

Obituaries

BOOK REVIEW

By Justine Weatherford

BUNNIE L. STRONG

Bunnie L. Strong, Boardman, died Saturday at St. Anthony Hospital. She was 36. Mrs. Strong was born at Hermiston. She had lived at Boardman the past year. She attended school at Irrigon, Council, Idaho, and Pendleton. She had open heart surgery at the University of Oregon Medical School in Portland 10 years ago. She was secretary of the Umatilla Sage Riders.

Survivors are the widower, James M.; mother, Luella Melvina Acock, Irrigon; daughters, Raelene and Lorri Jane Strong, both of Boardman; brothers, Ora Ralph Acock of Minneapolis, KS.; Charles Wells Acock, Boardman, Roy Dean Acock, Irrigon; Fred Dale Acock, Pendleton, and Donald Lee Acock, Portland; sisters, Merry Mae Nerove, Bakersfield, CA, Grace Melvina O'Brien, Longview, WA, and Betty Jane Shoun, Pendleton; and 25 nieces and nephews.

Funeral was Wednesday, 2 p.m. at the Baptist Church in Irrigon. Interment was in the Irrigon Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to the Heart Fund.

MABEL WADE

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Mabel H. Wade, 87, March 4, Cheyenne, WY.

Born Dec. 22, 1888 in Lupe City, NE, she had lived in Wyoming since 1914 and in Cheyenne since 1922. She was co-owner of the Cottage Grove Trailer Court.

Mrs. Wade was a member of the First Baptist Church; Mizpah Chapter O.E.S.; Golden Age Club, Memorial Hospital Auxiliary; Queen Esther Circle and Retired Railroad Society.

She married Alvin N. Wade May 2, 1906 in Heppner, OR, and he preceded her in death.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Floyd Leslie Wade; a daughter, Mrs. Virgil (Betty Arlene) Dodson; a brother, Emery L. Crawford, and a sister, Mrs. Roy Neill.

Survivors include a son Alvin C. Wade, Cheyenne; a daughter, Mrs. Jack (Norma Jean) Lewis, Lame Deer, MT; 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from Kennewick, WA were her nieces, Mrs. Elma Scott and Mrs. Ethel Knighten, both formerly local residents.

RUBY BECKET TELLS OF FOXFIRE III

The Bookworms were told of the successful project of high school students who have recorded many interesting personalized stories of "real mountain" pioneer folks and their skills by Ruby Becket at their second February meeting.

The book she talked from is "Foxfire 3", published by Anchor Press in 1975. Its 500 pages record a continuation of the life stories that began in Foxfire Magazine and appeared in the two earlier Foxfire books.

Ruby and Harold Becket have made three cross-count-

Kevin Hughes spent the weekend at the home of Larry Blakeslee.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Osburne moved from Kimberly to their home in Fox last weekend. Their daughter Leslie is staying with her grandparents, the George Stubblefields.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Farrens left Monday for Ashland.

ry trips through the Blue Ridge Parkway area, where many of these people live, as they have gone to visit their daughter Sharon Burkenbine (Mrs. Albert) and family at Wilkesboro, NC. They have collected many interesting colored pictures of that territory, which Ruby circulated as she was giving her review on Feb. 24 at Ella Smith's home.

The Foxfire project was the brain child of Eliot Wigginton who teaches journalism at the Rabun Gap, Georgia Nacoochee School (just over the state line from Wilkesboro). "Wig" as he is known to his students is currently working to extend the Foxfire concept of education and oral history to other communities; similar projects have been started recently from Maine to Missouri and from Alaska to Hawaii.

Some of the skills described in the "living interviews" by students in this third book include the building of banjos and dulcimers, animal care and hide tanning; summer and fall wild plant foods, ginseng, the making of butter churns, and many other pioneer-type ideas on plain, honest, simple living and sharing.

A reader can gain knowledge from these interviews and from the reports of the students who actually got in and worked with a truly learned from the mountain folk. The use of gourds, the building of a smokehouse, the making of brooms and brushes, the creation of cornshuck mops, dolls and hats, and many practical recipes and other instructions are simply given. Ruby showed a cornshuck doll she had made after

reading instructions in this book.

Persons who enjoy do-it-yourself living will find that Foxfire 3 is very interesting. Its stories make interesting reading, bringing the history of parts of North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee alive. The persons written about and photographed in the book immediately seem like neighbors and old friends to its readers.

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Mark Sargent shows the proper way to bottle feed one of his lambs during Sheep Production Day last Saturday at the Morrow County Fairgrounds.

CLARA GERTSON

Clara Gertson, 84, a lifetime resident of the area, died near John Day Monday.

Funeral services are pending at Sweeney Mortuary Chapel, Heppner.

She was killed when her car left U.S. 26 and hit a tree nine miles west of Mt. Vernon.

A complete obituary will be published next week.

MRS. MICHAEL DONAHUE

Word has been received that Mrs. Michael Donahue, Pendleton, died Monday. Mrs. Donahue is the mother of Mrs. Rose Bergstrom, Heppner.



AAUW MEMBERS HAVE BUSY SATURDAY MEET

Members of the Heppner Branch of the American Association of University Women considered future changes and creativity and heard nominations for next year's officers at their March 6 meeting at Monica Swanson's home at Ione. Pat Edmundson and June O'Connor assisted the hostess.

Marion Abrams, chairman of the topic "21st Century" showed a film produced and distributed by Newsweek which looked into future changes. Liz Curtis, chairman for "Creative Thinking" conducted several exercises in creativity.

In the afternoon an in-depth discussion of the Oregon ballot measures concerning the construction of nuclear power plants involved the group. The AAUW state organization has circulated factual information covering nuclear plants and reactors, power plant siting, waste removal, energy alternatives and the statement of the probable ballot measures.

Monica Swanson presided over panel members Marnie Anderson, Julie Angermeyer, Madeline Buskendorf and Anne Doherty. The branch was asked to send an indication of local feeling on this matter to the state headquarters. The group determined that it felt that more up-dated information needs to be presented to the public. They hope that some commercial T.V. prime-time presentations of this matter will be aired before November.

Delegate Monica Swanson and one or two other members will be attending the organization's April state convention in Eugene.

The nominating committee reported that the three positions to be filled for next year will be selected from this slate: President, Kathy Anderson or Linda Johnson; 2nd Vice-President, Colleen Fluke or Monica Swanson; Secretary Inez Erwin or Mary Pat Lande.

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