

**Unusual Vacation  
Enjoyed in Ireland  
By Miss Jody Rugg**

Although thousands of miles from home and among strangers, Christmas time was an exciting and memorable one for Miss Jody Rugg, Heppner High school junior.

Jody was sharing Christmas customs with an Irish family in Southern Ireland, which, she commented, "were pretty much like our own." But she remembered her mother, Mrs. Shirley Rugg, and others in her family with souvenir Christmas gifts on her return home.

But Jody did not go to Ireland to celebrate Christmas — rather to take in some of the outdoor riding sports. Through arrangements well in advance, she joined two other American girls, both from Long Island, N. Y., and other young riders for the special 15-day vacation tour. Sponsors of the tour are the Tara Estates, a joint American and Irish enterprise.

Especially exciting to Jody was "the chase", which included five days of fox hunting, jumping over "all kinds of fences" which separate the small acreages of green farm areas and countryside, so typical in Ireland. The horses, quite different from what Jody had been used to riding, were half thoroughbred and half work-type horses, much taller and larger than her own. While on some sight-seeing tours, she visited the Limrick Tracks and observed racing and steeplechase events.

Jody did her traveling from Portland to New York, then on to Shannon, Ireland, by jet plane, leaving December 18, and returning the same route January 7. She hopes that some day she will have another opportunity to repeat the trip.

**Altar Society Plans  
Public Card Party**

Members of St. Patrick's Catholic Altar Society are preparing for their annual public card party and dessert, which is scheduled to be held Monday evening, January 27, 8 p.m., at the Catholic parish hall.

Chairmen of this year's event are Mrs. Bill Kenny and Mrs. Randy Lott, assisted by Mrs. Wilbur Worden.

Card playing enthusiasts are cordially invited to attend the card party, which will feature bridge and pinocle, and dessert, served prior to the beginning of play.

Admission of \$1 per person will be charged.

**Society AND Clubs**



MISS SUSAN MELBY  
Worthy Advisor, Ruth Assembly

**Club Makes Donation  
To Memorial Fund**

Committee reports and club projects for the month of December were reviewed at the regular business meeting of the Soroptimist club at its luncheon meeting Thursday, January 2, with Mrs. Elaine George presiding.

A \$25 contribution was voted to the Bill Farra Memorial Fund, to be added to other donations for purchase of fire fighting equipment in his memory. Following a report by Mrs. Bill Collins, ways and means chairman, brief discussion was held on whether the club should apply for handling the sale of gate tickets at the Morrow County Rodeo next summer. Decision will be reached following further investigation of the project.

At the luncheon meeting on January 9, program speaker was Peggy Taylor, Heppner High school freshman, recipient of the club's elementary camp scholarship for last summer. She told of her experiences while attending Camp Mivadon, Seventh-day Adventist church camp, near Sandpoint, Idaho, for one week.

Other luncheon guests were two senior girls at Heppner High school, Debbie Bennett and Sue Ellen Greenup. Also Mrs. Clarence Barton of Portland, who was visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emile Groshens, was a guest of the day.

**Sue Melby Crowned  
New Worthy Advisor  
For Rainbow Girls**

Significance of the rainbow as a symbol for goals of achievement during the coming term was used by Miss Susan Melby in her installation as new worthy advisor of Ruth Assembly No. 50, International Order of Rainbow for Girls. Seated with her in formal ceremonies Sunday afternoon, January 12, were 19 other elected and appointed officers.

For her installation, the new worthy advisor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Melby of Heppner, chose gold and white as her colors, and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" as her theme. She greeted her fellow members and guests in a floor length gown of gold satin, with a winter corsage of gold, red and white flowers.

Miss Melby was escorted to the altar by her sister, Miss Kathy Melby, a past worthy advisor of the assembly. Crowning ceremonies were performed by Master Counselor Troy McGowan and seven other members of Blue Mountain Chapter, Order of the DeMolay for Boys, of Hermiston. They were accompanied by their dad advisor, Boyd Thomas, Sr.

Presiding over installing ceremonies were Teresa Harshman, immediate past worthy advisor, installing officer; Kathy Melby, marshal; Lynda Orwick, chaplain; Sara Miller, musician, and Debbie Warren of the Ione Assembly, recorder.

Others seated for the coming term were Cindy Harsin, associate worthy advisor; Teresa Wright, charity; Karla Weatherford, hope; Kristie Taylor, faith; Linda Baker, recorder; Mary Kay Hughes, treasurer; Sara Miller, chaplain, and Debbie McLeod, drill leader.

Those holding color stations are Karen Cox, love; Cathy Sherman, religion; Patti O'Hara, nature; Jill Scott, immortality; Diane Wright, fidelity; Sally Winters, patriotism; Bobette Jones, service; Peggy Taylor, confidential observer; Tami Meador, outer observer; Luanne Kelly, musician and Diane McLachlan, choir director.

A vocal duet, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," was sung by Sandy Matthews and Vickie Steagall, accompanied by Sara Miller, in honor of the new worthy advisor, following the crowning ceremonies.

Starting another term as mother advisor is Mrs. Rachel Harnett.

Several honor guests were introduced and greeted. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Melby; Mrs. Harold Becket, past grand deputy of Rainbow for Girls; Mrs. Earle Bryant, worthy matron of Ruth Chapter No. 32, OES; Harold Becket, district deputy to the grand high priest of Masons; Hubert Wilson, worshipful master of Heppner Masonic lodge; Sharlene Hamlett, worthy advisor of the Ione Assembly; Sara Miller, grand representative to Louisiana from Oregon.

Following special introductions, presentation of a past worthy advisor's pin was made to Teresa Harshman, and a gavel was presented to the new worthy advisor from the advisory board. On behalf of her family, Kathy Melby congratulated her sister and presented her a special gift. Addendums honored both Teresa and Susan, with members participating in a humorous drill, led by Cindy Harsin, "Up in the East".

Serving table in the reception room was centered with a large white cake, trimmed in gold. It featured a multi-colored rainbow with the traditional pot of gold, and inscribed in gold with the chosen theme. Tapers and other decorations carried out the gold and white colors.

**Invitation Extended  
To Hoskins Reception**

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoskins, Jr. will be hosts to an open house reception at the family home northwest of Heppner on Sunday, January 19, honoring the couple on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are extended a cordial invitation to call at the Hoskins home between the hours of 2:30 and 5:00 p.m. The family desires that there be no gifts.

**Holiday Vacation  
Enjoyed in Mexico**

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Martin and family returned last week from a holiday trip to Mazatlan, Mex., where they enjoyed a 2½-week vacation while visiting his mother, Mrs. C. R. Dimm, and his grandmother, Mrs. Laura Barnes. Mazatlan, located about halfway down the Western coast of Mexico, is a city of over 40,000 residents. Temperatures in this area ranged from 70-80 degrees while they were there and the family enjoyed swimming in the Pacific Ocean on Christmas Day. Mexicans, who hold many fireworks displays throughout the holidays, do not actually celebrate until the 12th day after Christmas, Mrs. Martin commented.

The Martin family made the trip by plane.



MISS MARJORIE LEE  
O'CONNOR

**O'Connors Announce  
Daughter's Betrothal**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor of Ione are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Lee, to Douglas Onyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Onyon, of Santa Ana, Calif.

Both of the young people are seniors in the school of Journalism at the University of Oregon. Miss O'Connor was a graduate of the Ione High school with the class of 1965.

Don Robinson, of the Kirk and Robinson ranch, drove to Denver, Colo., last Wednesday with a load of heifers and bulls, which he will show at the annual National Western Hereford Show and Sale, being held this week at the Livestock Pavilion in Denver. Robinson was accompanied on his trip to Denver by Hal Bergstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bergstrom. The two expect to return to Heppner by Saturday.

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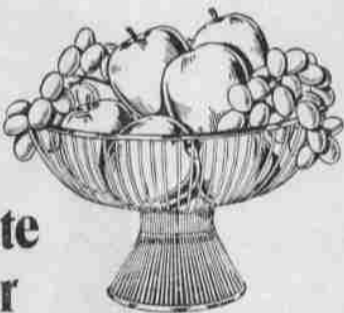
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