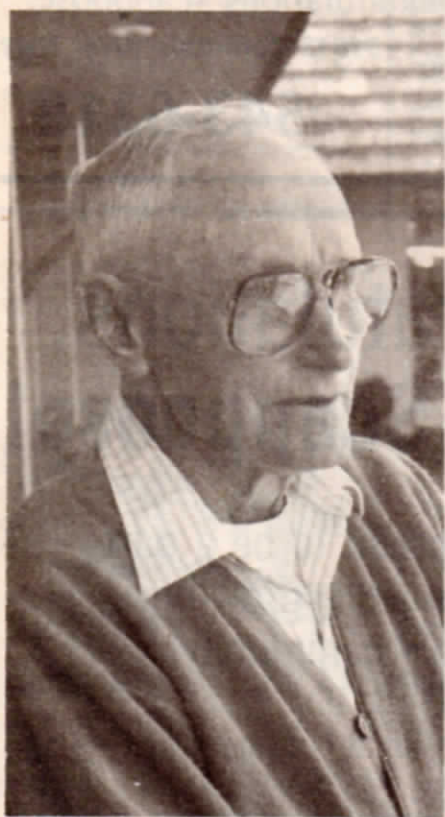
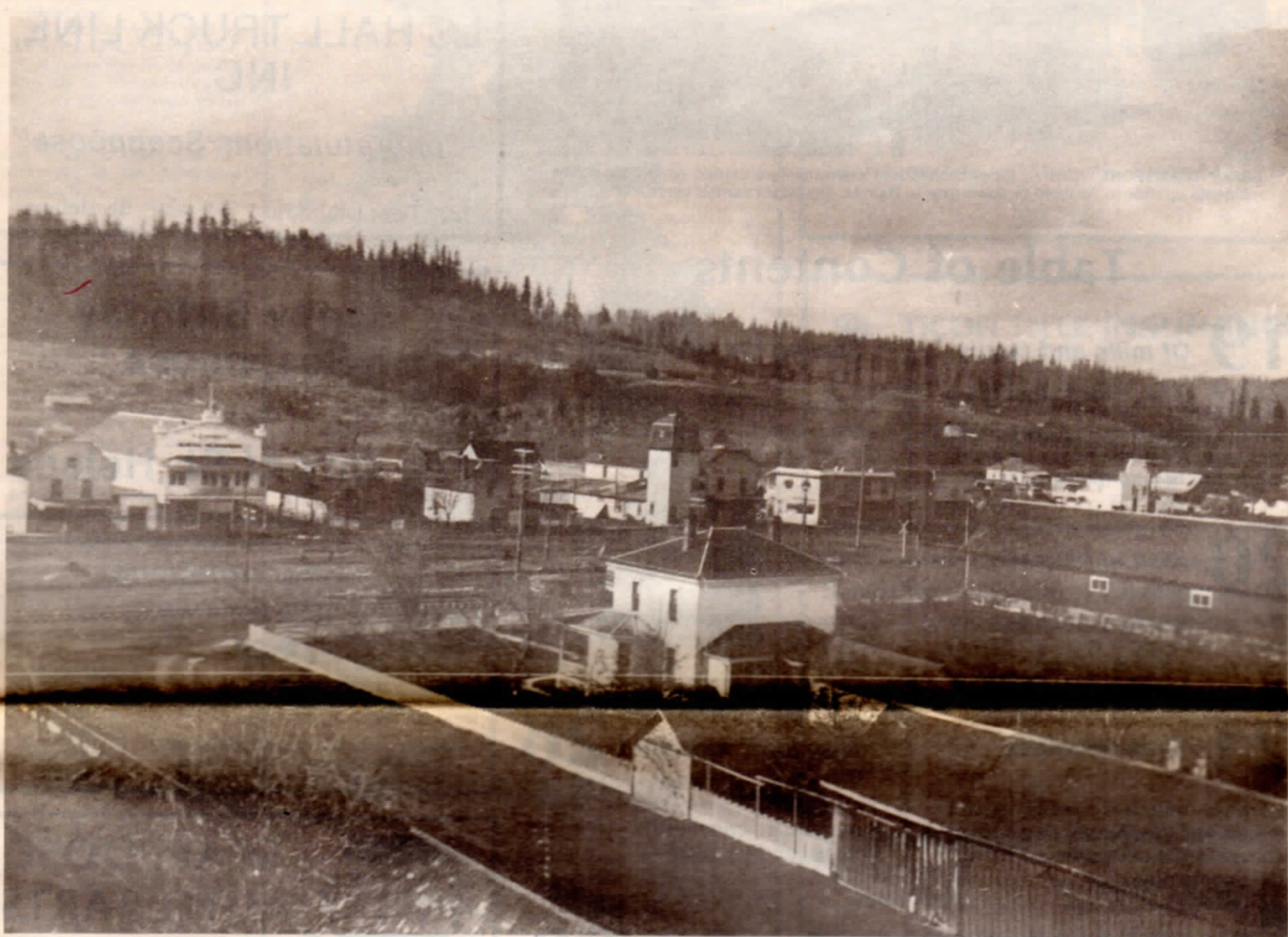


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'In 1950 I went hunting again and when I came back I was mayor.'

Henry Kling



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Langdon has long history here

Inez Langdon, born in 1900, said her parents came to Scappoose to escape the perils of farming in the Midwest.

Her father had a wheat field in Kansas. One evening he went to town and got a reaper to bring in the wheat, and left it sitting out, they didn't have a shed, overnight.

"There was a hail storm that night that took the canvas off the reaper," she said. It also smashed the wheat crop.

"He took the reaper back to town to the store, sold the horses and whatever else he could and ended up in Portland with his wife, four children, three trunks and \$300."

That was the beginning of a long history of Alice and I.G. Wickstrom in the Scappoose Community.

The Wickstrom Planing Mill, located where the fire station is now, operated from 1902 until 1910, and supplied much of the lumber for Scappoose School, built in 1908, said Langdon.

"Dad had a mill or some kind of timber business wherever he went," she said. "He started logging with oxen and ended with a train in Washington."

A flume, using water from Scappoose Creek, brought lumber down to the mill. Porch posts made by a trained lathe operator and produced on a rare turning lathe were sold all over Oregon.

She remembers their home, built in 1903, located close to where the U.S. Post Office is now, as the first home in the area with indoor water and plumbing.

"Dad played the accordion and we square danced on the linoleum," said Langdon, who still lives in Scappoose, not far from the early home.

"We sat around the table and did our lessons, and sometimes we would sing, pull taffy or roast peanuts with all the neighbor kids."

Langdon remembers the scads of ginger cookies her mother baked on Halloween that the children would decorate with faces and then take to elderly people in the community.

Some of her favorite memories are of the perpetual battle between students and teachers in school.

"Kids had pets back then," she recalls. "We had one teacher who wore long skirts and was very religious."

She said one boy in the class had a pet chipmunk he would



Landmark tower

This windmill and water tower stood at the Will Watts farm, close to the current location of the Steinfeld's plant on the east side of the railroad tracks, said Inez Langdon, 91, who remembers much about the early days of Scappoose.

The windmill, high atop a fir tree, pumped water into the tank used by the trains that regularly picked up and delivered passengers from several stops in South Columbia County and provided transportation to Portland.

Langdon said the tower stood as a landmark for those arriving from points south on the train. "When you could see the tower, you knew you were coming to Scappoose," said Langdon.

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BRINGING DOWN LOGS—This flume brought logs down from the woods to the Wickstrom Planing Mill in Scappoose using water from Scappoose Creek. The mill was located close to the current location of the Scappoose Fire Station.

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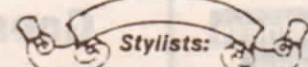


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Scappoose: Rich in history

Fertile land and dense forests drew settlers here

by Kathy Erickson
 Publisher, The Spotlight

From the late 1820s, when Scappoose pioneer Tom McKay first chose the Scappoose plains as a source of hay and pasture for the horses for the post at Fort Vancouver, to the present, there has been surprisingly little change in the life of the residents of the Scappoose area.

Certainly the area has been modernized over the years, with all the trappings of 20th Century progress. But the land around Scappoose was prized for hay and pasture then, and much of the dikeland, reclaimed from annual flooding, still meets those needs today.

In his book, "The History of Scappoose," Scappoose historian James Loring Watts introduces the reader to McKay and to many of the other early pioneers of the Scappoose region. Watts, born to James and Rose Watts in Scappoose in 1905, was educated in Scappoose schools and was a University of Oregon graduate. Completed in 1979, his history of the area covers the years between 1882 and the early 1930s.

The Watts name is familiar still to residents of the Scappoose vicinity. James Watts' great-grandparents crossed the country on the Oregon Trail by covered wagon, arriving in Scappoose in 1852.

Before the settlers came, though, the area around Scappoose was much prized by the Indians of the Chinookan Tribes. Indeed, their second most important chief, Cassino, had his village here. For many years, the Indians held pow wows on the Scappoose plains, featuring feasts, races, trading and gaming.

When he established his horse ranch in the eastern plains area, McKay created no stir with the local Indians. They knew and respected him, and McKay and his Indian friends coexisted peacefully for many years.

More settlers arrived in the area in the early 1850s. Arriving in the area to stake land claims were men from the Hudson's Bay Company. They were soon followed by covered wagon pioneers including William Watts, his wife, five sons, a daughter and nephew.

Those early settlers had familiar names. Residents of the area today still recognize the roll: Watts, Gilmore, Meeker, Johnson, Lange, Tetz, Komning, Shatto, Kammeyer, Freeman, Raymond, Otto Miller, Adams, Honeyman, Frakes, Watson, Callahan, JP West, Rabinsky, Heimuller, Shoemaker, Neuman, Wickstrom, Jobin and Dahlgren are just a few of the settlers from earlier times, whose names are familiar today.

Progress of a sort came to the area with these pioneers. Once

they arrived, they began trades and vocations to support the area's needs. First to be built were brick kilns, and they were quickly followed by a sawmill, cooperage, salt cairn, creamery, shingle mill, blacksmith and many dairies.

Travel and transportation were a vital requirement for the continued settlement of the area, and they were made considerably easier in 1856 when S.T. Gosa built a dock, store and post office on his claim on the Multnomah Channel, the present-day site of Brown's Landing. Boats traveled up and down the river and on the channel, carrying supplies into area residents, providing transportation, and loading up with cordwood and later milk to be sold in Portland.

In addition, lots of freight and passenger trains passed through Scappoose, and an extensive lum-

ber operation developed in the Chapman area, which shipped lumber out by rail car.

Settlers from a variety of cultures arrived in the area, and ethnic settlements dotted the area. The South Scappoose area was settled primarily by Bohemians (Czechoslovakians) after John and Barbara Havlik arrived. The couple wrote to newspapers back east, urging other Czechs to move to the area. Families with names still familiar arrived to settle the South Scappoose community, including Stasnas, Kovaks, Kouteks, Mikeshes, Fishers and Kokcarniks.

In the late 1880s, a bona fide business community was established in Scappoose. The Watts and Price Store was established in 1888, and was quickly followed by a saloon, blacksmith shop and livery stable. In 1894, the busi-

ness community was platted, and it featured seven blocks and six

streets. By now, the city had grown to include a bank, post office, meat market, cafe and poolroom.

Soon to follow were a barber shop, hardware store and a hotel.

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THE WATTS AND PRICE STORE — was the focal point of the business community beginning in the 1880s. The store was part of the business community destroyed by fire in 1915.



NOTIONS, DRY GOODS — The Watts and Price Store had it all. Settlers could get canned goods, fabric, notions, hardware and foodstuffs at the grocery that was established in 1888. The store even housed the city post office, in the area below the brooms.

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Watts saw changes

"The changes that occurred over the years often came so gradually, you didn't notice that the changes were taking place," said Irene Watts, former teacher and librarian for the Scappoose School District.

Watts transferred to Scappoose from a school in Eastern Oregon in 1935. There, she taught until 1950 and then served as the high school librarian until she retired in 1970.

She married James Loring Watts, a descendant of the pioneer family that helped found the City of Scappoose. James Loring Watts wrote The History of Scappoose, an 84-page book on the town's colorful history.

At the high school, she taught home economics and social studies. When she first moved to Scappoose in 1935, she shared a house with four other school teachers who were good friends.

Like most of the teachers in the district, Watts found herself spending her evening hours grading daily assignments.

"We didn't have any preparation periods like they have today," she said. "We would teach seven classes a day, go home, cook dinner and spend the night grading papers."

Watts said she felt lucky that she didn't teach math, English or typing.

Education is always changing, Watts said, and often the rules change as well. Watts said that when she was teaching, girls never wore pants or slacks to school and the boys haircuts were always above the collar.

The classrooms were run with great formality, and the 20-25 students in each classroom never talked back to the teachers.

"They were good kids," Watts said. "The kids today are still good, there are just a few bad apples in the bunch."

A great change in education came in Oct. 1957, when the USSR launched the Sputnik space satellite.

Although Watts was retired by then, she said there was a great drive to improve science and math curriculums at schools.

"The government went all gung ho on math and science," she said, adding that today the country is trying to catch up with the Japanese and German educational systems. "We always have to catch up with someone."

For her and her husband, who was also a teacher in the district, the launch of Sputnik meant more than just new educational programs. It also meant they could do some star gazing in a hayfield where Grant Watts Grade School is now located.



Irene Watts

"When we heard that Sputnik was launched, my husband and I came down here and sat in the hayfield with our dog," she said. "We looked up and saw Sputnik go by. It looked like a shooting star."

The Watts also owned a bus line which contracted business from the school district. The Watts route featured Sauvie Island and the Dike. They also owned a truck line which would make five to six daily trips into Portland from the pickle plant. They eventually sold their school bus line to the Havlik family.

While her husband served in the U.S. Army during World War II, Watts managed and often

drove one of the school buses, kept books for the truck line and taught at the school.

"The pickle plant had a contract with the Army to supply the pickles and we had to get the shipments out every day," she said. "The pickles were stored in the coolest part of the ship, which was the hull, so they had to be put in first."

The pickles were stored in the coolest part of the ship because it would go through the Panama Canal, on the way to the East Coast.

"I guess they didn't want to give the soldiers spoiled pickles," she said. "Those days were something."



FIRST WATTS HOUSE — Built in 1890, this was the first home of the Watts Family in Scappoose. William Watts, his wife, five sons, daughter and a nephew arrived in the Scappoose area in the mid-1850s. Scappoose Historian James Loring Watts has compiled a history of the town.

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Dutch Canyon memories

As far back as Thomas Kirtland can remember, his family would make the trip into Scappoose from their farm on Dutch Canyon Road, about five miles from town.

Kirtland, now 74, remembers the road made of thick lumber planks, known today as "prime lumber."

The wooden road was only big enough for one carriage or car, he said, so when two vehicles met, one would back up to the closest wide spot, and they would sit and talk, catching up on the latest news of the community, before continuing the journey.

"We were related to a lot of people," said Kirtland, who is retired and lives on five acres of the original family farm.

He said the monthly trips to town kept the family in touch, and allowed them to pick up sacks of flour or take potatoes into market.

His grandfather, Aaron Kirtland, lived on a Wisconsin Indian reservation and married the chief's daughter, said Kirtland. The famous outlaw Jesse James would stay overnight when he was in the area, and once gave Kirtland's grandfather a .44 caliber pistol in exchange for lodging.

Aaron Kirtland came to the Portland area in 1900 and soon purchased 40 acres in Dutch Canyon.

Tom Kirtland's parents, Rosa and Edward Lester Kirtland, raised produce to support the family and feed the farm animals, but Edward Kirtland was primarily a logger, taking timber to the Watts and Price Mill.

The Watts family established a saw and grist mill on Scappoose Creek in the late 1800s, and by 1900, they owned several lumber and sawmills in addition to most of the nearby timberland.

Although Kirtland was a victim of rickets, a childhood disease of the bone, he remembers there was a lot of work on the farm.

"We milked 20 goats a day during the depression," he said. The family fed calves and sold them, and had a large garden to raise sugar beets and carrots for the stock.

Kirtland said his father used an old Maxwell tractor for farming. "The steering wheel fell off so we steered with a monkey wrench," he recalls.

The family's Model-T Ford was classier, with a self-starter button on the floor.

Kirtland attended South Scappoose Grade School, where the grange hall on Dutch Canyon Road is now, about two miles from their farm. When he was young he walked to school, but later he remembers there was a small school bus that picked up the students.



DUTCH CANYON HOME—Thomas Kirtland has lived on a portion of the family's original farm for the past 15 years, in Dutch Canyon on Scappoose Creek.

He said there were about 30 in the elementary school, and his class was the largest, leaving the school close to empty when they graduated.

Kirtland left high school because of illness, and stayed home to work on the farm. He received his general equivalency diploma 15 years later.

The town of Scappoose had some fascinations for a youngster. Kirtland remembers there was a pool hall and a beer parlor, and he used to like to watch the blacksmith shoe horses.

One time when he was about 30 he returned home for Christmas, but decided to stop by Andy Anderson's saloon on the way home, located where the Wig Wam Tavern now stands.

"The Johnson's and the Whites were always feuding, and they were big suckers," said Kirtland.

When Kirtland came into the tavern one of the Johnsons came over and said "That's my friend," and hit the other man right over Kirtland's head.

He said he headed for a safe location to watch the ensuing battle, and noted that Andy Anderson always had a baseball bat behind the bar.

Kirtland held a variety of jobs around the Northwest and even managed a market in Birmingham, Ala., for three years.

He longed to return to the family home, and for the past 15 years has resided close to the end of Dutch Canyon Road next to Scappoose Creek.

He recalls a happy childhood when he could drink out of the creek without fear of contamination and when trees weren't in danger of dying from chemicals in the air.

"When we were young, we traveled through the land following deer trails," he muses. "Now the roads can take cars to Vernonia and the Coast."

"When I was a boy I would sit under the trees—churches never inspired me so much. It was as if God was showing me his wonders," said Kirtland.



THE MODE OF TRANSPORTATION — Horse-drawn wagons and carriages were used as vehicles to transport passengers in the early days. It was rough going, too, on the dirt or plank roads of the area.

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The summer celebration, scheduled for July 10-14, will once again feature a junior court and a senior court. The coronation of both courts is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, in the Scappoose Middle School Gymnasium.

The crowning of the junior court queen and the senior court queen will officially begin the 1991 festival.

The junior court consists of Sally Tate, Veronica Stotts, Tiffan Kellar and Rebecca Njoroge.

The senior court is made up of Michele Morgan, Terra Biggs, Jessica Coddington and Andrea Murray.

Sally Tate, the 10-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Dennis and Peggy Tate, decided to try out for the junior court because her older sister, Brandy Tate, was the 1989 Pow Wow queen.

"I thought it was fun and exciting for Brandy so I wanted to do it," she said.

This fall, Sally will be entering the fifth grade at Otto H.H. Petersen Elementary School. She likes studying science and math. Her interests and hobbies include horseback riding, collecting porcelain dolls, bowling and taking care of the family's farm animals.

She would eventually like to go to college and study to become a veterinarian.

Veronica Stotts, the 10-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents George and Peggy Stotts, thought that being on the junior court would be a good way to meet friends.

"I thought I should become involved in the community," she said.

Her hobbies include reading, swimming, playing the piano and being with her friends.

She will be entering the sixth grade at Petersen school. She likes studying math, art and reading. She hopes to attend college and become a doctor.

Tiffan Kellar, the 11-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Byron and Casey Kellar, thought that being on the Pow Wow junior court would be a worthwhile and exciting activity in which to take part.

Kellar, who will be attending Scappoose Middle School as a seventh grade student, likes to study reading, math and English.

In her spare time, she likes to

ride horses, read books, paint and draw. She would like to become a teacher, painter or a pediatrician.

Rebecca Njoroge, the 12-year-old daughter of Warren residents Peter and Chris Njoroge, decided to try out for the junior court

1991 Queen to join long list

This year's queen will join the ranks of other Pow Wow royalty who have reigned over the celebration since 1959.

The first city gathering was held that year, in conjunction with the Oregon Centennial. The first real Pow Wow, however, was held the next year, and the first Jaycee-sponsored event was held in 1961.

Following is a complete list of all the queens of the Scappoose Pow Wow:

Vonnie Johnson, 1960; Diane Brundage, 1961; Joan Knusel, 1962; Sharon Olsen, 1963; Gail Davis, 1964; Nancy Brooks, 1965; Nancy Giddings, 1966; Lucinda Crist, 1967; Kathy Nakvasil, 1968; Laura Tolman, 1969; Brenda Brooks, 1970; Maria Licano, 1971; Sheila Donovan, 1972; Bernadette Heiselt, 1973; Kathy Slocum, 1974; Jeannie Barker, 1975; Anna Erickson, 1976; (no queen, 1977); Lynette Bailey, 1978; Julie Martin, 1979; Linda Buchanan, 1980; Brenda Dougherty, 1981; Shannon McNabb, 1982; Betty Jo Conley, 1983; Sandy Creswick, 1984; Suzanne Taylor, 1985; Raquel Lammers, 1986; RonNelle Conley, 1987; Angie Hudson, 1988; Brandy Tate, 1989; Julie Hodges, 1990

because she thought it would be a fun opportunity to take part in a community event like the Pow Wow.

Njoroge will be entering the seventh grade at Scappoose Middle School in the fall. She likes to study math, art and social studies.

In her spare time, she works



Royalty ready for coronation

READY FOR THE BIG NIGHT — The Scappoose Jaycees Pow Wow junior court, pictured above, and the senior court, pictured below, will take part in the coronation ceremony, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10, at the Scappoose Middle School gymnasium. The junior court queen is selected based on button sales, while the senior court queen selection is based on button sales and on speeches presented during Pow Wow week. The junior court is, from the left, Sally Tate, Veronica Stotts, Tiffan Kellar and Rebecca Njoroge. The senior court is, front to back, Michele Morgan, Jessica Coddington, Terra Biggs and Andrea Murray. The courts will reign over the four-day festival.



out at the Columbia River Gymnastics Academy. She likes to watch movies and spend time with her friends.

She would eventually like to attend college and become a pediatrician.

The selection of the junior court queen is based on festival button sales.

The selection of the senior court queen is based on button sales and on speeches given by the princesses to representatives from the city and local civic service groups prior to the festival. The princesses will speak about their favorite birthday.

Each member of the senior court is also expected to search for businesses interested in serving as sponsors. Sponsorship fees help pay for the outfits the princesses wear and the activities they take part in before and after the festival.

This is the second straight year Michele Morgan has served as a member of the senior court. The 15-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Dennis and Marian Morgan.

Morgan, who will be a sophomore at Scappoose High school in the fall, joined the 1991 court because she likes to promote Scappoose and felt that being a Pow Wow princess was an excellent opportunity to do that.

After she completes high school, Morgan plans to attend college and pursue a career as an actress, a sportswriter or a sports broadcaster.

Morgan is sponsored by St. Helens Federal Credit Union, Rivercity Sporting Goods, Midway Electric, Steinfeld's Products, Precision Engraving, Warren Country Inn, Designer Cabinets, Oregon Meat Co., Carole's Place, Roadrunner Gas & Grocery, O.S. Systems and Jim and Linda McConnughy.

Terra Biggs, the 16-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Terry and Shelly Biggs, joined the court because she felt it was important to become a part of the community and to participate in the annual Pow Wow festivities.

At SHS, she is a member of Oregon Student Safety on the Move, the Key Club, and the Flag Team. She likes to study algebra, biology and geography.

When she is not in school, she likes spending time with children and friends. She also likes to go see movies.

After high school, Biggs hopes to attend college and work towards a career as a math teacher.

Biggs sponsors include Sunshine Pizza, Rose Valley Market, Taylor-Made Products, See Bee Glass, Larry's Shell Service, Bauer Insurance, Fred and Elyse Friemark, Longfellow's Inn and Teddy Bear Day Care Center.

Jessica Coddington, the 16-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Michael Coddington and Elizabeth Meyert, joined the 1991 Pow Wow court because she wanted to become more involved in the community and its activities.

Coddington will be entering her junior year at SHS this fall. She likes studying algebra and business classes. She is involved in the Spanish Club and the ski club.

Outside school, she likes to go horseback riding, snow skiing and to watch horror films.

After she finishes high school, she plans to attend college and earn a degree in accounting.

1991 Pow Wow Schedule

Wednesday, July 10

Playland Carnival Family Night Discounts..... Noon-10 p.m.
Queen's Coronation Scappoose Middle School..... 7 p.m.
Queen's Teen Dance..... 8-11 p.m.
At Beer Garden, N.E. First & Williams,
w/DJ. \$3 per person, \$5 couple

Thursday, July 11

Playland Carnival..... Noon-11 p.m.
Beer Gardens \$3 cover..... 6 p.m.-Midnight
Rock music by Split Image, 7-11 p.m.

Friday, July 12

Playland Carnival..... Noon-Midnight
Kid's Games..... 1 p.m.
At Entertainment Center, behind police station
Junior Parade..... 7 p.m.
Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., 2nd & Olive Streets
Music by Split Image..... 9:30-11 p.m.
At Entertainment Center
Beer Garden Cover \$3..... 6 p.m.-2 a.m.
Rock music by Life on Mars, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Saturday, July 13

Congregational Church Breakfast..... 7-10:30 A.M.
Scappoose Congregational Church
Pow Wow Grand Parade..... Noon
Registration at SHS from 8:30-11:30 a.m., judging at 10:30
Playland Carnival..... Noon-Midnight
Scappoose 70th Birthday Party..... 3-5 p.m.
Cake-cutting ceremony at City Hall
Mini Indian Pow Wow Entertainment Center..... 5-7 p.m.
Congregational Church Drama Entertainment Center..... 7-8 p.m.
Music by DJ Entertainment Center..... 8-11 p.m.
Beer Garden \$3 Cover..... 1 p.m.-2 a.m.
Music by Dr. Corn's Bluegrass Remedy, 2-7 p.m.
Hot Legs contest, Keg Toss, etc. at 7 p.m.
Original rock music by Prisoner, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Sunday, July 14

Playland Carnival..... Noon-6 p.m.
Congregational Church 100th Birthday..... 12:30 p.m.
Jaycee Reunion Picnic Airport Park..... 1 p.m.
Airport Appreciation Day..... 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
Scappoose Industrial Airpark

Festival celebrates birthdays

Parades, carnivals highlight festivities of annual celebration

"It's Our Birthday, Let's Pow Wow!" is the theme of this year's Pow Wow celebration, to be held Wednesday through Sunday, July 10-14.

Parades, carnival rides, food booths and the beer gardens will highlight this year's festival. Although this is the 32nd year of the annual event, it is the 30th year that the celebration has been organized by the Scappoose Jaycees. Also celebrating a birthday with this year's Pow Wow is the City of Scappoose, which is celebrating its 70th year as a city.

The celebration will be set up on property adjacent to the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks on NE First, for carnival rides and the beer garden, and in the city's grassy area adjacent to the Public Services Building and City Hall.

Wednesday

Activities get underway at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, when Playland Carnival begins its operations. The queen's coronation ceremony is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Scappoose Middle School gymnasium.

On the senior court this year are Michele Morgan, Terra Biggs, Jessica Coddington and Andrea Murray. One of those girls will become the queen and will reign over this year's festivities.

Members of the junior court are Sally Tate, Veronica Stotts, Tiffan Kellar and Rebecca Njoroge.

After the coronation, the queen's teen dance will follow in the beer garden area, and will run until 11 p.m.

Thursday

On Thursday, the carnival rides will start at noon and will run until 11 p.m. The beer garden will open at 6 p.m. and will remain open until midnight. Music will be performed by "Split Image" until 11 p.m. Beer garden admission each night will be \$3.

Friday

On Friday, the carnival will once again start operating at noon, and will run until midnight.

Highlight of Friday's festivities will be the annual junior parade, which will begin at 7 p.m. Registration for the event will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the corner of Second and Olive streets.

On the entertainment stage, "Split Image" will perform from 9:30 to 11 p.m. "Life on Mars" will be appearing in the beer garden from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. The beer garden will close at 2 a.m.

Saturday

The senior parade is scheduled for noon on Saturday, and will once again make its way down U.S. Highway 30. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Scappoose High School parking lot.

Saturday is "City Day," and the City of Scappoose will officially mark its birthday with an open house featuring birthday cake and punch from 3 to 5 p.m. in the city hall courtyard. Members of the Scappoose Historical Society will be cutting and serving the cake. From noon to 5 p.m., the Children's Museum in the basement of city hall will be open for viewing. Curator Clara Neelands will be at the museum to answer questions.

The carnival rides will be operating from noon to midnight on



QUEENS OF POW WOW PAST — The Scappoose City Club is looking for former Pow Wow queens to ride its float during the festival's grand parade, scheduled for Saturday, July 13.

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Saturday.
 "Dr. Corn's Blue Grass Remedy" will perform in the beer garden from 2 to 7 p.m. A keg toss and "hot legs contest" will be held at 7 p.m. and "Prisoner" will entertain from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., and the beer garden will close at 2 a.m.

Activities will wind down on Sunday, with carnival rides operating from noon to 6 p.m. The Scappoose Jaycees will hold a reunion picnic at Airport Park at 1 p.m., and the second-annual Airport Appreciation Day will be held at the Scappoose Airport (see related story).

Festival-goers will also find entertainment and food booths. At press time, the following booths were scheduled.

Saigon Oriental Kitchen, oriental food; VCJ's Famous Meatpies, "Cajun" food; OSSOM, dunk tank; S & S Design, handmade Indian jewelry; Scappoose Police Department, information booth; Hit and Run Paint Ball, firing


paint balls, proceeds to Riverside Industries; TransWestern Helicopters, Airport Appreciation Day information booth; Big' Al's, handmade lollipops; Scappoose City Club, "Scappoose Sandwich;"

Goodies by Gary, food booth; Bob Caswell Memorial Pool Fun booth, food booth featuring hamburgers and teriyaki sticks; Mom's Place, elephant ears; Chapman Grange, bingo; Scappoose Senior Citizens, food trailer; Grub Box, Mexican food;


Scappoose Fire Department, information booth; The Wieners, T-shirt booth, Saturday only; Bow and Arrow Club, Indian crafts; May Kay Cosmetics; Pepsi Company, Pepsi products booth; B & M Concessions, T-shirts; Cascade Canteen, food booth featuring hamburgers and curly fries;


Soccer Club, car bash; Lisa Williams, oil paintings and prints, teddy bears and Indian jewelry; David Seawright, Navajo Fry Bread; Stray Cat Creations, frames made from Oregon barn boards.

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Airport celebration is Sunday

The advantages of having an airport near Scappoose will be one of the major themes of the second-annual Airport Appreciation Day, scheduled for Sunday, July 14, at the Scappoose Industrial Airpark.

Activities will include a fly-in by the Northwest Antique Airplane Club, food booths and presentations by Life Flight heli-

copters, Air Care of Emanuel Hospital, Wallace Aviation and the Port of St. Helens.

The event, scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, will officially end the 1991 Scappoose Pow Wow.

Appreciation day gives airport representatives a chance to show local residents what is available,

according to Betsy Johnson, owner of TransWestern Helicopters, Inc.

"The purpose of the day is to help residents of the area understand the value and economic impact of the airport," Johnson said. "We want this part of the county to know that we have a facility like this available."

Helicopter rides and airplane rides will also be available throughout the appreciation day.

Biplanes and antique airplanes will be on display, along with designs by the Experimental Aircraft Design Club. Antique automobiles and motorcycles will be on display. Souvenir T-shirts will be for sale and food vendors will be selling edibles.

Additional information is available by calling 543-3121.



AIRPORT APPRECIATION — The Scappoose Industrial Airpark will show its all during the second-annual Airport Appreciation Day, scheduled from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 14.

Congregational Church celebrates its centennial

Members of the Scappoose First Congregational Church will celebrate the centennial of its incorporation on Saturday, July 13, with a special pancake breakfast.

Church members will also gather on Sunday, July 14, for the presentation of a historical drama and the cutting of the 100th birthday cake.

Pancakes, sausage and juice will be served from 7-10:30 a.m. at the church, located at 52339 Columbia River Highway. Breakfasts will be \$2.95 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12.

Proceeds from the breakfast will go to the Scappoose Food Bank at St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church.

A cake-cutting ceremony will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 14, following the morning church service, conducted by Pastor Dale Grubb.

Parishioners will be performing a drama depicting the incorporation of the church, its growth and changes over the 100 years of existence.

Performances will be at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. at the church.

The drama will also be performed at 7 p.m. on Saturday,

July 13, at the Scappoose Pow Wow Entertainment Center, located behind the police station.

The church was officially formed on May 18, 1891. According to church spokesman Linda Meshell, the anniversary celebration was going to be held in May, but bad weather forced the church to postpone the event.

Additional information is available by calling Meshell at 543-7548 or the church at 543-3108.

Cruise Night is on July 13, 14

Owners of cars and hot rods both old and new will have an opportunity to show off their wheels during Pow Wow week in the first-ever Cruise-Night and Show & Shine.

The Cruise Night is scheduled for 7-10 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, with registration scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. at the Pizza Vendor. Registration fees are \$5 per vehicle.

Trophies will be presented for Coolest Cruiser, Best '50s Cruiser, Meanest Cruiser and the Mayor's Choice. The cruise will begin at the Pizza Vendor, with drivers heading down Fourth and Fifth Streets to High School Way. Participants will take their cars from High School Way to U.S. Highway 30, turning off at Williams Street. The Cruise-In will end at the Pizza Vendor.

The Show & Shine will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday, July 14 at the Scappoose Industrial Airpark.

Trophies will be presented to the different class participants, along with club participation Dash placques.

The registration fee is \$10 per vehicle. Additional information is available by calling John Chuck at 673-5692 or 226-4731.

Book, plant sale is July 12, 13

The Friends of the Scappoose Library will hold a book and plant sale in front of the library during Pow Wow.

The sale will run from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, July 12, and from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, July 13.

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She is sponsored by Bill's Kwik Video, Sauvie Island Kennels, Triad Construction Meifert Kennels, Wigwam Tavern, G&B Nursery, St. Johns Auto Sales and Jason Construction.

Andrea Murray, the 16-year-old daughter of Scappoose residents Glen and Analee Murray, had been thinking about trying out for the Pow Wow Court for quite some time before she finally took the advice of friends who were on the court in the past.

She said she likes meeting new people and likes to speak in front of people during Pow Wow week. She works at Pizza Vendor and received a scholarship to attend the Business Week Summer Program at Linfield College.

At SHS, Murray likes to study geometry, woodshop and biology. She hopes to attend college and become an accountant.

When she is not studying, she is either running, swimming, horseback riding, shopping or spending time with her friends.

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In days past, politics was more of a personal thing

Henry Kling, Scappoose mayor for two years in 1950 and 1951, can measure his political rise in hunting trips.

"In 1948 I went deer hunting, and when I came back they said I was on the city council," he recalls.

"In 1950 I went hunting again, and when I came back I was mayor."

Kling, the oldest living ex-Mayor of Scappoose will be the Grand Marshal of the Grand Parade Saturday, and will celebrate at the city's birthday party, 4:30 p.m. Saturday at City Hall.

Kling remembers that running the city was a little more personal then than it is now.

For instance, he'd been getting a lot of complaints from citizens along Oak Street between Third and Fourth streets, that the street was a mess because the oak trees were in the way.

"I got tired of seeing their faces, so I got my cat and went down and knocked out three oaks," he said.

"I donated my time and only charged the property owners \$5 apiece—and one died without paying."

Kling said that when the wooden water pipe from Dutch Canyon needed to be replaced he and the rest of the city councilmen worked two days to replace it.

"It cost me \$200 a year to be in city government," and when he left he remained active in Kiwanis and other community groups, but he stayed out of politics.

"Dungey was the star of the game," concluded a 1937 article in The Oregonian about a Scappoose High School football team's win over Jefferson High School.

In that game, the Scappoose fullback scored two touchdowns to lead the Indians to a 12-6 win over the heavily-favored Portland School.

Del Dungey, 72, remembers his exploits as a Scappoose athlete and as a member of the U.S. Navy football team.

From 1934-1937, Dungey was a four-year letterman. During his senior year, he was the captain of the football team and the track and field team. He was also a starting guard for the school basketball team.

In track, he was a high hurdler who went to the state track meet. His fondest memories, however, were made on the football team.

"Our football field was all rocks and dirt," he said. "There wasn't any grass on the field at all."

He was probably the ultimate-utility player for the football team. He called the signals, backed up the line, punted the ball, played defense and went back for punt returns.

The Scappoose football team played against teams from Portland schools and other schools in Northwest Oregon. The Scappoose bunch did its share of winning.

"We were a real tough team," he said. "We played everybody in those days."

The team even played St. Helens High School in those days, and the games were always a big



Del Dungey

event in south Columbia County. One of the joys in playing in St. Helens was that the high school, unlike Scappoose, had bleachers for fans to sit. In Scappoose everyone stood.

Scappoose and St. Helens split the four games that were played during Dungey's four years at SHS.

"It was always a big game," he said. "Everybody shut down the two towns and went to the game."

After high school, he went to the University of Oregon in Eugene, before he enlisted in the Navy. After basic training in Idaho, he was sent to Bainbridge, N.Y., where he played football for the U.S. Navy.

As a collegiate athlete, for the UofO and Navy, he was one of the top punters in the country.

His team played against Army, as well as the New York Giants and the Chicago Bears.



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LANGDON

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smuggle to school in his pocket.

"One day he rolled hazelnuts up front under her skirt," said Langdon. "The chipmunk would run up, get the hazelnut and come back to his pocket." The children all took great delight in putting one over on the straight-laced teacher.

Langdon attended the two-room grade school on West Lane Road for one year, and then started in Scappoose School when it first opened in 1908.

She participated in the Debating Society and the Choral Group, competing with other school groups at the County Fair.

Langdon's family was her top priority, and except for a brief stint in the Steinfeld's Plant during World War II, she lived on the farm with her husband Lester Langdon and family and took care of her mother and father and the stock and the garden.



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As a child growing up in the Czechoslovakian community in south Scappoose, Helen Beno Barta doesn't remember that there was any cultural tension among classmates in the primary schools or among adults.

"You never felt you were any different," said Barta, 70, who still lives in south Scappoose, close to St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church which served from the beginning as the spiritual and social hub for the community.

The Havliks, immigrants from Czechoslovakia to Nebraska, were the first Catholic family to move into Scappoose. They were so taken with the area that they wrote about it in the Czech newspapers, encouraging other immigrants to join them.

"They were under Austrian rule and most of them were peasants," said Barta. "They were looking for a better life. This was suppose to be God's country."

Barta said the shared culture and shared religion bound the community together, but didn't separate them from the rest of Scappoose.

"Some children didn't know how to speak English until they started school," she said. She said

sermons at St. Wenceslaus were delivered in the Czech language until 1936.

Barta attended first and second grades at Scappoose Grade School, but then St. Frederic grade school was built in St. Helens.

After eighth grade Barta and the other Catholic children returned to the public system in high school, and she said everyone got along just fine.

Residents of the community owned small farms and grew produce. They also sold milk and eggs to the local stores.

Barta remembers all of the produce stands along Old Portland Road, which was the main highway then, selling fruit, vegetables and flowers during the season.

Her father, John Beno, worked at the Pope and Talbot Lumber Mill in St. Helens, and life at home centered around keeping good food on the table.

Barta remembers helping her mother, Mary Beno. "We put up beans, pickles and pork and veal — we had to can because there were no freezers until much later when they put the lockers in Scappoose," she said.

Milk, cream and eggs stayed in the cellar, and she said her father would bring home a block of ice for the icebox.

She said they had a cow and chickens and had homemade butter. She wonders at her mother's ability to turn out marvelous angel food cakes on a wood stove.

As a child she swam in the holes along Scappoose Creek, went to the library, joined 4-H, showed at the Columbia County Fair, and went to movies in one of St. Helens two theaters.

"Families competed at the fair and were proud of what they entered," she said.

Social events often took place at the church. "The Slovak group lived in Linnton and would come out and Czechs from Portland would come out," she said. They would host dances and card parties.

"It wasn't really a hard life," she said. Even though she grew up in an era that didn't have television or easy access to Portland, she said the south Scappoose families, making a new life in a new land, supported each other.

"They came to be with each other," she said.



Helen Barta



SECOND GRADE, 1928—Helen Beno Barta was a student of Vera Price, teacher of this Scappoose Grade School class. Barta is the fourth student from the left, second row from the bottom.



BY BOAT — Both passengers and cargo were transported by sidewheelers and later, sternwheelers, that plied their trade up and down the Columbia River in the early part of this century. From Scappoose, the boats carried dairy products and cord wood up the river to Portland.

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Tarbell roots run deep in Scappoose with history of stock, dairy farming

Arnold Tarbell has lived on the Tarbell farm north of Scappoose all of his 82 years.

The stock farm that started out as 900 acres in 1908 was eventually pared down to 674, and now Tarbell lives on 2½ acres, and his two daughters are still on the original farm.

Raising milk and stock cattle in the early part of the century made for long days, Tarbell recalls.

"We milked 84 of cattle by hand," he said. "We hired young Swiss boys. They made good milkers," he said.

Although communication was rudimentary with the Swiss immigrants, Tarbell said they were given a place to live and meals and monthly pay in exchange for milking duties.

Before World War I, when labor became scarce, the Tarbell farms supplied St. Helens with commercial butter. "We worked from 5:30 in the morning until 7 or 9 o'clock at night," said Tarbell, milking and making butter. "It took too much labor," he said.

After the war the family raised shorthorn cattle. "I'd turn the calves loose in the morning and they would come flying down to find their mothers—and would almost always get where they belonged."

Tarbell's parents, Albert H. and Jenny L. Tarbell, moved to the area to be near her sister, Alice, in the county since the 1890s. Alice was a teacher and her husband wanted to log, Tarbell said.

Because his aunt and uncle were enamored with the Yankton area, they convinced their relatives to move out, many of whom were living in Maine.

Albert and Jenny came to the Warren area in 1915, but other family members settled in Yankton.

"Most of the Yankton population is originally from Maine," he said. His grandfather helped build the Yankton Baptist Church.

Tarbell remembers that the family did a lot of traveling. The trip into Scappoose was treacherous around 1918. The highway from Portland stopped at N.E. Columbia Avenue, and took a jagged route out West Lane Road, over a covered bridge and under a railroad overpass before connecting with Old Portland Road into St. Helens.

"At the old Honeyman place under the railroad tracks, you had to blow the horn and blink lights to let people know you were coming," he said. "It was so steep you couldn't see around the corner."

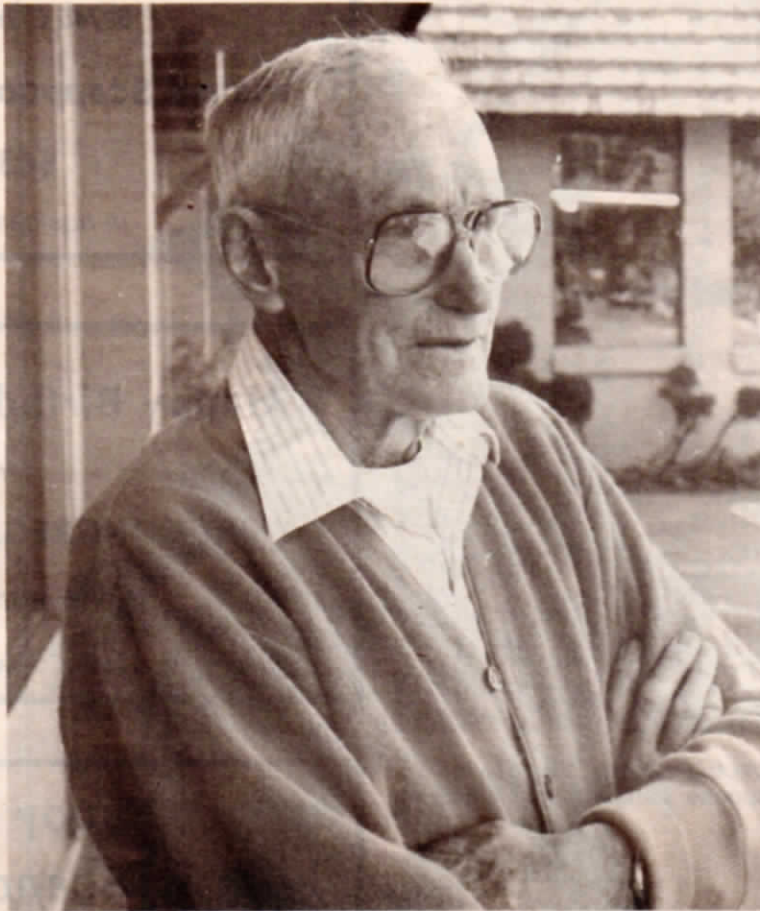
The trip to Portland was a major trek also. "The road was so bad you couldn't go any faster than 15-20 miles per hour," said Tarbell. He said the trip took 1½ hours, and at Rocky Point Road, it went right through a rock crusher, where they loaded the rock onto trucks.

"There was no yellow or white lines and no sides to the road," said Tarbell. The road was only 16 feet wide.

He said he also traveled to Portland on the train, from the Honeyman Station, and by boat. A train could get him to Portland and back in a day.

Tarbell attended Warren Grade School and Scappoose High School.

The Watts and Price Grocery Store, where the Frakes Building is now, had a big hall upstairs



Arnold Tarbell

where the school programs were held. Tarbell especially remembers the big stage curtain that was raised and lowered by ropes.

There were plays and parties for school kids, and a basketball team played Clackamas, St. Helens, Vernonia and Rainier, practicing in the old barn adjacent to the school that had a good floor and electric lights.

Tarbell remembers that the Smith-Hughes curriculum, sup-

plied school boys with mechanical drawing, agriculture and commercial printing type classes.

Now Tarbell is a retired electrician and lives in a home on the site where the original house stood until it burned down.

He grows a little grain for the fairs, and has been a driving force behind the development of the Columbia County Fair's antique farm equipment display and demonstration.



EARLY PETROL—This Union gas station, established before 1933 is located where Larry's Shell now stands. Early motorists carried a five gallon can to fill before pouring it into the auto's gas tank.

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FAMILY HOME—Inez Langdon was only three years old when this photograph was taken in 1903 of the Wickstrom family on the front porch of their new home in Scappoose. Langdon said it was the first area home with indoor running water and plumbing.



START OF RABINSKY ROAD — Road building was important job for first residents of the area. Spring and winter flooding made many areas unreachable, and roads muddy and impassable. For a time, plank roads were used to transport passengers and supplies.



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1891 CLASS at West Lane School, which was the first organized schools for boys and girls. The school was built on donated land on West Lane Road.

From the first were schools

Almost from the first settlers in the Scappoose area, schools for children were located with donated land, donated labor, and teachers that worked for little more than room and board.

The growth of the school system in Scappoose follows the growth of population and requirement by residents that top quality education be made available for their children.

The chronology below was compiled with the help of Bob Nelson, maintenance supervisor for Scappoose Schools, "The History of Scappoose," by James Loring Watts, and history compiled for the 80th birthday of Otto H.H. Petersen Elementary School.

•1853: The first organized school for boys and girls was built on donated land on West Lane Road.

•1853-1892: A one-room school was built at the end of Gosa Lane, close to where Brown's Landing is now. When the building became over-crowded another school was built on County Line Road for children from Multnomah and Columbia counties.

•1884: South Scappoose School District was formed in Dutch Canyon.

•1905: South Scappoose Grade School, now the Dutch Canyon Grange, was built.

•1906: Chapman School was established in a bunk house at the logging camp.

•1908: Scappoose School was built, with room for eight grades and a four-year high school at the current site of Petersen Elementary School.

•1903: Warren School, original four-rooms and gym.

•1913: A one room school in Chapman was built, and a second room added in 1919.

•1930: Scappoose Union High School was built, now Scappoose Middle School.

•1938-39: The brick addition was added to Warren School.

•1945: Scappoose Grade School was enlarged and the main complex of what is now Petersen School was built.

•1945: South Scappoose School District closed and joined Scappoose School District.

•1950: Chapman school closed, and Chapman students joined the Scappoose School District.

•1952: The top floor was removed from the castle section of Scappoose Grade School because it had become unsafe.

•1958: A new wing was added to the east side of Warren Grade School.

•1957-60: D and C wings were added to Scappoose Grade School, and the gymnasium was moved to its present location.

•1958: Scappoose Grade School renamed Otto H.H. Petersen Elementary School, after a former principal.

•1962: Grant Watts Elementary School was built.

•1967-68: The district, which was comprised of individual grade school and high school districts, unified to become Scappoose District 1 Joint, under one school board.

•1971: The new Scappoose High School was completed and the old high school became the middle school.

•Mid 1970s: The original portion of Scappoose Grade School was demolished.

•1979: A wing was added to Grant Watts Elementary School.

•1983: A wing was added to Scappoose High School.



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HISTORY

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But in 1915, fire destroyed almost two blocks of the business district. Because the town had no established fire protection, when the blaze began, it was soon fanned by strong winds, and spread through the community, destroying the store, boarding house, blacksmith shop, a confectionery and six homes.

The memory of that fire stayed strong in the minds of city residents, and in 1920, when the first special election was held, the first mayor, J.C. Watts, and other city residents joined together to establish a city water system that would provide a ready supply of water for other fires — and there were fires. For in Scappoose, in the last century, residents could count on two things almost annually — somewhere there would be a fire, because virtually all the structures were made of wood; and the creeks, channel and river would flood. It's not recorded if any fires and flooding occurred at the same time.

The Scappoose area was growing. The city charter was established on Nov. 1, 1921, and much growth and progress followed. The city founders soon established streets and sidewalks for the bigger community, and streetlights arrived in 1924. In 1926, a fire alarm system, a two-wheel cart with a hose reel, arrived, and electric lights came to houses in 1927. The library followed soon after.

Community life centered around the two churches in the area (First Congregational Church and St. Wenceslaus Catholic Church) and residents enjoyed plays, concerts, basket socials and square dances.

As the years passed, more businesses came to the area, but the growth was primarily in residents

who lived in the area and worked elsewhere.

Progress continued to change and shape the area. Steam boats and sternwheelers gave way to roads, both dirt and plank. Those roads were succeeded by a twisting, turning paved road, and finally by four lanes in the late 1980s. The pastures in the east gave way to gravel mining operations, and more of the growth and development moved to the west hills area.

But the residents of the Scappoose area are still an independent lot who prefer to live "out" of the established metropolitan area in an area that is still rich in tradition and history.

[Much of the information in this story was drawn from "The History of Scappoose," by Scappoose James Watts Loring, which remains the definitive work on early times in the south Columbia County area.]



Two unidentified men from Scappoose, dressed up for a picture to send home.



GRAVE DEDICATION — Dignitaries gathered to dedicate the grave site of Thomas McKay, Scappoose pioneer. McKay's grave is located at the end of Freeman Road.



FIRST CHURCH — The Scappoose Community Church, later to become the First Congregational Church of Scappoose. The church is celebrating its centennial this year.



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