



Wedding VanSchoiack — Kerbs

Kathleen VanSchoiack of Bend and Scot Alan Kerbs, Powell Butte, were united in marriage on September 12, 1987, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Heppner. Kathleen is the daughter of Robert Van Schoiack, Heppner, and the late Kathryn Van Schoiack. Scott is the son of Carl and Nadene Kerbs, Saratoga, Wyoming. Father Dominic Hahn performed the ceremony. Jim Ackley accompanied himself on the keyboard and provided organ music for the ceremony.

Maid of Honor was Anne Van Schoiack, sister of the bride of Irrigon. Bridesmaids included Marie Van Schoiack, Connell, Wash. and Patricia Maben, Heppner, sisters of the bride.

Best man was Kip Kerbs, Saratoga, Wyoming, brother of the groom and groomsmen were Daniel Van Schoiack, Hermiston, brother of the bride, and Mark Byers, Bend, friend of the groom.

Ushers included Mike and Bill Van Schoiack, brothers of the bride.

The bride wore her mother's pearl earrings and ivory satin tea-length dress. The bodice had a layer of v-shaped sheer tulle in front and back accented with lace, pearls and sequins. Layers of tulle trimmed with lace fell over a satin underskirt. Satin covered buttons accented the back of the dress and sleeves. The veil was a headpiece of lace trimmed with rosebuds with lilies formed from the lace. She carried a bouquet of silk flowers. The flowers carried by the bride and attendants were made as a gift from Jeni Hall, Bend, friend of the bride. The altar was decorated with lavender mums.

The reception was held at the Heppner Elks Lodge with St. Patrick's Altar Society assisting with the buffet luncheon. Eileen Potter, Condon, cousin of the bride and Nancy Patterson, Bend, friend of the bride cut the cake. Mary Campbell, aunt of the bride, served coffee. Patsy Campbell and Alma Campbell, Lone Rock and Veronica Campbell, Hermiston, aunts of the bride, served punch. The guest book was attended by Jane O'Keeffe, Adel and Tara Campbell, Hermiston, cousins of the bride. Patty Byers and Susan Singhose, Bend, friends of the groom, served champagne punch. Mike Byers and Wayne Singhose, Bend, friends of the groom, served refreshments.

The bride graduated from Heppner High School in 1979, and Good Samaritan School of Nursing in 1983. She is a registered nurse at Valley View Care Center in Saratoga, Wyoming.

The groom graduated from Platte Valley High School in 1973 and University of Wyoming in 1977 with a degree in Farm and Ranch Management. He will work on the family ranch in Saratoga.

After a wedding trip to the Oregon Coast and San Francisco, the couple will live in Saratoga, Wyoming.

Energy assistance program begins in January

Due to the uncertainty in funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), State Community Services announced that this winter's Energy Assistance Program will not start until January 4, 1988.

Eligibility is based on income, with a single person being eligible with an annual income of \$6,875 or less. Eligibility increases by \$2,375 for each household member. Payments are made once a heating season and average \$189 per household.

Food stamp recipients who have received notices in previous years informing them where to apply will still receive those notices in late November.

Preliminary screening will be done

in December for priority households, who are elderly and handicapped according to federal law. However, no payments will be made until January. Starting in January, applications will be taken from all potentially eligible households. Due to the pending cuts, however, all households who believe they may be eligible for energy assistance or have received it in previous years should not rely on receiving those funds but should continue making payments on their fuel bills.

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Do you know where you are going?

By South Morrow County Ministerial Association

In the eighteen years that I have been an ordained priest in the Episcopal church, I have talked and counseled many about the meaning of life. More times than I can remember I have seen people grasping to find an answer to that question.

Many speak to me of confusion, despair, and some are angry with God. What then, are we to make of life, when there is enough nuclear explosives stockpiled for mankind to destroy itself fifty thousand times over, and when the population of the world is expected to double in twenty-five years, and already thirty million die each year because they are too hungry to live. We can understand why there is such confusion. Indeed, there seems to be no answer to such problems, as violence, strife, strikes, mental illness, economic crisis, and to the confusion which exists at every level from personal to international. Moreover, this bewilderment considerably increases the sense of futility which so many feel today.

Where can we find a clear sense of direction? Is there any purpose to life at all? Most contemporary thinkers seem almost haunted by the problem of meaningless existence. Why did Karl Jung say that the central neurosis of our time is emptiness? Why is there constant confusion? Not always outwardly obvious, but often to be found in more reflective moments. The reason is this: Life has no ultimate meaning apart from God. Indeed, God has given each of us a large spiritual appetite which cannot be satisfied by anything less than himself. Therefore, Jesus came as "The Bread of Life" to satisfy our hunger, and as "the light of the world" to give us direction and purpose.

In one of his most famous invitations, Jesus once said this: "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

I want to look more closely at this invitation, and ask five questions about it. 1) Who can come? 2) Why should I come? 3) What happens if I come? 4) On what condition do I come? 5) How do I come? Obviously, I will not be able to answer all these questions in this article, but I will begin and conclude on another occasion.

1. Who can come? Answer: In the words of Jesus "All who labor and are heavy laden". This is therefore a selective invitation, it is not for everyone. It is for those who are tired of the pressures and problems in their lives. Until I am personally conscious of my need, therefore, and I am willing to admit it, Christ has nothing for me. My particular problem might not be confusion or meaningless, it might be something quite different. But most of our problems ultimately are symptoms of a much more deep rooted problem which is common to every person. Paul once expressed it like this: "There is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We have all gone our own way, and have broken God's laws. We all need the help and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. It is this inescapable fact of sin which blinds our spiritual understanding, makes God seem unreal and robs life of its true meaning. Once we realize this, and humbly admit it, Christ's invitation is intensely relevant. "Come to me all who labor and are heavy laden."

Why should I come? In practice many people do not have strong feelings about their need of God. Feelings anyway, are frequently misleading. Rather we should humbly accept the objective diagnosis of our true condition. Since God is God, what he has to say about our needs is of the utmost importance. His authority is supreme. Indeed, Christ frequently made it unmistakably clear that as king of kings, and Lord of Lords, he alone has the right to speak on all the greatest issues of life and death. His invitation therefore, like all royal invitations, is a command. The question of whether or not we happen to feel the need is comparatively unimportant. In the physical realm there is a condition called euphoria, when someone may seem surprisingly well, but in fact is very sick. There can also be a spiritual euphoria. The first step toward knowledge of God lies therefore, in a humble acceptance of his authority over our lives. When Jesus tells us "repent, and believe in the gospel" this is not good advice to those who happen to be conscious of some need. It is a command. In the New Testament, the alternative before us is clearly expressed several times. Either we believe in Christ or we disobey him. Since he is Lord of all, to whom one day every person must submit, this must be so. John wrote "whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, whoever disobeys the Son will never have life; but God's wrath will remain on him forever."

And Paul once said that God's judgement would one day come on those "who do not know God, and...who do not obey the good news about our Lord Jesus.

In a future article, I will answer questions 3, 4 and 5. May God's blessings rest upon you as you walk in his ways.

Father Tony Bullman, All Saints Episcopal Church

TAG students to hear Greenberg speak

Morrow County TAG students in the Challenge Program will take part in a workshop on poetry presented by David Greenberg on December 9, at Sam Boardman Elementary at 1:30 p.m. The workshop is designed to increase student enthusiasm about both reading and writing poetry.

4-H Recipe book now on sale

If a cook is on your Christmas list, consider giving him or her a copy of "Prizewinning Favorites," the 4-H recipe book.

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Greenberg is a professional writer, practicing educator, and nationally known speaker. He is the author of Slugs, Teaching Poetry to Children, and The Great Luncheon Rebellion. He will be presenting a short insertive for selected Morrow County teachers immediately after the student workshop.

Included in the book are recipes

contributed by Swayne Evans, Scott Johnston, Judy Jepsen and Amy Hobbs from Morrow County.

The publication includes a nutritional analysis of each recipe listing calories, sodium, cholesterol, protein, fat, carbohydrates and potassium.

Copies of "Prizewinning Favorites" are available at \$6.95 each from the Extension office in Morrow County or may be ordered by mail from the Oregon 4-H Foundation, P.O. Box 1435, Corvallis, OR 97339. Mail orders should include \$1.55 for shipping and handling.

United Methodist church plans Dec. events

The Heppner United Methodist Church congregation has many activities planned for the coming month which are open to all persons. On this Sunday, December 6, there will be a very brief Administrative Council meeting following the worship service. All are encouraged to attend and participate. At 6 p.m., the junior high youth will gather for pizza and videos.

On Sunday, December 13, at 3 p.m. there will be a Christmas concert by the Community Choir in the church sanctuary. The choir is under the direction of Kathy Hoskins and Don Boyce. Everyone is invited to attend this concert which will present secular and sacred Christmas music for all ages.

On Sunday, December 20, there will be a "Potluck Dinner" following the worship service. All are invited to attend and encouraged to bring their own table service settings. Following the potluck dinner there will be the annual Christmas Program presented by the Sunday school classes. Immediately following the Christmas Program there will be Christmas caroling to area shut-in residents and also will include singing to the nursing home residents during the 2 p.m. nursing home service. We will return to the church

for hot chocolate and cookies. Everyone is invited to attend these programs; they are intended for all ages.

The sermon topics for December will include: "Christmas is PEACE" on Dec. 6, "Christmas is CHILDREN" on Dec. 13, and "Christmas is LOVE" on Dec. 20. The worship service time is 11 a.m. each Sunday morning, and the Sunday school classes begin at 9:30 a.m.

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