

Earth Week prompts clean-up



Mr. & Mrs. Vilas Ropp

Majeske - Ropp exchange vows

Deborah Gene Majeske became the bride of Vilas Ropp in a ceremony April 2 at Hope Lutheran Church in Heppner.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Majeske of Heppner. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ropp of Albany.

Officiating at the ceremony was Rev. Mark Johnson of Hope Lutheran Church.

The bride wore a white dress of sheer organza and venice lace in the empire silhouette.

Matron of honor was sister of the bride, Ginger O'Brien. Bridesmaid was Annie Sibley, a friend of the bride and groom. Candle lighters were Don Majeske and Larry Ropp. Attendants wore floor length gowns of mint green and white with chiffon sleeves. Their bouquets were yellow daisies with white carnations.

Best man was Gene Ropp, brother of the groom. Don Majeske, brother of the bride,

and Larry Ropp, brother of the groom, also served as ushers. Lucia Barrett played the wedding music.

The wedding reception was held at Hope Lutheran Church.

Pouring were Audrey Mounts and Anna Mitchell. Robin Ropp served and cut cake which she made for the wedding. Attending the gift table was Susie Jordan. The guest book was attended by Mavis Ropp.

The bride attended Heppner High School and graduated from Pendleton College of Beauty. She is employed at Salishan Lodge as a hairdresser. The groom attended Albany High School and is presently employed in construction on the coast. The couple reside in Depoe Bay, Oregon.

Students in schools all over the area are giving back to the earth this week in celebration of Oregon's Earth Week—April 21-27.

Boardman junior and senior high school students spent Tuesday on an ecological indoctrination which most participants described as "fun." Dismissed from regular classes, the young people spent their regular eight hours involved in ecology workshops conducted by their teachers.

Much of the learning was done on a one-to-one basis. That individualized style of learning came through litter pick up, tree planting, shrubbery cultivation and weed removal projects which ran throughout the day.

Trees, including wild plum, honey locust and mulberry bushes were contributed to the school by the Umatilla Wildlife Refuge.

The day began with a film on the protection of natural waterways, the theme of the 1977 Oregon Earth Week.

Many of the students were speaking seriously of joining environmental groups like the Sierra

Club, Ducks Unlimited and the National Wildlife Federation. "The kids are looking at why they are cleaning up and what can be done so it won't always be necessary," said Riverside High School Principal Dan Daltoso.

"These kids are learning that we have to be responsible for whatever mess we make and our neighbors' mess as well, if he won't clean it up we do. Or we will just have to live with it."

Students were finding more than litter on the grounds surrounding their school. Collections of inch-long scorpions were being started. The students had plans to study them in their science classes.

In years past, the student body usually took

on the entire town of Boardman as its cleaning project. But due to a large amount of construction, school officials felt the campaign would be most effectively executed on the school grounds.

Richard Brittain, Riverside Junior High student, had been planting trees all morning. The youth looked as though he might have literally thrown himself into his work.

"Yeah, it's pretty neat cleaning up around the school; we should do it more often," he said, pouring a load of sand out of one of his shoes. "But not every day."

Weight control meeting

Weight control sessions for interested persons in the Heppner area are being conducted on Monday evenings at the Heppner Lutheran Church.

The meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. There is no charge for attending the weight control meetings.

Students selected

Two Ione High School students will participate in the Music in May Festival at Forest Grove, May 19 through May 21.

Participating in festival band will be Donna Palmer. Stuart Keene will participate in festival chorus.

A.C. Houghton gearing for kindergarten

A.C. Houghton Elementary School, Irrigon, is gearing up for a new set of kindergarten students. The school is now pre-registering children from Boardman and Irrigon.

A child must be 5 years of age by Nov. 15 to be eligible to attend kindergarten classes during the 1977-78 school year. Pre-registration can be completed by contacting the school in person, by phone (922-3321) or by mail.

A special kindergarten visitation day will be held Tuesday, May 17. Parents will be assigned times when they contact the school.

No books

The opportunity afforded to public libraries throughout the U.S. to gain new children's books by collecting ingredients panels from Sara Lee baked products is ending this week, before April 30.

The local library found that this first year of this collection has not been very productive. It looks as if there have not been enough proofs-of-purchase turned in to bring even one new book to the Heppner Public Library.

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