

Many celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Heppner

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

Everybody turned temporarily Irish on Wednesday, March 17, as many true Irish were gathered to lead the fun in Heppner from the morning radio show presented by KUMA at Jim Farley's showroom, through the breakfast program at the Elks Club and on into the very big evening at the Irish Stew dinner at St. Patrick's Parish Hall where all was super until the Altar Society ran out of stew, alas!

The morning fun began with a blessing by the Rev. John O'Brien and a KUMA taped song by the late Joe Doherty and continued with music and short talks. An impressive group of clergy headed by Bishop Thomas Connelly of Baker graced the affair. Pendleton's jovial mayor Joe McLaughlin and Dr. Kendall Early brightened the morning with their presences and their top-toe brilliant green grab. Bill Kilkenny served as assistant to producer Ted Smith and sang a request number "Ragtime Cowboy Joe."

Local Irish families were represented by Eb Hughes, Jerry Bronsan, George Curran, Rosella Lindsay, Helen Doherty Dyer and niece Martha, Pete Lennon and sister Maggie Healy, Matt Doherty and others.

Irish music was offered by Bill Kenny and a Scotch minstrel, Ron McDonald, who were accompanied by Karen Slack. The program at Farley's ended with a benediction from Bishop Connelly.

As most of the morning crowd walked from the Farley establishment to the Elks Lodge they enjoyed music by Ackley-led junior high musicians parked along the street side. At the breakfast party, Irish music was provided by the Lindsay Family and by Ron McDonald who sang "Clancy Lowered the Boom;" (all musical performances were repeated at the Irish Stew.) Master of Ceremonies Gene Pierce was assisted by Hazel Mahoney and Ruth Nutting as special prizes were distributed. The winners were: best-dressed Irishman, Joe Burns of Hermiston, and best-dressed Irish woman, Ilene Laughlin; and a representative of the Morrow County family O'Sheridan, the Rev. Michael Sheridan ... all of whom were rewarded with prizes given by Farley Motor Co.

Larry Brady was honored as the oldest native Irishman; Pete Lennon gained a prize from McDonald Chevrolet because he was the oldest native Irishman driving a Chevrolet, and Pete's sister, Maggie Healy, was honored as the oldest native-born Irish woman with an award from John F. Kilkenny. Bill Lowe won the Hutch's Printing Award as the oldest Englishman present. Kate Daly won as the oldest native Irish person born in County Conegal and Kathleen Hisler was named the oldest Irish person whose ancestors came from County Leitrim and she won a prize donated by Ralph Curran.

M.C. Pierce declared that Ron McDonald was awarded a prize from Boyce Insurance for being the oldest Scotchman present; Vic Lovgren was given a prize from H-M Ranch for being the oldest



Probably the smallest of our presidents, James Madison, at five feet four, never weighed more than 100 pounds.



The Heppner Jr. High band performed under the direction of Jim Ackley



Many in green crowded in and outside Farley's showroom



Ron McDonald entertained the crowd with Irish songs

Irish-Swede, Red Leonard, Hermiston, got the Turner-Van Marter & Bryant Insurance award as the reddest-faced Irishman, or facsimile, and Bud Batty was awarded a prize from M & R Floorcovering because he was judged the shortest Irishman or

Get that garden started

By BOB COSTA
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Home vegetable gardening can provide your family with plentiful fresh, inexpensive vegetables and add years to your life. Out in the garden you get exercise, fresh air and relief from tension and worry. Stress fades away as you become absorbed in cultivating, planting and harvesting. One trick for enjoyable gardening is to avoid biting off more than you can chew. Plant a moderate sized garden so you don't become a slave to your corn and tomatoes.

In most of Morrow County, gardeners can start planting now. Peas, onions, radishes, spinach and other cold season crops can be planted as soon as you can work the ground. Many warm season crops can be started indoors to get a jump on our warm but short growing season.

May 15 can be considered an average date for last frost in central Morrow County. After this date, all vegetables can be planted or set out in the garden.

The Morrow County office of the OSU Extension Service in Heppner has a wealth of free literature and information on home vegetable gardening.



A leprechaun, alias Donna Moeller



The newest Irish Immigrant prize, donated by Eb Hughes, went to Patricia (Mrs. Patrick Campbell) a recent-from-Ireland bride. The youngest Irish person, Janelle Healy, gained a prize given by Paul Hisler, Jr. The final award was a

crooked 2 x 4 from Kinzua Corp. which went to the "Crookedest Irishman" Jimmy Farley. The entire Morrow County Community gained much pride and joy on its prize-winning St. Patrick's Day in 1982. Let's do this every year!

Sr. Trooper Victor Groshens receives promotion, transfer

Senior Trooper Victor L. Groshens, Fish and Game Enforcement Trooper for the Oregon State Police in Heppner has been promoted to the rank of sergeant and will be transferred to the Bend State Police office, effective April 1. Groshens will assist the Bend station commander in supervising enforcement of the Fish and Game Regula-

tions at Bend, Madras and Prineville offices, announced Lieutenant Bill Barboletos, commander of the Hermiston and Heppner state police offices.

Groshens, 44, was born and raised in the Heppner area and attended Heppner schools. He and his wife, Judy, have three children.

Groshens began his career with the department in May

1963. He was stationed at the Newport office and was transferred to the Heppner post in 1972. Barboletos said Groshens will complete his move to his new assignment by May 15.



To clean piano keys, apply toothpaste to a well dampened cloth. Rub the keys well, wipe dry and buff with a dry soft cloth.

School board accepts bids for buses, new storage shed

The Morrow County School Board accepted bids for three new buses and for construction of a new storage shed at Sam Boardman Elementary School, at its last meeting March 15.

A bid of \$27,685 each was accepted for two new 66-passenger buses, and one of \$23,470 was accepted for one 54-passenger bus.

The new buses will be used to replace 10-year-old high-mileage buses now in use by the district.

Purchase of the buses will be contingent on passage of the school budget March 30, Superintendent Matt Doherty told the board of directors.

A bid of \$3,758 was also accepted by the board for construction of a small storage building at Sam Boardman Elementary in Boardman.

Low bidder was Columbia

River Construction Company. In other business, the board:

learned the district would receive \$44,000 less in basic school support than last year. "That's better than we had anticipated," said Doherty.

decided to spend the next two months reviewing energy use at all the schools in the district in an effort to save money.

learned that the pump in the Riverside High School well would have to be lowered 40 feet. The pump is too high and is sucking in air, Doherty said.

approved a policy on religion in the schools. The policy states the school board will not aid any particular religion, but would not forbid teaching about religion.

approved a tax base election for the district on May 18. The tax base request will be \$6,335,277.

Natural Family Planning seminar to be offered

Natural Family Planning (NFP) will be the topic of an introductory seminar coming to the Heppner - Ione area soon, announced Mrs. Joe McElligott of Ione. Jean Owen of the Billings Ovulation Method Center in Portland will show a film, "Miracle of Life" and explain NFP.

McElligott said, "The ovulation method of a family planning enables all pregnancies to be planned and can assist many infertile couples

to achieve pregnancy. It is natural - yet is based on sound scientific knowledge and can be successfully applied during breast feeding."

The seminar is open to anyone interested and is free with no obligation to attend further classes, said McElligott. Anyone interested in attending the seminar, or learning more about NFP is asked to call McElligott at 422-7257 as soon as possible.

Farmers respond favorably

Morrow County farmers are responding favorably to the 1982 acreage reduction programs by signing up early, said Judy Buschke, an official of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. At the end of the fourth week of sign-up, 141 farm program applications had been filed. The program offers farmers a chance to adjust their crop production and increase the prices they will get.

The 1982 programs call for a 15 percent reduction of wheat, cotton and rice acres, and a 10 percent reduction of feed grain acres. "Farmers who have signed up are eligible for price support loans, target prices and the reserve program. Participation is voluntary. However, only those who sign up will be eligible for program benefits," Buschke said.

Wheat program participants will receive regular loans at \$3.55 a bushel, reserve loans at \$4 and a target price of \$4.05 per bushel. Feed grain program participants will be eligible for target prices of \$2.70 per bushel for corn; \$2.60

for sorghum and barley; and \$1.50 for oats. They will receive crop loans at a rate of \$2.55 per bushel for corn; \$2.42 for sorghum; \$2.08 for barley and \$1.31 for oats, she added.

According to Buschke, the record grain crops in 1981, along with sluggish demand, have led to an excessive level of carryover stocks, depressing prices to unacceptable levels. The acreage reduction programs will contribute to reducing carryover stocks and increasing prices.

Farmers may apply for the program until April 16, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays, at the Heppner ASCS office.

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