

Irrigon

Council tables bond proposal

Most of the lengthy March 12 Irrigon City Council session was consumed in a heated discussion of the proposed bond election to improve the city water system.

Mayor Chester Wilson made an unfruitful attempt to read an ordinance authorizing the bond election to finance the water system improvements. Objections by some council members and residents present regarding the cost involved, resulted in the tabling the matter. A special meeting for the reading of the ordinance was set for March 19.

Mayor Wilson informed those present that the prime concern was storage of water to meet State Health Division requirements. A jury panel ordinance was passed.

A counter proposal was also offered on the purchase of a five-acre tract which the council had considered buying as a source of gravel for city streets.

SENIOR CITIZENS DINE ON ELK STEAK

The senior citizens dinners served at the Irrigon Lion's clubhouse each Monday have met a need in the community. Not only does it provide a good meal but it gives friends and neighbors an opportunity to get together and visit.

Elk steak was served to 40 people at a recent meal, according to Mrs. Howard House, wife of the Lion's Club president, who is a volunteer helper. Other members of the club assist workers from the Neighborhood Center of Heppner. The program is financed by a government grant.

Francine Evans has baked several birthday cakes for the senior citizens, and a party is given for those who have had birthdays.

DONALD EPPENBACHS HAVE A SON

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Eppenbach are the adoptive parents of a son, Jeffrey Lynn, born Feb. 23.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Earl Isom and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Eppenbach, all of Irrigon.

The baby was guest of honor at a baby shower at the Albert Partlow residence, March 12. Co-hosting the shower with Mrs. Partlow was Mrs. Ollis Lathrop, assisting were Mrs. Perry Pummel and Mrs. Vernon Stewart. Seventy women from Irrigon, Umatilla, Hermiston and Boardman attended the shower.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E.A. Stephens Saturday were her brother, Dewey West Sr. and Mrs. West of Woodburn Senior Estates and Mr. and Mrs. Dewey West Jr. of Boardman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lawson and April of Salem were visitors at the home of her mother, Mrs. Cora Ellis.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Otto Goodman were her mother, Etta Cook, niece and nephew, Debbie and Ralph Vinyard, and Hiedi Miller, all of Hillsboro.

Lori Prock of the Mulefooters 4-H Club announced its next meeting will be April 6. The club met Saturday at Lexington School to enroll two new members and make the members' first practice rounds.

THE REV. SCHMOLL IS ORDAINED

The Rev. Robert Schmoll was ordained at the Oregon District Council meeting of the Assemblies of God, which was held recently at the church of Albany.

The Irrigon pastor was one of 17 young Oregon ministers who received ordination, the highest honor given to a minister.

T.F. Zimmerman, general superintendent of the Assemblies of God, Springfield, Mo., gave the ordination message. Also participating in the ceremony were Oregon District Superintendent N.D. Davidson and the Presbytery, including local ministers, The Rev. C.K. Barnes of Hermiston, who was elected to the office of General Presbyter, and The Rev. Charles Slaughter, newly elected sectional Presbyter, Pastor of First Assembly in Pendleton.

The Rev. Schmoll came to Irrigon a year ago with his wife, Sherry, and children, Nicholle and Daniel.

The Oregon District meeting was celebrating the 60th anniversary of the Assemblies of God which were organized in 1914 at Hot Springs, Ark.

TOPS MEETING AT CONDON DRAWS WOMEN FROM COUNTY

An area TOPS meeting on March 14 in Condon was attended by two lone women and three from Lexington.

Announcement was made that Area Director Dorothy Davis has called a meeting of all members of the TOPS groups in her area for April 9 at the Gilliam County Fairgrounds in Condon. This will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. and a workshop and fun night to follow.

Attending the Condon meeting from this county were Margo Sherer and Carmen French, Ione, and Mary Doherty, Irene Padberg and Elsie Fox, Lexington.



The Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court and their mothers met at the home of Clista Venard for a luncheon Saturday. Pictured standing left to right, are the court members: Michele Evans, Cassy Chapel, Queen Sherry Kemp, Mickey Hoskins and Patricia VanSchoiack. Seated in front of their daughters are Mrs. Margaret Evans, Mrs. Delsie Chapel, Mrs. Billie Kemp, Mrs. Darlene Hoskins and Mrs. Katie VanSchoiack.

Calendar of events for Queen, Court

A luncheon for the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Court members and their mothers was Saturday, where plans for the court's busy summer were outlined.

The luncheon was hosted by the queen's mother, Mrs. Billie Kemp, and the court's chaperones, Mrs. Bob Jepson and Mrs. Clista Venard. Special guest was Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, who has worked with the courts in past years in obtaining their outfits.

The court was presented with calendars with all summer events listed. It was noted that the first official appearance will be at the Arlington Rodeo, May 4. At the rodeo they will ride in the parade, attend the courts' luncheon and be introduced in the grand entry at the rodeo.

A new trip has been added to the court's appearances this year. They will be attending the Crooked River Round-Up

at Prineville on July 13-14 for the first time.

After the luncheon the girls discussed plans for making their summer's sarapes while their mothers began preliminary preparations for the visiting courts' luncheon, which will be held at the Morrow County Fair and Rodeo, Aug. 18-25.

She met Prince Charles

A telephone call from San Diego last Sunday evening brought news that Teresa Weatherford had a short visit with England's heir-apparent, Prince Charles, last week.

The British naval vessel on which Prince Charles is serving as a reserve officer was in San Diego. He is acting as communication officer and needed to check in to the communications office of the U.S. Navy where Teresa is on regular duty. She was one of those in the office who met him and talked with him. She says he is very "down to earth and easy to talk with."

Teresa's husband, Bill Weatherford, is on duty at San Diego.

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\$7,000 damages to watermelons

A civil suit charging the loss of two-thirds of a 1972 watermelon crop came to a close in circuit court here Wednesday when Wallace and Grace Frederickson, Irrigon, were awarded \$7,000 in damages because of spraying in the Boardman area, which was alleged to have damaged their 16-acre watermelon field.

The suit was against Richard Betz and Walter McDevitt, Hermiston, and Stan Bybee of Western Applicators of Ontario, Ore. The three defendants were judged jointly liable for the loss.

Betz and McDevitt hired Bybee to spray the potato crop they had in a field adjacent to that of the Fredericksons. The potatoes were being grown on land which the defendants were leasing on a share-crop basis from Desert Magic.

The potato crop was sprayed with a chemical defoliant on Aug. 6, 1972. The chemical defoliating procedure is standard practice in the area's potato industry to prepare potatoes for harvesting and is approved under state law. The plaintiffs charged that some of the chemical used on the potatoes came into contact with their watermelon plants causing the melons to become prematurely overripe and thus not marketable. The Fredericksons had claimed a loss of \$9,000.

The trial lasted three days. The jury arrived at its verdict about 8:30 p.m. Wednesday evening.

Counsel for the Fredericksons was Dennis Doherty of Heppner. The defendants were represented by Corey, Byler & Rew of Pendleton.

Killingsworth guest of Hoof and Horn Club

Ken Killingsworth gave a talk on livestock selection when he was special guest at the March 13 meeting of the Hoof and Horn 4-H Club.

According to club reporter Mark Sargent, Killingsworth told of selection of all breeding animals including the characteristics of bone, fat and muscle throughout animal growth.

After a potluck was enjoyed by members and guests, Rhonda Sargent opened the meeting and introduced Killingsworth, Bill Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Howell and family and Mr. and Mrs. Tullis.

The herdsman award for the month was presented to the Mollahans. Paula Palmer gave an illustrated talk on selecting a ewe, telling the good breeds and points on the animal such as the length, width, and size of the ewe.

Dick Sargent told the parents about last year's achievements of the club and plans for the coming year.

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