

Around About

By Justine Weatherford

It seems to many Morrow residents that 1986 got off to a pretty slow start. Now as its short second month ends and we move into longer March, how we all hope that our "thinking sunshine" will really bring positive results, and before our Irish joy breaks forth over March 15, 16 and 17, we will be surrounded by our beautiful green-again hills and new life will be re-born in lovely Willow Creek Valley.

One joyful project that seems pretty well assured is the coming remodeling of historic Heppner Hotel. Meg Murray deserves much praise for "mothering" this project, for spending lots of energy, time and developing know-how in getting it rolling. She made a fine statement before the very supportive Heppner Chamber of Commerce to the effect that the soundly-constructed hotel building in the center of town has been looking sad, looking like a community liability, and "with the good support of all citizens can become a real asset to our area."

Some of us had not known that the local Odd Fellows Lodge made a fine contribution in getting the hotel project going by paying the \$400 filing fee required with the application for the loan fund. Cheers to them!

Quiet, friendly rural communities which offer good sociability and many opportunities for voluntarism, and which are surrounded by attractive mountains, lakes and rivers will surely be drawing more and more retirees who know they would rather finish out their lives in this sort of environment than in the hustle, bustle and crime-prone larger cities where they may have lived during their working lives.

You have probably read that Governor Atiyeh's Fourth Annual Volunteer Recognition Week is coming in April. One of his themes since his 1979 inaugural has been "Government can do many things, but it can't hire love."

As all budgeting becomes more difficult with the cuts coming in federal assistance programs, the re-awakening of and appreciation of the importance of voluntary workers like those who did so much during pioneer days is happily again drawing attention. It is good to note that the American Association of University Women here is planning to honor Morrow County volunteers. Just think a few minutes how much these unpaid individuals give to our communities in loving service.

From youth groups through senior citizens, as volunteers give to others they often gain in personal growth, strength and understanding. A hasty listing of a few of the places volunteer services make our community a much better place in which to live would include our firemen, ambulance drivers, persons on many boards, commissions, committees and auxiliaries, members of civic organizations, those who help in libraries and museums, garden club members who spread beauty, all church folks who provide comfort and encouragement, lodge members who provide scholarship and bolster civic pride—and on and on.

Isn't it great to be reading the announcements of scholarship winners? How proud we feel to see young people achieving excellence in their studies and setting lofty goals. The organizations which provide their money, assistance and encouragement to outstanding youth are surely investing in America's most valuable asset.

Were you surprised to see all the flags flying on Heppner streets last Saturday? Those of us who are not too sold on having Lincoln's birthday celebrated on February 3 and Washington's birthday come of February 17 feel delighted that in Heppner, and in George, Washington, those who put out the flags are holding to the "real" birthdays of our two greatest presidents.

I won't be "talking" to you again until after we all enjoy Heppner's happy celebration in remembrance of Morrow's Irish heritage over the weekend of March 14, 15, 16, when we so hope bright sunshine will bring joyous sparkle to this early springtime celebration of dear St. Patrick's death. See you then!

Weddings

Smalley-Edmundson



Kristin Lee Edmundson and Mark Robert Smalley of Hermiston were married at a candlelight ceremony December 28. The wedding ceremony was read by Father Julian amid a Christmas setting at Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church in Hermiston.

Parents of the couple are John and Pat Edmundson of Heppner and Bob Smalley and the late Deannie Samiley of Hermiston.

The bride, a graduate of Western Oregon State College, teaches at Sunset Elementary School in Hermiston.

Smalley attended Blue Mountain Community College and Southern Oregon State College. He is employed at Les Schwab in Hermiston.

Soloists for the ceremony were Joe McDonald and Lisa Nix, accompanied by Rikka Tews of Ione.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore her mother's traditionally long gown of chantilly lace over satin with long sleeves, high illusion neckline and a bouffant skirt featuring a flounce of tulle over satin.

Her veil was caught by a derby-style hat, and she carried a cascading bouquet of red roses with lace ribbons atop her mother's Rainbow Bible.

Vicki Brookshire, the bride's sister from Beaverton, was matron of honor. Her other attendants were Sheila Edmundson, the bride's sister-in-law from Pendleton, Ronna Garcia of LaGrande, and Cindy Thompson of Spokane.

Jeff Smalley, Tempe, Ariz. was best man for his brother. The ushers were Jeff Carper and Sam Sobotta, both of Hermiston; and Scott Zielke of Stanfield.

Jeff Edmundson and Ann Smalley were the candelights and Kelly steward was the flowergirl.

A reception, including a buffet and dance, was held in the church parish hall following the ceremony. Serving at the cake table were Cam Wishart, Sue Jones, and Suzanne Jepsen of Heppner. Hostesses for the buffet and punch table were Kathy Carper, Shirley Crane and Patsy Keimig of Hermiston. Jan Tergeson, Pendleton, was in charge of the guest book and Darcy Chamberlain, Tempe, Arizona, assisted at the gift table. Emily Edmundson, niece of the bride, handed out groom's cakes and rice bags.

Special guests at the ceremony were the grandmothers of the couple, Vera Turner, The Dalles, Mary Edmundson, Hood River and Frances Smalley, Boise, Idaho.

Following a wedding trip to Phoenix, Arizona and the Oregon Coast the couple is at home in Hermiston.

Men's breakfast slated March 1

All Saints' Men's Club will hold their monthly breakfast this Sunday at 8 a.m. at the parish hall. Terry Hughes is in charge of this event and encourages all men of the church to be present.

There will be a meeting of the Bishop's committee this Sunday at 7:15 p.m. There will also be a meeting of the Lay Readers at this

same time.

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Lexington News

By Delpha Jones 989-8189

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Joyce Buchanan and Virginia Peck visited Friday with Charles Buchanan who is a patient in the Veterans' Hospital in Walla Walla.

Callers at the C.C. Jones home on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Miller of Hermiston and Venice Hendrickson and grandson Kevin of Pendleton.

Holly Rebekah lodge met on Thursday for the regular meeting with the PNG Leila Palmer in the chair. Plans were made for the dinner at the President's visit, and parts of a program for the day were discussed. Refreshments were served jointly with the Oddfellows who met at the same time.

Business visitors in Heppner over the weekend were Bill and Linda Hutchinson and family and Joe Sellards of Prineville. They were guests of Barbara Cutsforth.

The Lexington Baptist Church had a progressive dinner on Wednesday of last week. The dinner started at Harley Sager's with appetizers, on to Gary Bruch's for salads, and to the Church in Lexington where Rena and Bill Marquardt served the main course of steaks, and on to Ron and Jeanne Beesons for lovely desserts and evening fellowship. The group had a most enjoyable evening, and all report the foods were delicious.

'Issues Facing Christians' continues

This Thursday evening marks the third evening in an Ecumenical Lenten Series entitled, "Issues Facing Christians Around the World." The first two evenings have examined issues facing Christians in Eastern Europe, the U.S.S.R. and China.

This Thursday, February 27, the program will be given by Donna Bergstrom and will be presentation of Christian issues in Scandinavia where the Church is a State Church. The program will be held at All Saints' Episcopal Church in

Viola Weis of Newport, is visiting her friends Mr. and Mrs. Murty for a couple of weeks, and learning about Morrow County scenic places.

The card party held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Sunday afternoon was well attended. Prizes were given and refreshments were served. Women's high was won by Charlene Papineau, and second high Alice McCabe. Men's high was Lewis Halvorsen and second high Earl Papineau. Pinochle, Debbi Sharp and Joyce Buchanan, door prize, Erma Keithley.

Plans are being made for the Easter Day chicken dinner to be served by the Lexington Grange. Jean Nelson and Barbara Cutsforth, the planning committee, met on Monday to finish the plans. The dinner will start at 1 p.m. and there will be cards in the afternoon for enjoyment only at no charge.

Delpha and Cecil Jones attended Pomona Grange at the Columbia Grange in Hermiston on Saturday. This was a busy day with several resolutions on the floor and initiation in the evening. Several honored guests from the State of Washington were introduced as well as Jack Preston, state membership chairman, and Delpha Jones, Wheatland district deputy.

Heppner and will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the presentation. The public is cordially invited to attend and become informed in issues facing Christians in Scandinavia.

On Thursday evening, March 6 the Lenten Series will travel to the United Church of Christ in Ione. On this evening the Rev. Rick Evenson of Hope and Valby Lutheran Churches will present a program on South Africa and the dynamic issues facing Christians in this turbulent part of the world.

Engagements

Dougherty-Kannard



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dougherty of Heppner announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Marie, to Forest Eldon Kannard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Kannard of Pendleton.

Miss Dougherty is a graduate of Heppner High School and the Pendleton College of Beauty. She is

employed at Headquarters Beauty Salon in Pendleton.

Kannard is a graduate of Pendleton High School and is employed by Pioneer Construction in Pendleton.

The couple plans to be married March 1 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner.

Heppner Happenings

By Mary Bryant 676-9493

The Country Fibre Artists Guild held its monthly meeting at the home of Vanessa Thompson at Morgan. The day was spent working with luxury fivers. A potluck dinner was held at noon followed by a business meeting. The next regular meeting will be at Nancy McElhany's home in Heppner. For any information on the work of the Guild, call Sandy Van Liew at 676-5050.

members and guests following the Elks Annual this past weekend. Mel Hammons and Eleanor Gonty were the cooks with Senior Volunteers helping. The proceeds to be used for the various projects of the Seniors.

Here for Mrs. Snoda Blakes 88th birthday were her grand-

daughter and husband, Sharon and Holt Simmons of Portland. Sharon works in the lab at the Eastmoreland Hospital in Portland. She is the daughter of Bill and Shirley Blake.

Mrs. Snoda Blake has received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Merle Blake. He was the last of the children of Willard and Anna Blake, who lived in the Ione area years ago. Burial was in Gresham.

We all wonder if anyone wins the many contests we see advertised these days, every product seems to be offering prizes, trips, etc. One of our local high school students recently received a check for \$100 in a contest on a box of cereal. The letter accompanying the check said they had mailed out 10,000 such checks, so keep trying.

Mrs. Sara Adkins recently celebrated her 91st birthday. Mrs. Alice McCabe had guests in for cards and refreshments in her honor.

I wonder how many persons realize the nice things that Mrs. McCabe does for her friends. Being pretty much confined to my home, she sees to it that I do not lack for books to read, occasionally brings us a treat and generally keeps an eye on my sister and myself. A lovely person.

Retired educators to hear speech camp program

Unit 9 of the Umatilla-Morrow Counties Oregon Retired Educators Association will meet at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 1, at Frasu's Restaurant in Hermiston.

The business meeting will be

followed by a luncheon at noon.

Tori Davis will present the program on the work of the Meadowood Springs Speech Camp.

Gladys Howton is hostess chairman for this meeting.

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