

Woman puts research to paper

Book about Lincoln based on small bits of information

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BORING — Mabel Johnson's activities extend beyond herb gardening and exploring local history.

Johnson has branched out, taking on Abraham Lincoln as her latest subject.

She has written a book about Lincoln, "One Land — One Nation" is part Lincoln's philosophy, part history and part poetry.

The book tells the story "of a nation in shock" at Lincoln's death. The scene opens April 14, 1865, in Washington, D.C., where President and Mrs. Lincoln are attending an event at Ford's Theater.

"It starts out in traditional play format," Johnson said. "The book ends in soliloquy with Lincoln talking."

"One Land — One Nation" is the result of collecting "interesting



Staff photo by Terry Farris

Mabel Johnson has published her fourth book, "One Land — One Nation."

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bits of information" from books and newspapers for about 25 years, Johnson said. Items were noted "and filed away, to become misplaced then rediscovered and added to," she wrote in the book's preface.

"I'm very proud of it because of the things I dared to do and I think the general public will not be aware of it because it is so tightly written," Johnson said.

In her book, for example, Johnson sides with one source and chooses to have the fatally-wounded Lincoln carried out of theater on a window shutter. That explanation makes more sense to her because Lincoln was in a theater, where props would be available, she said.

Another source, Johnson noted, suggested Lincoln was carried from the theater by men cradling their arms together, forming a stretcher.

"I put him on a shutter and I ex-

pect all kinds of roar (from that)," she said.

The author of three other books, Johnson said she wrote this book to "exonerate" Lincoln's wife, Mary Todd Lincoln.

"(The book) shows her as a dignified, educated woman from a wealthy family of Kentucky," Johnson said.

In "One Land — One Nation," Johnson accuses one of Lincoln's law partners of retaliating against Mary Todd Lincoln after she left him standing alone on a dance floor because he told her she danced as smoothly as "a snake."

"(He) hated Mary Todd Lincoln and she hated him, so he embellished on the Ann Rutledge story that she was Lincoln's first and only love," Johnson said. "It wasn't true."

Johnson published 500 copies of the book under the Quality Paper Backs label that she founded in 1975. The book, which features fairly-large print and double-spaced copy, was printed by Davis and Fox Printing Inc. of Gresham, Johnson said.

"It is horribly expensive (to

publish a book yourself)," she said. "This is the first time I've ever had two colors on a cover, and that ups your cost."

Johnson, who has written a number of musicals and historical dramas, did the typing and the layout herself.

"It took me hours and hours to lay it out," she recalled. "To simply sit down and type it would have been nothing."

Johnson said "One Land — One Nation" is for everyone, particularly for those with an interest in Lincoln.

The book is dedicated to Thompson Faller, the immediate past-president of the Old Church Society in Portland. "One Land — One Nation" was presented as a reading during Faller's administration in 1985 at the Old Church on Lincoln's 176th birthday, she said.

The book is available for \$3.95 plus 50 cents for postage from Quality Paper Backs, P.O. Box 7, Boring, Ore., 97009.

Johnson plans to publish three other books, including one about "Indian George," the last of the Clackamas Indians.

Study examines 'invisible seniors'

The future may be brighter for elderly residents of independent or congregate care facilities — the so-called "invisible seniors" — because of work performed under a national fellowship awarded to Clackamas County.

Results of the fellowship, a study published under the auspices of the county's social services division, were presented to the county commissioners this month.

"More of the elderly now are living in unlicensed or unregulated residential facilities," said Jan Tucker, a member of the social services division staff. "They are older and more frail and in need of more services, but we haven't known what those needs are."

The study, which will be distributed nationally, gives county officials a planning guide for meeting the needs for these citizens, Tucker said.

"Invisible Seniors: A Profile of Elderly Residents in Independent and Congregate Housing" was written by Karen Brown Wilson, Ph.D., as part of a post-doctoral fellowship program. The program was sponsored by the Gerontological Society of America under the auspices of the county and was funded in part by the Fred Meyer Charitable Trust.

Clackamas County was selected for the fellowship award from a nationwide field of applicants.

Extension slates woodlot session

"Managing your Woodlot" is the title of a class scheduled for Feb. 26 at the Oregon State University Extension Service Education Center at 200 Warner-Milne Road in Oregon City.

The class will be taught from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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Library network sets conference

Comparable worth and negotiating skills will be among the items discussed at the eighth annual network conference sponsored by the Cooperative Library Network of Clackamas County.

The "Year of the Reader" conference will be Feb. 27 at the Monarch Motor Hotel at 12566 S.E. 93rd Ave., Clackamas.

The event will begin with registration and exhibit viewing at 8 a.m. The first of four sessions, which feature 12 workshops, begins at 9 a.m. Sessions end at 3:30 p.m.

In addition to comparable worth and negotiating skills, stress management and wellness, grant applications, young adult literature,

time management, reading enjoyment, job information centers, storytelling, conducting booksales and planning library programs will be among the topics discussed.

For registration forms or other information, contact Beverly Simpson at 655-8545.

Class changes to mornings

Child's Kingdom Montessori School will be changing from an afternoon class to a morning class on March 2. Applications are now being accepted for 3- and 4-year-olds to begin at that time.

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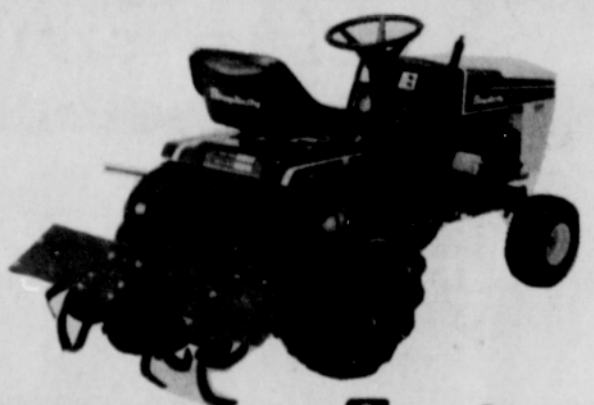
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