 years ago during National Heart Month that is recognized each February.

"I started out as a volunteer door-to-door and wound up to be a county treasurer," she said.

She wound up being much more. For many years McKinney has been on the board of directors for the American Heart Association Washington Affiliate, and she has been memorial chairwoman for the city of Richland.

But she has never forgotten her



Herald/Dorothy Acock

Ada McKinney's years of volunteer efforts for the American Heart Association have led the Benton-Franklin Division to name her a board member in perpetuity.

know of her association with them as a local leader and as past state president.

Then there is the American Heart Association, which McKinney is most noted for communitywide.

"She is a marvelous, a remarkable person," said Jerry Finnigan, dean of the Tri-Cities University Center and president of the Benton-Franklin Division of the American Heart Association.

The local chapter recently took the unprecedented step of naming McKinney a lifetime board member, Finnigan said.

"It's special recognition for the years she was out leading fund-raisers when there wasn't even a local chapter," he explained.

A similar honor was bestowed on McKinney by the Mid-Columbia Arts Council.

McKinney has been using up shoe leather dating back to the early 1950s raising money for the American Heart Association here in different ways and with different events, including the likes of Friday's Third Annual Celebrity Serve in the Tri-Cities. It will be at 6:30 p.m. at Cavanaugh's Motor Inn. Tickets are \$25 for dinner and an evening of entertainment, and those attending will be served by celebrities, who will be bid on for their services. Tickets are available at the three Shield's

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

4-17-89

Since first arriving in Richland in 1943, Ada McKinney's heart has always seemed to be in the right place.

It was World War II and America had a shortage of pretty much everything — except perhaps volunteers such as McKinney who threw themselves into many endeavors to support their community and country.

Her husband, George, a communications engineer, was sent to Hanford by DuPont to be in charge of all communications at Hanford, and Ada turned to serving the community.

"I went to work (as a volunteer) for several agencies," reflected McKinney.

The war has been over for 44 years, but not McKinney's participation in various noteworthy causes. While some know her for her days as a Girl Scout leader, and others for her involvement with Rainbow Girls, some recall she was a co-founder of the Mid-Columbia Arts Council.

Those with the Mid-Columbia Medical Services Council remember McKinney as their one-time president, while those with the Federation of Womens Clubs

American Indians deserve accurate history

In reading history, it's not always easy to sort out fact from fiction.

Those people planning centennial celebrations in the six western states — ours among them — are finding that myths can get in the way.

A primary reason for the celebrations this year and next is to attract tourists. Most people who will come expect to see the West of the imagination, not the real West.

The Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and North and South Dakota centennial commissions seem inclined to give the tourists what they want. But to do so they need the cooperation of American Indians. And American Indians are insisting that it's time to revise the Hollywood version of the way the West was won.

Chinese-Americans, Japanese-Americans and other minorities also feel history hasn't given them a fair shake. They are supporting American Indians.

Some myths are harmless enough — Dr. Dorsey S. Baker's "rawhide railroad," for example. His narrow-gauge line was completed Oct. 30, 1875, between Walla Walla and Wallula. Its wooden rails quickly wore out. Replacements were plated with strap iron, not wrapped with rawhide, as at least one historian would have us believe. A derailment, he wrote, was caused by hungry coyotes gnawing on the rawhide one cold winter.

Native Americans resent the portraits

commonly painted of the early missionaries. Dr. Marcus Whitman and his wife Narcissa, who were killed by Cayuse Indians at the Waiilatpu mission near Walla Walla in late 1847, have been glorified. But Indians say Whitman came from the East "with a Bible in one hand and a whip in the other." They further allege the Whitmans had responsibility for the scarlet fever and measles which devastated the Indians in 1846 and 1847.

The Whitmans and other missionaries, the Indians say, made no effort to understand their culture, but set about to destroy it.

Older Indians have bitter memories of being taken from their parents and put into mission boarding schools, where they were treated more like prisoners than students and whipped for such minor rule infractions as speaking their own language.

Until only a few years ago, the practice of native religions was forbidden by law.

Descendants of Sheriff Henry Plummer's gang of road agents hanged by the Montana Vigilantes haven't challenged the accuracy of the historical accounts. But the North Dakota centennial commission heard Sioux war

cries when it agreed to spend \$2 million to refurbish the military post where Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his Seventh Cavalry spent some time before keeping their rendezvous with destiny.

Grandsons and granddaughters of Sitting Bull and Gaul and the other Sioux and Cheyenne warriors who wiped out Custer's command on Little Big Horn see him as a vainglorious psychotic. They say his philosophy — common in those times — was that the only good Indian is a dead Indian.

The Custer Battlefield is Montana's greatest tourist attraction. But Indians are refusing to take part in commemorative events planned by the state.

"I went to one reservation to try to enlist their support," Lt. Gov. Gordon McOmber was quoted as saying. "and the response was that the first hundred years the federal government took their rights, and the second hundred the state is after them."



William Bequette

Northern Idaho and Eastern Washington Indians whose ancestral lands were ceded to the government in the 1855 treaty likely sympathize with the Montana tribe McOmber said was eager to re-enact the signing of their treaty. They saw the re-enactment as an opportunity "to remind everyone how they came out on the short end of the stick."

Attitudes of many whites toward American Indians have softened over the years. But only softened, not extinguished. The protest by commercial fishermen of the Boldt decision giving Indians half the salmon runs set off a legal war still being fought in Congress and the legislatures.

Even fiercer battles can be expected as the tribes seek to establish other treaty rights.

The centennial histories being written and the commemorative events being scheduled this year will be selective.

A recent visitor to Centralia found residents reluctant to talk about a historic event of 70 years ago. Powerful emotions, he reported, still are evoked by even a casual reference to what headline writers called "The Centralia Massacre." The events of Nov. 11, 1919, still are a source of civic shame.

Centralia is unlikely to re-enact for centennial tourists the "massacre" and the lynching that followed it.

Other skeletons sure to be kept in the closet during the celebrations are the

Chinese riots in Tacoma and Seattle and the massacre of Chinese placer gold miners in Idaho. Centennial planners will ignore, too, the "Yellow Peril" campaign which poisoned the social and political springs of the West. The racist venom was directed at all Asians, but its main targets were Americans of Japanese and Chinese descent.

Among the military figures likely to be resurrected for the centennial is Gen. George Wright. His biographer, Carl P. Schlicke, says Wright was sympathetic to the Indians and was convinced "throughout his life that the only way to prevent total extinction of the Indians and secure their rights and property was to separate them completely from the whites under the protection of the War Department."

Yet while commanding the troops that put down the uprising of Eastern Washington Indians in 1858, Wright ordered 16 Indian leaders hanged, quantities of Indian food supplies burned and about 800 captured Indian horses slaughtered.

Other modern historians disparage Wright. Some describe him, Schlicke acknowledges, "as a pitiless incarnation of evil, a sadist who enjoyed the 'Roman holiday spectacle' of his hangings"

Wright deserves to be judged by the standards of his time, not of ours. But it's time for all of us to insist on history that's not an insult to American Indians — or to any other group — or to our intelligence.

William C. Bequette is the retired editor of the Herald.

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Former Tri-City Herald columnist Beth Tampien of Bellevue, left, presents her book, *Memories of the Farmer's Wife*, to Doris Roberts, a retired Richland librarian, Friday at the Richland Public Library.

Book a 'treasure' of Tri-City history

By FAY TOLLEY

Herald staff writer

4-22-89

Ten years of pioneer memories have been bound into a two-inch thick "treasure" of Tri-Cities' history and is in place on the shelves of the Richland Library.

The book, *Memories of the Farmer's Wife*, is a compilation of Beth Tampien's weekly Tri-City Herald column — "The Farmer's Wife" — that appeared from 1948 to 1959.

The author was at the Richland Library Friday to give a copy of the book to Librarian Katherine Foley. The brief ceremony was attended by about 25 people, many of whom recounted their regular reading of Tampien's writings.

Among the group was Doris Roberts, former Richland head librarian, who had often said she always wanted the 500 weekly columns preserved for future readers.

"To me, they are a fascinating and delightful history of strength, Christian faith, children and animals," Roberts said. "It is a treasure of Tri-City history that is a lot different than most people remember," she said.

Tampien, 80, of Bellevue, said she didn't start off to write a farmer's wife column in 1948. At that time, she was former Seattle native, living in Richland with her husband George, and unhappy with a weekly homemakers' column appearing in the town's weekly newspaper, *The Villager*.

"They all sounded like they were written by someone with a degree and a typewriter in an office," she said. She wrote four sample columns of her own style and sold them to the newspaper for \$1 each.

Her initial venture into newspa-

per writing was nearly cut short when the paper went out of business at the same time as her four columns were used. At the time of one paper's demise, The Tri-City Herald went to a daily schedule and wanted to use her homemaking column, she said.

"Then we bought the farm on the Yakima River and I was too excited about the farm to write any more," she said.

But, after a few months, Tampien decided she would put her experiences into journalistic form under the heading, "The Farmer's Wife." She tried writing at home for about three months then conceded to do her work at The Herald offices where she could concentrate, she said.

She would settle at the typewriter two hours ahead of her noon Friday deadline and write.

"There's nothing as creative as a deadline," she said with a laugh.

She wrote about the couple's three children — Ann Elizabeth, David, and Paul. She told about first calves, nipple buckets and rinsing her boiled towels at the river's edge. She wrote of school buses and sights through the window panes of her rural corner of the Mid-Columbia world.

She wrote until Feb. 22, 1959, then put the typewriter away.

A year ago, as she neared her 80th birthday, and counted her eighth great-grandchild, she decided to preserve her work for her family, and for Doris Roberts who had nudged her to reproduce the columns.

Some of the clippings were yellowed and damaged with age, but were eventually reproduced for binding in the two-inch volume.

"Writing 'The Farmer's Wife' was one of the most extraordinary privileges of my life," Tampien said.

Museums

EAST BENTON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick, is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. The museum will have an eight-week series of discussions about railroads and their role in the history of the Tri-Cities on 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays May 17 through June 28. The sessions will last 90 minutes and will be led by Michele Stenehjem, a local historian. The public is invited to all the sessions but are asked to register by calling 582-7704. There is no admission fee.

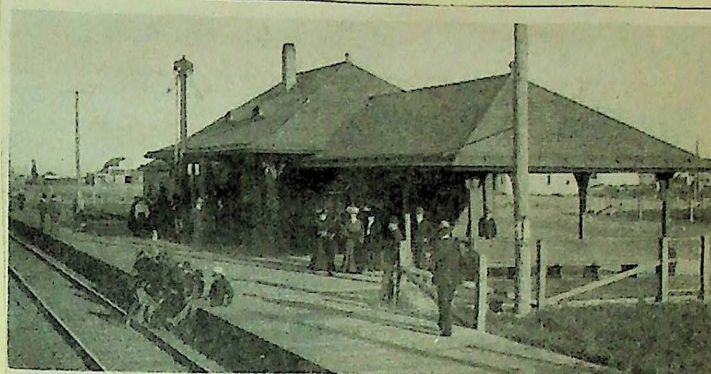


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Early-day Tri-Citians wait for the train at the Kennewick depot in this undated photo.

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Railroad history focus of discussion series

Railroads and their role in Tri-City history will be the subject of a free eight-week discussion series beginning Tuesday at the East Benton County Historical Museum.

The discussion group will meet at 3 p.m. each Tuesday through June 20 at the museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick. Tri-City historian Michele Stenehjem will lead the talks.

We Got There on the Train: Railroads in the Lives of American People will include discussions on the early days of the "iron horse." The talk is to include a review of how towns grew with the help of railroads, as well as senior citizens' recollections of railroads.

Those who are interested in attending the series should register by calling 582-7704 between 1 and 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday.



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The Kennewick Kiwanis Club poses for a photo between the pillars the group erected in Keewaydin Park. The pillars are complete with Indian rock carvings, or "petroglyphs." Included in the Aug. 29, 1939 picture are, standing, left to right, Glen Felton, Bob Brown, Ed Weber, Vane Wilder, Joe Siegfried, Charles Spears, Harry Shoe-

maker, Amon Mueller, H. McGhee, Francis Ludlow, Harry Hughes, John Neuman, Irv Mueller, Alvin Cheney, Charles Powell (with hat), Cecil Anderson, and the Rev. Fred Schilling. Seated, left to right, Herm Schmidt, Jim Bockius, George Cloud, A. Belair, Ed Carpenter, Frank Maupin, Urban Keolker and John Vibber.

Keewaydin Park pillars to be rededicated

Fifty-year-old stone pillars in Keewaydin Park that feature much older Indian carvings will be rededicated Monday by the East Benton County Historical Society.

The pillars, a Kennewick landmark since their erection by the Kennewick Kiwanis Club in 1939, have been moved from Dayton Street to a location in front of the East Benton County Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive.

The 7 p.m. ceremony at Keewaydin Park will be preceded by a potluck picnic at 6 p.m.

The pillars were the brainstorm

of Walt Desgranges of Kennewick, who noted 50 years ago that old Indian rock carvings, or "petroglyphs," on Blalock Island near Paterson were slowly crumbling into the Columbia River.

He convinced the Kiwanis Club to take on the removal of the carved stones and the construction of the stone pillars. During two weekends in March 1939, Kiwanians blasted the petroglyphs from the rock and struggled to get them ashore.

Trucks owned by Pacific Power & Light transported them to the park. "We were a small town back then,

and they were the only ones with trucks that were big enough," said society president Tom Moak.

The carvings were so heavy that they nearly swamped the Kiwanians' boat, he said.

Similar carvings are visible along the Columbia on Blalock Island. Moak said some carvings on the island proved too big to remove. Today, vandals and flooding by McNary Dam have reduced their number. Archaeologists are reluctant to reveal remaining locations.

Little is known about the petroglyphs embedded in the concrete-

and-stone pillars, Moak said. "Sometimes you look at them and you can see a sun, but it's unclear to the experts what they really mean," he added.

Also unknown is the age of the carvings.

The pillars were dedicated Sept. 1, 1939. The same year, the Kennewick Park Board voted to adopt an Indian name for the previously unnamed park, which had been deeded to the city in 1922 by the Northern Pacific Irrigation Co.

Keewaydin means "northwest wind."



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Rededication gathering

Tom Moak, East Benton County Historical Society president, left, chats with John Neuman while Lawrence Scott and Duane Pepiot, Kennewick Kiwanis members, right, talk Monday evening at the rededication ceremony of two 50-year-old stone pillars with Indian rock carvings. Neuman and Scott are both Kiwanis members that helped build the pillars in 1939. About 45 people gathered Monday night for a potluck dinner and rededication ceremony at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum. The pillars were recently moved from their original site on Dayton Street to in front of the museum.

Historian's search details Hanford's first chapters

By WANDA BRIGGS
Herald staff writer

6-12-89

The only thing Michèle Stenehjem knew about Hanford when she moved to the Tri-Cities two years ago was its name.

But today, the New York native is halfway through writing a 700-page book documenting the history of the federal site north of Richland.

In addition, she is working for the Centers for Disease Control to locate people whose health problems today — especially thyroid diseases — might be linked to their living around here as children four decades ago.

That attempt is going to be long, tedious and labor-intensive, said Stenehjem, of Richland.

Forty-six years after the nation rushed to build the atomic bombs that were used to bring an end to World War II, the federal government is trying to learn if wastes from its production plants caused health problems for people living around them. Plutonium used in the second bomb dropped over Japan was produced in the old B Reactor at Hanford.

The CDC study will try to determine if there are higher rates of thyroid disease in the region, and if



Stenehjem

Ruttenber of the CDC headquarters in Atlanta.

What isn't known, he said, is whether those exposures harmed anyone.

Already under way is the separate Hanford Environmental Dose

it is caused by radioactive releases of Iodine-131, which attacks the thyroid.

"In the early history of Hanford, there were exposures to the public. Nobody argues with that," said Jim

Reconstruction Project, a Department of Energy attempt to estimate the possible radiation doses area residents might have received.

The government has launched similar studies because of past nuclear detonations at the Nevada Test Site and uranium processing wastes at the DOE's Fernald plant in Ohio.

The \$1.5 million CDC thyroid study is just getting started, and will focus on a test group of 300 people considered most at-risk of exposure to Iodine-131. Ruttenber said.

That's where Stenehjem comes in.

It's her job to find the first 300 people that CDC wants to interview and medically examine and to find another 300 outside the Mid-Columbia — probably in Yakima or Ellensburg — who will be part of a "control group."

Those two groups will be compared in the first step in trying to link health problems to emissions from plutonium production between 1944-1956 when most of the releases occurred.

Conclusions will, in part, be based on dose reconstruction, which is a complex attempt to estimate how much radiation might have reached

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people during the 1940s.

The government has estimated about 435,000 curies of radioactive material were released into the atmosphere over Hanford between 1945-1947. By contrast, the Three Mile Island accident released just 15 to 24 curies.

The CDC study will not provide answers in individual cases, said Stenehjem, a New York native and a history graduate of the State University of New York at Albany.

She moved to the Tri-Cities from Columbus, Ohio, two years ago when her former husband transferred with Battelle. The mother of three children ages 6 through 13 remarried Saturday.

Stenehjem said when she first moved to the Tri-Cities, "I found out there weren't any jobs for historians." But she found her niche.

"When I read about all those 19,000 pages of previously classified reports documenting radiation releases at Hanford, I just knew I had

to start writing a book because historians love an untold story," she said.

"I knew very little about Hanford when I started," said Stenehjem, 40. "I had no bias because I knew nothing about Hanford except its name and that it was here."

During the last 20 months, she has been making her way through 40,000 pages of documents, some of which explain experiments done at Hanford and why.

She has written five of the eight chapters she expects to have in her book. Each chapter has 80 pages and includes 200 footnotes.

"There are four publishers interested in the book. They all say it's too long, too academic and too dry to market."

Her book will cover Hanford — from its beginnings in 1943 when the government established the Manhattan Project to 1960.

"I had to end it somewhere and if not in '60, the book would have been 2,000 pages," she said.

Stenehjem is reluctant to condense the book. "I need to keep close to the facts because this is so controversial ... what I have learned is that every statement you make about Hanford will be chal-

lenged, so every fact must be supported."

She says the book will be "balanced positive and negative."

"You can't read all those documents without seeing the negative ... By today's standards, the emissions would be totally unacceptable."

"The positive is that they tried to make corrections along the way. The bottom line is when something went wrong at Hanford, managers tried to make corrections and worked with the technology they had at the time."

"They didn't take an uncaring attitude," she said.

"But what I would fault seemed to be a paternalistic attitude ... the attitude that said they were the experts and could make decisions behind closed doors," she said.

"In those days, the people involved simply went behind the screen of classified data and made decisions which I believe today would be made in a more open forum."

It's that veil of secrecy which Stenehjem says angers audiences to whom she speaks. Recently at the Pacific Northwest History at the University of Idaho and again at

Evergreen State College, "People asked, 'Why? Why would our government radiate people to any degree and not tell them?'"

Stenehjem also said the classification of documents "eliminated scientific peer review which is the best way to self-correct. By classifying so much data, they restricted that process and restricted who could review their work then."

"Those restrictions are being lifted and that peer review is being done now," she said.

Stenehjem received a grant from the American Association for State and Local History to work on her book.

She said CDC's ultimate intent is to find everybody who was a child in this region from the years 1944-56. She will find the pilot group of 300 by searching school records, birth and death certificates, credit agencies' records and by attending 11 school reunions planned for this summer.

CDC expects by September to contract with a team of health specialists who will interview the initial 600. The preliminary phase of the CDC research will determine the feasibility of a large-scale epidemiological study of thyroid dis-

ease among people exposed to Hanford's radiation.

Stenehjem predicts 50 percent of the people who lived in the region during the years of the emission still live here; another 25 percent live in the Pacific Northwest and the other 25 percent are scattered.

"If we get into the full program, it will be our hope to contact at least 90 percent of those people."

The total number of people the CDC may contact could be in the thousands, she said. "We just don't have a precise estimate."

For example, she said in 1945 the estimated population of Benton Franklin and Walla counties was 130,000 with about 25 percent estimated to have been children.

"These CDC studies are not being done to frighten people or to point fingers of blame for what happened in the past. But hopefully the studies will put the questions to rest," she said.

"Once we know the truth, we won't always be discussing the culpability of the past," she said.

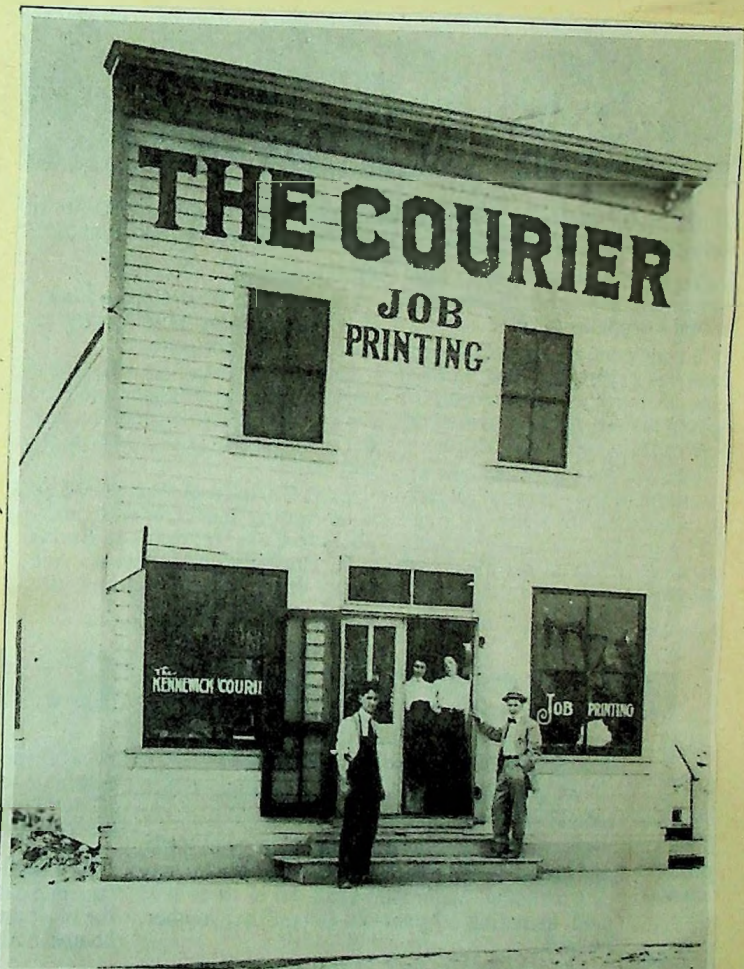
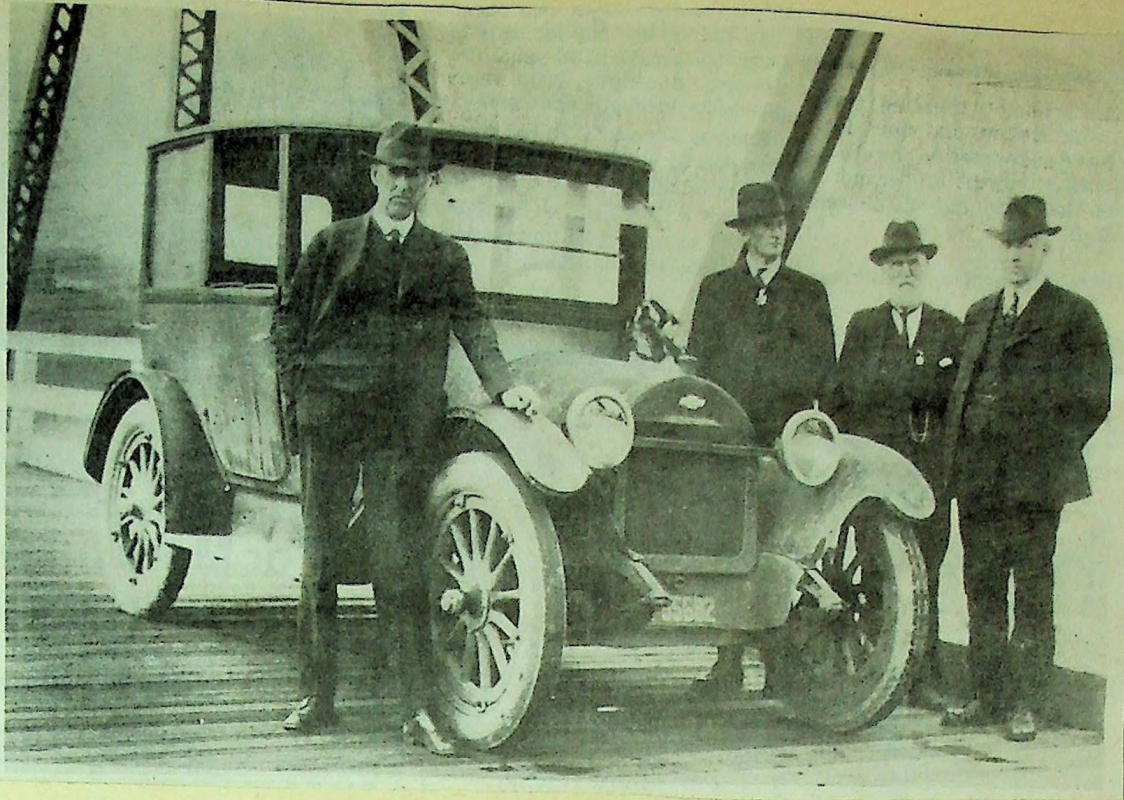
The CDC studies, she says, "will dispel confusion. Historians say that to have a future we must understand the past ... That is what this effort is all about."

8-13-89

Looking back

This photograph was taken Oct. 5, 1922, shortly after the last plank was put on the new Benton-Franklin Intercounty Bridge — today known as the green bridge — linking Kennewick and Pasco across the Columbia River. Shown from left are T.O. Webster, secretary of the Union Bridge Co., which built the bridge; Charles J. Huber; Capt. W.P. Gray, a former riverboat pilot known as "Pasco's grand old man"; and P.J. O'Brien, construction superintendent. The bridge was dedicated two days later, with Lt. Gov. W.J. Coyle cutting the ribbon.

Courtesy E. Benton County museum



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Looking Back 8-20-89

In 1912, the Kennewick Courier newspaper office was on Second Street (approximately the 100 block of what is today Kennewick Avenue.) Published every Friday, the subscription rates were \$1.50 a year, 75 cents every six months and 50 cents every three months. Pictured in front of the building are, from left, a printer named Jones, Ellen Richardson, May Sercombe and owner Ralph Reed. In 1914, the Courier merged with the Kennewick Reporter and became the Kennewick Courier-Reporter. The Courier-Reporter lasted until the late 1940s.

Looking back

Horace Groom, left, was head coach of the Kennewick High School football team from its inception in 1909 through 1912. Groom, who also was the school's principal, compiled a record of 9-9-2. The team — then called the Orange and Black, — played against Grandview, Walla Walla, Toppenish, Sunnyside, Ritzville, Wapato, Lind, Richland and Touchet. It cost \$40 to get the first team ready to play. That included 12 uniforms, a football and raising the goal posts. In the first season, the Walla Walla game was halted in the fourth quarter because Walla Walla had to catch the train home. The photo at right is of Groom's 1912 team.

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Kennewick home tour brings back memories

9-10-89

You know you're getting old when you become a guide on a historic walk through downtown Kennewick and can personally recall living through some of the history you are relating.

■ Like knowing where the ferris wheel was at the corner of Benton Street and Kennewick Avenue during the 1946 Kennewick Grape Festival.



Bob Woehler

■ Or recalling being on hand in 1948 when one of the town's most spectacular fires took place as the three-story Kennewick Hotel went up in flames.

■ Or remembering the excitement of taking in a

Hopalong Cassidy western movie on a Saturday afternoon at the Roxy Theater, now Beaver's Furniture.

Saturday's Kennewick Home Tour was a walk through the past, my past and the past of many of my friends.

As a guide, I was handed a short history on each block that had been researched and prepared by Tom Moak, president of the East Benton Historical Society.

The guide is full of interesting historic trivia about such buildings as that the building that houses the Charles Morbeck law offices on Kennewick Avenue.

It was built in 1920 by the Walla Walla Oil, Gas and Pipeline Co., which hoped to cash in on the discoveries of a gas and oil field found on Rattlesnake Mountain.

The cottage-like building had living quarters in the back and an office in front. When the gas fields played out a few years later, the company went out of business and the building became a doctor's office.

Since then, it has housed the offices of three early-day physicians, including Dr. L.G. Spaulding, Dr. Ralph M. DeBit and Dr. R.W. Kite.

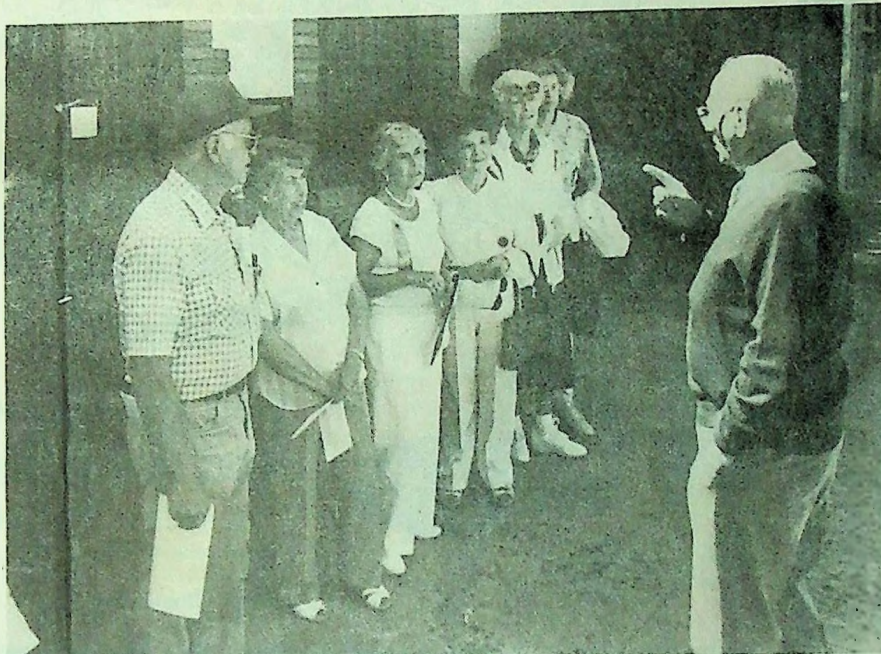
For a short time after World War II, it was known as the Cottage Restaurant.

Getting back to my own history, the building where Christophers' Gift Shop is now was the Kennewick Post Office from 1912 to 1949.

My father, Walt Woehler, was postmaster there in 1949.

The Postal Service allowed nepotism in those days, and I used to deliver special-delivery letters from that office.

During one special-delivery run,



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Gene Spaulding conducts a downtown tour, pointing out the law office of Charles Morbeck, which used to be the office of several of Kennewick's early doctors, including his father, Dr. L.G. Spaulding.

the Kennewick Hotel caught fire, and I stayed to watch. Special delivery was a little slow that day.

Nearby was the old Arrow Grill restaurant, now the Steak Out.

The story is that Gene Spaulding, who owned the restaurant in the 1930s, discovered the cheapest sign

he could buy was one of a red arrow. Hence the name, Arrow Grill.

Evidence of different names for Kennewick streets can be seen in the sidewalk on Everett Street. Not far from Kennewick Avenue the words "McKinley Street" are

imbedded in the concrete.

Interesting buildings on the tour include the home at the corner of Fruitland Street and Kennewick Avenue across from Washington Mutual. At one time, seven prominent bachelors lived there, and it was known as the Coyote Club.

A few blocks away at the corner of Canal Drive and Auburn is a two-story brick building now used by Comm Tech two-way communications.

Once it was the Old Stag Saloon. According to local legend, the upstairs rooms were used by ladies of the evening to entertain gentlemen callers.

Not far away is a building that brings back memories. It's the Satellite Restaurant at the corner of Washington Street and Kennewick Avenue.

In the 1940s it was called the Pollyanna Cafe and was a hangout for teen-agers.

I remember that soon after it was disclosed that Hanford had helped build the atomic bomb, the Pollyanna began offering an ice cream sundae called the "Atomic Burp." I downed many of those — without a single reaction.

11-12-89

Looking Back

At the turn of the century, organized rabbit drives were common throughout the Columbia Basin, including the Tri-Cities. These hunts were usually held on Sundays so the whole family could attend. Because rabbits were numerous and considered pests by ranchers and farmers, it was not unusual to round up hundreds of rabbits on such a drive. Among those pictured in this photo are Henry Nelson, left, N. Mueller, Lewis Tweedt and A.V. McReynolds.

Photo courtesy East Benton County Historical Museum



Looking Back

The 20-member Kennewick Commercial Club band poses with a horse-drawn float in this 1912 photo. Four unidentified men in togas are carrying a cluster of grapes next to a sign that reads "Kennewick: Surely This is the Promised Land." The sign at left reads "Remember the Thanksgiving Game ... Spokane vs. Wenatchee ... Nat. Pk. (Natatorium Park, Spokane) 2 p.m." The band's director was Prof. Kimball.

East Benton County Museum photo

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Kennewick 1904

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Looking Back

This is the southeast corner of Kennewick Avenue and Auburn Street in 1904. Among the identifiable buildings are, from left, a dry goods store, the W.R. Lamb Shoe Store, the post office, a barber shop, a laundry and the Exchange Bank. Currently on the corner of Kennewick Avenue and Auburn is the parking lot for Security Pacific Bank.

Almanac

12-89

FIVE YEARS AGO

Rain and temperatures in the 20s teamed up Saturday afternoon and night to turn Mid-Columbia streets and highways into an ice rink. At least 60 drivers and their cars were involved in slip-and-slide accidents, local law enforcement departments reported.

The Tri-Cities Triplets professional baseball team will have new owners next year, the team's general manager confirmed Monday. The new owners will be Richard Leavitt and Jerry Salzman of Los Angeles.

10 YEARS AGO

The 500-ton steam generator for the Washington Public Power Supply System's No. 1 reactor was lifted into place Sunday by Hanford contrac-

tors. The 70-foot tall, 16-foot diameter generator will provide power to the turbine to generate electricity at the 1,250-megawatt power plant.

The Department of Energy has shelved plans to convert its Hanford boilers from coal to wood pellets.

25 YEARS AGO

City managers from 22 Washington cities gathered in Richland today for one of three yearly meetings to discuss legislative and budget problems faced by council-manager governments.

Members of the Sage and Sand Citizens Radio Club will meet Sunday in the Columbia Basin College Lounge to organize an emergency communications for the Tri-Cities.

Compiled by Cindy Church

We should remember early Tri-Citian Smohalla

God said he was the father, and the earth was the mother of mankind.

— Smohalla

Next time a new school, a park or some other community improvement needs a name, Smohalla should be remembered.

He may or may not have been the most illustrious Tri-Citian, but he was one of the first. And he is one of only two — Capt. W.P. Gray of Pasco was the other — Tri-Citians among 100 Washington residents selected for the State Historical Society's Hall of Fame.

Nominees had to be born in the state or had to be permanent residents when Washington became a state on Nov. 11, 1889. And they "must have made outstanding contributions of national or international significance."

Smohalla was born between 1815 and 1820 at Wallula, then a favorite salmon fishery for Mid-Columbia Indian tribes. He died in 1894. He was, the Historical Society noted, the founder of "the 'Dreamer Cult,' a religion based on the spirituality of all things of nature and the revelation of wisdom through dreams."

Historians Click Relander, who wrote *Drummers and Dreamers*, and, more recently, Robert H. Ruby and John A. Brown, authors of *Dreamer Prophets of the Columbia Plateau*, have worked hard



William Bequette

acher."

Army Capt. Junius Wilson MacMurray, who visited Smohalla in 1884, described him as having a hunched back and an oversized head that was "almost Websterian ... and with deep brow, over bright intelligent eyes."

Smohalla came from a long line of shamans and prophets. But as he rose to spiritual leadership, the influx of whites introduced threats to his people never before encountered.

"The times," Ruby and Brown wrote,

to understand Smohalla, the Wanapam shaman, and his influence.

He was called a *yantcha* by his people. The word, according to Ruby and Brown, means spiritual leader, and "Smohalla" translates from the Shahaptian tongue as "dreamer" or "pre-

called for a new shamanism that would predict more than just the times of enemy attacks or the arrival of salmon — a shamanism that would inspire overwhelmed and shamed people who were unable to cope with the threats to their way of life. Special leaders were needed who promised more than the happy hunting grounds of heaven."

Smohalla became such a leader.

His supernatural experiences began with the traditional spirit quest of Indian youths. He was said to have received his spirit power atop the sacred mountain La Lac between Prosser and the Columbia River and, later, while in a trance induced by Washat drums, to have brought heaven to Earth by "dying, going there and returning," with, again quoting Ruby and Brown, "the spiritual power and the authority to offer the people revitalization."

Smohalla preached that by engaging in the spellbinding Washat dance and by observing traditional life-ways, which included eating only natural foods and not scarring the earth, the living Indians could bring their dead back to life and drive the

whites from the earth.

The promise of resurrection comforted the Indians and gave them hope. But it was a chilling idea to whites. Many whites feared the Dreamer prophets were fomenting an Indian uprising.

Kamiakin and other Yakima, Cayuse and Palouse chiefs who started the "Yakima War" in September 1855, against the whites may have been influenced by the Dreamer creed. And it unquestionably was the genesis of the "Ghost Dance Religion" which swept the plains Indians in the 1880s like a prairie fire, prompting the Sioux outbreak of 1890, which ended in the Wounded Knee massacre.

But historians have found little if any evidence that Smohalla or his Wanapams (river people) took part in the fighting.

After 1850, in part perhaps because of quarrels with Homily, chief of the Walla Walla, Smohalla removed from Wallula to Priest Rapids, near present-day Vernita. The sacred longhouses of the Dreamers became rallying points for resistance to the U.S. government, which was forcing the Indians onto reservations.

At the peak of his influence, it's been estimated that Smohalla followers numbered as many as 2,000 Indians of different tribes along the Columbia River. They included Palouses under Chief Kahlotus and Nez Perce in the bands of Chiefs Joseph and Toohoolsoote, a Dreamer-prophet. Toohoolsoote was killed at Bear Paw Mountain

in the final fight of the Nez Perce War.

White fears of Smohalla did not end with the capture of Joseph and the remnants of his band in Montana. Dreamer-influenced Bannock-Paiutes in 1878 were provoked into open resistance of the U.S. Their resort to war, which the Dreamers traditionally opposed, was to save a way of life.

Although Smohalla was far away at Priest Rapids amidst a desert the whites considered worthless, the struggle of the Nez Perce and of the Bannock-Paiutes was his struggle, too.

Smohalla's influence waned in the 1880s as the whites became more numerous and his followers, some out of disillusionment, some out of hunger, began defecting to reservations. Although he never wavered in his religious faith, many followers no longer believed as strongly that the dead would rise, that every stone would become an Indian, that the whites would be killed off and their property distributed among the Indians.

Only a few descendants of Smohalla dance the Washat and participate in the first-roots feast. But core elements of his teachings survive and are being revived in ways that he would have found gratifying. He preached respect and reverence for nature and appreciation for its gifts.

That is the creed of environmentalism, which is being called the "new religion."

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Kennewick Little League goes big time

1-3-90

By FAY TOLLEY
Herald staff writer

An 8-acre weed patch alongside Canyon View Elementary School in Kennewick soon will be planted with grass and echo with the call of "Play ball!"

The Kennewick American Little League and the Kennewick School District have agreed to develop the site at West 22nd Avenue and Olympia Street into a \$150,000 fenced sports complex.

It will include three fields and a concession and restroom facility.

Ground-breaking ceremonies will be at 11 a.m. Monday. Gregg Fancher, school principal, said Tuesday.

Fancher is a member of the recently formed Tri-City Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization which will work with the league to finance and develop the complex.

"I think it's great," Fancher said. "It's going to make our school's appearance more inviting and a place more people will want to come to."

Under the 20-year lease agreement, the district will provide the site and put in \$10,000 to \$15,000 in curbs, gutters and sidewalks, assistant superintendent John Walker said Tuesday.

The athletic association will develop and maintain the grounds inside the fenced complex, Dave Robertson, Little League president, said.

Grass will be planted this spring, but it will take a year for it to be ready as a playing surface.

Games are scheduled to begin in the spring of 1991, Robertson said.

The decision to proceed with the

development capped three months of negotiations.

The school board voted Dec. 18 to approve the lease, but without a provision for arbitration that Little League wanted.

The league's board of directors originally decided it would not go along with an agreement without the clause, Robertson said.

But he said the directors reconsidered and voted Dec. 28 to approve the contract.

Agrinorthwest of Kennewick has contributed \$1,000 to the construction fund, Tom Mackay, the firm's vice president of finance, said Tuesday.

"The company feels very strongly that the youth programs of the Tri-Cities and country are very important," Mackay said. "If we're going to combat drugs, we need to support wholesome youth programs."

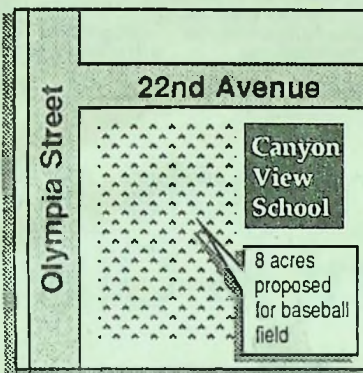
Robertson said it will be up to the foundation to provide the rest of the money.

Part of those costs could come from the Seattle Mariners and Boeing Co., which have set up a \$75,000 youth baseball field-development fund.

"Some people ... have already expressed an interest in providing materials and in-kind services," he said.

Little League's 250 players, ages 8 to 12, now use a facility near Kennewick High School that is leased from the city.

But the fields are divided by Dayton Street, and some players have to cross the busy street to get to the concession stand, restrooms and another ballfield, Robertson said.





Pasco businessman cleans up Tri-Cities

1-18-90

By WANDA BRIGGS
Herald staff writer

Casey Kowrach's business is picking up.

But if it doesn't, he'll fix it.

Kowrach opened Vacuum City in Richland 40 years ago — making him one of the longest continuous business owners in the Tri-Cities.

In 1959 he opened a Vacuum City in Pasco. Today he continues to operate both stores, where all models of vacuum cleaners are sold and repaired.

"You'd be surprised that some people don't how to put a belt on a vacuum. And others don't realize that for a vacuum to work, it's got to be able to suck up the dirt," he says.

"I sold a vacuum cleaner to a teacher one time. She brought it back six weeks later complaining it didn't have any suction. I opened it up, and the bag was full. She didn't know she had to change the bag," he says.

Kowrach, a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., never intended to become a vacuum cleaner salesman.

"Not me," he says. "I was never going to do that."

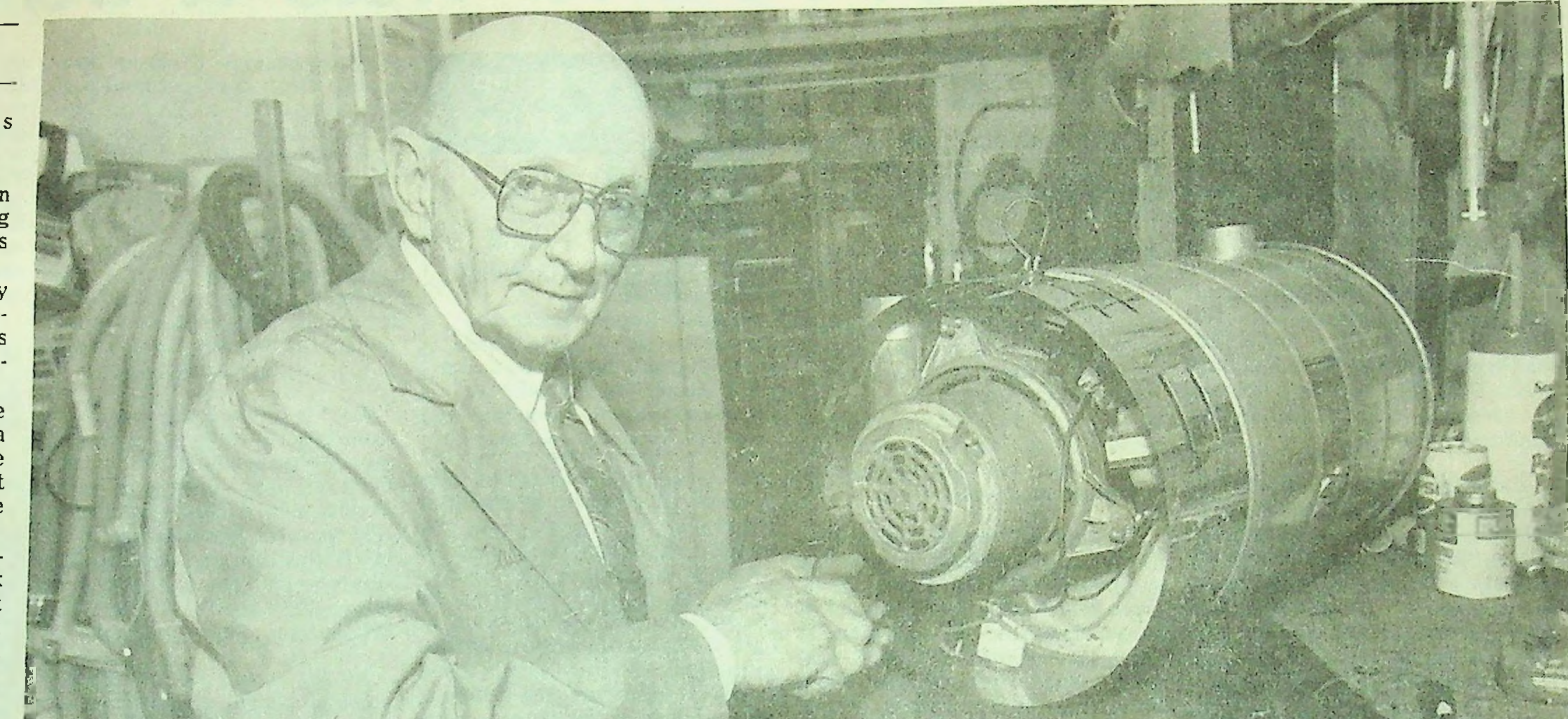
But since 1950, the hundreds of vacuum cleaners he has sold throughout the Tri-Cities have been helping people clean up everything from spilled crumbs to spider webs.

The world was at war in 1941 when Kowrach, then an 18-year-old graduate of a high school military academy, enlisted in the Air Force.

He was a flight engineer on B-17s and later a tailgunner on B-29s. Most of his time in the military was served in England.

He particularly remembers one cold night in 1943 when he and the rest of the plane's crew had to jump from their damaged aircraft.

"We made it back to the English Channel before we jumped. All I re-



Herald/Bob Baker

Casey Kowrach owns Vacuum City in Richland where he has been selling and repairing vacuum cleaners for 40 years.

member is the water was really cold," he says.

When Kowrach was discharged in 1946, he moved to Spokane where his mother and brother then lived.

He thought he knew what he was going to do with his life.

He enrolled at Gonzaga University and for the next three years studied chemical engineering.

At the same time he worked part time at the hospital in Medical Lake, and it was there he met a friend who was a mortician.

"I thought that work sounded kind of interesting," he says.

So he quit college, enrolled at the California College of Mortuary Science in Los Angeles, and later worked as an undertaker at a Spo-

kane funeral home.

But that job didn't last.

Within months, the owners of the funeral home got into a dispute with labor negotiators and a strike followed.

Kowrach made another career move — this time to real estate. He was a broker in Spokane and later owned a real estate firm.

That job didn't last either.

His next job was as a distributor for a Spokane bakery.

"I went door to door in Spokane delivering bakery products."

When the route in the Tri-Cities came open, Kowrach moved here. Later he sold that distribution route, so that job, too, didn't last.

Then Kowrach answered an ad in

the paper for a home air-filtration salesman.

"And that turned out to be a vacuum cleaner system," he says.

At long last, he says, he found the job that lasted.

Richland didn't have a vacuum repair store when Kowrach opened his in 1950.

"I decided we needed one, so here I am."

In addition to the Pasco and Richland shops, where four people now work, Kowrach opened Vacuum City stores in Walla Walla, Othello and Moses Lake. He later sold those stores.

"I've seen the economy of this area go up and down," he says. He had sales of about \$35,000 the first

year he was in business. Last year's sales were \$200,000.

Vacuum cleaner salesmen have been painted with a black brush, he says.

"There are bad apples in every job, and those are the ones who get the publicity. The rest of us work hard and try to satisfy the customer's needs," he says.

And that's the toughest job of all, he says.

"I have to first find out what the

customer wants before I can find a cleaner that fits those needs. We have to figure out what the vacuum is to be used for."

A lot of his time today is spent installing central vacuum systems. And he says his business is picking up because the area's economy has strengthened.

When Kowrach isn't selling or repairing vacuum cleaners, he's fishing for anything that will take a hook or cleaning one of the eight Lincoln Continentals he owns.

He's a member of the Lincoln Continental Club. "But I don't drive one to work," he chuckles. His cars range in age from a 1960 to a 1977 "and they are all in storage."

He and his wife, June, whom he met in Spokane when she was in nurse's training, have five children and four grandchildren.

"I didn't think I'd stay in this vacuum cleaner business very long," he says. "But even with all the ups and downs, I've managed to keep it going, and here I am. It's been a good life."

He thinks of retiring but has no plans to do so.

"One day, but not now."

He says he has no regrets about not getting that chemical-engineering degree. "But sometimes I do wonder how it might have changed my life."

"The secret is being happy in what you do. And I am."

Kowrach says he "treats people the way I'd like to be treated."

"I try to do a good job, and I'm fair. I operate by the Golden Rule, and I stand behind what I sell. If I sell a vacuum and it doesn't pick up the dirt, I'll fix it."

3 new mayors for Tri-Cities

By MIKE LINDBLOM
Herald staff writer

Joe Jackson became Pasco's new mayor Tuesday night, turning Ed Hendler out of his seat in a slim 4-3 vote.

In Richland, Tom Gates was chosen mayor as expected. He succeeds Mayor John Poynor, who chose not to run for reelection in November.

In Kennewick, Paula Lockwood became the city's first female mayor by a 4-3 vote.

Mayors are elected by their fellow council members to serve two-year terms.

■ Pasco's Jackson won votes from Councilman E.A. "Duke" Snider, Mike Garrison and newly elected Councilman Charles Kilbury. Hendler was backed by Chris Jensen and Joyce DeFelice, who joined the council last year. Garrison was chosen mayor pro-tem.

Jackson spoke of bringing people together. "My goal will be to improve the quality of life for all our citizens in the community."

One idea he mentioned is to place fliers in utility bills to tell residents what they should look for in reporting crime to police.

He said he will also propose recreational programs for people with "no outlet in life," such as chaperoned monthly or quarterly dances in east Pasco.

On rivershore enhancement, Jackson drew a subtle distinction between himself and Hendler, who



Lockwood

Jackson

Gates

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as mayor focused on removing the dike at the foot of 20th Avenue. Council candidate Dan Latham last fall argued Hendler was uncooperative with other cities' rivershore efforts.

Anything Pasco can do to support the greater Tri-Cities is important because riverfront development is costly and can spark disagreements, Jackson said.

The effort will "require unanimous support to make any inroads in order to see any aspect of this project come to fruition," he added. Hendler "targeted a specific entry point in the process. I'm not saying there should be a single entry point," Jackson said.

Pasco businesses last week gave council members about 75 petition signatures supporting Hendler, who in his last statement as mayor thanked the signers.

Stu Nelson, co-owner of Stu's Team Sports on West Lewis Street, said after the meeting he liked the fact Hendler often visited City Hall and downtown as mayor.

"Joe had it before and didn't do much of anything," Nelson said. "Joe just isn't seen. He works out in the (Hanford) Area and can't get to different things. He's just not an active participant."

Bob Young, who owns Young's of

Pasco clothing store, said he signed because of Hendler's activism — for example, in lobbying for more police officers. "That isn't to say Joe won't be (active), but last time Joe wasn't as active in some things."

Councilman Jensen said the petition confirmed Hendler's ability to get results. But he said he would support Jackson.

One benefit of having Jackson mayor is that unlike Hendler, "Joe is a very smooth and polished individual," said Jensen. "I think that was evident from the onset when he took over the gavel."

However, Kilbury said after the meeting the petition backfired as far as he's concerned, motivating him to cast a deciding vote against Hendler. He said it raised concerns that Hendler was too influential in Pasco's form of government.

Jackson has been mayor before. He was elected in 1984, the city's first black mayor. He kept the seat by defeating Hendler two years later. In 1988, Hendler won the mayoralty over Jackson and Bev Green.

Hendler, a semi-retired insurance and securities dealer, said he will cut back on his work for the city. He suggested people who think about phoning him about city issues now contact Jackson.

"I'm going to finish what I started and get the old (green) bridge out of the water — that's it."

■ In Richland, Gates had support in the first round of voting from

veteran Councilman Craig Buchanan and new council members Jim Hansen and Larry Haler. Councilwoman Shirley Widrig also had wanted to be mayor, and earned backing from Councilmen Bob Ellis and Lane Bray.

Once it was clear Gates had won, Widrig requested the vote be changed to a unanimous decision for Gates, and other council members agreed.

It was little surprise Gates was chosen. The two newly-elected councilmen had already pledged to support him.

Buchanan publicly said about two weeks ago he did not know whom to support, but after Tuesday's meeting said he felt Gates was "the best man for the job."

Buchanan was re-elected mayor pro-tem.

After becoming mayor, Gates announced he wants council members to meet the fourth Monday of each month for workshop meetings designed to discuss issues but not take action. The council now meets the first and third Mondays of each month for regular meetings, with occasional workshops as needed.

■ In Kennewick, Lockwood, 52, said she was honored to have been chosen mayor.

"I thank you for your confidence in me," she said. "I am not an articulate spokesman, but I hope to improve greatly over the next few weeks and I will make up for it with my enthusiasm."

Lockwood said she hopes the

seven-member Kennewick council, which includes three new members, will emphasize "communication, cooperation and consensus."

Lockwood said she hopes the 1990 council will lack the tension of the 1989 council, which was sparked by personality conflicts between former members Brad Fisher, Betty Klundt and Harvey Keene.

Lockwood succeeded Fisher as mayor. His term on the council expired Dec. 31.

Lockwood was supported by herself and Councilmen Rick Soper, Bob Quay and Cliff Groff.

Councilman Bob Olson finished second in the mayor's voting, getting his own vote and those of Councilmen Tom Walker and Bruce Showalter.

Olson took his loss in stride, saying he wished Lockwood well. And he encouraged council members to not complain publicly about being on the losing side of votes.

"If we come up on the short end of the stick, don't take it home with you and let it fester," Olson said.

Quay, who became a councilman Jan. 1, was elected Kennewick's mayor pro tem by a 4-3 vote. Showalter finished second.

Lockwood is believed to be the second woman ever to serve as mayor in the Tri-Cities. The first was Pat Merrill, who was elected mayor of Richland in 1958.

Kennewick youth baseball legend 'Roy' Johnson dies

Ernest Johnson, known to hundreds of Tri-City baseball players as Roy, died Tuesday during open heart surgery at Deaconess Hospital in Spokane.

Johnson, who grew up in Finley, was known as the father of Pony League baseball in Kennewick and a field he helped build near Kennewick General Hospital carries his name.

It was the site of the 1983 Pony World Series.

Johnson's wife Ruth, his son and daughter were with him in Spokane.

No funeral arrangements have been made.

A 1987 Herald story detailed Johnson's involvement with youth baseball.

Back when the Tri-City Braves professional team used to play, Johnson would have some of the players visit and teach fundamentals to his youngsters.

"What really got me into youth baseball," Johnson said, during the 1987 interview, "was so many kids didn't have anything to do."

In the 1950s, Johnson managed the Basin Surplus Yankees, a powerhouse in Pony League. Johnson continued to manage through the 1985 season when a heart condition forced him to retire. He was 68 at the time.

"I never saw a bad boy in my life and I've seen quite a few boys come and go," he said in 1987.



Roy Johnson

Herald file

1-3-90

Businessman Silliman historical society leader

Ken Silliman, a Kennewick native and longtime downtown businessman, has been elected president of the East Benton County Historical Society.

Silliman, co-owner of Farmers Exchange in Kennewick, has been an active board member and also is a member of the Downtown Kennewick Businessmen's Association, and the Columbia Drive Association.

"He has been active in historic preservation efforts in Kennewick, owning the 1912 vintage Kennewick Fruit and Produce Building downtown, which has served as the Farmers Exchange for 50 years," the society said in announcing Silliman's election as president.

He also owns the historic Joseph Siegfried house built in Kennewick in 1923. It has been his family residence for 30 years.

Silliman replaces outgoing President Tom Moak.

Irene Towne, a writer and researcher, was elected vice president for Accessions for the East Benton County Historical Society. She grew up in pre-World War II Richland and has been active in promoting the history of that earlier Richland.

Don Anderson, who retired this year as Kennewick Superintendent of Schools, is new vice president for Programs and Publicity. Doris Hines Terril is secretary, while Gus Kittson, president of Kennewick Industrial, was elected treasurer of the society.

New board members include Frank Flynn, a history teacher at Carmichael Junior High in Richland, and Jo Benton, retired co-owner of Campbell's Paint, and an activist on behalf of downtown Kennewick.

Farmers Exchange is a piece of history

By BOB WOEHLER
Herald staff writer

The first memories Ken Silliman has of the Farmers Exchange is the late 1930s, when he was about 6 years old and used to get a glass of fresh milk after the cows were milked at the downtown Kennewick business.

Times have changed, and the Farmers Exchange at 215 W. Canal Drive no longer keeps cows or dispenses milk.

What it does dispense is farm and garden merchandise, along with personal service and a touch of history.

Silliman, who was born two blocks from Farmers Exchange, has lived and worked in the downtown Kennewick area all his life.

He's the third Silliman to head the business in the 78-year-old two-story building that looks like a throwback to the last century.

The inside is a mixture of old and new with a 1990 Toro lawn mower vying for space beside a 50-year-old bin which holds vegetable seed.

"We've tried to keep up with the competition by providing personal service," said Silliman, who along with his family greets the customers, many by name.

Silliman lives and breathes history. He's the president of the East Benton County Historical Society and keeps several nostalgic items in the store — such as old farm and garden equipment — to remind him of the past.

His home four blocks away on First Avenue is one of Kennewick's older houses.

His tiny office, dominated by a desk cluttered with papers, is a mixture of old and new.

Old ledgers are used to keep track of the business, while on the floor is an open sack of feed.

A transistor radio and information on computers also are part of the office where Silliman spends much of his time during the winter.

When the weather is better he usually is outdoors talking with customers about what brand of tomatoes is the best to grow.

"I think what makes our bedding sales different than most is that we've built up communications with our customers over the years to determine just what type of plants grow best," he said.

Where once Farmers Exchange served mostly farmers and dealt in cows, horses and mules, it now serves mostly homeowners and deals in lawn mowers, petunias and garden tools.

The first Farmers Exchange was on Canal Drive — then called Front



Ken Silliman of the Farmers Exchange in Kennewick measures some pea seeds into a scale from a bin that dates back to the 1920s.

Herald/Bob Woehler



Alfred Amon, one of the original owners of the Farmers Exchange, stands in front of the building in the late 1920s.

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"The store was still down by Washington Hardware, and I remember going down after school after they had milked the cows and I would get a glass of warm milk," Silliman said.

He also remembers running errands for Tony the blacksmith, who had a shop two doors down.

"He would give me a dime to go get him and me an ice cream cone from the Sweet Shop. I'd eat mine on the way back and often — if Tony was busy when I got back — he would say go ahead and eat his."

Silliman's father moved the store to its current location in 1939, mostly because neighboring businesses were complaining about the animal smells.

"After that, we kept our animals down by Church's (Weich) grape juice or in a pen near the present Kennewick cloverleaf."

Today, the only animals are a few baby chicks, turkeys and rabbits. When his father bought out Amon, the contract was jotted down on a piece of plain paper. "They tore off the half note used to write something else," Silliman said.

That was in 1943, and Silliman still has the torn piece of paper.

As Silliman grew older, he started to work in the business and remembers his first bout with a 100-pound feed sack.

"Bert Perkins, a longtime employee, would make me put down a sack if I lifted it with my back instead of bending my knees and using my legs," he said.

Silliman served in the Air Force during the Korean War and remembers the nostalgia he felt when he returned home and walked through the back door of the store and got a whiff of the feed.

"It was like I had never left after smelling the pleasant sweet aroma of barley mixed with molasses," he said.

It was that smell and the business that prompted Silliman to decide to make the store his career as he joined his father and brother Clint as a partner.

He and Clint bought out their father in 1957, and Silliman in turn bought out his brother in 1981.

Last year, Silliman finished 35 years at the firm, longer than any other family member or employee.

Today, Farmers Exchange has 10 full-time employees, including Silliman, his wife Arleen, daughter

Vickie Bergum and son Keith.

During the growing season, the work force swells to between 20 and 25.

Farmers Exchange is three buildings today — the old two-story structure, which is the headquarters, a former car dealership across the alley, which houses its lawn mower repairs and a former farm implement building next door. The implement building is used to showcase the firm's growing lineup of rolling stock including larger sizes of garden tractors.

The nursery and bedding plant area spreads over a vacant lot across the alley and down each side of the main parking lot when plants are in season.

Inside, they have a full lineup of seeds and plant-growth materials, along with garden tools and lawn supplies.

They also have a tack shop for horses and a few animal health supplies.

"We once had western clothing but got out of that when western went mod," he said.

Recently, the firm moved into the computer age and soon will have all its records on computers.

He said many people are repeat customers who have been with them a long time, but they need to attract new business to keep afloat.

He doesn't plan on any radical changes in the future, saying his future is like the rest of the Tri-Cities, tied to the health of the economy.

The Sillimans once considered moving or building a new store but decided to stay put and capitalize on their historic image.

It was a fitting choice for Silliman, who said he enjoys being a history buff even in his own store.

"A lot of people just come in to soak up a little history," he said.

And he doesn't disappoint. There is a shelf along one wall devoted to a collection of farm and garden supplies 50 years old and older.

Included are cardboard bins of Sperry Dog Food and Dr. Hess Hog Special.

"Both had been tossed out in the garbage many times, but I always rescued them," Silliman said.

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"We've tried to keep up with the competition by providing personal service."

— Ken Silliman

Bridge demolition expected to start Friday or Monday

By MIKE LINDBLOM

Herald staff writer

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Demolition of the old Pasco-Kennewick green bridge should start Friday or Monday, according to Pasco Councilman Ed Hendler.

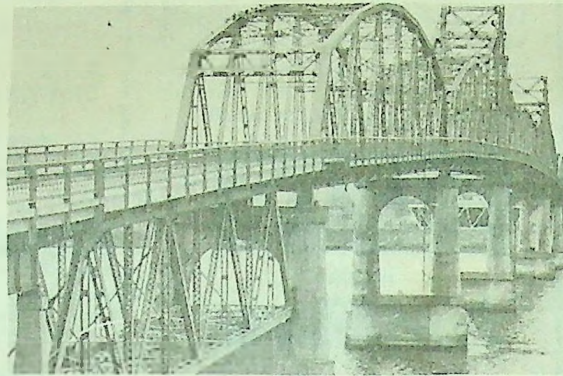
And, like chunks from the Berlin Wall, concrete bridge pieces are potential souvenirs. Two Kiwanis clubs want to sell them to raise money for future community projects.

Concrete deck removal will be the initial step in the demolition, Hendler said Wednesday.

Officials from the demolition firm of Riedel International of Portland will discuss their work schedule with the two cities today at Kennewick City Hall, Hendler said.

"I understand they're very anxious to get started as soon as possible," he said.

Dave Rynd, Riedel vice president, declined to answer questions about demolition, while Erv Bader, Kennewick public works director, had no further de-



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Officials expect demolition work on the green bridge between Pasco and Kennewick to begin Friday or Monday.

tails Wednesday.

Pasco Mayor Joe Jackson signed the \$939,000 demolition contract Wednesday afternoon.

"As far as my personal thoughts are concerned, we

need to get this issue behind us once and for all because there are several important issues that need to be addressed — economic development, the quality of life for our people and several others," Jackson commented.

Riedel was hired for the first phase of demolition — removal of the deck and steel trusses. A second phase, taking piers from the Columbia River in 1991, could cost another \$1 million or more. The Federal Highway Administration agreed to pay 80 percent of demolition costs.

In 1978, the green bridge was replaced by the cable bridge. Green bridge supporters want it kept for pedestrians, bicycles and festivals. They also argue that since the 68-year-old span is on the National Register of Historic Places, federal money should be used to maintain rather than destroy it.

Frank Lamb, of the Kiwanis Club of Pasco, said it and the Kiwanis Club of Kennewick will ask the cities for permission to sell pieces. One option is to mount chunks on plaques with statements about the span's history.

"I remember walking across the bridge when there wasn't that much traffic, and I guess it has sentimen-

tal value," said Lamb. "My grandparents, before the green bridge was built, had to go across (the river) on a ferry."

Hendler said, "I think if we can sell 3,000 to 4,000, that would be great. People want pieces of the Berlin Wall. People want pieces of the old bridge. After all, it's been 10 years of fighting to demolish it."

Moulthrop said his group Wednesday asked the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals to block demolition until the court rules on an appeal the group made last Friday. The court has not decided yet on Wednesday's motion, he said.

He said federal and city agencies are "in cahoots with each other" and showed no imagination in looking for alternatives to demolition.

"I think in terms not of the Berlin Wall but the wall in Washington, D.C., at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, where people go to weep and think what a bad decision was made," said Moulthrop.

"If some memorial were built at the green bridge, people can go think what a sad decision it was that we had people who were willing to rape the Tri-Cities. We should never forget what happened and how bad it was" in 1989-90, he said.

Columbia Park planners envision tourist mecca

**\$32.7 million
the projected
cost of plan**

By GALE B. ROBINETTE
Herald staff writer

It's a summer day in the year 2020, and you're out for a Sunday drive through Columbia Park.

In the park's east end, you cruise past a 100-room resort hotel that sits on the edge of the lagoon.

You drive another quarter mile to the new tennis courts to play a game.

Later, you stroll over to a modern restaurant or deli for lunch with a view of the Columbia River.

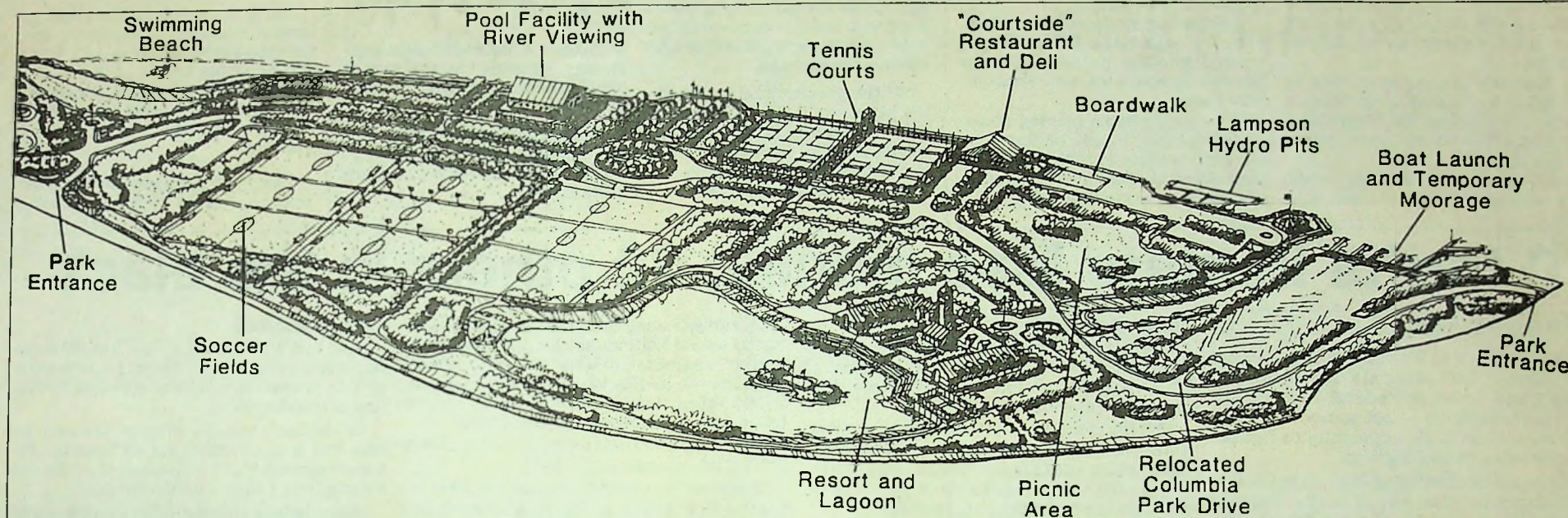
This is one picture of what the park can be, according to a 139-page draft master plan being considered by Kennewick officials.

The plan may become the map the city will follow over 20 to 30 years to transform the park into a recreation mecca for tourists and Tri-City residents.

"It is something I think we can do," Councilman Bruce Showalter said.

One question mark for Showalter and others is where money will come from to pay the estimated \$32.7 million price to turn a vision into reality.

Financing could blend public and private money. Under one scenario, taxpayers would provide \$20.3 million for road changes, swimming pool construction and other improvements. Private investors would put up the remaining \$12.4 million to build a destination



The east end of Columbia Park could resemble this sketch under a master plan concept that could be approved by Kennewick.

Sketches courtesy of The NBBJ Group

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resort, restaurants, and specialty retail shops.

Councilman Bob Quay said a master development plan would be flexible.

"By approving this, we'd be saying 'this is a vision we have,'" he said. "It does not mean it can't be changed."

The plan is being prepared by The NBBJ Group of Seattle.

It recommends the following things be included in public facilities added near the Columbia Park lagoon:

- 12 lighted tournament quality tennis courts.
- An 82.5-foot long indoor swimming pool.
- Nine soccer fields.

■ Restaurants and specialty retail shops.

■ Temporary boat moorage on the river.

The master plan also suggests:

- A larger campground.
- Improved river shoreline for public beaches.
- Better roads and sewer system.
- More picnic areas.

The development alternative being considered is a composite of five concepts developed by NBBJ consultants.

"I think it is a very good plan," Councilman Cliff Groff said. But he added he wants to learn more about what the public thinks and how costs would be paid.

The master plan predicts some-

day there will be the tourism base in the Tri-Cities to support a destination resort-style hotel in the park. It recommends land be reserved in the park for such a facility.

But the study also concludes that the Tri-Cities "is not known as a tourist area." And it advises steps be taken to shape a positive image of the Tri-Cities.

"A number of efforts are underway, including rivershore enhancement, that can help improve the perception of the Tri-Cities as a vacation spot," the master plan says. "Those changes, however, are likely to take many years and in the interim quality resort developers will be difficult to attract."

Bill Sanford, an NBBJ official, told council members Tuesday night that residents of the Puget Sound region generally think of nuclear reactors — not rivershores and sunshine — when they hear about the Tri-Cities.

City Manager Bob Kelly said the master plan presents a good vision of what Columbia Park can be. "We have to make the vision so much a part of the current reality that we start doing things to make it happen," he said.

Kelly said the city needs a long-range development plan when negotiating with the Corps of Engineers on what Kennewick can do in the park.

The Corps owns the 380-acre

park, but Kennewick maintains most of the recreation area under a 10-year sublease with Benton County. The city is seeking a direct long-term lease with the Corps or, if possible, ownership of the park.

The Corps would have to approve a master development plan for Columbia Park eventually endorsed by Kennewick. To help their cause, officials from the city and NBBJ met with Corps officials last month to talk about the plan.

"The Corps told them at the meeting that the plan was very professionally done and we felt it was well thought out," said Jim Kosciuk, a natural resources manager at the agency's Walla Walla office.

Jewelers hope new store a cut above the rest

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By WANDA BRIGGS
Herald staff writer

Mark and Valerie Ryan have a new home. The \$145,000 modern-looking 4,000 square-foot building isn't one in which they will live with their three children.

Instead, it's the new home of Ryan's Jewelry — and the culmination of a longtime dream.

The new Ryan's Jewelry store at 1415 Young St., Kennewick, opens Friday after operating for nearly eight years about 50 yards away inside a ghost town-like Tri-Cities Center Mall.

Moving with Ryan into the new store is the U.S. Post Office substation.

For Ryan, 35, the new building is a "dream come true."

"It feels good to be in a location that has the image of a professional jewelry store," he said.

Ryan, a self-described "military brat," was born while his father was stationed at Ft. Bragg, N.C. The family moved 12 times before Ryan was a high school senior. "My dad was a chief medical nurse in the Army, and we traveled all over," he said.

While the family was living in France, Ryan got his first taste of searching for rocks and stones.

"We had parked at a rest stop, and I was sifting through rocks in a riverbed when I found a shark tooth. Later, at a river which ran by our home, I used to find fossils. So my interest in stones was sparked by the time I was introduced to rock collecting and stone-cutting," he said.

The family moved to Colorado when Ryan was in high school. At that time, he said, "my idea was to be a military dentist."

But he enrolled in an elective jewelry class in high school "and I was hooked."

"We learned how to cut and form the rocks that I had found, and I discovered I liked it a lot," he said. That class enabled Ryan to work with the quartz crystals he had been collecting.

After high school graduation, he entered a diamond-cutting school in Nevada. "I spent seven months there before I realized that I didn't want to be a diamond cutter. I wanted to do jewelry work."

From Nevada he went to Illinois, where he enrolled in a one-year program to learn gem repair.

Ryan was 19 then and wanted six months to see the world before settling down to a job.



Mark and Valerie Ryan stand in front of the new Ryan's Jewelry store, which is scheduled to open Friday in Kennewick.

Herald/Dorothy Adcock

"As soon as I finished the program in Illinois I went to visit my parents (then stationed) in Korea," he said. "I had taken my springer spaniel dog Sunny with me and intended to travel around the world before I started another gem-study program."

But foreign countries are reluctant to let dogs roam freely without periods of quarantine. Ryan sold his dog to the base commander for \$250 and set off to see the sights.

What was to have been six months of travel stretched to 30 months.

"It was a wonderful experience," he said.

Ryan worked along the way in a jewelry store, as a short-order cook, at a ski resort and digging opals from an open mine in Australia.

With a backpack strapped to his back, he traveled to Korea, Hawaii, Australia, New Zealand and the Fiji Islands.

"I had a return ticket so I always

knew I could get home. The rest I didn't worry about," he said.

In Queensland, Australia, he made spending money repairing jewelry. Later, in Townsville, Australia, he worked in the opal mine.

"We would follow behind the bulldozer and he would uproot these giant boulders we called ironstone. All day long I worked with a five-pound sledgehammer breaking those boulders open so that inside we could look for small veins of opal."

"I got room and board and was paid with opals. Every four weeks a plane would fly in and cash us out," he said.

Ryan learned to eat kangaroo meat. "It was all we had. But it wasn't good. It's not like steak. It's like leather; you can't chew it. We minced it all up — worms and all — and made a patty out of it."

The only drinking and washing water came from rain that was collected in an open pit. "It was orange. It turned your clothes orange."

Also during that trip Ryan ran into "the biggest, gigantic flies I've ever seen in my life."

"The flies covered our bodies while we worked. We all threw dust over ourselves so the flies wouldn't land. I wore a big straw hat which had corks dangling all around it to keep the flies from landing on my face."

Ryan spent about 10 months in Australia, 15 months in New Zealand and another four months in the Fiji Islands "and then it was time to come home."

He returned to his parents' home in Colorado in 1976. "But even then, I was fighting the traveling bug."

He went to work at an oil field in Wyoming, where after a month on the job he lost a finger in an industrial accident.

"I realized it was time to settle down."

He took a box filled with opals and headed for Utah.

"I was looking for a buyer and soon found one. In one of the first stores I went into I was offered a job," he said.

In Salt Lake City he met Valerie.

"Her uncle was the credit manager in the store where I worked. He introduced us," Ryan said.

They lived in Utah until 1982 when "gold hit about \$850 or \$900 an ounce and people quit buying jewelry. We came here to the Tri-Cities to start over."

Ryan did repair work for two other Kennewick jewelry stores at first. "Then with \$700 to our names, we opened our own store," he said. Valerie is a co-owner.

"We didn't have much to show customers at first," he said. "We didn't have any gold jewelry for the first three months we were in business. I had some showcases that I had bought from a (J.C.) Penney's fire sale for \$30 each. All we did at first is jewelry repair."

Ryan employs 11 people. "Most of our business is in custom designing ... special order kinds of things, and about a third of our business is in repair," he said.

Ryan said he is high on the Tri-City economy and confident his business can hold its own with competition from nearby Columbia Center jewelry stores.

"We're home-owned and flexible," he said. "And we're no different than most other stores — we try to make our customers happy."

Ryan said his store did about \$97,000 in its first year of business. "Since then we've had steady growth."

And now, he said, "at long last, we have a permanent home."

Homes

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Hansen said strangers have knocked on his door and asked for a tour of the house.

In an old house, Foltz said, "You can't get enough of the beauty of the architecture."

To Hansen, there is beauty in the unseen craftsmanship as well.

There are two places on his roof, for instance, where long, curved pieces of wood are joined. When he went to re-roof, he pulled off the shingles and found that where the two pieces of wood came together, the joints were flawless. It wasn't necessary to join the wood so perfectly, "but that's just how it was done in those days."

He blames modern times, not people, for the decline in careful craftsmanship. Most people would prefer to build things with pride, he said.

"But time is money," he said, "and everybody's in a hurry."



Herald/Bob Baker

Gary and Johnean Hansen live in the house on the corner of Kennewick Avenue and Fruitland Street.

The people who live in the neighborhood clearly enjoy their homes. But make no mistake: Restoring an old home is long, hard, frustrating work. And those who know say you'd better un-

derstand what you're getting into.

"If you don't have the time, the money and the interest, it's not for you," Foltz said.

Tom Moak said he was not quite

Addition on display

People will be permitted to view some of the old homes in the Amons Addition today during a celebration of the neighborhood's 85th birthday.

From 1 to 4 p.m., guided tours will be given through homes on Kennewick Avenue, First Avenue, Albany Street and Dayton Street. The 12 houses, two businesses and two churches on the tour will be marked with signs and balloons.

Tickets will be available beginning at noon in front of the First Methodist Church, 2 S. Dayton Street in Kennewick. Cost is \$1. Money raised will be used in neighborhood improvement projects.

prepared for what lay ahead of him. "I have to admit, I didn't have a good perception of what was going to be involved. If I had thought about it and analyzed it, I probably wouldn't have done it," he said.

"It's almost like building a new house inside an old house," said Scharold. One of the biggest problems, Hansen said, is that you don't always know what the families who lived there in the past did to the house. "You're faced with all kinds of surprises when you open up a wall."

Another challenge is in rewiring.

Electrical outlets are limited, because there were no blow dryers, TVs or alarm clocks to serve at the turn of the century.

Hansen suggests respecting the "Law of Twos" when remodeling. Figure out how much time you'll need, how much money you'll need — then double each figure.

The problems are seemingly endless. "There's always something going wrong," said Moak.

But for those who want to take the plunge, the pleasure of living in a turn-of-the-century home is incomparable, those who live in them say.

Before moving to her house in Amon's Addition, Cathy Foltz lived in a modern home with all the conveniences and none of the problems she and her husband now face. "It was a rough day when we broke a fuse," she said.

But now, she said, "You couldn't drag me back."

The tearing o' the green

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Herald/Bob Baker

Crews worked Friday to remove the last section of superstructure on the old green bridge across the Columbia River. The concrete piers are scheduled to be removed next year. Demolition of the bridge was stalled for eight years by legal battles between bridge supporters and Kennewick and Pasco.

'Farmers Wife' to sign books

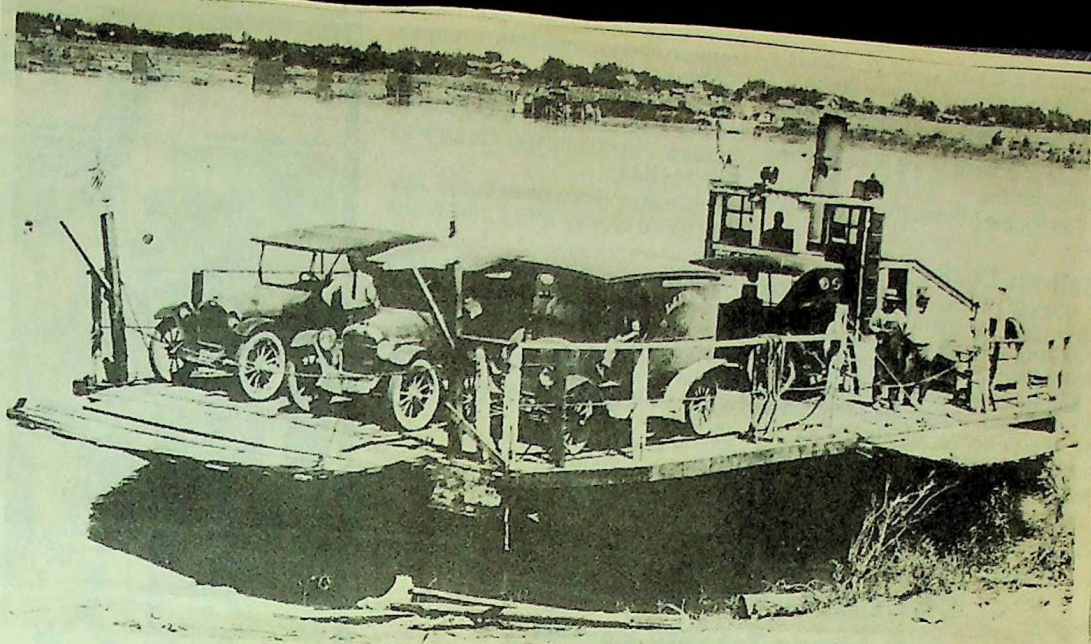
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Beth Tampien, author of *Memories of 'The Farmers Wife'*, will be in the Tri-Cities Friday and Saturday for book-signing sessions.

Her paperback book comprises 460 "Farmers Wife" articles she wrote for the the Tri-City Herald in the 1940s and 1950s. Another 100 not in the book also were published during that time.

A reception and afternoon signing will be 2 to 7 p.m. Friday in the Art Gallery of the Richland Public Library. The second book signing will be 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the East Benton County Historical Society Museum behind Kennewick City Hall.

A prolog to Tampien's book describes what took place "before the columns appeared, and what happened to the characters since their publication," said the author, who now lives in Bellevue.



Looking Back

Photo courtesy of the East Benton County Historical Museum

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The ferry that once ran between Pasco and Kennewick glides into the landing in 1916 loaded with five automobiles and their passengers. The fifth car is behind the others. The ferry dock on the other side is visible in the center. Ferries were the only ways to cross the river until the recently dismantled Pasco-Kennewick bridge was completed in 1922. If a person didn't mind getting wet, the river could be crossed by other means: since McNary Dam was not yet built, a man could wade across without getting his shoulders wet.



Robert Siegfried shows an old black and white photo Sunday of the house at 507 W. First Ave. in Kennewick, where he grew up.

Herald/Bob Brawdy

Kennewick's Amon Addition birthday draws former residents back home

By FAY TOLLEY
Herald staff writer

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Robert Siegfried came home to a birthday party in Kennewick Sunday.

He climbed the stairs to his old bedroom at 507 W. First Ave., tenderly touched the dining room table where he took meals with his parents 65 years ago, and reminisced about the broadcasts over the RCA Radiola on Sunday afternoons.

"It feels as if I had never left," the 78-year-old Port Orchard resident said, his eyes welling with tears.

Siegfried was among the celebrants who "came home" to an 85th birthday party Sunday afternoon to fete Kennewick's early life in the Amon's Addition section of town — and to remember their youth days.

Siegfried's former home was among the 12 residences, two churches and two businesses open for tours. Lots went on sale in the "prettiest part of the best part of Kennewick" in 1905 when Howard

Amon announced the sale of lots in his new addition.

Siegfried's parents had the home built in 1922 for about \$4,000 on four city lots of land purchased for \$2,200. The street out front was gravel, and the irrigation ditch out back was summer fun where neighborhood kids dunked to cool off.

Siegfried recounted how close he came to plunging from the steep roof after his Dad sent him out to look for a troublesome leak.

"I came down quicker than I wanted to and managed to stop just before I went over the eaves," he said with a chuckle.

When Ken and Arleen Silliman bought the home 30 years ago, they also took possession of much of the household furniture.

Siegfried packed his belongings for the final exodus from his childhood home in 1941, and Sunday was his second visit to the residence in nearly 50 years, he said. "I have a lot of fond old memories."

Sharing of those memories on Sunday began with a lawn party at the Sillimans, where former neighbors gathered.

Among the visitors was Nancy Stone Wallace, who made the special trip "home" from her residence in Lake Shastina, Calif. Her father, Dr. Paul O. Stone, moved his family and dental practice from Lind to Kennewick in August 1930 during a hellacious dust storm.

His practice included a traveling dental chair that he took to treat patients in hotel lobbies in Connell and Ritzville, Wallace remembered.

"He had a sign he took that said 'Dr. Stone is here today,'" she laughed.

They lived at the corner of First Avenue and Fruitland Street and worshiped down the street. "I walked into the Methodist Church where I grew up and married, and I realized it's the standard I expect all churches to be," she said. "I still call this home."

For others on Sunday, the visit was a chance to glimpse at yesteryear and its generation.

"I just admire these houses and thought it would be fun to see inside," said Ruby Purser, 24, as she waited in line to tour the Silliman home.

East Benton museum sets Christmas celebration

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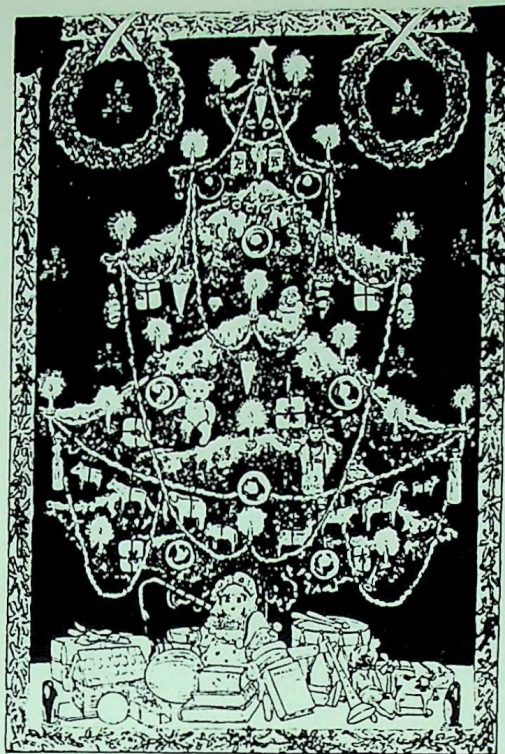
An Old-Fashioned Christmas is being sponsored by the East Benton County Historical Museum from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. It is free to the public.

It features a Christmas tree surrounded by toys from yesteryear, the museum announced. A kitchen, dining room, parlor, and bedroom circa 1910 also will be featured at the museum at 205 Keewaydin Drive, just behind Kennewick City Hall and east of the library.

Entertainment includes:

- Hawthorne Elementary School Morning Chorus under Pat Dixon.
- Sing from the Heart Preschool Choir under Sherry Arnold.
- Brass Quintet under Steve La-Mont.

Santa Claus also will give out treats from 2 to 3 p.m., refreshments will be served and the museum's gift shop will be open.



An
Old Fashioned Christmas
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An old-fashioned Tri-City Christmas



Carol Payne of Richland and her 2-year-old daughter, Danica, look at a 1905 wicker doll buggy made with wooden wheels during the East Benton County Historical Museum's Christmas open house. About 350 people attended the holiday function Saturday celebrating Christmases of yesteryear and featuring examples of gifts from long ago. See story Page A3.

Herald/Bob Brawdy

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A Kennewick Christmas of Long Ago

The pioneer and his wife decorated the Christmas tree while the children slept.

Christmas morning the family arose at 6 a.m. The father and boys fed and watered the horses and cattle. Then they milked the cows, swilled the pigs and fed grain to the chickens. The mother and daughter prepared the breakfast--oatmeal mush, graham muffins, fried potatoes, bacon and eggs, applesauce and milk.

Chores over, the family rushed to the living room shouting, "Merry Christmas!" Presents were opened, and then breakfast was served. No matter how hearty or scant the meal, God's blessing was asked and He was thanked for His bounty.

After breakfast, the family joined as a group to read the Christmas greeting cards and letters, which were never opened until Christmas Day. These were not "store-bought" cards, but loving messages and news events of the year embellished with decorations. They were shared by all of the family.

--Taken from an article prepared by Kennewick pioneer, Burton Lum



PROGRAM

Open House
1 to 4 p.m.

1:30 Hawthorne School
Morning Chorus
- Pat Dixon

2:30 Sing From The Heart
Preschool Choir
- Sherry Arnold

3:00 Brass Quintet
- Steve LaMont

2:00-3:00 Santa Claus

Note: Refreshments will be served in the Board Room and foyer. Food and drink may not be taken into the museum. Thanks!

An old-fashioned Tri-City Christmas



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Old-time Christmas arrives early at Benton museum

By GALE METCALF

Herald staff writer

The old wooden sled was nestled near the tree, a rag doll close by, and a child's red scooter tucked against the bottom boughs.

Toys for toddlers from many a Christmas past touched beneath the tree, as strings of popcorn and cranberries wound round and round to the top. Hand-fashioned decorations reminiscent of a time before electricity hung from branches.

Across the way, the makings for gingerbread cookies lay on an open

oven door, and on the bed, presents were both wrapped and half wrapped in the anticipation of a Christmas yet to be fulfilled.

It was "An Old Fashioned Christmas," and it came early for about 350 visitors to the East Benton County Historical Museum on

Saturday.

"The toys around the Christmas tree and in the display cases are all old toys people donated to us," said Barb Kubik, a former member of the museum's board of directors. With another volunteer, Anita Smith, she now runs the museum's

gift shop.

"Some of the toys are very old and some are replicas," Kubik added. Her son, Erik, 7, and Smith's daughter, Annie, 10, strung the popcorn and cranberry decorations.

Old-fashioned rooms on permanent show in the museum were flavored with the season.

"We fixed up the kitchen, bedroom, parlor, and dining room with Christmas decorations," Kubik explained.

Visitors were entertained by the Christmas caroling of 40 third-, fourth- and fifth-graders belonging to the Hawthorne School Morning

Chorus under the direction of Pat Dixon.

Also, there were 14 youngsters from the Sing From the Heart Preschool Choir from the Kennewick First Methodist Church under Sherry Arnold.

Kamiakin and Kennewick high schools provided a brass quintet comprising Steve LaMont, Matt Patterson, Matt Brain, Lyle Ivey and Peter Ives.

The Hawthorne children invited adults to sing along with *Silent Night* and *Joy to the World*.

"It was so moving it gave me the shivers," said Jacque Sonderman, a member of the museum's board

of directors.

The day also featured a visit by Santa Claus (retired postman Bill Christensen), who listened politely to the wishes of youngsters taking turns on his lap.

Christmas means Christmas shopping, and for the museum's gift shop, that meant a busy day of sales.

"A lot of people were buying presents," Kubik said.

But, most of all, it was the delight of children, the fond remembrances of seniors, and the warm feelings of volunteers that glowed most brightly in the museum Saturday.

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Looking Back

Wheelhouse & Wheelhouse operated a general store in old Richland, its sign advertising "dry goods, notions, boots & shoes, staple and fancy groceries." When the government took over Richland property, the building housed first the John Dam's grocery store, and then Zinn Photography. The building burned in 1967, but the replacement still houses Zinn Photography on George Washington Way.

Columbia Plateau talk Thursday 1-24-91

"The Early History of the Columbia Plateau" will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the East Benton County Historical Society Museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive, Kennewick.

Pete Rice, director of the Columbia Plateau Studies and Archaeological and Historical Services at Eastern Washington University, is to present the talk, which is part of "The Inquiring Mind: A Forum in the Humanities," a speakers program from the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

Rice's speech, which is free and open to the public, is the first in a series of three lectures of the fourth annual Mid-Winter Humanities Lecture Series sponsored by the East Benton County Historical Society, the Franklin County Historical Society in Pasco, and the Washington Commission for the Humanities.

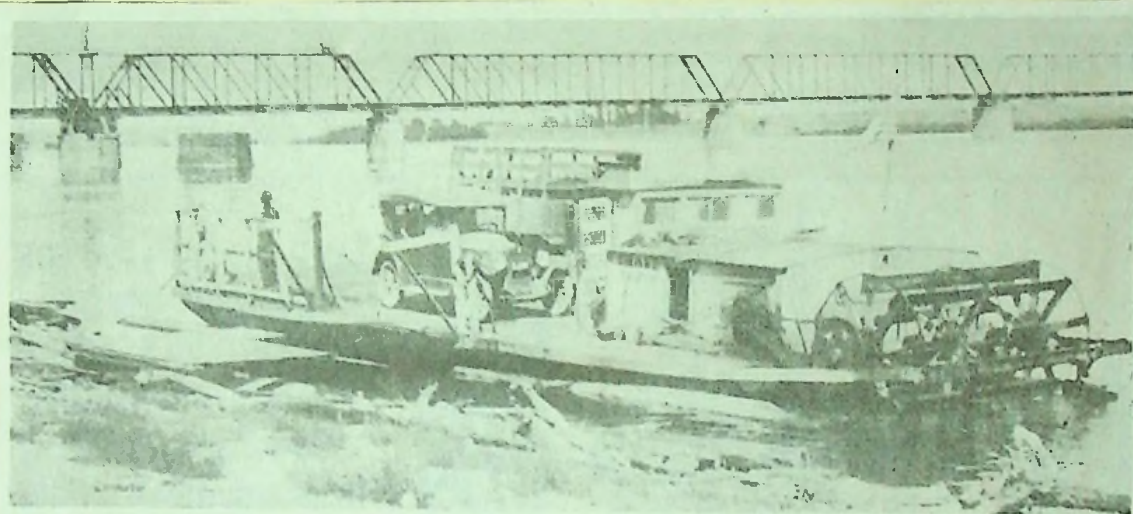
\$5,500 grant to aide building hunt

A \$5,500 Richland city grant will fund a local historical society's hunt for significant buildings from Richland's past.

The East Benton County Historical Society hopes to have a driving tour set up by this fall.

The tour will feature buildings from Richland's farming years before 1943 and its early years as part of the nuclear industry after 1943, city and historical society officials said Tuesday.

The historical society is seeking information on historical buildings in Richland. An organizational meeting will be Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Richland Library.



Looking Back

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The Snake River ferry prepares to unload its cargo on the Burbank side of the Snake River in 1920, with the trees of present-day Sacajawea Park visible behind the railroad bridge in the background. The ferry later served Paterson on the Columbia River. The Benton County Pioneer and Historical Society put the paddle wheel from the ferry on display in Columbia Park.

Group gathering memories to help tell Richland history

By GALE METCALF
Herald staff writer

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Richland is a tale of two cities.

The East Benton County Historical Society wants it to be a tale well told. It is inviting people with knowledge of either the first Richland or the second Richland to attend a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Richland Public Library at Swift Boulevard and Northgate Drive.

The historical society is embarking on a project to identify buildings and sites once existing in Richland. A \$5,450 grant from the City of Richland through its hotel/motel tax is being used to prepare a historical brochure and brass markers.

"We hope to have it completed by this fall," said Cathy Merrill Foltz, co-chairing the project with Tom Moak.

The first Richland was incorporated in 1910 but had its demise less than 35 years later when the Hanford Project began and the U.S. government took over the area as it began development of the top-secret atomic bomb. It remained a government town until present-day Richland was incorporated in 1958.

"We want people to attend the meeting who either grew up in Richland prior to when the government came, or came in subsequently and know something about the history," Foltz said. "If they remember where things were or have knowledge about where things

were, we could really use that."

Changes have occurred that many present-day Tri-Citians are not aware of, she said. The Hanford House Thunderbird, for example, once was the old Desert Inn, Foltz said.

"We're trying to get a real broad base of people, how they lived, when they lived, where they lived," said Moak.

A broad base would ensure a better representation of what existed at the Richlands, he noted. Kids growing up might have favorite memories of an area that would mean nothing to a Hanford worker, while a Hanford worker would have memories the kids from an earlier era couldn't relate to, Moak explained.

"We want to make it relevant to everyone," Moak said.

Plans at this time call for 20 plaques to be placed at historical locations, he said. More sites probably will be identified, but after they are gathered, a panel will be formed to go through the listing and choose which should receive plaques, Moak said. The brochure will include photographs.

"We're going to incorporate into the brochure some historical photographs, and contrast them with photographs of the current area so people can see the changes," he noted.

Research is expected to be completed by the end of summer, with the brochure going to publication in the fall and the plaques going up be-

fore the end of the year, he said.

Worksheets will be available at Tuesday's meeting to be used as a framework for providing information about old sites, Foltz and Moak said. Those unable to attend the meeting are still encouraged to participate in the project and are asked

to call for worksheets, which will be sent to them, the co-chairmen said. Worksheets or further information about the project can be acquired by calling Foltz at 582-6499, Moak at 586-4093 or 586-3156, or Ken Silliman, historical society president, at 586-3101 or 582-5977.

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Museum plans Valentine party

The third annual Old Fashioned Valentine Party for youngsters, sponsored by the East Benton County Historical Society, is 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday at the society's museum, 205 Keewaydin Drive behind Kennewick City Hall.

Each of the children, who should be accompanied by an adult, will be provided all supplies needed at the arts and crafts party. Each child will make two valentines. There is no charge. For information call the museum at 582-7704.

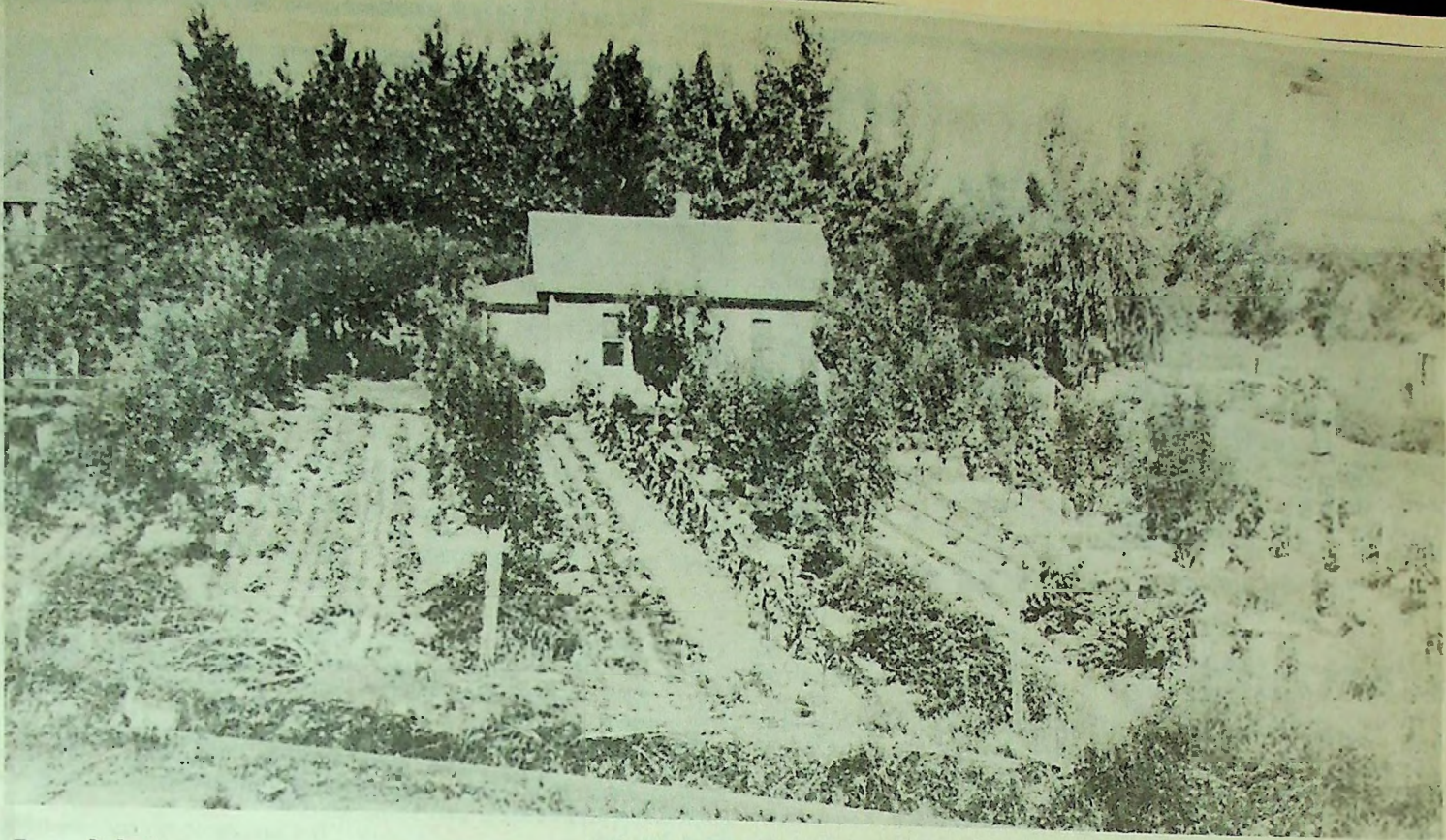


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Looking Back

A group of happy harvesters gather behind a bountiful crop of just-harvested strawberries in this photo taken May 26, 1904. Strawberries were a major export of Kennewick, Richland, and Hover at the time. Persons pictured are Mabel Cox, Mrs. Cantril, Walter Cantril, Mary E. Staley, Oscar Eakin, Audrey Fullerton and Oden Stanley (though Herald files don't say who is who).



Looking Back

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Virtually every home in early Richland had its own garden and family orchard, fulfilling the region's fame for "Rich Land." This picture is of the S.W. Davidson home, which was a block from the center of

the pre-World War II town. A typical garden plot included strawberries, grapes, orchard fruits, asparagus, corn, melons, small produce and shade trees.

Historical Society honors Richland sites

By JOHN STANG
Herald staff writer

5-8-91

When a teen-aged Irene Rose Peddicord made ice cream for parties at her home 60 years ago, she did not realize her house would become a Richland historical site.

"I'm really proud," she said after the East Benton County Historical Society named the 71-year-old 505 Davenport St. house she left when she got married in 1934 as one of 20 historical sites in Richland.

Tom Moak, the society's historical site committee co-chairman, announced the locations Tuesday.

About 100 people sifted through 50 potential sites to cast ballots on the final 20. The society tackled the project in anticipation of the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Hanford reservation in 1993, Moak said.

Each site will receive a bronze plaque and will be listed on a brochure outlining a historical tour of Richland. The brochure is expected

to be done in the fall, Moak said.

The project was financed by a \$5,450 grant from Richland.

Moak said plans to add more sites are up in the air, as well as plans to create a similar brochure for Kennewick. The society recently updated a walking tour of Kennewick, he said.

"I don't know where we will put it," Sandy Rathbun, an Allied Arts Gallery board member, said of the plaque their building received. "We want to put it where it'll be seen."

The Allied Arts building, built in 1909 at 89 Lee Blvd., is the second oldest on the list. The Howard Amon building at 700 George Washington Way was built in 1907 and is the oldest.

"We always had a sense of the history of the building. ... But we really didn't know the history (until the historical project)," she said.

The Allied Arts building was a boarding house, hotel, home, irrigation district headquarters, barber shop, ration board office, Richland Villager newspaper office and library before Allied Arts took over in 1965.

A rundown of the 20 sites is as follows:

■ Commercial buildings — The Howard Amon building, also known as the Benton Water Co. building at 700 George Washington Way; Murray Hardware building at 701 George Washington Way; the Allied Arts building at 89 Lee Blvd.; the former Richland Meat Market building at 710 The Parkway; and the Richland Theater at 505 The Parkway.

■ Building sites — The Red Lion Hanford House at 804 George Washington Way, which used to house Hanford's transient quarters; and 615 George Washington Way, which used to house the Nelson & Dam hardware store.

■ Public buildings — Kadlec Medical Center, which has little of the original 1944 hospital left; and the Community House on 650 George Washington Way.

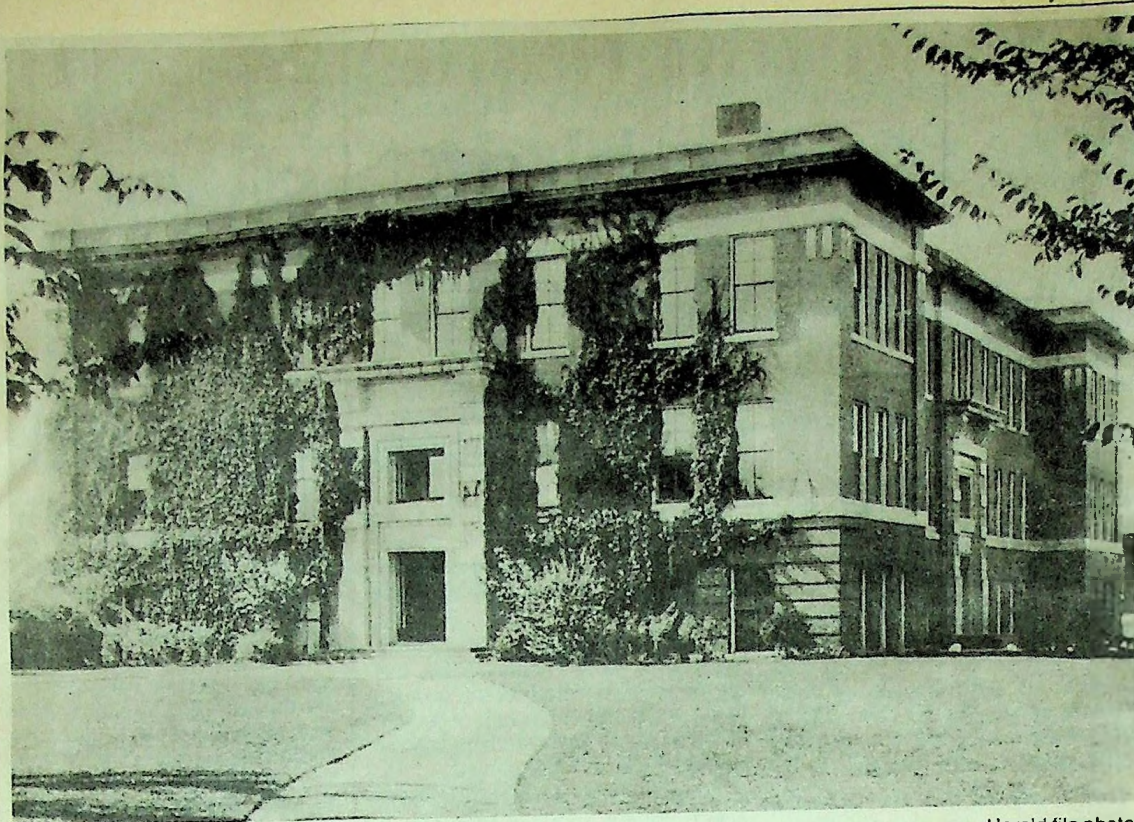
■ Houses — 505 Davenport St., 413 George Washington Way, 2340 George Washington Way, 1007 Gillespie St., 2030 Harris Ave., 1336 Hunt Ave., 640 Spengler Road, 2212 Tinkle St. and 1518 Van Giesen St.

■ Places — Howard Amon Park and Rest Haven Cemetery.



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The Allied Arts Gallery in Richland has been placed on a list of historical buildings in Richland by the East Benton County Historical Society.



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Looking Back

Kennewick High School appeared to be in the Ivy League in 1911. The building was at the present location of the Kennewick School District offices. It was used for storage and maintenance of school buses after it could no longer be used as a school, and was torn down 1957.



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7-5-91

125 gather for White Bluffs reunion in Richland

Bud Stewart, Royal City, left, and Ray Walker of Sequim, right, share stories while sitting under a shade tree Sunday in Richland's Howard Amon Park during the 48th Annual White Bluffs-Hanford Reunion Picnic. Event chairwoman Annette Heriford, of Richland, said about

125 former town residents and family members attended the picnic after a tour of the old town site. Also sitting in the shade are, from left; brothers Bob and Bill Shelledy, wearing baseball hats, and Walker's wife, Patty.

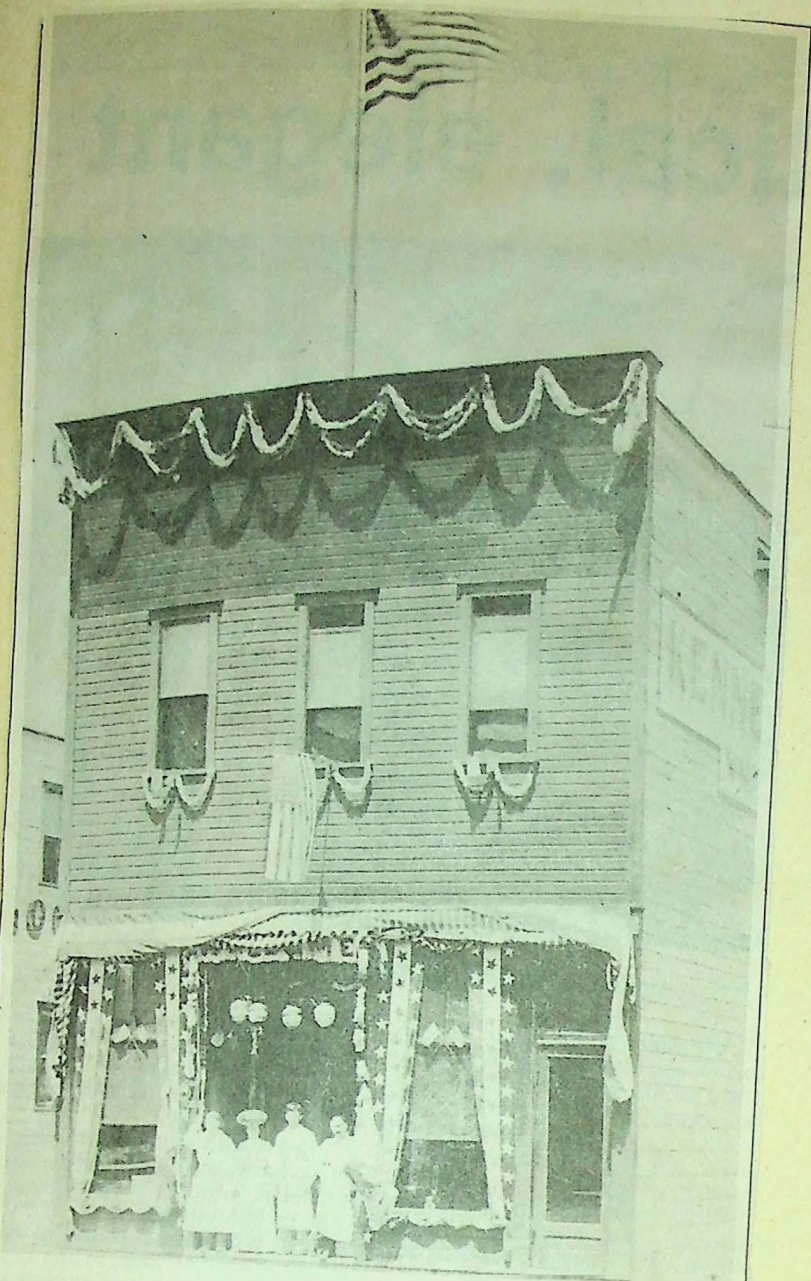


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Looking Back

Kennewick businesses got dressed up in red, white and blue and stayed open on Independence Day 1906, including the Kennewick Market and the Merchant Saloon next door. Posing in front of the Market are, from left, owner William Dirksen, Mrs. Dirksen, Frank Shaughnessy and Frank Schlagel. The upper floor of the West Kennewick Avenue building was the town's dance hall and theater where "magic lantern" shows were held.



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Looking Back

The four-room addition to the Richland grade school was built in 1909. There were two large rooms upstairs and two downstairs. Later, each room was divided again. In 1928, a wide wooden staircase was added as a fire escape. The doorway was located where the double windows are in the center of the upper floor, and the stairs extended straight out from the building leaving room for the lower entrance. This was the same schoolhouse plan used in Fruitvale and at White Bluffs. This building was finally replaced and torn down in 1938.

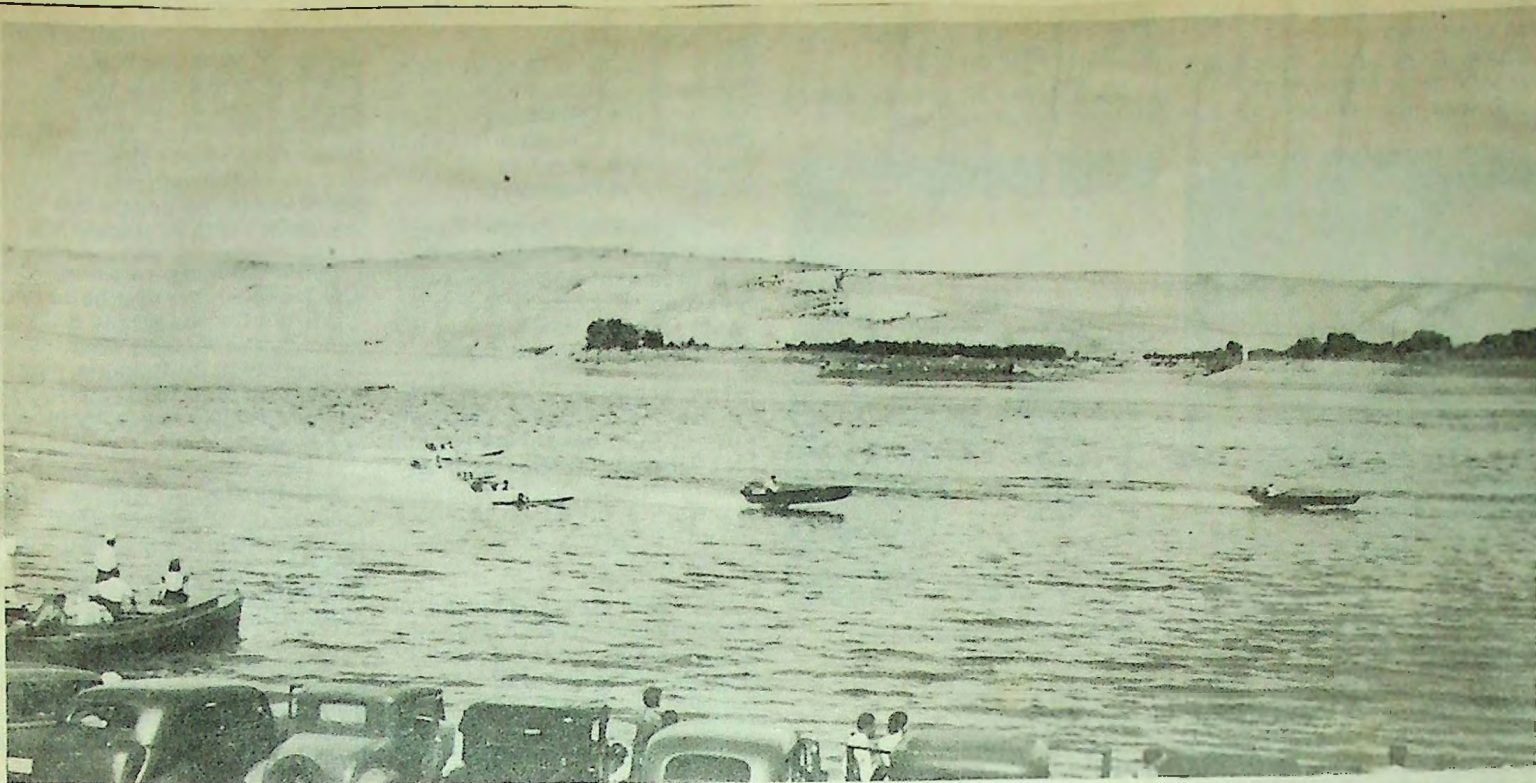


Photo courtesy of Annette Heriford

8-4-91

Looking Back

Speedboats race down the Columbia River while competing in the White Bluffs Regatta in the late 1930s. The Pacific Northwest Outboard Association sponsored the event. The towns of White Bluffs and Hanford were bought out in 1943 by the federal government to make room for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation. The annual reunion of former town residents continues today.



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Looking Back

The Richland Hotel stood at the corner of George Washington Way and Lee Boulevard, the current location of Jennifer's Bakery. Visible at the back in this picture is the confectionary store owned by Joseph Keolsch, which advertised soft drinks, cold lunch and a pool hall. It was built in 1906. There were rooms above the shop. The hotel opened in November 1905 and had 20 guest rooms fitted with modern conveniences. A fire destroyed the furniture in one of the rooms in 1912 but was put out quickly by a bucket brigade. The entire building burned to the ground at 11 p.m. May 7, 1931. The Murray Hardware building was built at the same location in 1939 and was used as a grocery store when the government came in 1943. It became a hardware store, Richland Supply, again in 1945.

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