



Shirley McNary of Ione at her easel, pictured during the Artifactory at the Morrow County Fairgrounds last Saturday. Many artists and craftsmen had sales tables at the event sponsored by the American Association of University Women.

Ideas for 'Christmas goodies' to be offered

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Goodies with Grains

Just in time to help with Christmas goodies, Extension, Wheat Commission, and Wheathearts are cooperating to offer lots of ideas about using whole grains in new and familiar foods.

Here's your chance to see and learn about grinding grains, as well as how to use them and store them for future use. Ways to use basic mixes for quick and easy products will be demonstrated, as well as how to make and shape yeast breads. Special attraction for the season will be making a variety of gift or Christmas breads from a basic dough.

New ideas for using oats as well as whole wheat pastries will be included in the program. Grain grinding will be demonstrated by Fred and Helen Nelson of Lexington, farmers who are experienced in grinding and using their own wheat. They can answer all your questions. Mrs. Nelson bakes all their bread, using grains they have ground.

Suzanne Coppock, state Wheathearts chairman, will share expertise on making and shaping yeast doughs. Suzanne has a number of favorite recipes and techniques she will be sharing.

Christmas ideas from basic doughs will be shown by Francine Evans, an experienced baker of many good food products. Other demonstrators will be Bev Daniels of Pilot Rock and Mary Lou Fletcher, Louise Forth and Roberta Townsend all of Pendleton.

There will be door prizes, as well as recipes for all food products demonstrated at the free event. Plan to attend this special program at the A.C. Houghton School in Irrigon Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. or at the Hawthorne School in Pendleton Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. Identical programs will be offered at each location.

Farm-City Banquet and Livestock Growers Meeting

The annual Farm City Banquet is scheduled this year for the Fair Pavilion at 7 p.m. Dec. 7, following the Livestock Growers annual meeting and program. This is the big event of the year, planned to spotlight those in the towns as well as on the farms who work together for continued growth of businesses and agriculture. It is for everyone interested, and a great time to see and meet people from all parts of the county.

Entertainment for the dinner will include a special surprise program by the local Cowbells, as well as presentation of a number of awards.

Special guest speaker for the dinner hour is Dr. Ron Miner. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased at the door and you may want to come a little early to enjoy the Attitude Adjustment Hour at 6 p.m., offered through courtesy of Northwest PCA, Pendleton PCA, and Federal Land Bank.

Peterson's Jewelers of Heppner again will be providing the door prize for the banquet.

It's Greek To Me!

It maybe Greek, but it sure is good! That was the feeling of the large number of people who received information concerning Greece: the foods and customs, from Monica Swanson at the special training for leader teachers last week.

This will be the topic for each study group in Morrow and Umatilla counties for December and we are sure the foods will be especially delightful to those attending. Monica was an IFYE to Greece after her graduation from OSU, and her memories of experiences were renewed by her presentation of slides and experiences. She is an enthusiastic supporter of the IFYE program and is always willing to share her home with in-coming IFYE's, as well as her program relating to her experiences abroad. A special thanks to Monica for providing a delightful program for homemakers in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

School board to hold special meeting

The Morrow County School Board will hold a special meeting today at 7:30 p.m. in the district office in Lexington. The meeting will also include the District's Transportation Advisory Committee.

The board is expected to consider action on contracting transportation services for schools in the Boardman-Irrigon area. Currently the district is operating its own bus transportation program. The plan under consideration calls for a continuation of the present district operated program in Ione, Lexington and Heppner areas.

Following the regular meeting, the board will meet with representatives of the confidential employees to discuss wages and benefits for the coming year.



PAPAL BLESSING—Among those persons personally blessed by Pope John Paul II during his visit to the National Shrine of Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. on October 7, 1979, was Matthew Sean Frances Monahan, the son of James D. and Judith Monahan. Matthew Sean's grandfather is James M. Monahan of Heppner. A papal spokesman indicated that Matthew may have been the youngest person personally blessed by the Pope during his United States tour.

'Depression glass' topic at Topic Club Meeting

Plans for a food sale Dec. 14 were discussed at last week's meeting of the Topic Club in Ione. The club met in the country home of Martha Petersen with Shirley McNary assisting.

The business meeting was conducted by Margaret Morgan, club president. Reports were given by Helen Proudfoot, librarian, and Rose Baker, who outlined the arrangements for the food sale.

Shirley McNary presented a very interesting program on Depression glass. She has a very large collection of this glass and brought many pieces of glass for display.

She noted that the term "Depression glass" refers to inexpensive colored glassware made mostly during the '30's. A few patterns were made in the late '20's and some even went into the '40's. Almost all depression glass was made by machine. Some were made by the chipped mold method (Rosemary), some by the paste mold, and so on, but the mold etched technique was unique to this era.

Mold etched is the process by which a pattern is etched with acid into the iron mold itself, rather than directly on the glass. The pattern to be etched into the mold is first laid out on a steel plate, which has been covered with an acid-resistant wax. The pattern is cut into the steel. Patterns made from these molds can usually be identified as those which stand out in relief.

Major companies making depression glass were Federal, Hocking, Jeannette, Imperial, Indiana, Hazel-Atlas, and MacBeth-Eveans. The colors were mostly pink, green, amber and a yellow or topaz. Some patterns were made in cobalt-blue and burgundy. A few were made in light blue and some in ultramarine blue. There was also a black opaque glass, red glass and some opaque glass known as Monax, cremax and ivrene. Most patterns were made in crystal, but it is not very popular with collectors.

Minimum wage to increase

The state minimum wage will increase to \$2.90 an hour on Jan. 1, 1980, according to the Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries.

The increase is the second step of a two-step increase authorized by Senate Bill 916. The first step raised the minimum wage from \$2.30 to \$2.65 an hour when the bill was signed last July 25.

Generally, the state minimum wage covers small businesses with a volume of less than \$250,000 or those that are not engaged in interstate commerce. Larger businesses are covered by the federal minimum wage.

Questions concerning the state minimum wage should be directed to the Bureau of Labor and Industries at 1-800-452-3503, toll free, or 229-5735 in Portland.

Oregon exchange student notes Finland's similarities

During six months in Finland as an exchange student, Blanche Grover of Brookings, Ore., discovered the Finnish people were much like Americans.

Miss Grover, touring the state under auspices of the Oregon State University Extension Service, showed slides of her experiences and spoke at the Heppner-Morrow County Chamber of Commerce luncheon Monday at the West of Willow Restaurant.

She was introduced by Jon Nordheim, 4-H Extension agent for Morrow County.

"I was in Finland for six months and stayed with seven different families while there," Miss Grover said. "I looked for differences but the longer I was there the more they seemed like Americans."

She went to Finland under the International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE), visiting in rural communities from the Arctic to the Baltic. Her pictures showed groups of people in their national dress but much of the time, she said, they dressed as Americans do.

One series of slides showed bread-baking in a home. The oven was part of the living room fireplace. The loaves were round and flat, placed directly on the floor of the oven after it had first been heated with a fire.

"I realized that everything wasn't different (from America), when I saw this Finnish grandmother just as proud of her grandchildren as any American," Miss Grover said.

One third of Finland is north of the Arctic Circle, she said. She spent six weeks in the Arctic during the summer when the sun never went below the horizon. She learned that in the winter there are five weeks of total darkness.

Many of the slides were of farming scenes. She said there are few beef cattle and the average dairy includes six milk cows. Silage is important, with three or four cuttings of grass each season. In northern Finland, birch branches are bundled and stored until winter, when they are used as animal feed.

She said the Finnish people are conscious of their neighbors, the country being sandwiched between Russia and Norway. One man told her: "Russia is our 'big brother'. You can choose your neighbors but you can't choose your relatives."

"They do have a Communist party in Finland," she added, "but it is more of a Marxist communism than that in the Soviet Union."

She said English is now a required language in the schools. For older people, German had been the required foreign language—so, many of them do not speak English as well as their offspring.

The population of Finland is 4½ million with Helsinki having 500,000 people. Most smaller cities average 30,000, she said.

Hospital Notes

Patients at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner who have been admitted and then discharged for the week ending Dec. 3 are:

Betty Christman, Lexington; Peter Barker, Condon; Charles Allen, Fossil; Clifford Wheeler, Celia Mattison and Shawn Hisler, all of Heppner.

Patients still in the hospital are Andy Harshman of Lexington; Georgia Gitchell, Ellis Saling, Francis Mitchell, Ella Smith, Maxine Smith and Jack Ployhar, all of Heppner.

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