

"If it stands still, paint it!"

"The pursuit of happiness" means different things to different people, but to four Lexington women happiness is a "worm board," a dented milk can, an antique coffee pot without a lid, or a kraut board in need of a "refinishing" job. But to these ladies, these items are beautiful - real happiness - because when they are found, bought, borrowed, or created it means they can continue their favorite hobby: tole painting.

"Who's driving this week?" is a common question among Eileen Padberg, Mildred Davidson, Gena Leonard, and Phyllis Piper who take painting lessons weekly in Milton-Freewater. "It's a long drive," they admit, "but we would rather be spending our time driving than in a psychiatrist's office."

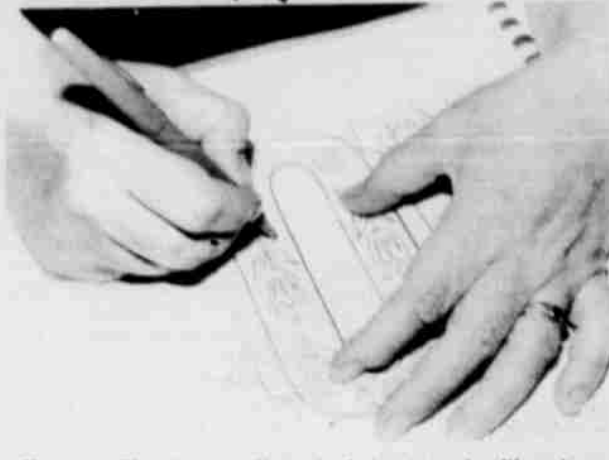
Their teacher is Mrs. Jim Alexander from Milton-Freewater, and the classes are held in a little room at the back of The Hobby Shack, a creative supply store there, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Corwin. "Be sure to give our teacher plenty of credit," one of the ladies said, "because she's really a good one!"

Tole painting is oil painting, with the emphasis on one-stroke application. This requires the painter to often use two, three or more colors on one brush at the same time to achieve the look that is strived for. Different shaped brushes are used to fit different patterns.

Since patterns are an expensive part of the supplies, to cut down on costs the ladies share patterns. When buying books, they each try to get a different one so that the patterns can be exchanged. Wrapping paper, cards, comics, and coloring books are also sources, "...and good ones, too!" that can be used for patterns. Sometimes patterns are chosen to fit a particular item, other times, the item is chosen for a pattern in mind.

There are four major steps from beginnings to completion of a project. First, the project must be cleaned thoroughly with different solvents to remove anything that the paint might not stick to. If it is a board, it must be sanded to take out all rough spots, and the bad holes filled with wood putty, and then resanded. No all boards are in bad condition; some are even bought new, and then made to look old! After the painting is finished, the item is varnished, "...which is the real secret!"

Their projects are varied, but something new is always being added. Visits to garage sales, rummage sales, junk yards, and second-hand stores are common occurrences. "We can always fix it up and use it again," is their excuse for being so interested in the "junk."



Here, a Christmas pattern is being traced. Plans have to be made early.



Getting more than one color on a brush at one time is the real art of Tole Painting.



One-stroke application when painting.



Antique, then varnish and the project is complete.

The projects have ranged from new and old boards, stools, boxes, cans, bottles, canisters and bowls, to kraut boards, coffee pots, milk cans, clocks, and watering cans. "Something we paint makes a good gift because it is home-made," the women say. Many of the items they

decorate are very useful - not everything is for decoration. The group first started painting about four years ago under the watchful eye of Mrs. Gus Nikander, Heppner. "She is the one who really got us started," one of them adds, as she traces another pattern to continue her favorite pastime.

Irrigon Rec Program going great

By Frances Rose Wilson
IRRIGON - The summer recreation program which started June 12 at A.C. Houghton School in Irrigon has been well attended. The last two weeks will consist of swimming lessons at the Hermiton pool, according to Principal Mick Tolar. Swimming began Monday July 24 and will run through Aug. 4. They will be held every morning from 10:30 to 11:15. The fee for the 2 weeks will be \$8.00 per child and transportation will be provided for both Irrigon and Boardman students of elementary school age. Thirty children had been expected for the swimming sessions and more than 70 registered. Trophy winners in the ping pong tournament held Friday at the school, were Dale Brandt first place and Leroy Wilson second. Honorable mention to Donald Richards, Robert Leckenby.

MAJOR AND MRS. CHESTER WILSON and Leroy, returned to Irrigon after a 2 week vacation in Calif. They visited their daughter Carmine Wilson in Santa Cruz and Evangeline Fagerstrom and Mr. and Mrs. David Bauer and family in Watsonville, who are Mrs. Wilson's mother and brother in law and sister. Carmine accompanied them on a weeks tour through the Mother Lode gold country, visiting Sonora, Columbia, Calaveras Big Trees Park and Yosemite. The sight-see Shuttle Buses were of special interest as they would carry people throughout the valley. Cars were banned in certain areas of the

Park to eliminate traffic congestion.
 On the return trip Daria Fagerstrom, a niece traveled with the Wilson's to Portland where she took a plane to her home in Juneau, Alaska. She had been visiting at the Bauer Home.

The Wilson's visited his sisters, Lois Land, Portland and Mrs. Wayne Walker in North Bonneville, Wash., before returning home Wednesday.

Bruce Buchanan, returned home from Mountain View, Calif. to attend the wedding of his brother, Robert Buchanan.

MR. & MRS. DON ADAMS and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Cooley and sons, vacationed together in Penticton, B.C. Canada. They also visited points of interest in Washington including, Lake Chelan, Sun Lake and the Coulee Dam.

Vera Cooley recently returned from Oklahoma where she visited her mother, Elnora Arbogast.

PERRY PUMMEL, Irrigon flew from the Pendleton Airport to Kearney, Nebraska, on Friday to attend a Pummel family reunion. Over 150 relatives from several states were at the reunion. On the return trip he visited with relatives in Denver, Colo. Rev. and Mrs. Charles Marshall, Debra and Alan of Deer Park, Wash. were visitors at the W.F. Coy home, last week, visiting Mrs. J. Marshall's brother, David Fitzgerald and family. Mr. Fitzgerald was home on a 10 day leave from the Army and left Friday to return to Vietnam.

PROPERTY TAX FAX

If you have a question concerning real or personal property please state all the facts as briefly as possible and mail it to your COUNTY ASSESSOR under the name "PROPERTY TAX FAX". Please ask only one question per sheet. Then watch this column for the answer.

question;

I am a war veteran having served with the United States Armed Forces, and have been certified by my county health officer and my duly licensed physician as having disabilities of 40 per cent or more. I have filed with the county assessor and am entitled to a property tax exemption if my total gross did not exceed \$2,500 during the last calendar year. Do these total gross receipts have a relationship to whether the income is taxable under the Oregon or federal income tax laws? What about joint income with my wife?

ANSWER:

No. Your income is the income earned by you or paid to you. The term "Joint Income" as it applies to a veteran's exemption, would mean only that income to which the veteran and another person would have a joint right. Social security is not a joint income, but rather is a combination of separate incomes. For instance if a veteran receives social security benefits of \$247.50 a month which is comprised of \$165 for "his" payment and \$82.50 for his wife's benefit only \$165 is the income of the veteran.

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Mrs. Van Hubbard (Ione Club) 2nd for Horticulture Essay titled "Pansies". Susan Marshall, 2nd in State for Conservation Poster. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Marshall, and a student at Sherwood School Pendleton. Her prize was \$10.00.

Mrs. Charles Dallas, District Director was presented a State Life Membership by the State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. for her long and outstanding service to Garden Club activities and projects.

Those attending from Ione were Mrs. Fredrick Martin; Mrs. Van Hubbard, Rev. and Mrs. Ed Cutting.

Future Citizens



Rocky, John and Rusty Jake, 5 years old; and Toby Dale, 1 1/2, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Rodriguez, Irrigon.

all went out to dinner in Pendleton, Saturday evening. MR. & MRS. VESTIE ELGIN flew to Burlington, Iowa, to attend the funeral of Mr. Elgin's father, which was on Saturday. They returned home Tues.

Among guests here to attend the Robert Buchanan and Georgia Hinton wedding, were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Aune and family of Seattle and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett and De Ann of Pendleton. De Ann was in charge of the gift table.

A visitor of Rodda Maddox was her sister, Ruth Moody, of Winifred, Montana. Mrs. Maddox took her to Lewiston, Idaho, where they both spent the weekend.

Mrs. Gayle Shoemaker spent several days in Portland recently. Mr. and Mrs. Gene Berg and Ronald, were visitors at the Al Partlow home over the past weekend.

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Retired Army Colonel Passes

Edward Lafayette Burchell, Oregon State Traffic Administrator was buried July 12 in Corvallis. He died July 9 in Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland following a heart attack at his home in Corvallis. Services were held at McHenry Funeral Home in Corvallis followed by burial with full Military Honors at Oak Lawn Cemetery. Father Gerald M. Healy of Beloit, Wis. officiated at the services and interment.

Mr. Burchell, son of Edward T. Burchell and Anna Mae Rainey, was a retired Army Colonel. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam where he was Commanding Officer of the Army's Aviation Maintenance and Recovery Activities. His decorations included three Legion of Merit and awards from other nations in which he served.

Born at the family home near Lexington, he graduated from Lexington High School and in 1939 from Oregon State University where he was Editor of the Barometer for two years.

Mr. Burchell and Katherine Healy were married in 1935. After traveling throughout the world as members of the Army they returned to Corvallis last year following his retirement.

Besides his widow, he leaves two sons; Major Larry E. Burchell, Ft. Richardson, Alaska; Major Gail P. Burchell, Ft. Greeley, Alaska; both graduates of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point; a daughter, Mrs. Barbara Ann Stubbs, Alexandria, Virginia; brother William E. Burchell, Grants Pass; sisters Mrs. Grace Graham, Salem; and Mrs. Doris Robinson, Anchorage, Alaska; and nine grandchildren.

Those who wish may make contributions to the Oregon State University Fund.

Boardman views Modular Homes

By Mary Lee Marlow

Run Golf Course over the weekend. Don Russell, Doug Trudeau, Ralph Skoubo and Don Harper all had a low net of 56. Carl Wicklander had low gross.

In the "rose and thorn" contest Sunday evening first place winners were Ron and Eileen Daniels, second went to Bruce and Barbara Russell. Wayne and Betty Kuhn had low gross.

Pastor Neil King took another group of students from the Boardman Community Church to Camp Morrow near Wamic this week. Freddie and Donna Ziemer again went as counselors. Others in the group were Linda Walker, Jack Donovan, Mary Lou Lindell, Becky Ziemer and Cynthia King.

THE BOARDMAN GARDEN CLUB met Monday night of last week at the home of Mrs. Rollin Bishop with Mrs. Roy Ball as co-hostess. The following officers were installed by Hazel Miller: Mrs. Ball, president; Mrs. Walter Hayes, vice-president; Mrs. Mrs. Ralph Earwood, treasurer.

Mrs. Bishop read an article on birds, "The My Garden Gate." Hazel Carpenter had a poem read written by Mrs. Rose Blunt of Kirkcaldy, Alta., Can., "A Little Shack On The Prairie". In 1925. Mrs. Blunt is now 98 years old and her poem was recently printed in a Canadian paper.

Mrs. Hayes had an article read by Mrs. Ball, "My Got Up And Go Has Got Up And Went."

Mrs. Miller received the prize in a game and Mrs. Marlow the door prize.

THE BOARDMAN TILLCUM CLUB met last week at the home of Mrs. Tom Hilling with Mrs. Vernon Russell co-hostess. The club planned a traveling food sale for July 29.

The next meeting will be a potluck dinner and swimming party at the home of Mrs. Bill Nelson Aug. 8.

The Decorations, a gospel singing group of 22 young people from the Emanuel Baptist Church in Pasco, under the direction of Bob Stewart presented a concert in the Boardman City Park Sunday evening. There were about 100 present.

MRS. JERRY PECK was called to Scottsdale, Ariz. last week by the serious illness of her father, Col. (Ret.) Robert Heald.

Mrs. Elvin Ely is apatient in the Community Hospital in Pendleton where she had major surgery last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ball visited in Pendleton last Thursday at the home of Ball's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ball Saturday the Ball's went to Yakima, to visit at the home

of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ball Mr. and Mrs. Max Lings

cheit, Pasco, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wyss Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Marlow returned home Sunday evening from a visit of several days in Medford at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Marlow.

MRS. MARY BAILEY will be leaving the Heppner area soon to stay with her twin sister, Mrs. Maggie Reynolds, Astoria, who recently suffered a stroke. Mrs. Reynolds has visited in Heppner several times and is well known among some of the people here.

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