

# A Warm Welcome Home, Mike Bengé

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### Witchcraft Trials Begin Tonite

#### ★ See "The Crucible" ★

The Salem witch craft trials will begin tonight on the Heppner High School stage, when the Heppner Community Drama Club presents Arthur Miller's drama, "The Crucible."

Panic, hate, spite and dignity all play important parts in the lives of the people of Salem, Mass. as they try, sometimes without success, to prove their innocence before Judge Danforth, played by Greg Davidson. Unique staging and lighting effects will add to the forbidding atmosphere that prevails throughout the play. Costumes - including shoes and hats - have all been carefully planned, sewn and borrowed, until just the right combinations have been attained. Many of the costumes look as if they could have been brought over on the Mayflower.

The two-act drama will last longer than most plays presented at HHS. There will be one intermission during which the sophomore class will sell pie and coffee in the Home Ec. Room.

The play begins tonight, April 12, and will be presented Friday

and Saturday also. The curtain dividing the schools cafeteria into two rooms will be pulled, to give the theater an intimate feeling. Because of that, only about 100 chairs will be set up. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and \$.75 for grade school students. As usual, preschoolers will be admitted without charge. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m.

Others in the cast are John Rawlins, Mary Abrams, Sheridan Tarnasky, John Myers, Rick Drake, Bob DeSpain, Bob Jespersen, Allen McCabe, Linda DeSpain, Jane Rawlins, Michele Evans, Alice Abrams, Tom Roberts, Dave McLeod, Randy Morris, Lynda Baker, Marie Van Marter, and Tami Meador.

Behind-the-scenes workers include Jim Slusher, lights; Greg Davidson, publicity; Ann Toney, make-up and costumes; Linda DeSpain, make-up and costumes; Barb Sherman, make-up; Mary Abrams, set; and Jane Rawlins, costumes and props.

Mrs. Lynda Slusher is directing. This will be the last production by the Community Theater for the year.

### Baseball Clinics Coming

The first Little League tryouts were held last Saturday with 25 boys trying out in Heppner and 25 in Ione. Each boy was given an opportunity to bat, field, pitch, catch and run. Jerry Stefani, coach in Ione, was in charge there and Heppner coaches Glen Ward, Tom Wilson and Dennis Martin were assisted by Don Cole and John Messick.

The next events coming up are the baseball clinics Dale Holland is holding. Coaches may attend a clinic on Apr. 16 at 7:30 at the Heppner High School and coaches and umpires both are urged to attend the second

night on Apr. 18 at the high school. The clinic for players will be held in conjunction with the second tryouts on Apr. 21 at the Little League field in Heppner at 10:00 a.m. Both Ione and Heppner boys will attend this meeting in Heppner. Boys who are already members of a team will wear their uniforms so they may be checked for size and also to distinguish them from the boys who are trying out. The announcement will be made later if the boys are to bring a sack lunch.

Many thanks to the Heppner Jaycees for erecting the fence at the Heppner field.

### Central Market to Have More Parking

Ted Palmateer and Harry O'Donnell are tearing down Jeanne's Beauty Shop here which Clint McQuarrie recently purchased. The area will be added to the Central Market parking lot which will add a great deal to the parking convenience.

### Harley Sager's Home Sells

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Belcher, new manager of First National, have purchased the Harley Sager home on Hager St. The Sagers expect to stay in the house until school is out.

Mr. Sager will assume his new position as comptroller for C & B Livestock in Hermiston next Monday. C & B is owned by Ron Baker, formerly of Morrow County.

### Local Students on OSU Honor Roll

Names of local students who made the scholastic honor roll winter term have been announced by Oregon State University.

A total of 479 OSU students made the straight-A honor listing and another 1,395 qualified for the B plus or better honor roll.

Janice A. Books, Senior, Liberal Arts, Ione.

Joseph M. Tatone, Jr., Sophomore, Liberal Arts (straight A); Lewis D. Barnhart, freshman, Business and Technology. Both from Boardman.

Billy C. Bellamy, Graduate School, Heppner.

VERN LEATHERS is in the Walla Walla Veterans Hospital.

### Don Heliker Heads Ione Lions

At Tuesday night's Ione Lions Club dinner and meeting, Don Heliker was elected president, succeeding Ray Boyce who has completed his term.

1st vice president is John Jepsen; 2nd vice president, Darrell Padberg.

Tail twister is Herb Ekstrom,

Jr.; Lion Tamer, Donald Bristow; Secretary-Treasurer is John Edmundson.

Directors for one year are Gordon Meyers and Robert Drake.

Directors for two years are Lindsay Kincaid and Garland Swanson.

Linda Palmer will be the guest speaker at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce next Monday. She is field counsellor at the Womens Community Treatment Center, part of the Human Resources Department of the State Corrections Division. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Palmer of Heppner.

### Paving Job To Be Done in Heppner

New paving will be done this year in Heppner. The paving project was planned several years ago but the flood caused a delay.

Streets to be paved are East Center (Main to Chase); East

Willow (Main to Chase); Chase (Willow to May); Chase (May to Cannon); Cannon (Chase to Green); Green (Cannon to Matlock); Matlock (Green to Court).

### Band Carnival Dated

An evening full of good food, games and dancing is being planned by the Heppner Band Parents Club for April 28, the date set for this year's Band Carnival.

A dinner of barbecued beef, hot dogs, salads and desserts will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The carnival will begin immediately after the dinner and will run until 10:00. Dancing will begin immediately after the carnival with music by the Pizzicilly Band. Several chaperones will be on hand during the dance.

The highlight of this year's carnival will be the raffling of a portable TV. Whoever is holding the winning ticket does not need to be present to win.

Several new things have been added. The band students are in charge of decorations, besides running their booth during the evening. The students' parents will be expected to help their kids out sometime during the night and work for them in the booth. A prize will be awarded for the best-decorated booth.

Need White Elephants

The Band parents are in need of community support. White Elephants for the Country Store top the list of "needs". Anyone who has things they might like to donate are asked to contact Corliss Boner at 676-9461 or Mildred Davidson at 989-8402 for pick-up.

Money from last year's carnival was used to purchase sweaters for the high school band, and to buy two instruments for the grade school for use by those students who want to play in the band but do not have their own instruments. Meals are also paid for both the high school and grade school students who attend the band festivals with carnival profits.

TV IS DOOR PRIZE

The door prize for the Carnival will be a 12" RCA portable TV set. Tickets for the TV will be sold by the 5th and 6th grade students from the Heppner Elementary School. Proceeds will go towards purchasing supplies, equipment and materials for the Heppner Outdoor School program May 7 to 11 at Tupper Guard Station.

Tickets will be available this Friday through April 27 from the students and at the door the night of the Carnival.

### Greg Davidson—First Place Winner in Editorial Contest

An editorial concerning the proposed shield laws protecting reporters from revealing their sources of information earned a first-place trophy for Greg Davidson at the fourth annual National Scholastic Press Association (NSPA) Conference in Portland's Hilton Hotel April 6-8.

The on-the-spot writing contest was held Friday afternoon. One entrant from each school was allowed in each of the four

writing categories - news, features, sports and editorials. Trophies were awarded to the top three winners in each division, for both in-state and out-of-state. The other first-place winners for Oregon were from McNary High School in Salem.

The conference was full of sessions on both yearbook and newspaper covering all areas of publication, including writing, lay-out, proof reading and

photography. Different leaders from all over the country led the various classes.

The NSPA Conference is held in different parts of the western U. S. each year. Next year's meeting will be held in San Francisco.

Also attending the conference from Heppner were Shanny Farley, Barb Sherman, Patricia Van Schoick, Susan Healy, Sherry Kemp, and group's advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Toney.

### Farm Measures

Thursday April 24, Morrow County Farm Bureau will host Dick Rankin The Dalles who is vice president of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation and Otto Steinke, Arlington, who is Director of Region I.

They will be here to discuss the approximate 50 bills introduced in the 1973 legislature pertaining to workmen's compensation, the Governor's Tax proposal and the Oregon Safety Practices act.

The meeting will be open to everyone interested.

### Wranglers Have Playday

Sunday's beautiful weather brought out a big attendance at the first Spring Wrangler's Play Day at the newly improved grounds.

The keyhole was substituted for the 10 years and over instead of the stake race.

6 And Under

Barrels: Steve Miller, 1st, Poles, Steve Currin 1st, Steve Miller 2nd, Stake, Steve Currin 1st, Steve Miller 2nd.

7-8-9 Years

Barrels: Ann Murray 1st, Anita Palmer 2nd, Ann Van Schoick 3rd, Mike Currin 4th. Poles: Ann Van Schoick 1st, Anita Palmer 2nd, Ann Murray 3rd, Mike Currin 4th. Stake: Ann Van Schoick 1st, Ann Murray 2nd, Anita Palmer 3rd, Mike Currin 4th.

10-11-12 Years

Barrels: Jana Steagall 1st, Tony Currin 2nd, Cindy Dougherty 3rd, Ron Currin 4th. Poles: Maureen Healy 1st, Cindy Dougherty 2nd, Nancy Miller 3rd, Kyrnn Robinson 4th. Keyhole: Nancy Miller 1st, Kathleen Van Schoick 2nd, Marie Yocom 3rd, Marie Van Schoick 4th.

13-17 Years

Barrels: Dawn Peterson 1st, Barbara Palmer 2nd, Kathy Gilbert 3rd, Judy Healy 4th. Poles: Janice Healy 1st, Debra Palmer 2nd, Donna Palmer 3rd, Judy Healy 4th. Keyhole: Dawn Peterson 1st, Janice Healy 2nd, Kathy Gilbert 3rd, Debra Palmer 4th.

18 and Over

Barrels: Bev Steagall 1st, Pat Dougherty 2nd, Lee Palmer 3rd, Bob Van Schoick 4th. Poles: Bev Steagall 1st, Kite Healy 2nd, Bob Steagall 3rd, Lee Palmer 4th. Keyhole: Judy Currin 1st, Lee Palmer 2nd.

Fast times for the day were Jana Steagall 17.9 on barrels, Janice Healy 22.3 on poles, Dawn Peterson 7.2 on Keyhole and Ann Van Schoick 10.3 in Stake race.

Team Roping: fast time, Monty Evans & Jerry Dougherty 14.0. Ron Currin & Bob Montgomery 1st 38.7 on two-steers; Lee Palmer & Howard Bryant 2nd 1.15.1 on two-steers. There was a total of 27 teams roping.

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### Final Immunization Clinics

The last of the immunization clinics for this year will be held this month. On April 17 shots will be given at the Heppner Grade School Library beginning at 9:00 a.m. Clinics will be on April 24 in Ione at 8:45 a.m., Boardman, 10:15 a.m. and Irrigon at 11:00 a.m.

This will be the last opportunity for students and preschoolers to receive their needed shots this year.

### Artefactory is here

Saturday April 14th The American Association of University Women is sponsoring an arts and crafts fair and book sale. The event will be held in the Heppner Hotel lobby and restaurant from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

There will be scheduled demonstrations of crewel work by Ruth Maatta at 10:30, Macrame by Pat Edmundson at 11:00, Ceramics by Alice Mageske Ceramics Shop at 11:30, leather craft by Dode Krebs at 1:00, painting by Betty Brown and Shirley McNary at 2:00, Japanese Ming Trees by Mary Bristow at 2:30 and china painting by Mary Nikander at 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited, its free, shop or just look and don't forget the book corner.

The American Association of University Women is an organization of women graduates of accredited colleges and universities whose aim it is to further their education through study, community action, projects and legislation.

### Grain Market

White Wheat 2.51 1/2 bu. Contract Price

Red Wheat 2.48 1/2 bu. Contract Price

Barley 69.50 ton

(FOB Lexington does not include warehouse chgs) courtesy MCGG

## PROCLAMATION

Whereas, members of the armed forces have played an outstanding role in assuring the future progress and prosperity of a smaller nation and others have aided these people to provide for themselves a more plentiful supply of food products and to improve their standard of living; and

Whereas, we are thankful for the cease fire in Vietnam as a sign of Peace, the return of every veteran and especially thankful for the return of Morrow County's Prisoner of War, Mike Bengé;

THEREFORE, I as County Judge of Morrow County do hereby designate the day of April 15, 1973 as Mike Bengé Day.

Signed: Paul W. Jones, Judge of Morrow County

## Big Community Welcome Sunday at 2 p.m.

"Sunday is Mike Bengé Day". The flags will fly, the band will play and there will be speeches because Mike Bengé is coming home. He won't be here long. He will fly in Saturday and return to Washington Monday as he is still an out-patient at Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The heart warming welcome for the civilian POW will start with a family potluck dinner at the Fair Pavilion at 2 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited. Families are asked to bring a pot and own table service. There will be paper plates for those who forget.

Scout Troop 661

Scout Troop 661 will present the colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Rev. David Blackaller of All Saints Episcopal Church will give the invocation. Heppner High School band and the Ione High School band will provide musical selections.

LaVerne VanMarter Jr., will act as emcee to introduce the guests. A chorus of welcome will be given by Judge Paul Jones who has signed a proclamation naming Sunday as "Mike Bengé Day", and by Mayors Robert Drake of Ione, Gene Orwick of Lexington, Jerry Sweeney of Heppner and

Ione City Councilman, Don Bristow.

Ten service organizations are contributing funds to purchase a tape recorder to assist Mike in writing a book about his five-year experience as a POW.

## Accident

Danny Flanagan was involved in a one-car accident near Dr. Huber's ranch outside of Lexington last Saturday morning. The car was totaled, but Danny escaped with minor contusions and abrasions. He was transported to Pioneer Memorial Hospital by ambulance where he was kept until Sunday morning for observation.

Friends are making contributions to buy him an electric portable type writer. These contributions may be dropped in donation boxes at Murrays, Central Market, Wagon Wheel, Elks, at Lexington's Del's Market and Ione's Bristow's Market. Friends from out of town who wish to donate to this community gift may mail their checks to Glen Ward. Checks should be made out to Mike Bengé Community Gift Fund.

The flag that flew over the Capitol the day Mike came home has been shipped here. These three gifts will be presented by Herb Ekstrom Jr., Keith Rea and Glen Ward.

The honored guest will speak. The Rev. Ed Cutting of the United Methodist Church will give the closing prayer.

The Heppner Elks have acted as coordinator for this community welcome. Members of Scout Troop 661 will distribute the "Welcome Home Mike" banners around town. The Heppner Legion Post will put out the flags. The Heppner High School students are making the Main St. banner and printing the programs.

Mike is a graduate of Ione High School and Oregon State. He served in the Marine Corps. He was in the International Volunteer Services in Vietnam before joining the Agency for International Development as an area development advisor. He was working with the Montegards in the central highlands when he was captured during the Tet offensive of 1968.

## Other Prisoners

During World War II this area of Eastern Oregon had a number of prisoners of war. In the Pacific Theatre were Paul Brown who now ranches out of Heppner, and Ensign Cecil Espy USN, husband of Patricia Mahoney. Ens. Espy died in the Bataan death march.

In the European Theatre were Clint McQuarrie, Hank Stotts, Ralph Currin of Pendleton and Judge James O. Burns of Condon.

## Hootenanny Proceeds Go To Solarium



"It's in the bag" Mrs. Vernon Wilson, president of Tops, presents the proceeds from Saturday night's Hootenanny to Harriet Evans, Chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board. Mrs. Charles Heard, Soroptimist Club president is at left.

A few cents over \$62. was presented to Harriet Evans, chairman of the Pioneer Memorial Hospital board, at the close of the 2nd annual Hootenanny Saturday night. The donations will go towards furnishing the new solarium at the Hospital.

The TOPS-Soroptimist Club sponsored event featured an evening of variety numbers. Bob Jespersen substituted for Dennis Cass as emcee to start the evening rolling at 7:30. Jacki, Cindi and Sandi Hudson opened when they played a triple at one piano. They are

pupils of their grandmother, Mrs. J. D. Hudson.

Peter Sundin pleased the audience with his guitar and singing. Also when he led the group singing in old favorites that were quite unfamiliar to some of the younger generation gathered to hear The Rollin West.

Toes tapped to the tunes played by Bob Roberts, Steve Hedman, Dale Hedman, Roy Roberts, Dale Chick and Russ Roberts in the Rollin' West.

Ella Mae Green was charming as she sang accompanied by her dad, Harry Green on the

guitar. She added dash to her number with the tinkle of her tambourine.

Bill Kenny was all professional and perfection as he played his piano solo. Another piano number was done by a sister duo. This time by Arlene and Susan Gray, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gray.

Drawings of animals by Ron Ward came to life with animal imitations done by Johanne Wood.

The Rollin' West provided more music as guests enjoyed cookies, punch and coffee.