

## Capital punishment methods are discussed

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States have been done in four ways: hanging, firing squad, electrocution and cyanide gas.

Rutherford's secretary, Wilma Hogle, asked him to introduce the bill. She argues that death by lethal injection would allow the condemned an opportunity to face execution with dignity.

"Certainly it would be an improvement over the uncertainties of hanging, electrocution and even the gas chamber where executions have been known to take as long as 20 minutes," she said.

Three states now have lethal injection as a form of execution, but no one has been executed by the method.

Hogle said there's been a lot of misinformation about the procedure.

"It uses a fast-acting barbiturate and unconsciousness comes in six seconds with death in two minutes," she said. "Cyanide can take as long a time and it can be unpleasant."

Some people have questioned the medical ethics involved, but Hogle said that's not an issue because a doctor does not have to administer the poison. She said the prisoner would be strapped to a table and fitted with a catheter which would be connected to a suspension bottle containing the barbiturate solution.

There would be three or four bottles of solution, with one

bottle filled with water. None of the people dispensing the barbiturate solution from behind a screen would know whether he held a lethal container.

Some people find the idea of death by lethal injection repellent. They say it's putting a person to sleep like a sick dog, and is somehow undignified.

But Rutherford is brave to bring up a subject many

people would rather not discuss. His proposal deserves more consideration than the plan to ship condemned prisoners to other states for execution.

The House Judiciary Committee wisely tabled that bill.

Oregonians voted to bring back the death penalty, and we have to decide how to use it.

## Senior Citizen News

By Justine Weatherford

Only eight passengers chose to take the new senior bus to Irrigon on Monday, March 26. They enjoyed a round trip with experienced driver Truman Messenger. The three from Heppner, three from Lexington (including the driver) and three from Ione were pleased

with the 18-passenger bus and were surprised so few took its charter trip.

At Irrigon, in the Lions Club Building, County Vice-Chairman Doris Gollyhorn presided at the regular March meeting of the county advisory council. All county activities were

reviewed. Ruby Kirk, Home-maker Supervisor for the five-county area, noted that many folks have been having successful surgery for hip and knee repair, but as they need help in their homes after discharge from the hospital, the Homemakers in each community have been extra busy.

Rollin Reynolds, Area Agency on Ageing Director, explained some budget problems. Several CETA positions will be discontinued and the matter of the Homemakers budget is still not decided.

All county mealsites reported successful, on-going programs, but each is worried about rising costs. Although a few federal commodities are contributed, the cash donation received at the sites at mealtimes are needing to increase.

Transportation Chairman Truman Messenger reported on the bus, which he finds very satisfactory. Many arrangements must be made as to the best use of it—details will gradually be worked out as to possible schedules. It came equipped with one wheelchair, has space for a second wheelchair and has a built-in lift. It is thought that those passengers who are able to donate toward the cost of its operation will help it provide more service. It was stressed that seniors and handicapped passengers will always have a priority as passengers.

The Senior Site Committee reported that it is still searching for a satisfactory site for a Senior Center. The Nominating Committee—Paul W. Jones, Helen Martin and Ed Sikes, will meet soon to propose county officers for next year. The April 23 meeting of the Advisory Council will be held in Heppner.

All of those who attended the council meeting joined the regular Monday evening diners at Irrigon for a program and meal. County Agent Harold Kerr spoke to the group about the Oregon Department of Revenue Senior Citizen's property Tax Deferral Plan. After reviewing the plan, he answered questions and gave each interested person an information circular and application form.

Heppner and Lexington seniors are reminded that blood pressures will be taken at the Degree of Honor Building on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, and that a Social Security Administration representative will be at the Neighborhood Center on April 13.

Senior menus for next week include, at Irrigon, Monday, April 2: Swiss steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, 24-hour cabbage salad, cornbread and jelly and caramel pudding with topping.

At Heppner, Tuesday, April 3: bean-beef bake, tator tots, molded jello and cheese salad, tomatoes (canned), biscuits and jelly and rhubarb-sauce cake and topping.

At Ione and Heppner, Wednesday, April 4: Swiss steak, gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, 24-hour cabbage salad, cornbread and jelly and caramel pudding with topping.

## Seabee vets to meet in Pendleton

Pendleton will be the site of a Seabee reunion April 20-22. West Coast veterans of the Fourth Naval Construction Battalion will gather to renew acquaintances and to exchange World War II experiences.

Three of the original 32 Oregon Seabees in the Fourth Battalion will host the three-day event next month. They will be assisted by their wives in carrying out a Western

theme advertising the Round-Up city. Welcoming their former buddies from World War II are Barney Olsen, Pendleton; John E. "Curly" DeMoss, Moro; and Dick Moorman, Prineville. Red Lion Motor Inn at Indian Hills will be headquarters with tours planned to the Pendleton Woolen Mills, Harris Pine Mills, Paulson Park Museum and Severe Bros. Saddlery. There will be special events in

the Round-Up City theme and a surprise speaker at the Saturday evening Indian buffet. National officers of the Seabee Veterans of America are also expected to attend.

Any former Naval Construction Battalion (Seabee) enlistee is invited to participate in any or all functions. For information contact Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Olsen, P.O. Box 304, Pendleton, Ore., 97801 or telephone 503-276-5491.



Happy Birthday!

Cake, coffee and goodwill filled the Pioneer Memorial Hospital nursing home this week, as residents helped Mrs. La Una Crowell and Larry Brady celebrate their birthdays. It was the 92nd for Mrs. Crowell, and the 84th for Brady.

**Lexington news**  
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Lexington Grange members heard a presentation on Morrow County's juvenile program during a meeting Monday night.

Speakers at the program included Judge D.O. Nelson, Juvenile Director Carolyn Holt, and Sheriff Larry Fetsch. Mrs. Holt presented statistics on the number and types of juvenile offenses recorded in the county during the past several years, the types of punishment handed down, and the cost of juvenile programs to taxpayers. Sheriff Fetsch gave a presentation on drug abuse, which included showing samples of various illegal substances, pipes and other paraphernalia.

Following the presentation, Frances Smouse played a selection of Irish music on her violin, accompanied by Betty Marquardt. Sherrie and Betty Marquardt sang a duet. Guests included Ann Haverstitch and Kim Thomas of

Boardman, members of the Many Against Drugs organization. Other visitors were Greenfield Grange Master Art White and Mrs. White, Martha Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Williams.

County Extension Agent Harold Kerr will speak on easing problems caused by garden weeds, insects and pests during the April 16 Grange meeting.

Frank Robinson has returned home from Emanuel Hospital in Portland. John Tellechea was taken to Pioneer Memorial Hospital on Monday, after suffering a fall during work.

Annetta Klinger visited one day last week with her husband, Pete Klinger, at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan visited Mrs. Buchanan's mother in Hillsboro during the weekend, and had a birthday dinner with her.

## Hospital Notes

Patients admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital from March 7 through March 28 and still receiving treatment are Nellie Mahon, Ed LaTrace, Ola Ruggles and Ron Schwartz, all of Heppner, and Beecher Emert, Ione.

Patients admitted and later discharged from March 7 through March 28, were Don Taylor, Lyle Cox, Shellie Hausauer, Dan Lindsay and Juan Tellechea, all of Lexington; Daelene Shannon, Irrigon; and Judy Hampton, Shirley Judd, Rita Sumner, Randy Harshman, James Ham, Donald Bond and Darlene Arrington, all of Heppner.

Patients transferred to other hospitals were Eddie Thorpe, Lucy Peterson and Charlotte Doherty, all of Heppner and Elva Ruhl, of Lexington.

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