

VFW forming county post

Local veterans assembled at the Morrow County Grain Coop Building, Oct. 20 to hear Harold Damm, Veterans of Foreign Wars state senior vice-commander, tell of the need for increased veteran activity.

Damm was in Morrow County with other VFW personnel to assist local veterans with information of a new VFW Post in Heppner to be known as the Morrow County Post. Veterans from Heppner, Lexington, Condon and Ione are being welcomed to the new Post.

The new post will have a special charter issued only to posts that are started in the 1973-74 year as the VFW is celebrating its diamond jubilee of 75 years of service to the veteran and the community.

"Coming into an era of peace will make it a lot harder to get new benefits for the returning Vietnam veteran and also harder to just main-

tain what the VFW has already won for them," Damm said.

Until a national charter is issued a local election cannot be held. However, those interested have set a tentative dues structure of \$10 per year. When 25 members are signed an election of officers can be held and a dues rate established. Only local members vote in these elections. Simon Winters of Heppner is doing most of the recruiting locally. Persons interested in seeing if they are eligible to join should contact Winters at 989-8415 or 989-8221. Six more members are needed to apply for a charter.

After a post is formed and a charter issued it can remain open for a period of up to but not more than 90 days to allow additional persons to become charter members. At the close of that period no other names will ever appear on the charter.

Last rites here for Paul M. Gemmell, 74

Paul M. Gemmell, 74, former Heppner resident, died in Salem on Nov. 2.

Mr. Gemmell was born July 29, 1899 in Morrow County. He graduated from Heppner High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War I.

In 1920 he was married to Harriet Sheldon. He was employed by the First National Bank before going into business with Harold Cohn at Cohn Auto Company. Later he operated the Standard Service Station.

In 1936, the Gemmells moved to Salem where he was claims accountant for the State of Oregon for 27 years. He retired in 1964.

Besides his wife, Harriet of Salem, he is survived by a son, James S. Gemmell, Salem; a daughter, Jean Crawford, Eugene; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Graveside services and interment were in Heppner Masonic Cemetery, Nov. 5.

ANNUAL CHARGE MEET SET FOR NOV. 14

Next Wednesday the annual charge conference of the Heppner United Methodist Church will be held in the church basement at 7:30 p.m. Superintendent Askew Crumbly of the conference's central district will preside.

Tress McClintock, Monmouth, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Arthur Dalzell, and her husband in Ione. Due to the snow, his stay is indefinite.

Rhea Creek Grange will meet Friday, Nov. 9, with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. Elections for the coming year will be held.

Ione

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan attended a retirement dinner for Dick Crabtree, manager of Pacific Northwest Grain and Grain Products Association, at the Aero Club in Portland, Oct. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Crawford and five children visited with his father, Wate Crawford, and other family members Sunday, Nov. 4.

Valby Lutheran Church held a family potluck dinner Nov. 4, at the church. About 65 attended the affair. A "sing-spiration" followed the dinner. Mrs. Don Peterson led the singing and Mrs. Paul Tews played the organ.

A bridal shower was given for Janet Palmateer Nov. 3 in the social room of St. Williams Church. Hostesses were Mrs. Loyd Morgan, Mrs. Don McElligott, Mrs. Bryce Keene, Mrs. Dick McElligott, Mrs. Harold Snider, Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Mrs. Norman Nelson, and Mrs. Don Peterson.

The bride-elect was assisted in opening her gifts by Jean Healy, Bonni Ball, Jodi Hanna and Patti Crawford.

Mrs. Bill Healy presided at the punch bowl and Mrs. Helen O'Donnell poured coffee.

The Fellowship Dinner planned by the United Church of Christ for Nov. 11 has been cancelled due to conflicting activities.

Pastor Bill Arthur reported there is a possibility the Meals for Senior Citizens Program, sponsored by the Neighborhood Center, might be held once a week in Ione if there is enough interest. The United Church of Christ has offered use of its facilities for this purpose. Anyone interested in this program may contact Pastor Arthur for further details.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Tachella and son, David, and Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Burnett, all of Pendleton, were weekend visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Baker.

An informal discussion group has been formed by Pastor Bill Arthur of the United Church of Christ which will meet monthly to discuss current Christian books. The first meeting will be Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the church basement. The book that will be discussed is Late Great Planet Earth by Hal Lindsey. It is a book on biblical prophecy and current world conditions.

Menus for Ione Schools, Nov. 13-16:

Tuesday: chili beans, salad, hot rolls, cake. Wednesday: meat balls, baked potatoes, salad, bread and butter. Jello. Thursday: ham and noodles, salad, finger food, fruit cobbler. Friday: assorted sandwiches, soup, pickles, cookies. Milk served with all meals. Extra milk, 10 cents.

There will be no school Nov. 12 in observance of Veterans Day.

The Ione Junior High football team will be treated to a taco feed Nov. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Films of a professional football game will be shown. Cardinal Club room mothers are in charge.

A Basketball Officials Clinic will be held Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. in the Ione High School gym. It will be conducted by local basketball officials with Jerry Martin in charge. There will be a scrimmage to illustrate the various calls and signals. Coach Del LaRue will give a brief talk on his plans for the Cardinals this year. The public is encouraged to attend.

The Cardinal Club will meet Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Cassy Chapel will show slides of her trip to the United Nations.

The Ione Schools Advisory Board met in the library, Nov. 1. Remodeling and repair projects to the building were discussed. Recommendations will be submitted in the 1974-5 budget.

School was dismissed at 2:15 p.m. Nov. 5, due to the hazardous roads, caused by snow and ice.

The 7th grade will hold a bake sale on Nov. 13 at 11:45 at the school.

Mrs. Sam (Alice) Crawford entered St. Anthony's Hospital in Pendleton, Nov. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Skip Pettyjohn, and Bob Drake spent five days in Las Vegas attending a Mobil Oil convention. Gail Herrmann looked after the Pettyjohn girls, Kim Kell, and Kris.

The Ione volleyball team played the last game of the season at Riverside, Oct. 31. Each of the three units lost its match by a score of 0-2. Cindi Martin scored 8 points for A unit, Lori Bergstrom scored 5 for the B unit, and Laurette Piening scored 7 for the C unit.

Halloween parties were held in the elementary school Oct. 31 for grades 1-6. The rooms were decorated with black cats, pumpkins, ghosts, witches, and other things associated with the day. Grades 1-4 had a parade to show their costumes. All grades played games and were served special refreshments and treats. Cardinal Club room mothers coordinated the parties.

There was very little Halloween trickery done in Ione. Perhaps the snow that fell that day dampened the spirits of the "mischief makers."

Gene Grabill of Sumpter was a visitor for six days at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Ellis. He also visited his mother, Mrs. Ida Grabill, and other relatives.

Mrs. Evin Osborn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Walter, returned to her home in Burns Oct. 26 after undergoing emergency surgery in Boise. Mrs. Osborn is reported doing well.

Bill Gates was transferred from Pioneer Memorial Hospital to the Veteran's Hospital in Walla Walla, Oct. 27.

American Legion Post 95 will conduct a Veterans Day program on Monday, Nov. 12, at 10:30 a.m., at the flag pole in Memorial Field.

The Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ met at the parsonage Oct. 25 with Mary Arthur as hostess. Mrs. Fred Martin presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Darrel Wilson was in charge of the program. "Choose Life" will be the continuing theme for the year.

A National School Assembly was presented to grades 7-12 in the cafeteria Nov. 1. "Laugh, American Style," a comedy program of jokes and skits, was put on by the Brotherhood Players.

Ten Ione seniors went to Hermiston Nov. 2 to attend a college visitation program. Those attending were Mary Pat McElligott, Fred Sherman, Phil Carlson, Kay Bergstrom, Teena Stefani, Joan McElligott, Melanie Ball, Jan Ekstrom, Mark Rietmann and Cassandra Chapel. They were accompanied by John Edmundson, principal.

The all-day Shakespearean workshop held in Heppner Nov. 2 was attended by 21 Ione students. Seven others attended for half a day. Any student interested in the workshop was permitted to attend. They were accompanied by English teacher, Mary Langston.

Mrs. Paul Tews escaped injury Friday morning when her car slid on the icy pavement and went off the highway. There was some damage to the car.

The Ione United Church of Christ observed Stewardship Sunday, Nov. 4, by having members and guests partake of a stew dinner following the worship service. About 50 people participated. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson Jr. were chairman of the event. They were assisted by Mrs. David Rietmann and the Board of Trustees.

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