

## Mrs. C.N. Jones--quite a Marvel

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

In 1979 when Marvel Jones had passed her 90th birthday, her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Floyd Jones (Lorena), prepared a personal picture album for her and wrote on its front page "To a great lady who has loved and worried about all of us."

All those she has especially loved and worried about include her three sons, three daughters and all their families, now including sixteen grandchildren and twenty great-grandchildren.

Marvel Jones enjoys visiting and is friendly, modest, and willing to share information about her past. Her husband Charlie (C.N.), a happy man with a multitude of friends, died in May 1971, and that August, Marvel moved into the comfortable house on Jones Street in Heppner which they had owned for sometime and where she has lived alone now almost 10 years.

Going way back in time, she says she was born Marvel Miller in Ashland, Oregon, on Sept. 5, 1889. Her parents, the Charles Millers, came from the east coast to Ashland by covered wagon. Marvel was the second of their three daughters. When she was 12 the family moved to Cottage Grove where they stayed until she had finished the 8th grade. They then moved to Albany where Marvel attended the high school for two years. Next the Millers moved to the Eight Mile area of Morrow County on July 25, 1906. Regrettably it was too far out of Heppner for Marvel to come in to the high school. She was soon employed as a teacher of the eight grades at the Rocky Bluff School, however, where she enjoyed "the good Swedish kids there."



Mrs. Jones at her Heppner home

Then she met Charlie Jones who was working for her older sister's husband, Charlie Huston. Marvel and Charlie were good friends for a year before they were married on Nov. 14, 1909, in her parents' home during a very cold blizzard. (Marvel states that her father was the youngest of 24 children. Her Grandfather Miller had married twice. Her father was 95 when he died at the C.N. Jones Ranch here.)

Newlyweds Marvel and Charlie moved into the house on the former W.P. Dalton Farm below the Condon Highway, just three miles south of Heppner. They bought that home which Marvel still owns and lived there together for 61 years.

"Of course there was no water in the house, but the nearby Gilman Spring below the house was very good. In those years the Indians liked to camp there each fall as they came down from the mountains. The women and children gathered wool from the ranchers' fences." One time that Marvel especially remembers the Indian men decided to have horse races there, and they got something strong to drink and frightened her. Her husband was away that day working for Osmin Hager, and Paul was a baby. Marvel always gave the Indians what they asked for, such as kindling, some eggs or coffee. She says the Indian women liked to see her children and that she doesn't think the Indians ever stole anything.

In 1911 son Paul was born (he became a rancher and the county judge); in 1912 Marcel joined the family (he is operating the home ranch and is a WWII veteran); in 1914 a daughter Vallis (now Washburn) was born. She now lives at Elgin and has six children. Floyd arrived in 1915. (He ranches and raises fine horses east of Heppner.) The two youngest Jones children, daughters, Lois and Loma Mae, were born in 1922 and 1927. Lois Graybeal is now a teacher in Ukiah, Calif.; Loma Mae Chalfant lives in Indianapolis and flies about quite constantly in her work as a leader in the missionary organization of the Christian Church. Marvel is as proud of all of her children and their achievements as all of them are proud of their mother.

As Marvel recalls the busy years when her children were young, she says "the older ones rode horses in to Heppner to school. Then when Paul was old enough he drove the single buggy for them until the school bus came into use."



Mr. and Mrs. C.N. Jones pose for a photo taken "probably in the 1950's." Marvel is wearing a purple velvet dress she remembers wearing to an odd fellows party in Heppner.

"In 1916 my husband traded a mule and also paid about \$400 cash to John Vaughn for our first car. I can't remember what kind it was. John Vaughn taught Charlie how to drive in the open space down below the depot. We used the car to come to church and into town in the summers, but most of the ranch folks stored their cars in wintertime when the roads were so bad. After the roads were surfaced it only took us five minutes to get to town where my husband would visit with everyone along the street. It was sometimes hard to complete our errands."

Mrs. Jones recalls some of the pleasures of her younger married years, such as the Chautauqua that came to Heppner each summer providing education and entertainment. After the children were older she and her husband enjoyed lodge meetings and parties. In 1959 their family and church honored the Joneses with a golden anniversary party. Twenty years later in 1979, Marvel was honored at a 90th birthday party.

At 91 years, Marvel suffers from arthritis in her knees and uses a walker much of the time, but usually reads without the help of glasses. Marvel manages living alone nicely with help from family members and neighbors and, every other week, from "that wonderful Gladys Jewell of the Tri-County Homemaker Service."

Marvel's hearing has failed so much that she needs to wear two hearing aids. She says she feels blessed that Dr. Wolff has watched over her family's health for so many years, and she says that Heppner must be proud of its fine hospital and must keep it in good shape.

Right now Marvel Jones is especially pleased that the Rev. Don Shelton has come to serve the Christian Church in Heppner. She says that she can hear him well. She is delighted to be getting to know Mrs. Shelton and their two children. "Their little one-month-old daughter is so darling," said child-loving, grandmother and great-grandmother Jones as we concluded our visit.

### Second air purifier purchased for Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home

The fund raising effort by the Pioneer Memorial Hospital Auxiliary has been so successful the auxiliary has been able to purchase a second air purifier unit for the nursing home dining room.

Mr. and Mrs. Randy Lott of Lott's Electric have furnished

the machines at cost.

"Groups, clubs, churches and individuals have been very generous in assisting the Hospital Auxiliary. The Nursing Home guests and staff are enjoying their use and are most thankful," said hospital Administrator Lucky Felt.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Lottie Laughlin



A senior at Heppner High School, Lottie Laughlin, maintaining a 3.42 grade point average, participates in varsity volleyball, basketball and gold, GAB, and Outdoor Club. Lottie was a rodeo princess last year and is a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. Her hobbies include horseback riding and swimming.

Much of Lottie's time is spent in band and sports while her future plans are to attend EOSC next fall and major in music. She was recently tapped for a regional honor band.

Lottie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Laughlin is a pleasant addition to Heppner High School.

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## Two receive Soroptimist Youth Citizenship Awards

Susan Johnson and Patti Toombs were named recipients of the 1981 Soroptimist Youth Citizenship awards at a Soroptimist meeting in Heppner last Thursday.

Susan, 17, a Heppner High School senior and the daughter of Julie Wattenberger, Butter Creek, received a \$100 award.

Susan intends on applying to the baccalaureate nursing program at Eastern Oregon State College at LaGrande, specializing in surgical nursing or obstetrics.

Patti, also 17 and a senior at Heppner High and daughter of Nadine and Fred Toombs, Heppner, received a \$75 scholarship. She plans on attending Oregon College of Beauticians and Barbers at Hermiston and intends on becoming a cosmetologist.

The young women were selected on the basis of service in the home, in the school and



Patti Toombs (left) and Susan Johnson

in the community, dependability, leadership and a clear sense of purpose, according to Soroptimist guidelines.

The two will now be eligible for regional competition for a \$1,000 award and, if one wins the regional, a chance for the national Soroptimist award of \$1,500.

### Engagements Orwick-Fairchild

Barbara Fairchild and Mike Orwick would like to announce their engagement to be married.

Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fairchild of Albany and Mike is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Orwick, Lexington.

A late June wedding is planned.

### Cowbelles plan luncheon Feb 11

Betty Carlson, president, Morrow County Cowbelles, asks all officers and committee chairmen to save Feb. 11 for a planning and information meeting regarding plans for the coming year. The meeting room at the Wagon Wheel restaurant has been reserved

for a no-host luncheon at noon that day. Betty will be getting out complete plans for the event later, but hopes all Cowbelles will plan to attend, and be ready to share ideas as well as plans for their committee assignments.

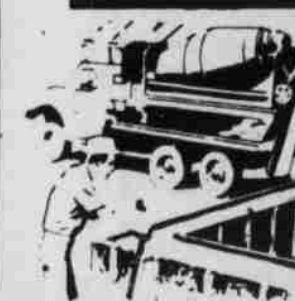
### Debbie Nordheim to be interim Gilliam agent

from the East Oregonian CONDON — Debbie Hoelt Nordheim, Heppner, has assumed the duties of interim Gilliam County Extension agent according to an announcement by Morris Wilson, chairman of the Gilliam County Extension Advisory Council.

Nordheim, who began work here Jan. 15, will serve on an interim basis until a permanent agricultural agent is appointed. She replaces Connie Neugart, whose resignation became effective Jan. 16. Nordheim's husband, John, is a Morrow County Extension agent.

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