

## Story teller turns adults into children at library

Pat Freehan, the Oregon state librarian from Eugene, made a group of about 20 adults turn into little children at the Heppner Library last Thursday night and she didn't even use witchcraft.

She gave a seminar on the art of story telling and she displayed her effective techniques by motivating her audience into remembering their earlier years. It is surprising what a group, composed mostly of women, will do when confronted with an effective story teller. In a participation story she told, the group ducked through swooping bats, climbed through cobwebs, meowed like a cat and said "boooo" like the boogie man.

Freehan opened the two-and-one-half hour program by talking about the use of characters on a flannel board to make a story more interesting to children. She recommended developing a story theme and finding books to use that relate to that theme.

"Learning stories is hard work," she said. "Look at books and think of your own things to do to make them interesting to the children and yourself."

When she tells stories, Freehan likes to use visual aids and participation stories. She tells stories where she draws something when telling it or cuts figures in folded

paper to visualize the story while she describes it. Between stories, she said she likes to tell riddles and sing songs to keep the children involved.

"I always tell my kids not to tell if they know the ending (to a story)" Freehan said when someone in the group hinted about the end of one of her stories.

Freehan likes to use a flannel board when she tells a story. A flannel board can be made out of felt, ceiling tile or cardboard. She said felt is the most expensive but it will last long and does not rip. The material of the board must be lightweight so it will not "knock you out cold if it falls over," Freehan said.

Freehan said she does not like plywood as a flannel board because you cannot stick pins in it. She said she saw a flannel board with a flannel covering on it for the first time recently and so she finally figured out how it got its name.

Since it is close to Halloween, Freehan told her audience the story of the "Humbug Witch." She talked with emphasis and she showed the pictures in the book and drew laughs from her pupils.

"I have to like a story because if I think it is dumb, I can't do it," she said.

Her favorite stories are from Mother Goose.

"If there weren't any other stories in the world, I would want to have Mother Goose," Freehan said. "They have something for every age. Some first graders think they are too big for Mother Goose so I use a flannel board to make it more interesting for them."

Freehan likes to use puppets in story telling. She makes storybook characters puppets from familiar stories.

"A puppet is anything you move with your hands," Freehan said. "It does not have to elaborate. You can make a puppet out of cardboard, polyester, wool, a sock, felt or even a paper bag."

Freehan said, when telling a story, "Keep it simple and do not lose sight of the audience."

She passed out about 12 handouts on the art of story telling. One of the handouts gave some advice.

It said to focus the interest of your audience in the first sentence to make them want to listen. Put yourself in the mood of the story. Phrase the story in language within the mental grasp of the audience but do not talk down to your audience.

It continued to suggest that story tellers learn the art of pausing at the right moment. Gauge the effectiveness of your presentation by watching the faces of your audience. Be frank with the children about stories and never tag a moral on a story.

The storytelling techniques that were taught by Freehan are being used at the Heppner Library storyhour for preschoolers Thursday mornings from 10:30-11:00.

### Vietnam vets use GI Bill

Vietnam Era veterans have been the greatest participants in GI Bill training with 65 percent of those eligible having taken some form of training, compared with 50.5 percent and 43.4 percent, respectively, for World War II and Korean Conflict veterans.

Caroline Wilkins, Consumer Services Division administrator, said the new law (SB 133) is a major step in providing consumer protection for persons who buy magazines and periodicals over the phone.

The new law also requires any person who solicits customers by telephone to state within the first 30 seconds:

1. The salesperson's name and who he or she represents

2. The purpose of the contact

3. An easily-understood description of the goods or services being offered.

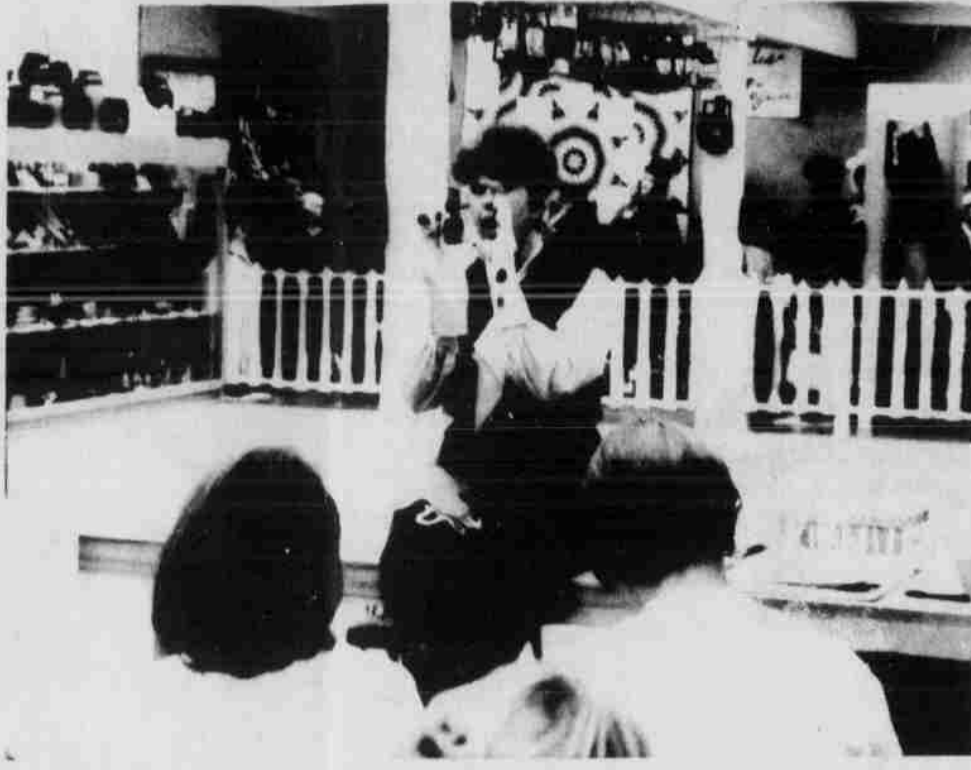
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SPELL-BINDING—Pat Freehan, Oregon state librarian from Eugene, conducts a seminar in Heppner on story-telling techniques.

### Religious ceremony

## Halloween not always a time of trick or treat

Next Wednesday is Halloween and Heppner will be filled with witches, ghosts and goblins of all shapes and sizes but Oct. 31 was not always such a scary time.

Halloween actually means "hallowed" or "holy evening." Halloween used to be a religious ceremony but it is not considered a very religious time today.

Today, it is thought of mostly as a fun time for children to dress up and go door to door to get goodies. The real meaning of Halloween has been lost.

Evening on the eve of the All Saints Day, a Christian festival. In the 700's, the Roman Catholic Church named All Saints Day Nov. 1.

Many superstitions have

come about from Halloween. In Ireland, the tale of the origin of jack-o'-lanterns came about. The tale says that a man named Jack could not enter the kingdom of heaven because he was a miser. He could not enter Hell because he had played practical jokes on the devil. So Jack had to walk around the earth with a jack-o'-lantern until judgement day.

Another superstition, this time in Scotland, says that children born on Halloween night converse with supernatural beings during their lives.

The Druids, an ancient order of priests from Gaul and Britain, believed that on Halloween night, ghosts, spirits, fairies, witches and elves came out to harm people. Druids would light fires to keep the spirits of the dead away.

Other people believed cats were sacred because they had once been humans but were changed to cats as a punishment for evil deeds.

Early in United States history, Halloween was a night of harmless pranks. In later years, the pranks became not so harmless as kids began to overturn sheds, break windows and damage other types of property. Halloween night became one of the busiest nights of the year for policemen.

Halloween today is a combination of the events of these earlier times. Cats, jack-o'-lanterns, ghosts, tricks and treats and supernatural beings all are still around but Halloween started as a religious ceremony.



Booster club president Jim Swanson, Kinzua's Dan Sweeney and Ione High School principal Chuck Starr congratulate each other about the new scoreboard.

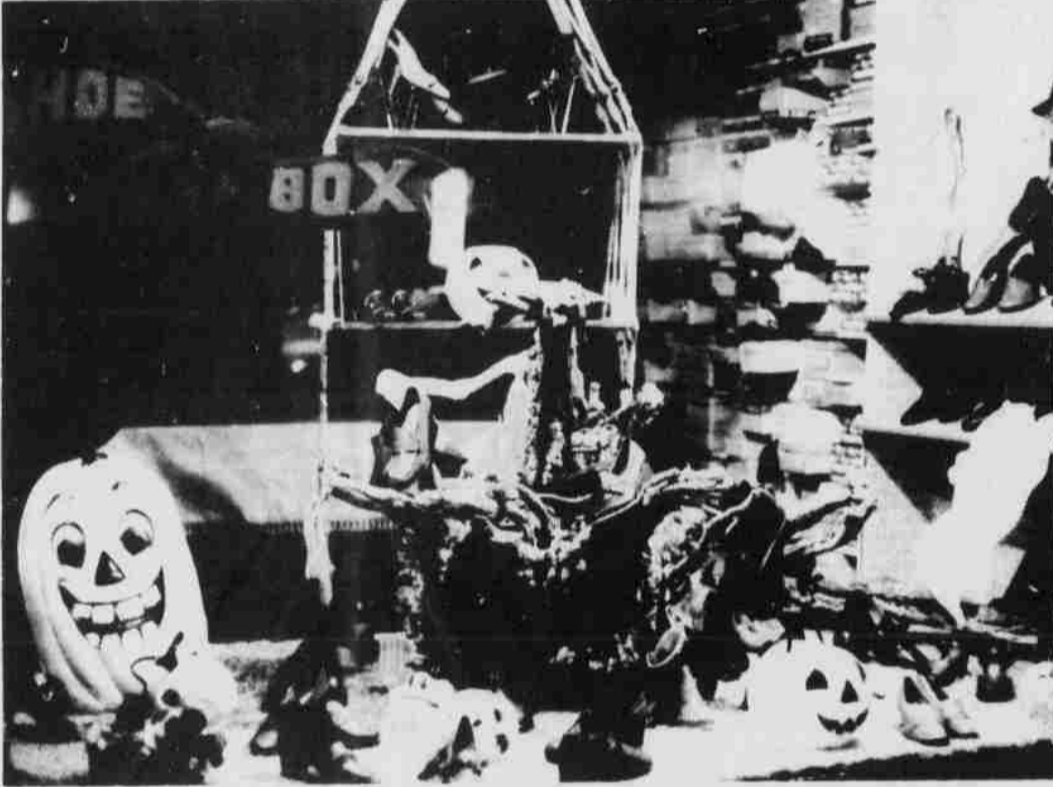
### Kinzua donates scoreboard to Ione

The Kinzua Corp. donated a brand new scoreboard to Ione High School at the beginning of the home football season.

The scoreboard cost \$1,700. Volunteers put up the scoreboard and Columbia Basin

Electric Co-operative hooked it up.

Jim Swanson, president of the Ione Cardinals booster club, talked to Dan Sweeney, of the Kinzua Corp., about the possibility of helping to buy a



Local Heppner stores, like the Shoe Box, are getting into the Halloween spirit.

## New law restricts telephone sales activity

The law states the seller must send written contract to the buyer, who must sign and return the contract, before the magazine sale becomes binding.

"Consumers now will have a chance to look more closely at a magazine deal that sounds too good to be true over the telephone," Wilkins said. The Division sought the legislation last winter when reports of losses from magazine deals in the \$200-\$500 range were being received every third day by the agnecv, she added.

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