

with Justine Weatherford  
 St. Patrick's Day greetings to each reader who has let his-her smiling? Irish? eyes wander this way. We will be dining at St. Patrick's Hall tonight—hope we see you there.  
 O'Hara declares, "We don't need any of them new-fangled scales in Ireland. There's an aisy way to weigh a pig without scales. Get a plank and put it across a stool, then get a big stone. Put the pig on one end of the plank and the stone on the other end and shift the plank until they balance. Then you just guess the weight of the stone, and you've got the weight of the pig."  
 The early-day Irish here made this a "little bit of Ireland," a community recognized widely for the "Irish" teams its high school fielded, for its large and active Ancient Order of

## Church members approve Christian Life Center

In a special meeting called on the evening of Mar. 6, the congregation of the Assembly of God Church voted to change the name of the church to Christian Life Center. The new name more adequately expresses the purpose of the church.

those striving to live the Christian life. It is a place where people come together in an atmosphere of acceptance and love to worship God and receive direction from His Word for daily life. Spiritual strength is obtained as people united in worship and fellowship walk together in love, exercising Christian care and

watchfulness over one another. Duane Geyer, pastor, said.

The congregation is looking for land for a building site for a new church. The present facilities do not adequately house our growing congregation.

Sunday School begins at 9:45 and the morning worship service at 11:00 each week at our present location on the corner of Gale and Willow. A Sunday evening service is also held, beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday night at 7 p.m. begins family night, where the congregation breaks into several groups for study.

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Hibernians Lodge and for its early and steadily flourishing St. Patrick's Church.

Right now, under the leadership of our good Irish Mayor Jerry Sweeney and with guidance from Ireland's own Father John O'Brien, it is an ideal time to talk up the county's Irish heritage and spread about Irish charm, maybe laced with a bit of blarney.

"My son," said the robust Irish millionaire, "when I was your age, I carried water for a gang of bricklayers."

"I'm mighty proud of you, Dad. If it hadn't been for your pluck and perseverance, I might have had to do something like that myself."

This particular week I wish Justine had a real Irish ring like Colleen, Kathleen and Ilene, but it is decidedly non-Irish coming to America with my grandmother Justine Hamm from Alsace-Lorraine.

Speaking of names, all the females at the Gazette-Times have rhyming names—Eileen, Sharlene, Janene and Justine.

"Ah, Bridget, how do you like your new boss?"

"Oh, he ain't too bad, Sheila—only he's kinda bigoted."

"Whadda y'mean, bigoted?"

"Well, he thinks words can only be spelled one way."

After the super Irish Stew dinner at St. Patrick's tonight, the library is having the last two hours of its book sale. Books and magazines still on sale tables will go to half-price. There'll be some real bargains with magazines from two for 5 cents and books from two for 10 cents on up to a few collectibles at \$1.

Remember, book lovers, your last chance for such bargains this year.

I heard recently that Hazel Bauman is retiring as manager of the fair buildings. Hazel has been such an important part of the successful fairs for many years now. Her good nature and devoted efforts will be missed.



A 56-year pin is presented to Homer Mankin, center, by John Jepson, Commander, Ione American Legion Post No. 95. On hand for the presentation is Bill Ling.

## Mankin gains Legion's 56 year pin at Ione

John Jepson, Commander of Ione American Legion, Post No. 95, and Bill Ling presented Homer Mankin with a 56 year pin at his home on Feb. 15. Homer joined the Army in February 1918, and served in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps. He was discharged on Feb. 15, 1919, and joined the American Legion in 1921.

## Lexington visits, events

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Brad of Coos Bay have returned home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Van Winkle. They and another daughter, Leora Kane, of San Francisco, and Mr. Van Winkle visited his mother, Cleo, at Hershey's Nursing Home last week. Carolyn Howard is a patient at Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mounts visited here with Pat Wright and Ferida Majeske, who is a patient in the hospital.

The heart fund drive for Lexington is finished for the year. The girls were very pleased that they had done better than previously. They thank all the people of Lexington.

Reminders:  
 The district meeting of the Rebekahs' Lodge will be at the IOOF Hall in Lexington Mar. 19. State president Melvina Mellinger will be present.

Lexington Grange will meet Mar. 21. Matt Doherty will explain the school budget.

## Smith visits

Jamie Smith, daughter of Rosie and Kenneth Smith, is in Heppner this week to visit with friends and family. She will return to Fort Ord, Calif., this weekend where she is stationed serving her second enlistment with the U.S. Army.

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by Eva Hamlett

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kirkelie of Tacoma, Wash., were weekend guests at the home of Mrs. Laura Holtz.

Mrs. John Springer and family of North Bend were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Jepson and family.

Staying at the Robert Jepson home for the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Mike Elder and daughter of Eugene, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mault from Coos Bay, Mrs. Fred Larson and daughters from Portland, and Mrs. Mary Holtz from Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrell James and family from Turner were guests of Mrs. Vera Reitmann.

All of the above visitors were here for the Carol Holtz and David Glen wedding on Saturday afternoon. Following the reception, about 60 people gathered at the home of Mrs. Laura Holtz for a buffet supper. Guests included relatives, members of the wedding party, and those who helped with the wedding and reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Weeber (nee: Jody Snow) of Eugene spent last Wednesday at the

home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith.

Ione United Church of Christ is presently conducting a clothing drive. The drive will run through Thursday, Mar. 24. People are requested to bring clothing to the church anytime during the drive.

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