

# SPRAY NEWS

By MARY WILLIAMS

Jane Stirewalt, a local artist, and Ruby Smith were in Portland recently for an art exhibit sponsored by the Portland Building Owners and Managers Association. The exhibit was displayed in the lobbies of eighteen of that city's downtown buildings.

Two of Jane's paintings shown were the Schaffer home in Fossil and a new view of the French Ranch barn. The exhibit was a new concept designed to encourage art in public buildings.

Ralph Bennett is here from Prineville and will make his home in Spray. Ralph, who was born in this area, left here in 1918 and has lived in Crook County until his arrival here last week. He has sold his properties in and near Prineville and will reside in his newly purchased mobile home at the Hubert Asher court here. Mr. Bennett is a brother of the late Eula Brisbois of Spray.

Bill and Anne Chapman have returned from a 10-day vacation taking them to Eugene for a visit with their daughter and family, the Oakley Otts. In Salem they were guests of the Jerry Beaches and went on to Portland for a visit with another daughter, Penny Jo. They also called on Bob and Naomi Rushford in Portland before their return home Sunday evening.

Thursday Mrs. Chapman accompanied her daughter, B.J. Rardin to John Day for shopping and medical appointments.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion met with their president, June Troxell, on Wednesday evening with two new members in attendance. They are Lou Cress and Dotty Pettit. Transferring their memberships here from Mitchell were Virginia Petersen and her four daughters, junior members Diane, Jeanne, Gail and Faye.

During the meeting the auxiliary ladies voted to assist the men with the spaghetti dinner the Legion sponsored Nov. 11. Also, the women will bake Christmas cookies and send to White City Hospital in Medford. Making lap robes will be a winter project later.

Their next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 3 at City Hall when Diane will report on her trip to Girls' State.

Verne McCarty has returned from Worland where he has been employed with the Nashs.

Spending the past two weeks here at the Ted Cress home have been Mrs. Cress' daughter and family, Velda and Bill Schell and son Billy and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chavez all of Turlock, CA.

On Saturday Mrs. Cress, Ellen Bowler and daughter Jamie, Mrs. Hubert Asher and the Schells were in Prineville for shopping and seeing a bit more of Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Zettler and children, Kathy, Sandy, Lori, Jay and Cheri left Saturday for their return to Pascagoula, MS following an extended visit here at the home of Mrs. Zettler's parents, the Edgar Enyarts.

Spray people in Heppner Tuesday for shopping and various appointments included Alice Deitz, Margaret Ashmeade and Anna Lee Collins.

Kenny Plymate, Gladstone, has been visiting here at the home of his nephew and family, the DeWayne Simons on Alder Creek.

The remaining guest list at the Simons ranch home this week tends to be a bit confusing, including, as it does, three Charley Browns, Sans Linus, sans Snoopy, sans Peanuts, but true Charley Brown and his wife, Kay, reside in a guest house at the ranch. Another Charley Brown, with his son Charley are visiting here from Rufus where they are associated with rodeo as participants and have their private arena near that city for practice and local rodeo get-togethers.

Jeri Wight was hostess to her card club Tuesday evening with 11 guests present. First prize, pinochle and consolation were awarded Anna Mae Chapman, Suzy Gonzales and Alice Deitz. Other present were Judy Alford, B.J. Rardin, Virginia Petersen, June Troxell, Kathy Brisbois, Carol Asher, Pat Adams, Margaret Ashmeade and the hostess, Jeri served fruit salad and cake. Reportedly delicious refreshments and a delightful party.

Spray Senior Citizens met Thursday at the Grange Hall for dinner and the regular weekly meeting.

Laurel Keisay was grand prize winner at the bingo tables in the afternoon. Lou Cress and Alice Deitz will be in charge of food preparations through the month of November.

At the business meeting the group made tentative plans for a bus trip to the Tri-Cities in the near future.

The Billy Richards' house guests this week have been Mr. and Mrs. Russell Rose, Baker. They left Friday for a week at Corvallis and the Oregon beaches.

Don and Joanne Griffith trucked a load of cattle to Redmond Thursday where they attended the livestock auction.

Ronda Simmons received a telephone call early Sunday from Tina Nash in Worland, WY. The girls were closely associated through all their school years before Tina moved with her family to Worland where Jake and Lela operate a feed and grain business.

Mr. and Mrs. Doug Neilson were in the vicinity this past week from Carruthers, CA, seeking information on the history of their relatives in Spray. And, in so doing, interesting and informative bits were offered people here. Especially to those who may number themselves among the "Old Timers..."

Neilson is a great-nephew of the late Fred Hunt and visited the Ray Gates who now own the Hunt property, north of Spray. Ray and Neilson are distantly related, their respective grandfathers having married sisters, Florence and Annie Mote, a name well known in this area. Annie Mote homesteaded the Gus Strecker property in the Haystack Section in the late 1800s. Neilson had the deed to this homestead with him which was signed by Grover Cleveland.

Other known relatives of the Neilsons here are the Robison family, the George Rolands and the Tom Breedings. Neilson now owns and operates a vineyard at Carruthers on property formerly belonging to his mother, the late Lola Hunt Neilson.

Of interest was Mr. Neilson's statement that the farm, at one time, supported a chicken business numbering ten thousand laying hens. And, most conservatively speaking, isn't that pardon the witicism: something to crow about?

Mrs. Lola Breeding spent two weeks visiting members of her family, including her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dennis, Portland, her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Breeding, Gresham. Her daughter, Wanda Taylor, Hood River and two granddaughters and their husbands in Hood River. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Frasier and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith.



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# IONE NEWS

Bunchgrass Rebekah Lodge held a bazaar, food sale and card party at Willows Grange Hall, Oct. 30. A large crowd attended. Six tables of pinochle were in play. High score was held by May Ekstrom; Annetta Klinger had low. Leila Palmer and May Ekstrom held 300 pinochle. The door prize was won by Wilma Martin. Refreshments were served.

Rebekah Bunchgrass Lodge held their regular meeting on Thursday, Nov. 6, at the home of Mabel Ring. The next meeting will be held Nov. 20, at the home of Ruby Roberts.

The Ione American Legion and Auxiliary hosted a potluck dinner, Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The dinner was given in honor of Terry McElligott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McElligott, and Lori Bergstrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bergstrom, who attended Girls' State this past year.

Following the dinner the girls gave reports on their attendance at Girls' State.

Guests included Mr. Fluke, Principal of Ione High School, and Mr. and Mrs. John Edmundson, Assistant Morrow County School Administrator, Heppner.

# IRRIGON NEWS

Frances Rose Wilson

Scotty Adams celebrated his thirteenth birthday by taking a group of his friends to the skating rink in the Tri-cities, Sunday.

Jim Baehmann, sophomore liberal arts student from Pendleton, has been named chairman of the Student Conduct Committee at Blue Mountain Community College.

A drama major, Baehmann is one of three students on the six-member conduct committee, which is the top disciplinary group on campus. Other students on the committee are Claudia Appell, music major, and Karen Mathson, pre-medical, both of Pendleton. Faculty members of the committee are Evelyn Hesketh, Keith Collier and Murray Innes.

Also named this week were four students on the BMCC Student Court. Sherman Reese, liberal arts student from Echo, was appointed Chief Justice. Other court members are Don Arbogast, law enforcement student from Pendleton; Shannon Kelly, liberal arts student from Heppner, and Steve Johnson, agriculture student from Echo. Faculty adviser is Bill Fenton.

The Student Court handles the bulk of the college's disciplinary cases, most of which are traffic offenses. The Conduct Committee has the primary responsibility for the student conduct program and serves as the appellate body.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Agee, Grangeville, ID were here to help his brother, Walt Agee celebrate his 87 birthday Nov. 1. Other guests for the birthday dinner held the following day included a niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parr and nephew, Bruce Murray, Camas, another nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Murray, Stevenson, WA.

There were 3 birthday cakes to celebrate the occasion at the Agee home on the Umattilla-Irrigon Highway.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Miller have returned from a vacation trip to Montana. They visited Mrs. Miller's 82-year-old father at Antelope. They visited other relatives at Kalispell, White Fish and Westby.

A brother-in-law gave them guided tour of the Hungry Horse Dam.

# Capt. receives degree

Captain Chris E. Brown, U.S. Army, received his Master of Arts Degree in Social Sciences—Human Relations, Oct. 29, 1975 from Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, WA.

Captain Brown completed his graduate work while on duty at Fort Lewis, WA, where he served as a Company Commander with the 9th Infantry Division.

He is now assigned temporary duty at Fort Benning, GA where he will attend Airborne School, followed by 6 months of Infantry Officer Advanced Course.

He is on leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown, Heppner, and will report to Fort Benning on Nov. 28.

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# Bicentennial State

"Oregon is a Bicentennial State," reports Samuel S. Johnson, Redmond, chairman of the Oregon Bicentennial Commission Local Participation Committee.

Oregon joins Hawaii (with all of its six islands certified communities) and Connecticut (with all of its cities certified) as the third state to complete Bicentennial Community certification. All of Oregon's 36 counties and one confederated Indian tribe are officially certified by the national Bicentennial Administration as Bicentennial Communities.

The certification process begins with officials of the county or city government appointing a chairperson or co-chairpersons to head a local Bicentennial committee representative of the entire community. A program of Bicentennial events and projects using the themes of "Heritage," "Festival" and "Horizons" is then developed.

The local government certifies this plan as the official Bicentennial program of the community. After Oregon Bicentennial Commission review and approval of the application for certification, the document is forwarded to Washington, D.C. for final approval by the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. An official Bicentennial flag and certificate of recognition is then presented to the community.

In addition to the 36 counties, the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs and 50 Oregon cities and towns have also been certified to date. Seven Oregon colleges and universities have instituted their own on and off campus programs and join the Bicentennial family. Johnson stated that cities not certified may make application to the Oregon Bicentennial Commission, P.O. Box 1399, Portland, OR, 97207 or contact their county Bicentennial chairperson before Dec. 31, 1975.

All Oregonians can now fly the official Bicentennial flag at their home, school, place of business and at public sites. Flags may be purchased from the state Bicentennial Commission or local flag dealers.

# Obituaries

JULIA A. CARLSON

Julia A. Carlson, formerly of Ione, died Thursday at Eugene.

She was born July 4, 1890, at Angus, Iowa. She moved to Oregon when she was a young woman. On Nov. 25, 1917, she married Leonard Carlson. They lived on a wheat ranch near Ione until 1958, when they retired and moved to Portland. Mr. Carlson died in 1964. After her husband's death, she moved to Salem, and then to Eugene.

Survivors are daughters, Joyce Darst, and Mildred Hope, both of Eugene; sons, Clifford, Portland, and Louis, Ione; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was a lifetime member of Valby Lutheran Church. A memorial service was held Sunday at Valby Lutheran Church with concluding services at Sunset Hills Memorial Park, Portland.

ROBERT WILCOX

Robert Bennet Wilcox, Commander of the Spanish American War veterans organization in Oregon died Friday in Portland. He was 96. Mr. Wilcox was an avid hunter and sportsman and was a member of the Oregon Volunteer Company B, Second Regiment Volunteers in the Spanish American War in 1898.

He was born June 18, 1879 in Oakland, OR. His parents came to Oregon from Illinois by wagon train.

Mr. Wilcox taught school until 1915 when he moved to Oakland where he farmed and also worked with the Reclamation Service in the Klamath Irrigation System and taught school.

In 1922, he returned to Lexington where he continued to farm and teach school. He later moved to Hermiston in 1935.

Mr. Wilcox retired in 1947. He is survived by the widow, Ethel, Portland, daughters, Mrs. Edwin Broston, Potlatch, ID and Mrs. John Graves, Hardman, sons Charles and Lester, both of Hermiston, Claude, Gresham and Glen, Portland; 20 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandsons.

Funeral services were Monday at Foster-Rhodes Funeral Home, Portland. Interment followed at the Willamette National Cemetery.

JACK RENE KNIGHTEN

Funeral services were held in Anchorage, AK in September for Jack Rene Knighten of Frankfurt, Germany. He died Sept. 22.

Jack Knighten was born September 2, 1907. He was in the third grade at Willow Crest Elementary School in Anchorage.

He is survived by his father, Frankfurt, Germany, his mother and sister, both of Anchorage; his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rosie Dubois, Montgomery, LA. Also surviving are his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Wily Knighten, Moro, an aunt, Mrs. Annajean Knighten and cousins Laurie and John Miller, Seattle, WA.

ROGER HOWELL

Roger Howell died Oct. 27 in Portland, OR. Mr. Howell was born May 27, 1910 in Hardman, OR.

Howell entered the plumbing business as was forced to retire shortly afterwards, because of wounds received during the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941.

He is survived by his sister, Gladys Corrigan, Portland, and many cousins.

Interment was at the Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR, Oct. 31.

Alice Hastings, Clayton and Frank Ayers attended the funeral.

OWEN E. ROBINSON

Owen E. Robinson, 60, died recently in Willows, CA. He was born and raised in Hardman, Robinson was in the service until he retired a few years ago.

He is survived by his wife Henrietta, Willows, CA, his mother Mrs. R. A. Holdaway, Scappoose, OR, and sister, Etha Brown, Willows, CA. Military funeral services were held Nov. 6 in Willows, CA.

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