

A.A.U.W. to sponsor Wright family history cont. documentary drama

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"Prodigal Daughters," a documentary drama recreating the lives of immigrant women, will be performed in Ione High School cafeteria at 8 p.m. on Friday, May 20. The performance is made possible by a grant from the Oregon Committee for the Humanities and is sponsored by the Heppner-Ione Branch of the American Association of University Women. There will be no admission charge.

Featuring actress Jan Van Boskirk and folk musician Mark Nelson, this documentary drama united theater, music and history in exploring the past. Much of America's past is the story of immigrants making a new life in a new land. "Prodigal Daughters" introduces its audience to a special group of immigrants — women who left the rigid roles that limited them in their homelands and faced the dangers and opportunities in the New World. Jane Van Boskirk brings five of these women to life in dramatic monologues revealing them as people, not historical abstractions. The five include:

Marie Jakobson Bodtker, a Dane from the Faroe Islands who made the passage to America alone, worked as a maid in Chicago, settled on a farm in the West and became a prominent figure in Junction City, Oregon.

Mary Harris, "Mother Jones," an Irish immigrant who became known across the country as a labor organizer and fighter for the rights of working people.

Helena Modjeska, a world-famous Polish actress who fled censorship and mastered a new language so thoroughly that she returned to the stage and captivated American audiences with her performances of Shakespeare.

Mother Francesca Cabrini, an Italian nun and founder of orphanages, schools and hospitals, who became the first American saint; and

Goldy Goldstein, a Russian Jew who left her homeland as a teenager, married a gambler in London, and after her husband deserted her in America, made a life for herself and her seven children as a businesswoman.

"Prodigal Daughters" is both authentic history and exciting theater, complete with accurate music and costumes of the period.

Jane Van Boskirk is widely known throughout the Northwest for her touring performances in "The Northwest Woman" that portrays the lives of Oregon Territory's

pioneers, which she performed in Heppner last summer.

Mark Nelson who joins her on stage as both narrator and musician, is a veteran folk musician who has toured throughout the U.S. and Europe. He plays traditional music from many countries on the dulcimer, guitar, mandolin, Jew's harp, bones and bodhran (an Irish drum).

"Prodigal Daughters" was directed by Pat Patton of the Oregon Shakespearean Festival, and written by Dorothy Velasco, author of such historical dramas as "The Northwest Woman" and "Edgar Allen Poe."

The authentic costumes are by Frances Kenny, formerly head costume designer at Oregon Repertory theater and now with the Oregon Shakespearean Festival. Several academic humanists contributed to the project as well, helping to insure accuracy and to discover historical information. They include Linda Danielson, folklorist and musician at Lane Community College, who also served as the show's musical director; Edwin Bingham, professor of history at the University of Oregon and a specialist in Northwest history; and Louise Wade, an associate professor of history at the U. of O. and a specialist in immigrant history.

"Prodigal Daughters" is making a 12-city tour of Oregon, with the assistance of the Oregon Committee for the Humanities and local sponsoring organizations.

(Editor's note: The following article is the second part of the history of the Albert Wright family. His descendant, Albert, and his wife, Beverly, will host this year's Morrow County Pioneer Picnic. More of the Wright family history will be published next week.)

Early county pioneers Albert and Julia Wright had six children, five of whom came to Morrow County. These five, Julia, Silas Albert, George, Anson and Effie, became parents of almost 30 third-generation members of that family.

The Wright Family has quite good information about the subsequent generations, although a few persons are not in close touch anymore. The chairpersons of this year's picnic committee, Albert and Beverly Wright, have telephoned many out-of-area relatives. Beth Wright Clark has shared facts she has gleaned about many relatives. So, we continue our look at this historic family.

Julia Wright, the oldest child of Albert and Julia, married Timothy H. Bisbee and they had four children. A son, Albert S. Bisbee, died at 20 years of age, unmarried. Their daughter, Lillian, married Charles Wentworth, and they had children but are out of touch with the family here. Son Louis Bisbee married Emaline Farnsworth, and was long a hardware merchant in Heppner. They had two children, the late Orrin Bisbee and

Kathryn Bisbee, now in Ojai, Calif. Neither married. The fourth child of Julia and Timothy Bisbee, Mary Pearl, died at one year.

Silas Albert Wright married Martha Cantwell, and their union produced seven offspring. They farmed on upper Rhea Creek. Their son, Alonzo, married James Hager of Heppner, whose children are James Robert Hager of Heppner, and Janette Marie Evans (Mrs. Ken) of Irrigon. Jim and Jewel Hager furnished ice cream and milk for the annual pioneer reunions and other civic events through the 25 years they had Hager's Dairy. Alonzo's second daughter, Cleo, married Charles Willard, and their children are Carolyn Roberts and Doris McClure. The Willards live in Myrtle Point.

Silas and Martha's son Guy died during his first day of life. Their daughter, Mary Pearl, married Joseph Devine of Lexington. They had no children. Son Moses Albert married Ava McFerrin, who still lives in Heppner. Their one child, Oral, was born in the same bedroom that his father was born in out on the Rhea Creek Ranch. Oral married Marge Hoppold and they have three daughters: Lynn Haguewood, Portland; Nancy Huffman, Memphis, Tenn.; and Deanna Bellamy, Seattle. Wash Oral and Marge now live in Lexington.

A daughter, Sydna Della died as a young, unmarried woman. Son Orian Elmer married Willa Pearl LaTrace, a daughter of Heppner pioneers. They became parents of William Clayton, who married Rita Robinson, the mo-

ther of daughters Claytha Rene (Mrs. Oliver Devin), Heppner; Theresa Joan "Terry"; and Ramona Leigh (now Johnson) of Portland. Clayton and his wife Florence live at Arlington. The Orian Wright's daughter, Joan Lucille, married Richard Zimmerman (they are both deceased). Their children are Clayton Lee Zimmerman of Boring, who has five children, and Bonnie Jean (Mrs. Jim Kiser). The Kisers are now in Saudi Arabia and their children are Ramona and Mark. Orian and Pearl's son, Robert Neil, who lives in Hermiston, married Kay Burns of Heppner, and they have four boys: Gary, James, Mike and Robert, Jr.

The next son, Orian Albert, married Beverly Mannes, and they are the present operators of the Rhea Creek Ranch in partnership with son Dean and daughter Dianna Hoelt and her husband, Gerald Hoelt. Beverly and Albert's older son, David, lives at Olex. He has sons Albert James and Jeremy David. He is married to Anita Hanna from Condon. Dean Allan Wright married Cynthia "Cindy" Barnett of Ione and their children are Stephanie, Bryan Dean and Grant Michael. Dianna has a daughter, Angela Marie and is married to Gerlad Hoelt from Pilot Rock.

The fourth son, "Deb," (Silas Delbert), in his later years married Adelle Hannan LaTrace of Heppner. He had lived with his parents and then later farmed on the Wyland place which he bought. He had no children.



A family portrait of Silas Albert and Martha (Cantwell) Wright and four of their seven children. Left to right, front row: father Silas Albert, son Silas Delbert "Deb," mother Martha, back row: daughter Mary Pearl, son Orian Elmer and daughter Sydna Della.

Webelos plan bottle drive

Local Webelos Cub Scouts will hold a bottle drive on Saturday, May 14, in Heppner and Lexington, announced den leader Mike Turley of Ione. The scouts will be collecting bottles door to door throughout the morning.

Money from the bottles will be used to help finance a father and son overnight campout at Cutsforth Park June 4 and 5, he said.

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SUNDAY, May 15, Couple Fun League, 6p.m.

TUESDAY, May 17, Classic Pairs, 7p.m.

THURSDAY, May 19, Ladies League, 9:30a.m.

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The Garden Patch

By BOB COSTA
OSU Extension Agent
Morrow County

It's almost time to set out the warm season vegetables. Weather records show that after May 20 a low of 32 degrees F. or less will occur in only one out of five years.

Warm season vegetables such as tomatoes, peppers, squash and melons can be planted as seed or started plants can be transplanted.

A little extra care with transplants can make the dif-

ference between success or failure.

Select transplants that are strong and healthy and not overly large. Transplant in the evening or on a cool, cloudy day. Remove the plant from its container and place it in a pre-dug hole immediately. Disturb the roots as little as possible.

Protect the transplants from the hot sun if days are warm. A shingle or similar object can be placed to shade the plants for a week or so. Keep the transplants well

watered until established. After a wet winter and spring, lawns and evergreen shrubs are in need of some fertilizer to green them up. For example, evergreen shrubs should get an application of a fertilizer such as 5-10-10 at two cups per 100 square feet.

Lawns should be fertilized so they receive not more than one pound of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet at each application. For example, apply 16-20-0 at seven pounds per 1,000 square feet.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is given that on May 17, 1983, there will be a Special District Election in all of Morrow County, Oregon for the below measures. All registered voters of Morrow County will vote in their polling places as listed below.

Combined Boardman.....	Greenfield Grange
Combined Ione.....	Ione City Hall
Combined Lexington.....	North Morrow Annex
Combined Morrow County School Office	
Combined Hardman-Heppner.....	Neighborhood Center

The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Pursuant to ORS 255.095

BARBARA BLOODSWORTH
MORROW COUNTY CLERK

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Special Election Ballot
Morrow County, Oregon

Morrow County School District

Tuesday, May 17, 1983 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mark a Cross [X] or a Check Mark [✓] in the voting square after the word "Yes" or after the word "No" for the answer voted for.

ONE YEAR PROPERTY TAX LEVY

QUESTION

SHALL MORROW COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVY \$4,291,705.00 OUTSIDE THE OREGON CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITATION FOR DISTRICT OPERATION DURING 1983-1984?

EXPLANATION

The district has authority to levy only the tax base of \$700,923.00. This sum, plus non-tax revenues, is not adequate to operate the schools. It is necessary to submit to the voters a levy request in excess of the tax base. The levy to finance the operating budget for 1983-1984 is \$126,773.00 greater than the levy for 1982-1983.

If this measure is approved \$3,721,565.00 of the taxes levied in the 1983-1984 fiscal year is eligible for partial funding by the state. However, \$570,140.00 of the taxes will be totally financed by local taxpayers.

Reasons for the increases are increases in the form of employee benefits, increases in the cost of purchased services, replacement, maintenance and general increases in all costs due to the universal inflation which affects purchases of all goods and services.

YES I VOTE FOR THE TAX LEVY

NO I VOTE AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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Special Election Ballot
Morrow County, Oregon

Tax Levy Outside The Six Percent Limitation

Tuesday, May 17, 1983 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mark a Cross [X] or a Check Mark [✓] in the voting square after the word "Yes" or after the word "No" for the answer voted for.

QUESTION

SHALL MORROW COUNTY LEVY \$2,304,197 OUTSIDE THE TAX BASE FOR ALL COUNTY OPERATIONS DURING FISCAL YEAR 1983-1984?

PURPOSE

The purpose of this levy is to provide funds to balance the Morrow County operating budget which includes: General Fund, Roads, General School Fund, Cities portion of Road Funds, plus, the Morrow County Hospital and Clinic budgets for 1983-1984. The tax base for 1983-1984 is \$438,281.

EXPLANATION

The total levy will be \$2,742,478. If this measure is approved, \$2,376,290 of the taxes levied in 1983-1984 are eligible for partial State Funding. However, \$366,188 of the taxes levied will be totally financed by the local taxpayers. The tax rate for County operations will be approximately \$3.92 per \$1,000 valuation. This levy is \$289,802 less than the levy for 1982-1983.

YES I VOTE FOR THE TAX LEVY

NO I VOTE AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

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