



Janet Beitel, Ione, does some fancy art work on the display windows of Heppner stores.

Coos Bay trip for 4-H's

Fun and excitement and educational experiences are in store for 17 older 4-H members who will participate in an exchange trip to Coos County this week.

While there the 4-H's will live with host families, tour a paper mill, seafood plant, coast guard station and cutter, a foreign freighter, explore docks and harbor, explore National Dunes park and ride dune buggies, learn about marine life, and attend a special 4-H Christmas party arranged for them.

Members scheduled for the trip are Jan and Dawn Peterson, Clint Carlson, Jack

and Millie Yocom, Kryn Robinson, Ruth An Keithley, Kristi Edmundson, Erin and Kate Evans, Natalie Tews, Melody Marlatt, Carol McElligott, Karen Winter, Kathy Wolff, Carmen Clow and Lori Dunlap.

The group, accompanied by Mike Howell and Birdine Tullis, extension staff and chaperones, will leave Dec. 5 and return Dec. 8.

Plans are for Coos County members to visit Morrow County next spring in return to learn about the vast Eastern Oregon country. Opportunity to participate in the exchange was offered to all high school age 4-H members.

Tax refund explained

The Director of the Oregon Department of Revenue, John J. Lobdell, has a reminder for homeowners planning to file property tax refund claims.

"They must make at least the first quarter payment by Nov. 15 to avoid possible penalties assessed by the counties," Lobdell says.

The 1973 legislature passed a law granting property tax refunds to homeowners and renters, but they cannot file until after the first of the year. The refund payments will be sent to each taxpayer.

"This means that homeowners are responsible for making their property tax payments on time," Lobdell said.

Last year some Oregonians apparently misunderstood the

program and thought the state would reimburse the counties. They spent the state refunds and were later surprised to receive a notice of tax delinquency.

Lobdell added, "The legislature intended to make the refunds available to anyone with a total household income under \$15,000. The amount of each refund is based on each taxpayer's household income and tax liability."

Homeowners and renters file claims as part of their individual income tax returns. However, taxpayers who are not required to file income tax returns may still receive a refund. They must file a separate claim form, but they must also wait until after the first of the year.

Incidence of cancer is greater locally

Concern about cancer has been heightened in Morrow County, especially among local women, because of the recent mastectomy operations on Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Rockefeller.

People are asking what progress is being made toward controlling the disease. They are interested in the mortality rate locally as compared with that in other areas.

Questions like these are being raised in every part of the country. Nationally, a seemingly contradictory situation is revealed in government reports. On the one hand they show that doctors are curing a larger proportion of cancer patients than ever before.

On the other hand, more people are contracting the disease and the number of deaths is increasing.

The answer is to be found elsewhere, points out the American Cancer Society. It is due to the fact that fewer people are being struck down by the infectious diseases, which were once the big killers, with the result that more of them are living to an advanced age, where they are more susceptible to cancer.

The degree of cancer mortality in Morrow County is indicated in the annual reports of the U.S. Public Health Service.

In last three annuals show an average of 7 cancer deaths per year in the local area. Not

included are those involving non-residents.

This amounts to a rate of 163 deaths per 100,000 population. It compares with 160 per 100,000 in the United States and with 158 in the State of Oregon.

As for the annual loss in the period attributed to breast cancer, it was zero locally.

Nationally, cancer remains the number two killer, second only to heart disease.

In Morrow County, in the three-year period, some 15 per

cent of all deaths were due to cancer, the figures show. Elsewhere in the country the average was 17 per cent.

Currently, about one person out of every three who get cancer is being cured, states the American Cancer Society. It defines "cured" as a five-year survival after treatment with no recurrence of the disease.

Still better results could be obtained, it says, if people would get regular medical checkups.

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Doug Gonty, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Gonty, left recently for Grand Forks, N.D., where he will resume his training in the Air Force with the Department of Security Police.

NEW 4-H COOKING CLUB ORGANIZED

A new 4-H Cooking Club was organized in October with Judie Laughlin as leader and Shelly Thompson, junior leader. The club has four boys as members for a total of eleven, who meet twice a month. Club president is Bonnie Nix; vice-president, Lottie Laughlin; secretary, Janette Piper; and reporter, Shane Laughlin.

The club is selling candy now to earn money. The group will also plan and prepare a meal for their parents.

Next meeting is December 12 at St. Patrick's Parish Hall.

BOOKWORMS ATTEND MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Bookworm Club members attended the musical program at Heppner High for their second November meeting last week.

After the concert they assembled in Pauline Winter's home for discussion and refreshments.

The club's annual Christmas party is scheduled for Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at the home of Madge Thomson. At this meeting each member will bring a favorite bit of Christmas literature, either prose or poetry, to share with the group.

The Pins and Needles 4-H Club met Dec. 5 at the home of their leader, Mrs. Howell. They made felt Christmas decorations. Next meeting is Dec. 19. Lisa Wilson is the reporter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HAZEL HAMLIN

An 80th birthday celebration honoring Mrs. Frank (Hazel) Hamlin is set for Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at the Heppner Elks' Club.

Mrs. Hamlin's family and friends have arranged to provide ham and rolls for the potluck dinner between 2 and 4 o'clock. The Hamlins, now retired, were for many years proprietors of Hamlin's Sporting Goods and Tavern on Heppner's Main Street.

Students of Heppner High School will conduct their annual Christmas bird count, Thursday, Dec. 19. Interested persons are asked to meet at the high school at 7 a.m., Dec. 19, or contact Steve Brownfield for further information, 676-9696.

Cassandra Chapel, Ione, and Karen Richards, Irrigon, are members of the newly-organized concert band at Eastern Oregon State College. Cassandra plays tenor saxophone and Karen, clarinet.

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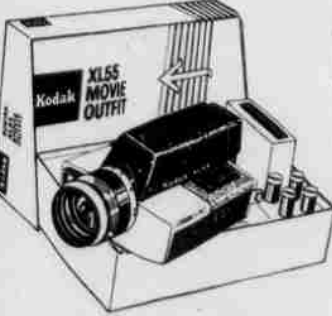
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