

with Justine Weatherford

County snowmobilers had a pretty skimpy winter, but now that spring is approaching, lots of them are catching up with their fun in the white stuff.

Isn't it exciting to know that Ray and Nona Grace will be sending stories from Saudi Arabia for this paper's readers? We shall all look forward to gaining some accurate information about this remote Moslem area.

We wouldn't dare try to predict the weather for next Monday, Mar. 14, but we can say that serious gardeners (and beginners, too) should gather at the Degree of Honor Hall at 7:30 to learn about garden pests from Harold Kerr, no matter what the weather is like. Surely home gardening is becoming more important each year of these inflationary times.

Did you hear the Methodist church bell pealing last Saturday night after the Chuck Holt-Carolyn Davis wedding? Probably never was a Heppner wedding so well policed. Everyone who attended the lovely ceremony and traditional reception felt very happily safe.

It is so good to learn that a community theater group is working on "You Can't Take It With You." Having a competent, home-grown director, Marsha Sowell Mathewson, should help guarantee a great production.

Ione news

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Hear & Their

A no-host dinner was held at Beecher's Cafe on Monday, Feb. 29, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse on their 35th Wedding Anniversary. Guests included Carl Smouse; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Heppner; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halverson, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tews, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilson and sons have moved into the Mary Swanson home on 3rd Street, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Don Shimp of Hermiston. Wilson is an electrician and is employed at the Kinzua Mill in Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Thompson flew to New Orleans, La., on Sunday, Feb. 27, to attend a Cenex convention. Some of the highlights of the convention were

going on a tour of the nitrogen plant in Donaldsonville (about 60 miles from New Orleans), and the many tours of the city of New Orleans, including the famous Superdome. They arrived home on Wednesday, Mar. 2, and reported very nice weather and an enjoyable trip.

Richard Hamlett and Ed Heaps of Portland spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Adon Hamlett.

Coming Events

The Willows Grange will hold a card party at the Grange Hall on Mar. 12 at 8 p.m.

Mar. 10—Cardinal Club meeting at cafeteria, 8 p.m.

CWA of the Willows Grange will meet Mar. 18 at the home of Mrs. Lewis Halverson with Mrs. Larry Prock co-hostess.

It is an all day meeting with members bringing salads or desserts.

Willows Grange will meet

Saturday, Mar. 19, with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m., followed by the regular meeting at 8 p.m.

Birth announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen Wright, Heppner, are parents of a baby boy, Brian Dean, born Mar. 1, weighing 8 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Albert Wright, Heppner, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Barnett, Ione.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Herman Havekost, Ione, Mrs. Pearl Wright, Hermiston, and Mrs. Hazel Jackson, Kinzua.

Brian joins one sister, Stefani, at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lynn Clark, Ione, are parents of a daughter, Kelly Cathlene, born Mar. 3, weighing 7 pounds.

Grandparents are Gean Pierce, Wendell, Ida.; Duane Clampitt, Seattle, Wash.; Evelyn Dolan, Wendell, Ida.; and Wiley Clark, Beaver Dam, Ohio.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McCray, Wendell, Ida.; and Lilly Pine, Wendell, Ida.

Around About



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Several couples have come from Hermiston and Pendleton to buy old books during the local library sale. We hope not all of the collectibles leave Heppner before the sale ends at 9:30 p.m., Mar. 17.

We heard a little talk about folks being fined on Mar. 17, one week from today, if they forget to honor the great Irish Saint Patrick by the wearing 'o the green. We have positive word that there will be no fines imposed at the Irish Stew Dinner and card party at St. Patrick's, however.

Loeshadowing things to come—here is just one wee Irish story.

It seems that Bridey Clancy, who had swabbed floors in a Dublin bank for some twenty years, got lucky and won \$75,000 on the sweepstakes.

Envious friends crowded around and begged, "What'cha gonna do now, Bridey? Buy a mink coat and a new car? Go traveling? Really live it up? Sure you'll be throwing up your job!"

"That I won't," promised Bridey. "I've grown to like me job. But this I'll say: Me attitude ain't going to be the same! Lord help that fat vice-president if he gets in the way of me mop!"

Students collect litter

If you see young children picking up litter, they are working toward making their town a nicer place to live in and to visit. The first through fourth grade youngsters of Heppner Elementary School are gathering litter before and after school, mostly as they travel to and from their homes, all this week, Mar. 7 through Mar. 11.

talked to each grade about this campaign at school last week. The children made interesting comments and asked some good questions at each grade level.

Mrs. Swanson left a poster

in each room to remind the children of this first Litter Awareness Campaign. The room that gathers the most litter will be recognized in a newspaper story by the Gazette-Times.

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Ione, announce the engagement and forthcoming wedding of their daughter, Theresa Kay, to Duane Higel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Higel of Kuna, Ida.

The young people are both employed in Boise, Ida.

A May wedding is planned at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Heppner.

Reception

Mr. and Mrs. Don Query and Mr. and Mrs. Don Pointer are giving a reception in honor of the marriage of their children, Catherine and Mark, on Saturday, Mar. 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Heppner Elks' Lodge.

All friends and relatives are cordially invited.

Piper, Tolar plan Bike-A-Thon

Mrs. Delbert Piper of Lexington and Mick Tolar of Irigton have been named organizers of the 1977 Spring Bike-A-Thons for Cystic Fibrosis, according to Pat Straub, Breath-of-Life Campaign chairman. The C-F Bike-A-Thon will be held prior to May

turn in \$25.00 or more will receive an "I Did It" T-shirt, according to Mrs. Piper.

Cystic fibrosis is inherited, incurable and the number one genetic killer of children. It is estimated that one in 20, or 10 million Americans carry that C-F gene, usually without knowing it. Current research, funded by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, is seeking a practical test to identify these carriers.

Thanks to improved therapy and constant research, many C-F patients are now living beyond infancy to their teens, and even into young adulthood. That same therapy is relieving, and often curing, children suffering from other related lung diseases.

Anyone who would like to help with 1977 Bike-A-Thons should contact Mrs. Piper in Lexington at 989-8404 and Mick Tolar at 922-3615 for the Irigton area.

Obituaries

Joseph Robbins

Joseph Robbins, who worked as a real estate broker from 1919 until he retired in 1969 with holdings approaching \$2 million, died in a Portland hospital Sunday at age 85.

Funeral will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in J.P. Finley & Son

Nellie Anderson

Nellie Grace Anderson, 88, Heppner, died Thursday, Mar. 3, in Heppner.

She was born Nov. 5, 1888, in Cherry Co., Neb., the daughter of Charles and Alice Proctor Sorber, and had been a resident of Morrow County since 1915. She was living in Ione at the time of the Heppner flood of 1903.

Mrs. Anderson was an active person of varied interests. She was a talented artist, an avid gardener and bird lover and in earlier years owned and operated a dress shop and a beauty shop. She was a member of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Graveside services were conducted Monday, Mar. 7, at 2 p.m. at Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with the Rev. Kenneth Miller of All Saints' Episcopal Church officiating. Sweeney Mortuary was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by one daughter, June McInnes, Menlo Park, Calif., three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Donations may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital in her memory.

Micheal Drager

Michael E. Drager, 17, Drain, Ore., was killed Mar. 3 in an auto accident 15 miles east of Arlington in Morrow County.

The body was forwarded by Sweeney Mortuary to the Smith-Lund Funeral Chapel in Cottage Grove for services and interment.

Drager was one of two persons killed in a vehicle which collided with a truck parked on the shoulder of Interstate 80N.

Mortuary, with private entombment in Lincoln Memorial Park.

Mr. Robbins was born in Rock Island, Ill., and went to work for the Rock Island Railroad at age 12 after his father was killed in a railroad accident.

During World War I he was the successful bidder to the U.S. Army to supply sheep to Fort Lewis, Wash., from his ranch at Heppner. He also acted as a sheep broker for several other Heppner-area ranchers.

He married Mamie Dexter. At one time he owned land in 11 Oregon counties and in seven Western states and Canada, predominantly timber and mineral land.

Mr. Robbins operated a diamond brokerage out of his longtime office in the Davis Building on SW 3rd Avenue and was known as Diamond Joe.

He is survived by his wife, Anna Mae; two sons, Donald K. of Lake Oswego and Kenneth D. of Portland; seven grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

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