

Mini-College Sept. 10-11

The first Mini-college in the Eastern Oregon area will be held for homemakers and their families on campus of Eastern Oregon State College September 10-11. The event is sponsored by the Extension Service of Oregon State University and Eastern Oregon State College. The two days are designed to enrich home and family life to provide learning experiences, and to allow time for having fun and making new friends.

According to Extension Home Economist Molly Saul, the Grande Ronde Mini-College is an exciting way to experience education. Classes and events have been planned for

homemakers, husbands and youth. Homemakers may be interested in such courses as regional cooking, fabric creation and batik, food drying, metric in the home, or time management. Hobbyists will find courses in trap shooting, photography, gardening, venison sausage making and fly tying.

Gardeners may be interested in landscape planning and maintenance. Parents may sign up for a course in effective parenting and overcoming communication barriers. Dads may want to take courses in pesticides, the forest ecosystem, or controlling lawn and garden weeds. There are even field trips

planned to nearby Morgan Lake for some fishing and to historical old Sumpter for a tour of the mines.

In addition to the variety of courses offered, the Grande Ronde Mini College will have the recreational facilities of EOSC available to families, including tennis, basketball, volleyball, handball and a swimming pool. There will be an evening of square dancing and wine and cheese tasting. An old fashioned ice cream social has been scheduled.

Participants will be housed in the Dorion Complex Dormitories. Meals will be \$6.50 per day and lodging \$4 per night. A wing of the

dormitory will be reserved for families. Participants will bring their own blankets, towels and toilet articles. There is a pre-registration fee of \$10 to \$12 per person or \$15 per family.

The deadline for preregistration is Friday, August 27. It should be sent to Dr. Richard Hiatt, Grande Ronde Mini College, Administration Building, Eastern Oregon State College, La Grande, Oregon 97850.

Mrs. Saul emphasizes that preregistration is required. All county Extension offices have Mini College brochures which give detailed information concerning the event.

State denies any illegal inspections

Officials of the State Executive Department and the State Department of Agriculture last week denied in a joint statement any knowledge of illegal activities within the grain inspection services of the State of Oregon.

On August 3, wire service news reports out of Washington, D.C., and Sacramento, CA, told of federal investigators finding evidence of gratuities given and other improprieties involving government-licensed grain inspectors in seven states, including Oregon.

Stafford Hansell, director of

the State Executive Department, and George Moose, deputy director of the State Department of Agriculture, said, "We are aware that the grain inspection services in all states, including Oregon, have been under investigation for the past three years, but we are unaware of any discovery of illegal activities on the part of Oregon grain inspectors."

"We were told by U.S. Department of Agriculture officials in Washington, D.C., that the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture and its grain inspectors were given a 'clean bill.'"

Hansell and Moose said they were unaware of any investigative activities in Oregon since then except that a team of auditors just recently began checking transactions of grain firms in the state. There have been no reports from that team, however.

"The news reports imply serious improprieties in our grain inspection program, yet if such actionable offenses have been committed in the State of Oregon, it would seem that we would have been notified. The news items mention specific offenses, but do not identify who or what agency specifically is involved in which crime. Until we are notified officially, we are going to continue under the assumption that we still have a clean bill," Hansell and Moose said.

Talking books enhance library

Residents of this community have been very generous with their gifts to the public library. This week Mrs. Joyce Gasser brought an unusual contribution.

Her elderly father Joe Peterson who lives with the Grassers here, has enjoyed talking books, as he is no longer able to read. He has listened to some of them many times. Now he is through with

a stack of them. So Joyce contacted the librarian and said that she would like to bring them to the library so that others who cannot read, could enjoy them.

She has brought 19 talking books, covering a good assortment of stories and music to the library where they can now be checked out.

The library does not have a record player. Anyone who has a record player that is not being used should contact the library.

Babies

To Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sweeney, of Milwaukie, a daughter, Nicole Virginia, 9 lbs, 22 oz, born June 16. She joins a brother, Corey at home.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keithley and Jerry Sweeney.

Great grandmother is Mrs. Ida Grabill, Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nyseth of Kinzua are the parents of a son, Brian James, Born Aug. 1 at the Mountain View Hospital in Madras.

The baby, who weighed in at a healthy 9 lb. 1 oz., has two sisters, Jeannie and Brenda.

Class of '66 holds 10 year reunion here

Heppner High School's class of 1966 held a 10 year reunion recently. Seven teachers were included in the class's turnout of 75 people.

The dinner and dance were highlighted by special guests, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clark.

Among the teachers that attended were Mr. and Mrs. Don Cole, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Struckmeier, Inez Erwin, Tom Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sumner.

The 1966 class was the first class Don Cole taught when he graduated from college.

Joan Summers, one of the classes first grade teachers showed movie films of the class when they were in the first grade. She also gave the class members handkerchiefs which they had made and given her when they were first graders.

The event was a two-day affair. On Saturday, an adjustment hour was followed by a dinner and dance at the Elks Club. Decorations were mostly those which had been used for the classes Junior Prom.

They had been saved by Lois Winchester.

On Sunday, the class enjoyed a family picnic where about 90 people attended.

Prizes were awarded to some of the classmates. Jean Healy received the award for "changed the least." Jim Barclay got it for "changed the most." For "Losing the most hair," Mike Bunch took the honor. Greg Johnson "kept his hair" and won a prize for that. Gayle Betty Rene won the "traveled farthest" award.

Teacher returns

Ola Mae Groshens did not expect to be away nearly three months when she left here June 3 to do some family visiting. Her husband brought her home from Portland last Saturday and she is resuming her piano teaching schedule.

Ola Mae declares that the prettiest part of her travels was the flight from Pendleton to Portland on a lovely, clear June day when she enjoyed seeing the big, green circles and the square fields of grain and the beautiful, snow-capped mountains.

She visited with her son Grant Carter, his wife Darlene and their sons Brett and Sean in San Diego for over two weeks; stopped in Los Angeles to see her uncle Chester Wisman and his wife Betty and came north to Sacramento where she was visiting with her brother Bill Hough and his wife Eleanor when they got word that their father Earl Hough was seriously ill in Portland.

Ola Mae flew to Portland and stayed almost two months with her mother. After her father came home from the hospital she had much to do with his convalescence. He is very restricted as to activity and diet.

The Groshens brought an oil painting of the Groshens' homestead back to Heppner. It was done by Anne McIntyre Hutchinson, Tigard, a niece of Pat McIntyre. The 28 by 32 inch painting was a surprise, appreciation gift to Emile and Ola Mae who had been very helpful to Mr. McIntyre before he moved from Heppner to a Pendleton nursing home.

Produce entries

Gardeners planning to enter their produce at County fair will want to pick up a copy of a new bulleting EC 653 "Selecting and Preparing Vegetables for Exhibit."

The timely new publication gives complete details including number and amount to include in your exhibit, stage of growth, desirable characteristics, possible faults, preparation for exhibit and how to keep your produce fresh. Right and wrong illustrations are included to assist the novice exhibitor. Available free at Morrow Extension Service office.

County fairground gate to be locked

The main gate to the Morrow County fairgrounds will be locked.

The decision came following a discussion by the Morrow County Fair Board at its Monday night monthly meeting. The board made the de-

cision, because, for the second time, the flag has been stolen from the flag pole.

The original flag and pole had been donated to the fair by the Heppner Lions Club in April. That flag was stolen. The Lions recently replaced

the flag.

The second one belonged to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rood, Heppner. It was Mr. Rood's step-father's military flag. It too was stolen.

The caretaker, Jim Monahan, was instructed to lock the

gate when he leaves the grounds each day. Anyone wishing into the grounds at night will have to obtain the keys from him.

The decision was further prompted by the fact that the fair grounds is a favorite spot

for hot rodding cars. By the amount of broken beer bottles that show up on the grounds, it is also a favorite spot for parties. The board felt that leaving the gates open at night has increased its liability to too great an extent.



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