

Steve Curtis returns from 4-H exchange visit to Japan

Just home from an exciting month long visit with a Japanese family, Steve Curtis, Heppner, encourages other 4-H members to consider participating in the Oregon 4-H-Japan Labo exchange program. The program is a continuing cultural exchange each summer which allows 4-H members to travel to Japan to live with a host family. At the same time, Japanese students visit American families. Morrow County has participated in the exchange each year, either by hosting Japanese students or by sending a student to Japan. Steve has written a brief report of his impressions of Japan.

friend who spent a month last summer living with my family. He came to America through a Japanese program called Labo. Labo is like 4-H. In the program the Japanese kids learn American (sic) and learn about America. I would like to encourage other 4-H-ers to try this program. It is a great learning experience and it is a comparatively inexpensive way to spend a month in Japan.

The family I stayed with was super great and took me every where to do everything. I went to temples, castles, festivals, lakes, mountains and visited many relatives. Some differences between the Japanese way of life and

our's that I noticed were first of all in their religious practices. The Nitta family and many Japanese families are Buddhist. Every home that is Buddhist has a little shrine with an incense burner and some fruit and-or saki (rice wine). Another difference I noticed was the food. Most of my meals consisted of raw fish, rice, miso soup, chicken, sea weed and coca-cola. The Japanese drive on the others (left) side of the road. The steering wheel is on the other (right) side of the car and they drive sort of wildly. I would say these plus the crowded conditions of Japan would be the major differences between our two cultures.

I would say that this was the best summer of my life. I really enjoyed seeing my friend Shuhei and meeting his family and making new friends. I am 13 and I am a 4-H member in Heppner."

Steve Curtis



Mr. and Mrs. Steven Lankford

Joan Ployhar marries Steven Lankford

Joan Ployhar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ployhar, 860 Fairview Way, Heppner and Steven Lankford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lankford of Heppner were wed Saturday, August 4 in an afternoon ceremony on the deck of the Pat Cutsforth cabin at Lake Penland.

The bride wore a full-length, white peasant style dress made of imported French Alecon lace and a small brim hat trimmed in imported lace. She carried a bouquet of yellow and white daisies accented with baby's breath and sword ferns.

She was given in marriage by her father, Jack Ployhar. Matron of honor was Brenda Worden, the groom's sister.

She wore a yellow dotted swiss, long peasant style dress, tying at the back with a large sash accented with baby's breath and sword ferns.

Best man was Jim Ployhar, the bride's brother. Wedding music was provided by Jim Ackley singing "Sunrise Sunset", "Evergreen" and "Love is Warm".

The bride's mother, Colleen Ployhar, wore a street-length, mint green dress and pearls and the groom's mother, a street-length apricot-colored dress with belt.

Following the wedding, a reception was held at Lake Penland. Cutting the cake was Cheryl Ployhar, the bride's sister-in-law and Lyn Van Marter, the groom's sister. Pouring were Laurie McCabe and Patti Allstott, friends of the bride. Kristi Carpenter and Tami Krock attended the gift table and Kristi Lankford served at the guest book.

The couple is residing at their new home in Blackhorse Canyon.

Edith Nichoson aids Garden Show in Ione

Edith Pettys Nichoson has an unusual record as a member of the Ione Garden Club. She was a charter member 30 years ago and has been very regular in her attendance since the club formed.

Edith served as the club treasurer for 13 consecutive years (1942-1962) and was the club's delegate to three state conventions (1954, '55, '56).

Mrs. Nichoson is a horticulture expert on chrysanthemums. She has lived alone many years since the death of her husband Fred and her brother Manny. Her yard is classified as "the best groomed yard in town" by Ione residents. Edith will be assisting members of the Ione



Garden Club and of the Heppner Garden Club at the Garden Show at the Ione High School Cafeterium on Sunday, Sept. 23.

During September her daughter Alice and husband Jack Newell have visited with her in Ione. The Newells have now returned to their home in San Francisco.

Flu shots available next week

The Morrow County Health Department will be administering flu vaccine to anyone over the age of 26 who wants it at a cost of \$2.

These flu shots will be available at: Ione United Church of Christ, Wednesday, Sept. 19, 4-5 p.m.; Irrigon county offices, Tuesday, Sept. 25, 1-4 p.m. and the Heppner Neighborhood Center, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2:30-4:30 p.m.

Registration begins soon for Blue Mountain College

Registration for fall term Blue Mountain Community College courses will be held Thursday, Sept. 20 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. in the college's McCrae Activity Center.

Registering on that day will be all new, full-time students as well as returning students and students who wish to sign up for only a class or two.

Evening division courses registration may be completed by mail. Registration blanks may be found on page 9 of the fall schedule of classes that were mailed to local postal patrons in Umatilla and Morrow counties last week. New college tuition rates

are in effect this year. Tuition payments include: \$132 for full-time students who are residents of Umatilla or Morrow counties; \$180 for full-time students from Oregon; and \$504 for out-of-state full-time students. All full-time students are assessed an additional \$5 per term for insurance.

Part-time students pay \$11 per credit hour if they are residents of the two county area. Out-of-district students are charged \$14 per credit hour with out-of-state students assessed \$42 per credit hour.

Students living more than 10 miles from the Pendleton campus may apply for equali-

zation allowance at registration time. Commuters are paid three cents per mile each way for each day's attendance in excess of 10 miles between home and the college.

All new, full-time students to BMCC are asked to take a college placement test prior to or during registration. The test helps place students in the classes appropriate to their reading, math and English skills.

Advisers will be available all day Sept. 20 in the MAC to help new students plan their fall schedule of classes.

Classes at Blue Mountain Community College begin Monday, Sept. 24.

New classes start at BMCC

There are some exciting courses being offered fall term through Blue Mountain Community College Evening Division.

In addition to the usual courses which are so popular (tole painting, micro-wave cooking, cake decorating and expectant parents) such courses as beginning bridge,

conversational French, Emergency Medical Technician, American Government, Math 45 and on Being A Parent have been added.

Math 45 is an elementary algebra class offering an introduction to the principles of algebra, taught by Rod Aho. It will offer practical applications of math to everyday life: metric system conversions;

unit pricing; setting up formulas and equations from story problems; ratios, proportions and percentages; graphs and graphing; fractions; solving for unknowns in linear equations. Oriented toward individuals who have had little or no algebra and who wish to brush up on their math skill, there are no prerequisites for this class.

On Being a Parent will be instructed by Larry Gordon, School Psychologist. The course is designed for parents with children ages 18 months to five years. The class will include discussion topics such as history of the family, parenting, development of the child, and behavior management.

American Government examines the process by which public policy decisions are made (politics) in America, the environment in which political choice takes place and the role of governmental elites in this process.

For additional information for the three classes outlined, plus information for the other seven courses listed in the schedule call Nancy Brownfield, Coordinator South Morrow County, 676-5039.

Planning session for childrens' storyhour set next Thursday

A planning session for the fall storyhour program will be held Thursday, September 23 at the Heppner Library at 10:30 a.m.

The success of last year's storyhour was largely due to mothers who volunteered their time to entertain the children by reading stories, singing songs and having great fun dramatizing finger plays.

The meeting will pertain to

scheduling and sharing of ideas and references that can be used.

The only specific qualification requested from any interested person is enthusiasm. It is hoped that other people in the community besides mothers of preschoolers will take an interest. Last year, Irene Anhorn shared herself and her frisky goats in telling the famous children's story, "The Three Billy Goats

Gruff."

If you are unable to attend the meeting, call the library at 676-9964 or Joy Krein at 676-9956 or Chloe Pearson at 676-5035 for more information and scheduling. It's great fun and the children thoroughly enjoy it.

The storyhour will officially begin Thursday morning, September 27 at 10:30 to 11 a.m.

Last year's volunteers were Jean Fromwiller, Nancy Aho, Brenda Weygandt, Chloe Pearson, Susan Schubothe, Miriam Munck, Laura Broderick, Irene Anhorn, Jan Lillybridge, Chris Adelman, Cindy Wright, Debbie Johnson, Vicki Tollefson, Joy Krein and Peggy Fishburn.

Ione Cardinal Club presents teachers'

The Ione Cardinal Club will have a teachers' reception Thursday, September 13 at 8 p.m. at the school cafeteria. Everyone is welcome. Music

presentation will be on the program.

It's a program designed to acquaint the community with the teachers of Ione Schools.

Mrs. Marvel Jones honored in 90th birthday celebration



Mrs. Marvel Jones

Mrs. Marvel Jones of Heppner was hosted to a reception Sunday at the First Christian Church in honor of her 90th birthday September 5.

Marvel, who has six children, three girls and three boys, 16 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, was born in Ashland and moved to Morrow County with her parents in 1906. Her father was C.A. Miller, a wheat farmer in the Eight Mile area.

Her eldest son is Paul Jones, a former County Judge for 12 years.

On November 14, 1909, she married C.N. Jones with a Justice of the Peace, Moses Asphaugh, performing the wedding rites. She and her husband, until his death in 1971, lived on their wheat farm for 61 years and according to Mrs. Jones, the farm is still in the family's possession.

When Mrs. Jones moved to Eight Mile, she was 16 years old and a graduate of Albany High School. She taught two terms in the one-room school Eight Mile and some of her students were Henry Peterson of Ione and Bob Alstott of Hermiston.

Asked what she liked most about Morrow County, Mrs. Jones said "I like it all, there are beautiful, lovely people.

All of her six children were born and raised at the family farm and Mrs. Jones can recall one incident in which she was frightened that her son, Paul, had fallen into a vitriol barrel. Paul was about 2 years old when the incident occurred but fortunately, Marvel said, he was doing other things.

She stopped driving a car when she reached 81. She can still remember the family's first car, a 1916 Model A Ford which the couple had to crank and which sometimes died in the middle of the street.

Upon reaching 90 years old, Marvel told the Gazette-Times, "It's been the pure grace of God. I thank God for the years and years he has given in my life."

Although she arrived three years after the 1903 Heppner flood, Mrs. Jones said her

husband told her the details although he escaped because he was a camp tender and sheep herder in the higher elevations. Her husband later served as a school district director and as a stockholder in the farmer's cooperative.

Mrs. Jones related that she was the granddaughter of an Oregon pioneer family and her husband came from North Carolina. She recently attended the Jones family reunion

this summer at Lookout Park.

Her three sons are Paul, Marcel and Floyd and her daughters, Mrs. N.O. Washburn, Lois Graybeal of Ukiah, California and Loma Mae Chalfont of Indianapolis, Indiana.

At her birthday celebration Sunday, Marvel was presented with a cake and several cards. She expressed thanks to the many who made her 90th a success.

OSU scientist says winter will be rainy

The odds are stongly in favor of a normal or wetter-than-usual winter, says an Oregon State University atmospheric scientist who uses 80-year Oregon weather records to back that statement.

"There have never been two consecutive years since the turn of the century that western Oregon—or for that matter any broad area in Oregon—has had precipitation 25 per cent below normal or drier," Prof. Fred W. Decker points out.

"And since last winter and spring were pretty dry—more than 25 per cent below normal in lots of places—the coming fall-winter-spring figure to be at least average or wetter," he added.

First week of September rains could well be an indication of what's to come, according to Decker. "The rains have begun and the weather patterns that produced them are characteristic of the storms of late fall and early winter."

New surges of cool, moist air are coming around a low aloft in the Gulf of Alaska. Such conditions are typical of

the heavy storms that normally come much later, Decker explained.

"If there's hope for an Indian summer, it looks like it will have to come at the end of September or in early October."

Historical weather records are "very valuable," Decker emphasized. "They paint the big picture. We should not be pulled off balance by short and severe events, including periodic droughts."

The early September storms are interesting in that coastal precipitation was not unusually heavy in most areas (other than the Coos Bay region) but rain records were set in the Willamette Valley and in some parts of eastern Oregon.

With just one week gone in the month, Eugene had 68 per cent more rain than it generally gets in all of September, Decker observed. Corvallis was 41 per cent over the normal all-month total; Salem, 26 per cent over. The first week rain reading at the Portland Airport Station was only 10 per cent below normal for the entire month.

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Stop smoking-watch T V

The 5-Day Plan to Stop Smoking will be offered again in Heppner this month, but with a different twist. This "class" will be given in the homes via television. Education Channel 10 (KOAP-TV) out of Portland will carry the program Monday through Friday, September 17-24, at 6 to 7:30 p.m. An introductory program featuring Tom Bosley, "Let's Call it Quits", will be given Friday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. The station will also carry a follow-up telecast on Monday, September 24 at 7:30.

Adventist Hospital, Harold Burden and otolaryngologist Ronal Franzke, M.D. Frank Bonnema, an ex-smoker widely known for his role as announcer on televised wrestling matches in Portland, will serve as anchorman for the give-and-take among the studio group and between the stop-smoking callers on the open line which will be provided each evening.

Special kits for anyone who wants to break the habit are available for \$3 by calling 676-9189. These are the same kits used in the regular 5-Day Plans, and will be used by the TV group, so that smokers desiring to participate may follow in their homes.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Mackey are inviting their parents friends to help celebrate and honor them on their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, Sept. 22, 1979 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Church of the Nazarene Arlington, Oregon

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