

## Letha Archer honored at 94th birthday tea

"I enjoyed every bit of it," exclaimed Letha Archer of Heppner about the tea in honor of her 94th birthday that drew some 50 friends and relatives to the Christian Church Saturday.

Letha was especially happy about the surprise arrival of her only granddaughter, Dorothy Vendshues, from Portland. "She hasn't been here since she was a little girl. I was sure glad she could make it," the nonagenarian commented.

Born February 26, 1884, in Missouri, Letha said she came by train to Morrow County with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Devin when she was "big enough to carry on a pillow". The family, which eventually included one son and five daughters, settled on the ranch now owned by Don and Merlyn Robinson.

Letha was married to her first husband, Max Smith, in 1902, the year before the Heppner flood washed away half the town. She remembers Oregon's greatest natural disaster well: "We came to town that day, on our way to visit my husband's sister in Montana. We never did go." Letha, luckily visiting friends on Aiken hill out of the path of the flood, said she saw houses floating down the street and later found all their luggage floating around the train depot. "We stayed and helped clean up and bring up the dead. I lost so many friends. I just hope it never happens again," Letha commented.

Living in the same house on Water Street for almost 50 years, Letha said she has enjoyed her life in Heppner: "I have so many friends here." Letha married Harry Archer in 1949 but was widowed within a year. She worked in Healy's Variety Store for 15 years and says she still tries to keep busy.

Many relatives from out of town traveled to Heppner to attend Letha's 94th birthday tea. Among them were her son, Austin Smith, and granddaughter Dorothy Vendshues, Portland; Tena Scott and Jean Cahill, Hermiston; Leora Heyden, Stanfield; Irene Schekler, Richland, Wash.; Alene Warren, Grandview, Wash.; Ellis and Vanita Wyland,

Carol Wyland, Jerry and Alice Wyland, all of Pendleton; and John and Jacklyn Wagonblast and sons Alex, Charlie and Seth, Odessa, Wash.

Letha's birthday was also celebrated on Tuesday, Feb. 28, when birthday cupcakes were a special feature at the senior citizens' dinner at the Elks Club and Letha was guest of honor.



Letha Archer celebrated her 94th birthday twice—at a Christian Church tea and at a senior citizen dinner, where the above birthday cup cakes were a special feature in Letha's honor.

### Speaking on glads

## CBPW to hear Dr. Wolff

In keeping with the theme, "Blossom Out," the March meeting of the Christian Professional and Business Women will feature Dr. Wallace Wolff speaking on gladiolas. The meeting will be held Monday, March 6, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Heppner High School cafeteria.

Dr. Wolff raises more than 100 varieties of gladiolas along with many other types of flowers. Through his hobby of raising flowers, Dr. Wolff has become an excellent horticulturalist and flower showman. Music for the organization March meeting will be provided by the Larry Lindsay family of Lexington. Millicent Peterson of Walla Walla, Wash., will be the guest speaker.

To make reservations for the \$1 dessert meeting, call Valarie Cooley at 676-5140, or

Charlotte Botts at 676-5089. Baby sitting services can be

arranged by calling 989-8412 or 676-5571.

## Achievement tests given in county grade schools

Tests designed to assess achievement in the areas of reading comprehension and vocabulary, language usage and spelling, mathematics, social studies, science and use of sources were administered to Morrow County students in grades two through eight during the last week in February.

The test results are primarily used to counsel individual students and their parents about skill and knowledge strengths and weaknesses in each student's academic pro-

gress in school. Also the results help teachers and administrators identify areas in the general school program which are in need of improvement.

Similar testing of ninth and eleventh grade high school students was completed during late January under the direction of the school counselors. Achievement test results at the high school level help these students develop their school and career training plans.

## Grand Squares to entertain

The Ione Grand Squares dance club hosted guests from the Square Knots of Hermiston at their regular third-Friday-of-the-month dance held at the American Legion Hall in Heppner on Feb. 17.

Official club caller Darrel Wilson of Ione set the pace for the evening, assisted by club members Ron Davis of Olex and Don Wood of Lexington.

The Grand Squares decided to take on a public service project after guest Cindy Lettington, coordinator of entertainment for the Condon Nursing Home, told the group how much the residents of the home would enjoy a square dance presented there. The club plans to dance for the

residents in Condon on Sunday afternoon, March 5.

The Grand Squares plan to host their next regular dance

on Saturday, March 4, at 8 p.m. in the Heppner American Legion Hall. The public is always invited.

### Elks Calendar

Thursday, March 2  
P.E.R. Night  
Ladies Night  
Dinner 6-7:30  
Lodge 8 p.m.  
Friday, March 3  
Music  
Happy Hour 5-7  
Dinner 6-8:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 4  
Music  
Dinner 6-8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7  
Senior Citizens 4:30 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 8  
Senior Citizens Dinner 4:30  
Pinochle 7:30  
Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 9  
Lodge Night  
(Kitty & Dinner Drawings)

Elks and out-of-town guests only.

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## BMCC offers variety of spring classes

A preview of courses being offered in this area through the evening division of blue Mountain Community college for spring term reveals a variety of choices for almost any potential student.

For the sports-minded, sign up for tennis, golf, hunt seat riding or physical fitness for women. The tennis class will be limited to four students in each section with additional sections added if necessary. Hunt seat riding is limited to 12 students while the size of the golf and physical fitness classes will be limited only by practicality. All of these classes are offered to the beginner as well as the student with more experience.

For those with an academic leaning, Spanish, botany and history of World War II classes have an unlimited enrollment. The history class can be taken for transfer credit or as an audit course. Botany will include field work.

Welding is being offered to those who want to learn the basics of oxyacetylene welding, with each section limited to four students.

Couples who wish to learn the LaMaze method of childbirth should register for the expectant parents class being offered.

Several art classes will be available this term, including two tone painting classes, a drawing class and a multimedia art class, all with limited enrollments.

Pre-registration is neces-

sary for classes with limited enrollment to ensure the student a place in the class and, in any class, pre-registration helps the instructor prepare materials ahead of time.

A schedule will be printed in the Gazette-Times next week for the above classes, with a pre-registration form included. Students are reminded to include a payment check when

pre-registering.

Any questions should be directed to Nancy Brownfield, coordinator for the south Morrow County area, by calling 676-5039.

## Japanese teen exchange seeks local host families

Would your family like to have an exciting, new experience this summer? Applications are now being accepted from Morrow, Gilliam, Wheeler and Sherman county families interested in hosting a Japanese teen-ager for about five weeks this summer, says Shirley Palmer, Morrow County coordinator of the 4-H-Labo exchange program. Applications are due by March 31.

The four-county area is expecting 14 Japanese youngsters to arrive in late July.

This is the sixth year of the exchange program in Oregon and each year about 140 Japanese youth and ten adults come to Oregon.

The Japanese teenagers are participating in the Labo which teaches English through singing, dancing, pantomime and drama. They meet in small groups in private homes after school.

Although all the youngsters

have some knowledge of English, not all are fluent in the language. This means that host families should be relaxed, have a sense of humor and be willing to communicate with the visitor in a variety of ways.

Youngsters coming are 12-16 years old and it is preferable that host families have youngsters of about the same age. A training session for family

members will be held before the exchange students arrive.

Those interested in being considered for the program are asked to fill out an application form available from one of the four county Extension offices. More information may be obtained by contacting Shirley Palmer at the Heppner office, or by calling 676-9730.

## Class of 1977 surveyed to improve county schools

Students from Morrow County High Schools graduating class of 1977 were sent questionnaires in February designed to find out what kind of work former students are doing now, where former students are continuing their training and education, and how the students could have been helped more while in high school.

The survey is part of a continuing effort to build a better educational program

for the students in the district's high schools. All members of the class of 1977 are urged to respond to the survey since its feedback will benefit future students and their school programs.

The Morrow County Schools student follow-up survey is being conducted by the high school counselors—Vi Latham at Heppner High, Gordon Meyers at Ione High and Mike Wetherell at Riverside High.

## State Grange officers to meet here Friday

A State Grange Officers' Conference will be held Friday, March 3, at Willows Grange Hall beginning with a pot luck supper at 6:30 p.m. The conference is planned

as a tri-county event, with grange representatives from Wheeler, Gilliam and Morrow Counties attending.

All grangers are urged to take part.

### Court St. Market

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**Oregon Bone-in HAMS**  
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## Hospital Notes

Patients admitted and dismissed from Pioneer Memorial Hospital during the week between Tuesday, Feb. 21, and Tuesday, Feb. 28, included Wilma Mabe, James Hams, and John Scow, all of Heppner; and Dale Baker of Lexington.

Still in the hospital on Tuesday were Tom Senecal and Dave Barnett, both of Ione; Edna Munkers, Lexington; and Patricia Brannon and Ed Dick, both of Heppner.

## Wilfred Jones proud parents of baby girl

Returning to work after a week-long vacation, the Morrow County stork delivered one small baby bundle to Pioneer Memorial Hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Jones of Heppner became the proud parents of a daughter named Crystal Kay on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 8:08 p.m. She weighed a healthy 8 pounds 15 ounces at birth. Crystal was welcomed home by one brother.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, Ukiah; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barr, Pendleton. Her great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Milliron, Walla Walla, Wash.; and Edith Kazar, Pilot Rock.