

'Action House' is 2-County Home For Handicapped

A dream became reality recently when Lee Roy Zulauf moved into the big white house at 515 S. W. Court Street. A dream for a live-in home for handicapped that started with Tom Higley, a teacher at Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center, Marvin Alberg of the State Welfare Department and Iris Howell, Counselor with the State Employment Division.

Under their direction a community meeting was set on Feb. 25, 1971, to discuss the need of a live-in home for handicapped persons. As a result of the meeting a group was formed that finally became Action for the Handicapped, Inc. Members of the Umatilla-Morrow County group are Tom Higley, Dr. Jean Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hess, Dennis Hachler, Marvin Alberg, Jim Kuykendall and Eric Critter, all of Pendleton; Pat Brindle and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ayers of Heppner; and Jack Chapman of Hermiston.

Under the guidance of Tom Higley, application was made to the State Mental Health Division for a grant to start a home and an activity center for the handicapped and the grant was ultimately approved.

In November a down payment was made on the home at 515 S. W. Court Street and Alan and Laurie Feves were hired as housekeepers. On Nov. 15 Lee Roy Zulauf moved to the home from Eastern Oregon Hospital and Training Center and began his search for independence. On Nov. 29 Cathy Ayers of Heppner, became the second resident of the home.

Activity Center
Iris Howell, who helped to start the dream, has been named as director of the activity center that will begin operation in early January in the basement of the Episcopal Church at 241 S. E. 2nd Street in Pendleton.

Action for the Handicapped is looking for an assistant director for the activity center and anyone interested in the position is advised to apply to Mrs. Henry Hess, Dennis Hachler or Jim Kuykendall, Pendleton. Applications are also being accepted for residents of the home and those interested may obtain further information or an application blank from Mrs. Ray Ayers of Heppner or Jim Kuykendall, Dennis Hachler, Dr. Jean Gardiner or Marvin Alberg of Pendleton. The number to call in Heppner is 676-9128 daytimes or 676-9930 after 6:00 p.m. Parents may apply in behalf of their children, between the ages of 18 and 55, or names may be carried by a local or state agency.

Funds Needed
It is expected that Action for the Home and the activity center will be completely self-supporting within five years, but at this time funds are still urgently needed to help with the down payment on the home and to meet necessary expenses for the home and activity center. Donations in any amount will be greatly appreciated and may be sent to any member of Corporation or to Action for the Handicapped, Inc., 515 S. W. Court Street, Pendleton, Oregon 97801. Donations are tax deductible.

College Kids Home from School

Bill Wolff and Mike Sweeney home from Gonzaga. The Wolff family planned to go to LA and Disneyland during the holidays. Rick Sweek is home from Oregon State. He was full of raves about the oversized Snoopy dog for sale at the Oregon State Book Store for \$225. He just didn't think it would be in his Christmas stocking.

Karla Weatherford is home from the University of Puget Sound at Tacoma. She seems taller than ever. She says she didn't have time to eat she was studying so hard and she is a "lim" one! Craig Cutting is home from Reed with a beard and longer hair, both beautiful red and curly. He participated in some drama at the University and is taking piano. He has great talent, singing and playing.

Vanessa Cutting is also home from the holidays. She transferred from George Fox this year and is at Oregon State following a Home Ec major.

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Spray Turkey Shoot Winners

By MRS. DON GRIFFITH
SPRAY—The Turkey and Ham Shoot sponsored by the Spray Rodeo Assn., Dec. 19 in Spray was a huge success with the winners from several different areas.

Those winning the hams and turkeys were: Don Bolton, Don Strober, Jim Prock, Doug Murray, Luke Bibbey, Dutch Roland, Mike Prock, John Britt, Brenda McGirr, Al Frost, Lee Erlsbo, John Prock, B. J. Reardon, Fred Jenkins, Mike Todd, Stan Murock, Gene Wells, Odie Vaughn, and Ben Hamilton.

Sunday afternoon visitors at the Don Griffith home Dec. 19 were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and daughter Delene Durney from Condon.

Overnight guests at the Don Griffith home Monday, Dec. 20 were Gary Griffith from Condon, and Ralph Jackson from Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chapman and Penny traveled to Portland Sunday, Dec. 19 and then went on to West Fir to spend some time with their daughter and son-in-law and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Ott. On the way home they stopped in Gervais to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Beach and family. They returned to their home Thursday, Dec. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Brown from Grass Range, Mont., arrived in Spray Dec. 20 to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Fadrhone and Monique.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 21 the Spray Grade and 21 School children put on a Christmas program for the public. After the program Santa Claus arrived to present bags of candy.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shen and son Paul from Amanteca, Cal., are spending the holiday with Mrs. Shen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Odel Adams.

Christmas day dinner guests at the Bill Chapman home were Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rector and family from Fossil, and Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Roland, and Mr. and Mrs. Art Stephens.

Columbia Basin Applies for Loan

The Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., of 171 W. Linden Way, Heppner, announces that it is making an application for a loan from the Rural Electrification Administration which provides for the construction of about twenty-nine and seven tenths (29.7) miles of 69,000 volt transmission line. The transmission lines will be located in Morrow and Gilliam Counties in two separate parts. One will extend the present 69,000 volt transmission system from Heppner to Hardman via Ruggs with a distribution substation at Ruggs. The other section will extend the transmission network from Jordan to a point near Olex with a second distribution substation to be built.

These facilities will make it possible for the Cooperative to meet the increasing demand of the present consumers with a more reliable and stable source of power plus providing service to an estimated 110 new consumers including newly developing irrigation projects.

If there are any comments on the environmental aspects of the proposed construction they should be submitted to Columbia Basin Electric Cooperative, Inc., at 171 W. Linden Way, Heppner, Oregon, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Additional information may be obtained at the Cooperative's office at the above address.

Jr. Hi. Boys Wish Basketball Games

The Junior High age boys of the Church of the Nazarene have begun practice for their second basketball season. They will be traveling to other towns in Oregon for games with other Nazarene Church teams.

These boys would also like to play teams from any other area churches. Any group that is interested may contact Pastor Floyd Everhart for tentative game dates.

Tax Collector Again Says Dec. 31, Jan. 2 Dates of Tax Relief

The Morrow County Tax Collector would like to remind taxpayers that applications for Homeowners' Property Tax Relief, cannot be accepted until after Jan. 1, 1972.

To qualify contracts or deeds must be recorded by Dec. 31, 1971. "The recorded owner as of Dec. 31, 1971, is the only one entitled to relief."

Property tax relief is now based on household income for the calendar year 1971 and income earners cannot possibly certify to the exact amount of income received, as the law provides, until the end of the year, the tax office explained.

Persons who paid their taxes to take advantage of the 3 percent discount are to send their application "with all questions filled in" to the Department of Revenue after Jan. 1, 1972, along with a copy of their receipted tax statement. The Department will issue rebates to those eligible for relief.

Persons who have deferred payment of their taxes, which they can do under the new law if they are eligible for relief, are to file their applications with the county tax collector after Jan. 1, 1972. The amount of relief will be computed by the collector, and the taxpayer will be required to pay one-half the tax due, on or before April 15. Any delinquent tax due after that date will draw interest as will the remaining quarterly payments due May 15 and Aug. 15.

Taxpayers needing help in completing their application are asked to wait until after Jan. 1 and then contact the tax collector's office. As the tax collector's office is now at the busiest time of the year processing Nov. 15 payments, it is impossible to process tax relief applications at this time. After the first of the year maximum assistance will be available.

Mary Lovgren, Pat and Rita went to Pendleton to have Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnston.

Neighborhood Center Holds Holiday Pace

Heartening results of students in the trainee program were told by Pat Brindle at the meeting of the Heppner Neighborhood Center Advisory Council Monday evening.

Action House
Mrs. Brindle also reported on the progress of "Action House" which is the new home opening in Pendleton as a live-in home for handicapped. This is to serve both Morrow and Umatilla counties. Mr. and Mrs. Alan Feves will serve as house parents. There is a need for a relief house mother for two days a week.

The house will accommodate 8 residents and capacity is expected to be reached right after the first of the year. At present there are two residents, one from Umatilla County and Kathy Ayers of Heppner. She is working part time at the EOSH and work situations are being secured that these handicapped people can handle.

The house was purchased with the bare essentials of furniture in the home. More furnishings, books, puzzles, bedding and other household necessities have been donated to the home by friends in Morrow County. Anyone having to give current magazines, sheets, towels and other items needed to run a home may leave them at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

The Action for the Handicap who is responsible for the purchase of the home meets every second Tuesday. They are in the process of securing \$4000 needed for the down-payment. Anyone wishing to help on this project may leave contributions of any amount at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Alta Stevens reported on Senior Citizens John Canaday reported on the Committee for Progress through Law. Six have signed up for the

Typing Class to start Jan. 12. Ten are needed. Anyone wishing to take Typing as an initial introduction or a brush-up course is asked to call Heppner Elementary School. Those already signed up are very anxious to have enough sign up to make the course possible.

Center Report
Mrs. Brindle reported Christmas boxes had been prepared at the Center with provisions and gifts supplied by the organizations and churches of the area and toys from the Jaycees and Jaycee Wives. Boxes went to homes with a total of 60 children in the north end and 25 children in the south end of the county. All Senior Citizens received a box of foods and oranges.

Mrs. Brindle and the crew of volunteers at the Neighborhood Center are truly appreciative of all the help given towards this Christmas project.

The Neighborhood Center had \$629 of in-kind contributions which puts them way above its quota. Mrs. Brindle said, "This is due primarily to our fine corps of volunteers."

Jean Beebe, volunteer seamstress, met her self-set quota of 100 dresses for the year for the Center. This was in addition to the quilt making and mending that she did. She also made 75 jars of jam for the Christmas boxes.

Serve Northend Better
The Council went on record as favoring a trip to the north end at least one day a month for the certification clerk and the food stamps clerk. Reports were heard of the difficulties experienced by some of the north end people in trying to get here for the certification and food stamps. It was felt the older people of that area could best be served in this way. Their recommendation will be presented to the County Court.

Christmas weekend guests at the Amanda Duvall home were her brother, Vernon Wald and wife and their son Jim. Portland; her sister, Mrs. Lulu White, Pilot Rock and nephew and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wald of Ukiah.

Christmas At Two Houses

Relatives from both sides of the family provided lots of fun and gaiety at the Larry Angells' and Floyd Hutchins' homes. Christmas weekend guests at the Angells were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Angell, Harold, Gerald and Deann and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gattis, Keith, Teresa and Diana, all of Portland.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hutchins were Skip Carnes, Mrs. Lynn Carnes and Debby of Lebanon, Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Connor, Tracie and Tina of Goldendale, Wn. Mr. and Mrs. Winston Majors, Ken and Rob of Hoskins, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Connor returned to their home Christmas Eve. The others went to Pendleton to have Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Ivan McDaniel. Pete McDaniel returned to Heppner to visit his grandparents and Ken Majors also stayed for a visit with them. The two team up with their cousin Jimmy Angell for a lively Trio on Chase St.

Colored TV is Given to Hospital

The Nursing Home of Pioneer Memorial hospital was the recipient of a beautiful color television set as a Christmas gift from Mr. Harold Cohn, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Mahoney, Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358, the James Lindsay Memorial Fund and Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick.

This gift is greatly appreciated by the patients and staff of Pioneer Memorial hospital and Nursing Home and will give many hours of pleasure to the shut ins.

Kennys Welcome Son

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kenny are the parents of a son born Dec. 15. No. 7 in their family has been named Thomas Michael and he weighed 7 lb., 15 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Mahoney of Baker and a great grandmother is Mrs. A. H. Wenker of Spokane.

Valby Church Elects

Congregational officers elected at Valby Lutheran Church on Dec. 5 were: Deacon, Don Peterson, 3 yr term; Trustee, Roland Bergstrom, 3 yrs.; Trustee, Art Stefani, 1 yr. (to fill an unexpired term left by Eugene Docktor); Roger Palmer, treasurer, 1 yr.; Donna Bergstrom, Finance Treasurer, 1 yr.; Louis Carlson, secretary, 1 yr. The nominating committee was Paul Tews, Robert Peterson, and Art Stefani. Valby's annual congregational meeting followed a potluck fellowship dinner at the church.

Odd Fellow, Rebekah Installation Jan. 8

A joint installation of new officers will be held by the Odd Fellows, Willows Lodge No. 66, and Rebekahs, Sans Souci No. 33, Saturday evening, Jan. 8.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 in the Heppner lodge rooms, and the two sets of officers will be installed about 8:00. All members and friends are invited to this public installation.

Mr. Arnold Raymond and daughters Diana and Donna made a weekend visit to McMinville and Albany to visit relatives. They met Arnold's sister, Mrs. Larry Bender who had flown west from Denver, Colorado. Together they visited Mr. Clayton Raymond, McMinville, the girl's grandfather. Mrs. Bender will fly back to Colorado after her family holiday visits.

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