

Special art exhibit at Heppner Library

The first of what may be a series of interesting exhibits has been arranged at the Heppner Public Library by Leslie R. Babb.

Babb has hung three frames containing 50 cabachon cut stones and is showing about 20 polished stones from his collection in the two new display cases the library just purchased.

Babb is a lapidary and silversmith. He and Mrs. Babb spend their summers at their home on Green Street and their winters at their home in Apache Junction, Ariz. He maintains workshops in both locations, but has done most of his work, especially with silver, in Arizona.

His love for stones began when his 7th grade teacher back in Kansas brought some Arizona petrified wood back from a vacation trip and showed it to her pupils. Leslie came to Oregon in 1911 and completed his public school years at Albany. His stone cutting began in that year, when he was 15 years old.

"I found a very nice moss agate at Agate Beach and wanted it made into a stickpin. When I took it to an agate shop, the proprietor said he could show me how to cut it myself. I've cut lots of beautiful stones since then," he said.

Babb retired in 1949 after 30 years of working with the Portland Fire Department. He first drove horse-drawn fire wagons, then became the driver-operator of large trucks. Justine Weatherford, librarian, met him this summer when he began his weekly

book borrowings.

His first trip to Heppner was in 1930 when he came here to hunt birds with Orin Wright. In 1956 he married Edith Woodworth of Camas, Wa., and they came here to live. They moved into a mountain cabin on Juniper Creek, but when they were "wintered out" they bought the home on South Green Street where they presently summer. During the last 17 winters they have enjoyed neighboring with the Charles Ruggles, the Ed Alberts and the Garnett Bartratts in Arizona.

Leslie's silversmithing skill has created a variety of jewelry with turquoise and other sets. Mrs. Babb often wears a necklace of seven turquoise stones with earrings to match. He wears other examples of his art.

The Babb display at the library may be viewed only until the artist is ready to box his treasures and start off south for the winter.

EXTENSION STUDY GROUP FORMING

Formation of an Extension Study Group will be explored at a meeting, Oct. 21, 1:30 p.m., at the Episcopal Parish Hall, to which women in the Heppner area are invited.

The group would study topics of interest and concern to homemakers. Mrs. Burdine Tullis will present a short program on wok cooking. Mrs. Jeanne Howell will be the hostess.

There are no costs in belonging, and all age groups are welcome.

Artifactory seeks crafts for show

Plans for the annual AAUW sponsored Artifactory were announced Oct. 8. Date of this year's Arts and Crafts Show and Sale is Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Degree of Honor Building in Heppner.

General chairwomen are Anne Doherty and Karen Beck. Leese Martin and Patsy Tom will be calling people who might wish to exhibit. They encourage anyone interested in participating to call them and reserve a space. Anyone who has a craft to display or sell is welcome to take part in the show. Space should be reserved early.

Jeanne Howell will be in charge of the window display. Annette Hagey and June O'Connor will be in charge of publicity. Pat Edmundson and Mary Pat Lande will engage the demonstrations which will be going on during the day-long show. Sue Duncan and Karen Dubuque will handle refreshments and Cathy Turney will make name tags.

A used book sale is held in conjunction with the show. Anyone wishing to donate books should contact Daryce Franzen.

County health care facilities explored

At the American Association of University Women meeting last week Dr. Wallace Wolff, Hospital Administrator (Irene Wyman, Sue Greenup, RN, and Liz Curtis, Doctors' Search Committee, explored the status of health care in Morrow County.

Both Mrs. Wyman and Dr. Wolff pointed out that Pioneer Memorial Hospital is equipped to perform a wide range of surgery. The major problem is the lack of personnel.

He pointed out that improved roads and in the trend toward specialization in the medical field over the years, has encouraged people to travel longer distances to larger facilities for health care. A new doctor to the area will have a re-education job ahead of him, he said. However, the specialization trend is reversing, and it is now easier for a medical student to enter the family practice field than any other field.

Mrs. Wyman told those present that if the hospital could operate with 50 per cent of its beds filled it could break even.

Dave Franzen, Soil Conservation Service, told the group of the activities of the Heppner Water Control District, and sought support for the tax base to be voted upon Nov. 5.

In a business meeting which followed, plans for the Nov. 16 meeting in Pendleton were discussed. State Senator Betty Roberts will be the speaker at this meeting. Plans for the Dec. 7 Artifactory were also

discussed. Karen Beck and Ann Doherty are chairing this event.

Leese Martin announced that persons interested in the Small Communities' Action committee are to meet at her home Thursday, Oct. 17, 1:30 p.m. The committee, which is open to all interested individuals, will study the problems experienced by small communities when they must comply with state and federal laws which are geared for large, metropolitan areas.

'How to make a pie' in one easy seminar

"Make Mine Pie" will be the subject of a leader training session Oct. 21-22, according to extension home economist Molly Saul.

Those who take the training will present the demonstration lesson at November study group meetings in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

The purpose of the lesson is to teach the basic techniques of making pastry, both main dish and dessert. Cost comparisons will be made between various methods of making and purchasing pastry. The nutritive value of pastries will be discussed. A Betty Crocker color film on pie making will be shown.

Homemakers in both counties will assist with the training demonstrations. Working with Mrs. Saul and



KAY MUNKERS

Kay Munkers is engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munkers have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kay, to David Alldritt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Alldritt, Milwaukie, Ore.

Kay is a graduate of Heppner High School, class of 1973, and is presently working for Dr. L.D. Tibbles.

David is attending an iron workers apprentice school in Portland.

Dec. 14 is their wedding date.

Gazette-Times want ads get results.

Friends to honor lone woman on 80th birthday

On Saturday, Nov. 2, Vida (Mrs. Ernest Heliker) of Lone will be honored at an 80th birthday party in the Willows Grange Hall.

Harriet Bolman, Seattle, and Gladys and Don Heliker, Lone, are arranging the big party which will begin at 2 p.m., with the cutting of the birthday cake and its serving with coffee and punch to some who can come only for an afternoon visit. The family hopes many will come later or will stay on through a potluck dinner and into the evening when more visiting and tables of cards will be enjoyed.

Vida Heliker came to Morrow County in a covered wagon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Zink, in the winter of 1889. The Zinks were "second thoughts" and decided that Morrow County would suit them better than the Willamette Valley. They first leased the Leach Ranch in Blackhorse Canyon where two more children joined the four who had made the covered wagon journey. Soon they purchased the George J. Currin Ranch out of Lone, which is now part of the Ralph Crum land.

In 1912 Vida married Ernest Heliker who had come West from Southern Michigan to see the Lewis and Clark Exposition in Portland in 1905. He and his Eastern friends were advised to come to Heppner to find work, and they bought train tickets with their last funds. Ernest loved horses and farm life. He first worked at stamping wool into huge wool sacks. This provided funds for his friends to go East, but Ernest decided to stay in Oregon.

TRICKY COOKERS NAME OFFICERS

New officers were elected at the Oct. 8 meeting of the Tricky Cookers at the home of Betty Heath.

Elected were: Betty Heath, president; Teresa Scow, vice-president; Teresa Jean Anglin, secretary; Claudia Jo Huston, reporter; Darla Hays Anglin, game leader; Denise Ann Kennedy, junior leader.

The girls made frankfurter and cheese sandwiches, carrot and celery sticks.

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