

## Ione news

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### Topic Club hears news of Bulgarian guided tour

Mrs. Verner Troedson, a former member, presented a program on Bulgaria at the home of Mrs. Roy Lindstrom for the Topic Club on April 20. She and her daughter, Shirlee McGreer, took a guided tour last year. She said that it was a very inexpensive way to see the country. The Bulgarians seemed to be a healthy and happy people. She saw women working in the fields and assumed that the men worked in the factories. The government is socialist with a strong friendship for Russia.

An election of officers was held, with Mrs. Don Peterson elected president; Mrs. Charles Carlson, vice-president; Mrs. Milton Morgan, secretary; and Mrs. John Proudfoot, librarian. Guests for the day were Mrs. Roy Pettyjohn and Mrs. Helen McCabe.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones made the Blossom Day tour on April 24. They started at Hood River and viewed the valley from Panorama Point. Then they followed the route through Mt. Hood, Parkdale, Dee and Odell to see the cherry blossoms and apple and pear trees in bloom. They made a side trip to Lost Lake, which was opened for the first day of fishing.

McNary Yacht Club held its annual meeting at Columbia Inn in McNary on April 22. Members from this area attending were Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rea; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rietmann; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morgan; and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson.

Mrs. Steven Gillette (nee: Chris Gutierrez) and children arrived by plane from Ayr Army Base in Germany last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Drake drove to Portland to meet the plane and bring them back to Ione. On the way home, they stopped in Cascade Locks to visit Chris's grandmother, Mrs. Lena Paine, and in The Dalles to visit Steven's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phipps. Mrs. Gillette and family will be staying at the Drake home until her husband returns sometime in June.

Visiting recently at the Alfred Nelson, Jr., home was their son, Keith, and Miss Leticia Garcia of Galveston and Pecos, Tex., and Mrs. Nelson's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Day, of Yacolt, Wash. On Sunday, the Nelson family and friends visited and enjoyed a potluck dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Nelson.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Nelson, Jill and Heidi; Karen Nelson and Joshua of Pendleton; Keith Nelson; Leticia Garcia; Doug Cross and son, Noel, of Pendleton; Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nelson; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nelson; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Day.

Guests at the Clarence McIntosh home over the weekend were their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McIntosh, Jr., from Newberg, and grandson and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McIntosh, from Portland.

Word has been received of the marriage of Miss Leticia Garcia and Mr. Keith Nelson at Lake Tahoe, Nev., on April 22. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garcia, Pecos, Tex., and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nelson, Jr., of Lexington. The couple is employed as X-ray technicians for the Kooney Pipeline X-ray Service of Pecos and have recently been stationed at Galveston, Tex.

Mrs. Mathena Grater of Ashwood spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin. Mrs. Grater is a sister of Mr. Martin.

The United Church of Christ held a Cluster Program on Sunday, April 27. Ron Nuss, who is the intern minister at Hood River, was the speaker at the morning service. Following the worship, a potluck lunch was held. The afternoon session dealt with different areas of resources of faith. Rev. Bill Graham, Ron Nuss, and Rev. Ed Morrison of Ingle Chapel, Milton-Freewater, conducted the sessions on resources within ourselves, resources in the scriptures, and resources in prayer and meditation. The day concluded with a celebration service at 5 p.m. The program was developed by the ministers and wives of the Columbia Basin cluster.

Mrs. Jack Newell of San Francisco, Calif., spent the weekend visiting her mother, Mrs. Edith Nicholson. Alice had been on a business trip to Spokane and Portland, and stopped over on her way home.

Coming Events:  
April 29 Jr.-Sr. Banquet  
April 30 High School Prom  
May 5 Garden Club plant sale—Legion Hall



Mike Smith



Lorrie Olson

### Olson-Smith engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Olson, Heppner, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lorrie, to Michael Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Smith, Heppner.

A summer wedding is planned.

### Picnic plans grow

Fifteen members of the Olaf and Eric Bergstrom families met on Sunday, April 24, to determine responsibilities for this year's Memorial Weekend Pioneer Picnic, to be held at the Fairgrounds Pavilion, Sunday, May 29.

Gerald Bergstrom, the general chairman, announced that this year there will be an all-Bergstrom crew in the kitchen, headed by his mother, Ruth Bergstrom.

Mrs. Roland Bergstrom is serving as secretary-treasurer for the general committee. Roland Bergstrom will take charge of soliciting door prizes and other special prizes.

Rudy Bergstrom will be contacting various service organizations for help. Mrs. Rudy Bergstrom will contact business houses and fraternal groups.

### Gains degree

Melissa McElligott of the Ione area will receive her BA degree in nursing during commencement exercises May 1 at Carroll College's 67th annual commencement in Helena, Mont.

She will graduate with a class of 230 students.

## New wheat variety

A new soft white winter wheat named Stephens, has been released by Oregon State University. The new variety was developed by Dr. Warren Kronstad, reports Harold Kerr, County Extension Agent.

The new variety is semi-dwarf with white, stiff straw. It was developed from a cross between a semi-dwarf and a French cultivar made at the Hyslop Agronomy Farm near Corvallis in 1965.

The new wheat has good resistance to stripe rust, and has good resistance to leaf rust and common bunt. It is moderately resistant to mildew and is susceptible to dwarf bunt, flag smut and snow mold. It appears to have some tolerance to cercosporiella foot rot which could be important for early seeding for erosion control.

Stephens has been the highest yielding variety for three consecutive years in the Regional Uniform Winter Wheat Nurseries grown at several locations in the western states. At the Sherman Branch Experiment Station at Moro, it was the highest yielder for the past two years. Under irrigation at Madras, it yielded 3.5 bushels more than Hyslop. At Ontario, it yielded 1.8 bushels less than McDermid.

In local trials at the Frank Anderson Ranch, Stephens did not do as well as our present varieties in 1976. At the Rew Farm west of Pendleton, it yielded the same as McDermid. Growers who would like to purchase Foundation seed and participate in the increase of Stephens should contact the Extension office.

The seed must be grown under the certification program and is available in limited amounts at \$12.00 a bushel.

## Irrigon news

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### Re-dedication service for Irrigon pastor

A re-dedication service and party was given Sunday to honor Pastor Carl Wright of the Irrigon Baptist Church on the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. The party was given by his wife and members of the church. Five fellow ministers were invited to attend and to participate in the service.

Executive Minister Rev. Glenn Camper of the American Baptist Ministers of Oregon, from Portland, was present to lead in a re-dedication service of Rev. Wright's ordination.

The Rev. Calvin Rittenhouse of Helix gave the invocation. The Rev. Robert Cooks

of Pendleton read the scripture. A prayer was offered by the Rev. Orville Chapman of Hermiston. The place and meaning of ordination and Christian dedication was explained by the Rev. Clayborne Erickson of Milton-Freewater.

Special music was by Kathy Mark of Athena, accompanied by Lisa Lieuallen. A talk "25 years as a P.K. (preacher's kid)" was given by their daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Wright Parker. The benediction was given by Kenneth Kent of Athena. Another daughter, Mrs. Gibson (Gwen) Morrison, was also present and helped the women

of the church to serve refreshments.

At the Assembly of God in Irrigon, Pastor Bob Schmolli announced a work day for Saturday, April 30, and a fellowship dinner Sunday, May 1.

A missionary speaker, the Rev. Ray Sparre, will minister on Wednesday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

The radio choir, "Revival-time," heard on coast-to-coast radio, will be in Irrigon on Saturday, May 7, at 1 p.m. at the A.C. Houghton School Auditorium.

**ATTENTION MASONS:**

**Annual Hotcake & Sausage Feed at Heppner Lodge No. 69 AF & AM starting at 6:30pm Tuesday, May 3rd.**

**Stated Communication at 8:00 pm.**

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