

Babysitting laws draw women's ire

A meeting between women who do babysitting in their homes on a scheduled basis in the Heppner area, parents of young children utilizing such services and the person assigned from the Children's Services Division to inspect homes in which babysitting services are conducted, has been set for Tuesday, May 21, in the basement of the Lutheran Church in Heppner, beginning at 8 p.m.

What seemed an "impossible and unfortunate law" governing babysitters may be resolved if a meeting held last Thursday by mothers of young children, a baby sitter and Children's Services Division representatives is an indication.

Six Heppner women met at the home of Linda Johnson to discuss notices which had been sent to six of the area's babysitters, declaring that said sitters must be certified and meet set state standards or be in violation of the law. Mary Rogers, director of the local Children's Services Division and Chuck McCallie, Eastern Oregon representative for day care work, were present.

By Oregon law, anyone caring for more than four children unrelated to that person, is required to obtain a state certificate, meet set requirements for safety in the home, health standards, meals, etc., and be subject to

periodic inspection of the home by a representative of the Children's Services Division. The women expressed concern about the requirements which had been sent to babysitters. These were discussed at some length, and it was learned that the state is "willing to be lenient."

McCallie assured the group that he is reasonable about the situation and willing to discuss possible changes in requirements. He will be present at the May 21 meeting to discuss the concerns people have about the requirements.

All women who do babysitting in their homes on a scheduled basis, and have been contacted by the Children's Services Division, are urged to attend. Parents who utilize babysitting services of these people are invited. Those persons interested in becoming certified to do babysitting in their homes are encouraged to attend also.

The consensus arrived at by the Thursday meeting was, "We dislike having the state impose laws on us which are not necessary in Heppner. However, we have the law and with discussion it appears that solutions can be arrived at which all of us, baby sitters, parents and the people enforcing the law, can live with. The most important thing right now is that all of us get together and talk the matter out."

Alpha Theta chapter installs officers

Three Heppner women achieved full membership in Epsilon Alpha International here last month at a meeting of Alpha Theta chapter at the home of Mrs. Rita Harris.

Those honored were Mrs. Ramona Marshall, Mrs. Barbara Bloodworth and Mrs. Betty Heath, Heppner.

Conducting officer for the ceremony was Mrs. Crystal Michael, Pilot Rock, second vice-president of Oregon State Council of ESA, assisted by Mrs. Russel Rasmussen, president of Gamma Nu chapter of Pilot Rock.

Mrs. Rita Harris, Heppner, was installed as president of newly formed Alpha Theta chapter of ESA. Mrs. Crystal Michael presided as installing officer. Other officers installed included Ellen Kennedy, vice-president; Betty Heath, secretary; Phyllis Piper, treasurer; and Ramona Marshall, educational director.

Other members signing the charter were Barbara Bloodworth and Faye Wilson. The charter will remain open two months to allow others to become charter members.

ESA International, founded in 1929, is one of the world's leadership-service organizations for women, with more than 33,000 members working

together to aid the handicapped and meet community needs. Alpha Theta chapter in Heppner is one of more than 1,700 chapters around the world.

Pettyjohns observe 50th

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pettyjohn, Arlington, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 18, with an open house at the Nazarene Church rooms in Arlington between 2 and 4 p.m. All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jose Busto and sons were visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Pummel and family, Sunday.



MARLENE MAGILL

Marlene Magill to wed Aug. 3

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Magill of Cecil have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Marlene, to Gary Shaw, son of Mrs. Edna Spilberg, Portland, and James Carr, Heppner.

Miss Magill is a 1972 graduate of Lone High School and a May, 1973, graduate of Northwestern College of Business. She is currently employed by SAFECO Title Insurance Company, Portland, as a title secretary.

Her fiancé is a production welder for FMC in Portland. An Aug. 3 wedding is planned.

DAUGHTER BORN TO THE ROBERT BALLS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball, Bremerton, Wn., announced the birth of a daughter, Brandi Lyn, May 9, at Good Shepherd Hospital, Hermiston.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Don Ball, all of Lone.

Maternal great-grandparents are Earl Morgan, Lone and Mrs. Mattie Morgan, Portland. Paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Rod Thompson, all of Heppner.

Brandi Lyn joins a brother, 3-year old Brian, at home.

Self-defense explained Boardman seeks administrator

Self-defense pointers were given to Mothers Club members by Bill Hart, Pendleton policeman, and his assistant at the May 6 meeting in the junior high gym.

Hart said attacks on women are for the most part a result of neglect and carelessness, such as leaving doors open and going out alone at night. He stressed that the weakest part of the body is the thumb, and used this to demonstrate escape maneuvers.

Officers elected for the coming year are Nancy Brownfield, president; Mary Pat Lande, vice-president; Linda Johnson, secretary; and Nova Gaylord, historian.

Members will continue their hair-doing project at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home through the summer months.

The final season's meeting will be held at the home of Linda Stookey on May 28 at 8 p.m. to plan the club's picnic.

Boardman city councilmen agreed Thursday that the city should have a fulltime administrator. "We are reaching the point of development where it is impossible for elected officials to deal with state agencies, developers and other city business," said Mayor Dewey West.

Boardman anticipates a major population increase in the next several years because of processing plants, irrigated farming developments and possible nuclear plants here.

West said he will try to find ways to finance a paid administrator as soon as possible and look for "available talent." The city needed an administrator six months ago, he said. "It's going to be difficult to find the money in the budget," he said. "There could be some state or federal money available for an administrator."

The council also rezoned 40 acres of Desert Hills land from farm to high density general residential use and another 40 acres from farm use to commercial.

Desert Hills plans a 60-unit apartment complex on the residential acreage; which is on the southwest corner of Wilson and Main Streets, said West. It is uncertain what will be developed on the land rezoned to commercial on the east side of South Main.

The council approved the publishing of an information pamphlet on the city election, May 28, on the proposal to change the city's tax base from \$12,611 to \$35,000.

Extension agent for community development, Chris Dowsell, prepared the pamphlet explaining the higher tax base is needed for more revenue to run a growing city.



Rita Wolff and Pat Pettyjohn, presidents of the Heppner and Lone Garden Clubs respectively, display wind chimes being sold by the State Garden Clubs. The chimes are made of melted bottles, and the two women are heading a drive to collect bottles used in making the chimes.

Club wants those old empty bottles

If you have wondered what to do with those empty extract, perfume and medicine bottles cluttering the cabinets, the local Garden Clubs offer a suggestion. Drop them off at one of the deposit stations to be "recycled" into wind chimes.

The Lone and Heppner Garden Clubs are sponsoring an area-wide bottle drive for the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs' project. The bottles are made into chimes by Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Mason of Portland. The proceeds go to the Willamette National Cemetery Funds to aid the beautification program of the "Arlington of the West." This program was initiated as the state club's project in 1953 in order to enhance the beauty of

the cemetery and to provide for the comfort of visitors.

During the next two weeks bottles from 3 to 5 inches in height, any color or shape (no beer bottles, please) may be deposited at Ida Farra's Shoe Shop in Heppner, Mrs. Kenneth Klingler's in Lexington, and Mrs. Van Hubbard's in Lone.

"Although we prefer clean bottles, it is not necessary as the clubs wish to collect as many bottles possible to take to the state convention, May 30," said Mrs. Wallace Wolff, president of the Heppner Garden Club.

Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid will direct a bottle drive by the Lone Grade School in the Lone area during the next two weeks.

Special aid for the visually handicapped

Anyone who has poor vision, is blind, or has other difficulties in reading can still enjoy books, plays and other written material through the local library.

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Mrs. E.A. Stephens of Irrigon was honored on her recent birthday with a dinner at the home of her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stephens, in Hermiston.

are on cassette tapes, Play-boy, Seventeen and National Geographic are available in braille. A diverse collection of large print books is also offered.

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