

Lions retire solar heating debt



Left to right: Larry Cerullo, George Koffler, Cliff Green, Lonny Watne and Bill Kuhn

Tuesday morning, several Lions Club members met in front of Coast to Coast in Heppner for the official burning of the note which they signed with the undertaking of the Solar Heating Project at the Heppner Swimming Pool. Retirement of the debt was made possible with a recent donation by the Willows Lodge No. 66 I.O.O.F.

said a spokesperson for the Lions. "The total project cost was approximately \$26,000 and would not have been possible without the support from the residents of Heppner as well as City Hall, all the local service organizations and the many local businesses that helped out along the way."

French concerned about inability to enforce proposed law

Rep. Ray French, R-Heppner, announced in a recent news release that he will work to block a proposal requiring drivers and their passengers to wear seat belts.

The measure recently cleared the Senate by a vote of 19 to 11, and it will now go to the House for further consideration. "This is not good legislation because of the many exemptions and the inability to enforce such a law," French said.

If approved, drivers would be responsible for themselves and people younger than age 16. Adult passengers would be responsible for their own seat belt use under the measure. Exemptions also would include those who could not buckle up because of the lack of available seat belts; nonresidents whose state doesn't have such a law; the drivers of cars made prior to 1966; a truck weighing 8,000 pounds or more; a person who gains an exemption, for example a person with a pacemaker or any person riding in the custody of a police officer.

If approved the plan would carry a maximum fine of \$50. "And there's always the question of whether the government should add another regulation to an already overregulated vehicle code," French added.

When the bill comes before the House, French said he will work to amend to refer to the people for a vote, or "killed entirely."

Besides this measure, French is concerned about a proposal requiring a \$15 fee for those who purchase studded tires. He said this is unfair to residents in Eastern Oregon who often use studded tires to drive on icy roads. French said he will watch carefully the progress of this proposal.

Other bills French is eyeing include: Groundwater legislation affecting Butter Creek and Ella Butte in Morrow and Umatilla counties.

A lottery plan that French opposes because he said it "locks in" specific programs and taxes the winnings.

A 20-day voter pre-registration measure that French said he planned to support to ensure that only qualified residents vote in their areas.

Budget hearing postponed

After discovering an error in the district's publication date, the Morrow County School district postponed the scheduled February 18 budget hearing and rescheduled it for March 4. Budget law requires the district to publish its budget summaries and notice of hearing not more than 25 and not less than 15 days before the date of the hearing.

According to Superintendent Doyle McCaslin, the error occurred when the budget calendar was made last August. The calendar called for a publication date of February 6 and a hearing date of February 18. "Obviously only 12 days," said

AAUW sets program for Ore. Art Week

A slide-tape show of "Women in the Arts" and an exhibition of local artists is set for Thursday, Feb. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Episcopal Parish Hall in Heppner.

The slide program, which will feature Northwest women artists, is sponsored by the Heppner-Ione branch of American Association University of Women in conjunction with Oregon Arts Week.

Art work by members of the Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts Assoc. will be shown and are available for sale.

"Art club members are encouraged to attend the slide show and also bring and show their work," said Morrow County Creative Arts and Crafts President Cork Norene.

"The whole community is invited to come and help us celebrate Oregon Arts Week," added AAUW spokesperson April Hilton-Sykes. "The local art exhibit will provide a great chance for us to see what our local artists are doing," she said.

Refreshments will be provided by AAUW members.

For more information call Hilton-Sykes, 676-9939.

Officer returns to duty



Steve Conover

Following numerous operations and physical therapy, Steve Conover will return to work with the Morrow County Sheriff's Dept. February 19.

Conover was injured June 14 while building cabinets for an evidence locker at the Sheriff's Office. His right hand brushed against a saw blade severing his thumb, pinky, and the first digit of his middle

finger. Morrow County Sheriff Roy Drago reports that Conover immediately notified the Sheriff's Office for an ambulance. A Heppner police officer arrived at the accident first and transported Conover to Pioneer Memorial Hospital. The officer was advised to return for the severed fingers. Then Conover and the fingers were transported by Lifeguard helicopter to St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland where the fingers were replaced on his hand. Skin grafts were done on the index and ring fingers of the same hand which also were badly damaged.

Conover will have full use of his hand, Drago reports. "We, at the Sheriff's Dept. are 'exhilarated' that he is coming back to work after eight months." Conover will attend a Defensive Tactics Course at the Oregon Police Academy February 19, 20, and 21 for evaluation to assure himself and the sheriff's department that he is physically capable of returning to work. To use his weapon and to use physical restraint if necessary.

Other deputies of the sheriff's department filled in while Conover was off work. We did not need to hire another person to take his place, concluded Drago. "We're looking forward to a full staff again."

Where to write

U.S. Senators from Oregon: Mark O. Hatfield, 322 Hart Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510; Bob Packwood, 259 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, D.C. 20510.

U.S. Representative to Congress for the Second District: Bob Smith, 118 Cannon Office Bldg., Washington D.C. 20515.

Oregon State Senate - District 30, Morrow County Eugene Timms, 1049 N. Court, P.O. Box 1186, Burns, Oregon 97720. Gilliam County Ken Jernstadt, 911 Pine, Hood River, Ore. 97031.

Oregon State Representatives:

Gilliam County Wayne H. Fawbush, 5000 O'Leary Rd., Hood River, Ore. 97031. Morrow County Ray French, State Capitol Bldg., Room 309, Salem, OR. 97310.

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IFYE to speak in Morrow Co.



By BIRDINE TULLIS Program Assistant OSU Extension Service

Morrow County residents will get a glimpse of modern India when

Susan Herndon, Oregon City, reports on her experiences as an International 4-H Youth Exchange delegate in the world's largest democracy February 24-26.

Herndon returned to Oregon in December after spending four months living and working with Indian families in the IFYE program. She now is sharing insights on the people and progress of India with many counties throughout Oregon.

While in Morrow county, the 1981 OSU graduate will speak to several schools, Extension groups, Chamber of Commerce, and other service clubs. Her schedule is full, so those interested in her program, which will be illustrated with slides, are asked to contact the Extension office at 676-9642 for details of her scheduled reports.

"There's no way to generalize about India," Herndon notes, because the great diversity of food, language, religion and cultures. One of the things she hopes to do with her reporting, however, is up-date people's view of India. She feels that many people still have "the image of India as it was 20 years ago. They don't realize the progress that has been made during that time in such areas as education, industrial development and sanitation."

Although she was still in India at the time of the assassination of Indra Gandhi, Herndon says that at no time did she feel unsafe.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Herndon, she was a 4-H member for nine years and has been a volunteer 4-H leader.

The IFYE program in Oregon is privately financed with contributions from individuals, groups and businesses interested in furthering international understanding. It is a people to people exchange with the Oregon IFYE's living in homes of host families, actually becoming a part of the family. While in Morrow County, her host families will be Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mader and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swanson. "IFYE's are very special people. I feel we are very fortunate to have Susan bring us her personal views of what is happening in India," said Birdine Tullis, Morrow County Extension Service. "I'm sure anyone interested will be welcome to her reports at schools or other groups."

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