

Service For Klinger Baby is Held Monday

Funeral services were conducted from Hope Lutheran church in Heppner on Monday afternoon, December 14, at 1 p.m. for Robert Allen Klinger, 4 1/2-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Klinger of Lexington.

The baby died December 10 in Pioneer Memorial hospital from an illness of several weeks resulting from complications of an ear infection. He was born July 23, 1964, and was the only child of the couple.

Officiating was the Rev. Kenneth Robinson and organist was Mrs. Gerald Jonasson. Pallbearers were Robert Emert and Kenneth Jones. Interment was in the Klinger plot in the Hermiton cemetery with Burns Mortuary in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Williamson and family were week-end visitors in Heppner from their home in Prairie City. They were among those attending the Masonic lodge dinner and installation Saturday evening, with Mr. Williamson completing his year as lodge master. They visited several friends in Heppner, returning to their home on Sunday.

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Huddlestons Report On Progress at Valdez

In their Christmas letter to friends and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Huddleston, Valdez, Alaska, son-in-law and daughter of Frank Turner, tell of progress that has been made towards restoring their city following the March 27 earthquake in Alaska.

Because it is felt that many here would be interested, the letter is reprinted below:

Merry Christmas To All:
We expect you are curious about the post-quake conditions of Valdez. You have probably learned from other sources that our town is to be moved to a new town-site, and progress has been made toward this goal. We have a new elementary school at the site, the entire area has been cleared, and the all-over plan for the town has been formulated. The new dock is nearing completion, some work has been done on the small boat harbor and work on the sewer and water systems is going forward. Our present homes have been appraised by Urban Renewal and some of us have had offers on them. The business men have chosen spots and made plans for loans to build in our future city. The present high school building classroom section was repaired for occupancy this year, but the gymnasium cannot be used as it was felt that the cost of its repair would be too exorbitant. The streets, water and sewer systems have all been repaired for emergency use and most of our homes and business houses (those that were not too unsafe for occupancy) are in the best conditions we can make them temporarily. We do have water on the floors of some buildings during very high tides and there are other annoying little quirks with which we have to contend, but somehow we are managing to live very comfortably, with only a few nostalgic memories of pre-earthquake days. Many of us do wish we were quite a few years younger at this "starting over," but do thank the Dear Lord that it wasn't any worse.

To say the least, the necessity to try to return to normal living, has kept us all busy with cleaning, repairing and other essential tasks. Somehow I was talked into serving on the local school board again and also fell heir to the presidency of the local chapter of the Tansuna Mental Health Council. Was vice-president at the time of the quake, after which our president moved to Palmer. Raymond and his crews have worked hard and long to repair our damaged roads and maintain them for our

much-needed use.

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Harsin Elected Association Officer

Fifteen sewage treatment plant operators from five eastern Oregon counties attended a meeting of the Northeast Oregon Section of the Water Pollution Control Association in Pendleton Friday afternoon at the Pendleton treatment plant. Main purpose of the meetings, held three times yearly, is to seek solutions, through open discussion, of water pollution problems common to the area.

Sitting in on the afternoon session were two water pollution control technicians of Portland, Ed Lynd and Fred Bolton. Bolton will serve as regional technician in Pendleton as of January 1.

Next year's slate of officers was elected during the afternoon. Sam Krause of Pendleton was chosen president, Wayne Harsin, Heppner, vice president, and Bob Humphreys, Condon, secretary.

The City of Heppner recently acquired the necessary laboratory equipment to complete most water pollution tests, complying with state sanitary authority regulations for plants of this size.

Families Are Guests At Christmas Party

Rhea Creek 4-H Livestock club held its annual Christmas party at the Rhea Creek Grange, Sunday, December 13. Turkey dinner was served by the mothers.

Nels Anderson and family were guests of the club.

Nels Anderson gave a talk on field day judging at the meeting.

Dean and David Wright gave reports on feeding beef steers and feeding dairy calves.

David Hall talked on giving oral reasons in judging.

Gifts were exchanged after the meeting.

John Hall, reporter

Club Has 4-H Guests

The Ruralettes 4-H club invited the Country Cutters 4-H club for a Christmas party December 11 after school at the Roland Bergstrom home. Games were led by Darlene Warren. Refreshments were served, then we sang carols. Our next meeting is January 14.

Chris McCabe, reporter

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How Crazy Can A Faucet Get?



NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO — Where's all the water coming from? What's holding up the faucet? The two youngsters puzzle over these questions, which are most commonly asked by visitors at Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, as they view the tremendous stream of soft water dripping continuously from the unattached 10-foot high mystery faucet. The rainbarrel, in grandmother's day, held a limited amount of soft water which she collected for shampooing and washing. Today, modern homemakers have automatic water softeners which provide soft water from every faucet.

Water Bond Election Set for January 11

By LaVELLE PARTLOW

IRRIGON — Charles Akes, a licensed and bonded contractor of Milton-Freewater, was present at the Tuesday night Irrigon council meeting to discuss progress of the proposed municipal city water system.

Mayor Wilson explained that no definite decisions had been reached, and the next step will be a bond election to be held at the old Irrigon school on Monday, January 11, from 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. This election will determine if the citizens of Irrigon will assume general obligation bonds to pay for the cost of drilling the well, fire hydrants, and some of the larger mains. The remainder of the cost would be raised by assessing property owners front footage at a rate of \$2 per foot. Charles Akes estimated that a bore under the railroad track and under the highway would cost approximately \$3 per foot.

Dan Hill was present to ask the council to write a letter to the Oregon State Highway Department urging that an easy access from the Patterson Ferry road to the Interstate Freeway be constructed.

Hill also suggested that the council check into the feasibility of acquiring ownership of the old Irrigon school building at such time as the County School Board should decide to dispose of it.

Christmas Programs Planned

Christmas programs will be presented at both the Irrigon Baptist and Assembly of God churches on Sunday evening, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The Boardman grade school and Riverside High school Christmas program will be presented Monday evening, December 21.

The A. C. Houghton Christmas program will be presented Tuesday evening, December 22, at 8 p.m. School will be dismissed for the Christmas vacation on Wednesday, December 23, at 2 p.m. School will resume Monday, January 4.

A. C. Houghton Bobcats will play basketball against Umatilla at the A. C. Houghton Gymnasium Thursday, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. Riverside High school will play at Athena Friday night, and at Stanfield Saturday night, December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Allen of Rufus spent Sunday in Irrigon visiting friends and relatives.

The Morrow-Umatilla Counties Retired Teachers Association met at the A. C. Houghton cafeteria Saturday. Colburg of Pilot Rock, president of the association, presided over the business session following a noon potluck meal. Mrs. Rees Morgan is secretary pro tem of the group.

Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Ritzer and family drove to Portland Wednesday night and met Mrs. Ritzer's mother, Mrs. Alice A. Smith of Riddle, who returned to Irrigon with them that evening. Mrs. Ritzer drove her mother to La Grande Thursday morning, where she entered the St. Joseph hospital with an injury sustained when a car door was accidentally slammed on her leg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Gayman and Whitey Stevens of Kennewick, Wn., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gayman and family Tuesday evening. They were joined later in the evening by Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Platt and Mrs. Ruth Chamber-

Mrs. McCabe Gives Program for Unit

Heppner Extension unit members enjoyed a Christmas meeting and party last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Riley Munkers. The morning business meeting was followed by a potluck luncheon and a gift exchange in the afternoon.

Mrs. Alice McCabe presented an interesting program on Scandinavian people and their cookery. Mrs. McCabe prepared a Scandinavian Christmas Jewel cake and wreath cookies that were enjoyed by unit members with the luncheon.

Attending the meeting were Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mrs. R. G. Watkins, Mrs. Gene Ferruson, Mrs. Ray Drake, Mrs. Paul Warren and Joan, Mrs. David Eckman, Mrs. Keithley Blake, Mrs. Nora Turner, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Rachel Harnett, Mrs. Joe Wright, Mrs. Walter Ruggles, Mrs. Frank Connor, Mrs. Bud Peck and the hostess, Mrs. Munkers.

Couple Exchanges Vows in Ceremony

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell T. Vinson, Heppner, announce the recent marriage of their daughter, Miss Fran Heath, to Dave Barnett. Vows were exchanged at an informal ceremony on Saturday, December 5, in Carson City, Nev.

The newlyweds will reside in Heppner.

mel, spent Saturday afternoon raking leaves and cleaning yards for Mrs. Lloyd Cooley.

Ora Evans Moves; Guests Visit Here

Mrs. Ora Evans had her possessions moved to Portland Saturday where she plans to make her home after spending the Christmas holidays in Santa Maria, Calif., with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Robinson and her sister, Mrs. Wesley Haskett, formerly of Heppner.

Mrs. Fay Grant of Lafayette and Mrs. Vel Dee Peterson of Cordova, accompanied Mrs. Evans here from Portland Friday to spend the week-end visiting friends and relatives. Mrs. Grant is an aunt of Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Peterson is a cousin. The two were house-guests of Mrs. Stanley Cox.

Also returning to Portland on Sunday with Mrs. Evans was another aunt, Mrs. Bell Nell, Lafayette, who has been visiting in Long Creek with her granddaughter, Mrs. Isabelle Nell.

Hoof and Horn Meets

Meeting of the Hoof and Horn 4-H club on December 13 was presided over by the new officers elected October 14. They are Tag Greenup, president; Teresa Harshman, vice president; Sheridan Wyman, secretary; Alfred Drake, sergeant-at-arms; Steve Pettyjohn, recreation leader; Kit Anderson, news reporter. Discussion was held on the program of work for the coming year. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Irene Wyman.

—Kit Anderson, reporter

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