



MEMBERS OF THE BETA OMEGA CHAPTER of the E.S.A. make final arrangements for the Spring Cotillion. From the left Linda LaRue, Robin Becker, Liz Ernst on the ladder, and Kathy Peterson prepare to place the final ornaments for this Saturday's dance. The dance will be held at the lone American Legion Hall.

Raising a garden can cut food bill

"With the high cost of food these days, more and more people plan to plant their own garden as a way of saving money," said Mike Howell. "And the extension office is receiving more and more requests for information on the preparing, and the proper way to plant a garden."

Howell showed slides to members of the Chamber of Commerce Monday which he had received from Mr. Hatch, Lane County Extension Agent.

Last year Hatch made available to the people of Lane County a piece of county-owned property so local people could plant their own gardens. The land was rented on a first come, first serve basis at a nominal fee. 138 gardeners participated in the program.

"Many of the people planting their gardens did not know the difference between a mound, a furrow or a hill, and many were disappointed with the results of their work."

"The proper preparation of the soil is as important as the proper use of fertilizers, and the knowledge of which fertilizer to use. The proper amount of water is also a factor in raising a garden," said Hatch.

In his slides, Hatch showed some of the problems that occur with gardeners who plant an organic garden. Many of the organic gardeners refuse to use any type of spray for the prevention of the numerous insects that infest the area. The end result is a mass of either weevils or aphids.

The use of either clear or black plastic in planting a garden is of great value to the gardener as black plastic will usually prevent any weeds from growing between the plants. Clear plastic will sometimes give the same results. There are cases where the weeds have grown under the plastic raising the plastic off the ground.

"Many people living in the suburbs are planting vegetables along with their flowers, using the various colors of the vegetables as a border.

In some cases vegetables are either grown in wire circles, placed near a wire fence or let grow on a trellis near the flowers producing garden beauty as well as flowers.

Next week William Weatherford will be the guest speaker, and his topic will be his newly published book entitled, "Over My Shoulder".

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Horizontal well first in county

Bill Greenup, Heppner, purchased a horizontal well drilling rig after the first horizontal well was drilled on the Mitch Asbeck ranch. The well is currently producing three gallons per minute and is approximately 100 ft. in length.

Horizontal well drilling is a recently developed technique for producing range livestock water and it appears to have excellent potential in northern and central Oregon.

A horizontal well is simply a horizontal cased well drilled into a hillside at a slight downward angle to tap impounded ground water.

Possible well sites are located by evidence of seep, presence of water-loving

plants or the observation and analysis of geological formations.

Drilling time for the first well was 15 hours at an average of 7.2 feet per hour. With production from this well at three gallons per minute, the well will supply enough water for 430 cows daily.

Horizontal wells have some of the following advantages: the livestock producer will have reduced water loss, less possibility of contamination, improved chances for developing stock water, reduced maintenance and lower critical development cost.

Greenup purchased the rig from California and plans to operate the machine in Morrow, Gilliam and Wheeler counties.

Benefit dance for Mikka Lou Evans

A benefit dance will be held April 12 for Mikka Lou Evans, 5-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Evans of Irrigon who is undergoing extensive surgery and treatment for cysts on her vocal cords.

Volunteer musicians from all over the area will furnish Western music for the dance to be held at the American Legion Hall, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Mikka was born with an under-sized esophagus, and was given a tracheotomy shortly after her birth. She has had surgery four times to date, and may require more. She has spent half her life in the hospital, and her medical bills at the University of Oregon Medical School Hospital in Portland are nearing the \$30,000 mark. The family has

some medical insurance coverage, and some of the expenses have been paid by the March of Dimes Foundation. Medical supplies alone are costing about \$300 per month.

The father is employed by the Pendleton-Heppner Freight Lines. There are three other children in the family, 3, 4, and 6 years of age.

Donations toward Mikka's medical expenses are being received at the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Inter-agency meeting, Tuesday, April 8, noon at Conference Room, Extension Office, Gilliam and Bishbee Bldg., Heppner. Bring a brown bag lunch! Coffee will be furnished. Guest speaker, Carol Lindsay.

At long last!

Doctor opens practice using hospital facilities

Dr. Joe Gifford began his practice in Heppner, Tuesday, April 1. Dr. Gifford is temporarily practicing out of the hospital until the new clinic is ready. When the new clinic is ready he will be joined by Dr. Carpenter.

It is anticipated that the new clinic will be ready for occupancy the middle of May. Patients wishing to see Dr. Gifford may reach him by

calling the hospital or coming to the front desk. Dr. Gifford will keep office hours Tuesday through Friday.

Dr. Gifford began practicing medicine in Pendleton, July 1974, with Dr. Easton. Dr. Gifford graduated from Walla Walla College and studied at Loma Linda, Ca. He did his internship at Beaumont Hospital in Michigan. He is a native of Beaverton, Or.

Dr. Gifford's wife, Linda, is also a graduate of Walla Walla College. Her field of study was Home Economics. Her expertise in the field is evidenced by her many creative abilities. She is particularly fond of weaving and has a 60-inch floor loom.

Both of the Giffords are pilots. They enjoy boating, skiing, flying and fishing. Both expressed their pleasure at being in Heppner.

New co-op auctions cattle by telephone

Another self-help success story appears to be in the making in Eastern Oregon according to Stephen Marks, Oregon State University extension economist.

The ingredients: depressed cattle prices, a sagging economy, high production costs and a group of informed ranchers. Mix thoroughly, simmer a few months while working up the dressing and a new livestock marketing cooperative emerges into action even before the ink has dried on the certificate of incorporation.

That is the background of the newly formed Grant County Stock Growers Marketing Cooperative.

Purpose of the co-op is to implement an effective new marketing concept for beef ranchers as a means of improving producers' income through a competitive market, Marks says. Using the telephone to sell feeder cattle results in as many as a dozen or more buyers competing for any lot of animals offered for sale.

The first telephone auction of feeder cattle on March 10 was a success, Marks says, exceeding expectations of some observers.

A total of 255 feeder cattle were sold at current prices ranging from \$25 to \$30 a hundred pounds, depending on quality. Weights ranged from 500 to 750 pounds. Most cattle graded Good and Choice.

This first experiment in marketing cattle by telephone conference call involved five producers and 17 buyers with seven active bidders. While it was not a large volume sale, it proved that cattle can be marketed successfully by description, sight unseen, the

economist notes.

Success with the telephone auction method of marketing livestock was first proven in the west last year when the Pacific Northwest Livestock Producers Marketing Cooperative marketed 61,000 sheep and lambs at a gross sales return of \$2.2 million.

Both telephone auction programs were organized by livestock producers with the assistance of extension agents and specialists.

Hungry thieves rob Beecher's

Beecher's Cafe, Ione, was robbed of one turkey and two hams early Sunday morning. According to reports, the hungry thieves must have hidden in the cafe until after closing time, and then removed the food. A window in the rear of the cafe was broken but it appears impossible that anyone could have entered the cafe through the opening.

Also stolen was a small sum of money left in the cash register amounting to \$8-10.

VANDALS BREAK STORE WINDOW

Vandals on a beer bottle throwing spree last Friday night in the city of Heppner, smashed the window of Peterson's Jewelry Store. Police were called to investigate the incident at 10:50 p.m. and are continuing their investigation.

The Jewelers Security and Alliance is offering a \$200 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.



KIM GEORGE scratches the Easter Bunny's ear, in an effort to get acquainted with him. The children of Heppner had a chance to ask the Bunny for candy prior to the Easter egg hunt held on the grounds of the library-museum.



LINDA GIFFORD chats with her husband, Dr. Joe Gifford, in his newly established office at Pioneer Memorial Hospital. Dr. Joe, was open for business at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

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