

Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

A cradle shower was held at the Betty Christman home, Lexington, Tuesday afternoon honoring Mrs. Mike (Leora) Kane. The rooms were decorated with baby arrangements, with special emphasis on the

T.V. arrangement consisting of daffodils, hyacinths, baby comb, brush and other much needed articles in a golden-colored potty chair. Refreshments were grapefruit shells filled with fresh fruits, tied

with pastel colored ribbons, coffee and punch. The napkins were printed with the ever-popular poem of Wynken, Blyken and Nod with the other decorations in the same motif. She was assisted in the opening of her gifts by her mother Gladys VanWinkle.

Mrs. Tom Bradd of Ontairo is spending the week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. William J. VanWinkle and sister Mrs. Kane.

Mrs. and Mrs. C.C. Jones were LaGrande and Haines callers Sunday where Mrs. Jones met with Mrs. Booth to complete the plans for the Lumber Jack Show scheduled for Saturday, April 15.

Victor Klinger has returned from Portland to operate his business in Lexington.

Carolyn Howard has returned home after a week-long stay in Pioneer Memorial Hospital.

Dave Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Campbell, Lexington, is a member of the International Relations League at Southern Oregon State College, Ashland. The League focuses on the study of systems of international politics and is currently preparing for the 1978 Far West Model United Nations in Seattle.

Campbell is a sophomore at SOSOC, majoring in English. He is a 1976 graduate of Heppner High School.

Kinzua news

• Barbara Pike • 768-2861

Archery Club Shoot Held

The Wheeler County Archers held their first sanctioned shoot Sunday, April 9. One purpose of the shoot was to establish a handicap for those taking part.

The winner in the mens free style unlimited was Mickey Sharp. Virginia Sitton was the womens limited free style winner. Verlin Conner was first and Charles Lawrence was second in the limited with

pins. Raymond Reid was first in the unlimited with pin and Shane Bennett was the winner in the bowman category.

Iris Morley spent the weekend in Hood River visiting with her five-week-old grand daughter, Katrina Springer, and the young lady's parents, Don and Chris. Iris has some new pictures to show after this visit. They'll join the collection she made a couple weeks ago when Chris and Katrina spent the week in Kinzua visiting with Iris.

Irrigon news

Francis Rose Wilson

922-3352

Irrigon residents received some long awaited good news this past week when the Fire Rating Bureau sent a letter to the Irrigon Fire Dept. announcing a new fire class insurance rate for the city.

The new class rate 6, down from a previous 9, results from a study conducted last summer by the rating bureau.

Insurance class rates, upon which fire insurance premiums are charged by insurance agencies, are based upon an area's fire fighting capabilities. These include equipment, amount of water and pressure available, distribution of fire hydrants in relation to buildings, fire department organization and training.

Several attempts have been made by the fire department and the city for a reduction in insurance rating since the initial water system was installed in 1969. The Irrigon Rural Fire Dept. operates under a tax supported district.

It was not until a new pumper truck was purchased by the fire district and other equipment improvements made that a rating evaluation could be re-assessed. Also contributing to the successful re-evaluation were improvements made by the city under a \$116,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration in 1976. These included doubling the water storage capacity, adding new and larger pumping equipment, drilling a shallow well with 800 gallon per minute capacity and adding several more fire hydrants. No home in Irrigon is now farther than 1,000 feet from a fire hydrant and most are within 500 feet.

The class drop is expected to bring a savings of around 50 per cent to home owners on fire insurance policies according to Mayor Vernon Stewart.

A town hall type meeting coupled with a potluck dinner drew around 50 interested people Friday evening. It was the third such meeting since January and a number of subjects were discussed. Information on several current city projects was also presented.

The walls of the school cafeteria were decorated with brightly colored copies of the adopted town meeting seal, colored by the children of the A.C. Houghton School.

A program of entertainment, arranged by the Town Hall committee headed by Mrs. Ted Wilson was highlighted with a lively clown dance skit by girls from the Riverside High School cheerleaders group. The same act by this group resulted in trophy awards both at the District and the State Basketball tournaments, in Pendleton in February and March.

Group singing followed, with participants singing the adopted Town Hall songs to the tune of "Home on the Range" and "You are My Sunshine". A Junior Kazoo band performed, accompanied by Mrs. Ernest Jorgensen on the accordion.

Although unofficial in nature, the meeting still offered areas of citizen involvement close to official sources. City Administrator, Jack Baisden acted as informant and fielded questions about items on the agenda.

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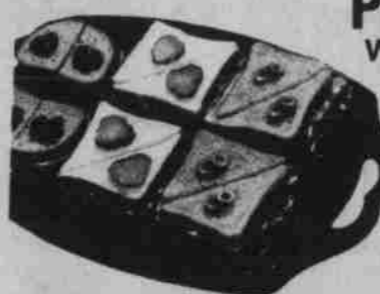
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