

## Life and death in 'Our Town'

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Before a crowd of more than 100, the Heppner High Drama Club presented the third performance of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," Friday night at Heppner High School.

The cast of 15 directed by Mrs. Lynda Slusher brought fond and sorrow memories to the audience as they portrayed life in "Grover's Corners."

Through his warm fatherly action while puffing on a pipe, stage manager John Myers led the audience through nine years of a small town in New Hampshire.

The play featured two families to illustrate family life in the early 1900s. On one side of the street lived the Gibbs family; on the other side, the Webb family. The Gibbs family, led by a strong-willed wife, Julia Gibbs, played by Anita Davidson, typified a traditional doctor's family. Dr. Frank Gibbs, the overworked doctor, was played by Tom Wolff. Their two children, George and Rebecca, were played by Jack Chitty and Karen Winter.

The influential family in the community, the Webbs, lived across the street. Charles Webb, played by Randy Morris, was editor of the town's newspaper. His family included Mrs. Myrtle Webb (Charma Marquardt) and Emily and Wally Webb were portrayed by Toni Toll and Mike Brandhagen.

No town is complete without a milkman, newspaper boy, constable, and professor. Grover's Corners is no excep-

tion: Howie Newsome, the milkman, Tom Roberts; Joe Crowell, the newspaper boy, Mike Brandhagen; Professor Willard, Charlie Rawlins; and Constable Bill Warren, Charlie Sumner.

Charlie Rawlins diversified his talents, playing the intelligent Professor Willard and church organist who later committed suicide.

John Myers set the scene and action in each of the three acts as he tells the audience of the town's happenings.

The action begins when George Gibbs (Jack Chitty) and Emily Webb (Toni Toll) portray an important event of life in those days—courting.

Most of the play is centered on George and Emily's courting and reaches a climax when the two become married.

Life in Grover's Corners is happy and everyone is concerned with everyday living. The play takes a sharp turn and reflects the dying part.

In the third act, members of the community have passed away since the marriage of George and Emily.

Joining the dead in the cemetery is Emily Gibbs, who dies in childbirth. Emily can't accept death and is given a chance to relive a part of the past. John Myers takes Emily back to her 12th birthday.

Unable to accept the living Emily returns to accept death.

In the finale, Toni Toll brought tears and chills of sorrow and emotions to members of the audience as she tells of the real meaning and purpose of life and death.



Emily (Toni Toll) finds her return to the past a painful experience as Mrs. Webb (Charma Marquardt) is unaware of her daughter's return from the grave. Stage Manager (John Myers) watches the drama in the Heppner High School's production of "Our Town."

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## Wheat Growers

The Public Relations and Membership Committee, Morrow County, voted to cooperate in a legislature tour if one is held. The committee, headed by George Luciani, took the following positions: in favor of the discontinuance of the OSU-UO scholarship program; voted against participating in the OWGL 8th grade tour; and took no action on the 3-cent per acre contribution proposed by the state league.

Bill Rietmann's committee on Production and Land Use voted to recommend that Environmental Protection Agency standards be developed with agricultural representatives, and that standards take into consideration varying soil types and climatic conditions.

The committee also took the following positions: recommended that wheat production research be continued and be

well funded; felt there is not adequate researching on the feed grain research program; and supported an adequate funding for the Sherman Experiment Station at Moro if reorganized and better managed.

Representative Sumner discussed the Taxation and Legislation Committee report. Members voted to allow the

state to control surface water in the state, Water Use Bill 3210 and 3280. Another topic concerned workmen's compensation. The committee favored providing safety educational programs for young workers.

The committee endorsed the improvement of the Willow Creek Highway and were opposed to mass transit.

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## Irrigon

Post office in new location

Friday was moving day in Irrigon. That is, for the post office.

The office, for 15 years located on the highway, was moved one block east and one block north, to the corner of 8th St. and N. Main Ave.

Lavelle Partlow, who has been in charge of the Irrigon office for a number of years, believes postal patrons will receive a number of service advantages in the new location. Much better off street parking is available, away from the flow of traffic on Highway 730, which has increased greatly in the last few years.

The new office is connected with the Partlow's new modular home, is of the same size as the former office, but no steps are needed for entrance. This is an added benefit for the elderly or the infirm, according to Mrs. Partlow.

Also facilitating a safer entrance is the four-foot concrete walk, extending 34 feet to the parking area. Landscaping is planned for the surrounding area.

With population increasing in the community because of an expanded agricultural economy, the new facility will meet the need.

A carload of young people and Pastor and Mrs. Robert Schmolli plan to attend the State Youth Celebration of Oregon Assembly of God at the Bend Senior High Auditorium, Nov. 22-23.

The speaker is Sam Johnson, and special music will be by The Couriers, Neil, Duane and Dave.

## Honor students named at HHS

The Heppner High School honor roll for the first nine weeks of the current school year has been released.

Four seniors and three juniors earned the perfect score of 4.0 grade average: Greg Davidson, Dyrk Dunlap, Kristi Haguewood and Patricia Hughes; Anita Davidson, Kathy Hedman and Sharon Kelly.

Other honor students are: Seniors—Clyde Alistott, 3.75; Jean Christman, 3.57; Davidson, 4.0; Dunlap, 4.0; Haguewood, 4.0; Hughes, 4.0; Gary Hunt, 3.71; Charma Marquardt, 3.85; Lolita Marquardt, 3.40; John Myers, 3.33; Robanai Riddle, 3.85. Juniors—Dale Arrington, 3.66; Anita Davidson, 4.0; Randy Devine, 3.66; Kel-

wayne Haguewood, 3.75; Hedman, 4.0; Kelly, 4.0; Joe Kenny, 3.40; Sandra Palmer, 3.75; Jim Ployhar, 3.66; John Roark, 3.57; Dena Struthers, 3.83; Sally Winters, 3.50; Mark Wright, 3.5.

Sophomores—Lori Dunlap, 3.50; Elizabeth Hellums, 3.60; Steven Jones, 3.60; Teri Rogers, 3.30; Tim Skow, 3.30; David Worden, 3.40.

Freshmen—Keven Haguewood, 3.33; Rhonda Harris, 3.33; Deborah Holland, 3.47; Stephania Jones, 3.50; Matheny, 3.66; Sharon McCarl, 3.80; Mark Sargent, 3.50; Tina Schmidt, 3.40; Tom Skow, 3.50; Nola Steers, 3.83.

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## on Dec. 3 for Water Improvements!

Our schools, all residents of Heppner and the surrounding area will benefit from this Water Improvement program.

\$1.5 million of contemplated housing starts and building improvements await approval of this bond measure.

Our new plant, when completed, will have added almost \$8 million to the county tax rolls. These new additions should result in a drop in your total tax bill in the years to come.

Housing is urgently needed for the new employees now in Heppner, and the 120 additional workers to be employed early next year.

A resounding YES vote will be your invitation to these newcomers to begin making permanent investments in the community.

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