

Rebekahs hold special meeting

Eureka Lodge No. 32 and Pauline Rebekah Lodge No. 13 will hold a special meeting March 30, at 6:30 p.m. at the Oddfellow Hall, 19 S.W. Dorion Ave. Pendleton. Sarah Hansell and Tara Haguewood, 1988 winners of the United National Pilgrimage For Youth Tour Speak-Off will show the slides of their trip last summer. They will give pointers to the prospective candidates on how to write their speech and the giving of their speeches.

Pauline Rebekah Lodge will have a potluck supper to start off the evening of fun. Along with the slides of the United Nations, there will be an

eastern Bonnet Parade and games. The United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth Tour District 16 Committee will meet at 5:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to finalize plans for the Speak-Off contest to be held on April 30, 2 p.m. at the hall.

A total of seven area high school students have requested information concerning the National Speak-off which will be held in Washington, D.C. The winner of the local Speak-off will be given a free trip and will be visiting such sites as Mount Rushmore, Niagra Falls, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Volunteers needed to drive paddy wagon

The St. Patrick's Day Committee is looking for volunteers to drive the St. Patrick's Day/Morrow County Fair and Rodeo Parade entry in local parades and celebrations. Below is the 1989 schedule.

If you are interested in driving the vehicle, contact George Koffler to schedule the date.

April 29-Milton-Freewater parade
May 6 Astoria Rodeo parade

May 27-Spray Rodeo parade
July 4-Condon/Ione/Boardman
August 12-Umatilla Fair parade
August 19-Morrow Co. Fair and Rodeo and Irrigon Watermelon Festival

September 10-Echo Ft. Henrietta Days/Round-Up Dress-Up Parade
September 24-Pilot Rock Fun Days

Wranglers to meet and elect officers

The Wranglers Riding Club will hold a meeting March 29 at 7:30 p.m. to elect officers for the new year. The meeting will be held at Kate's Pizza.

A workday is planned for April 1

and 2 at the Wranglers grounds. Members are encouraged to attend. Playdays will begin April 9.

Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to call 676-5037 for further information.

Tourism committee met March 7

The Morrow County Tourism Committee met March 7 at the Port of Morrow office in Boardman.

The committee is working on the placemat project and will try to complete them before the tourist season begins. Dodge City Inn has committed to purchase all the placemats. Information regarding restaurants and motels will be included.

Willow Creek Dam will be lowered to complete tests, according

to Ken Turner. Signage was discussed. This is a time consuming job and needs to be coordinated with other groups such as the Oregon Trails Tourism Council.

Alice Trindle encouraged the committee's participation in the Portland Blitz coming on April 25. Advertising featuring Eastern Oregon is being done by the state.

The next meeting is at the V & G Restaurant in Lexington April 4 at 9 a.m.

'Old Houses' was Topic club program

Ione Topic Club met at the home of Delpha Jones on March 22 with Rikka Tews acting as co-hostess. Ruth McCabe presented a very interesting program on old houses in Ione as shown in a panoramic view of 1902. Probably the oldest house is where Mable Ring lives which was built by Robert Wills in 1886. Other houses she listed in chronological order included the Walker house where Irene and Leo Crabtree live which was built in 1897; the Engleman house on 3rd and Green built in 1898; the Woolery house built in 1898 which is now owned by Faith and John Jordan and is used as a Bed and Breakfast; the Tom Grabill house on 3rd and Spring built in 1900; the Lee and Lana Padberg house on 2nd and D built in 1900; the Ida Coleman house on 2nd and Cherry built by C.T. Walker in 1902; the Elmer

Griffith house on 2nd built in 1903; the Oren Grabill house on 2nd and E built in 1905 and lived in by the Edmund Bristow family for many years; the Pennington and Jordan house on 2nd and D built in 1910 and used as a boarding house by many families including the Ernest Helikers; the Emil and Mary Swanson house on Spring built in 1910 and the Mike and Mable Cotter house on 2nd and B built in 1917.

Some other buildings with historic backgrounds were the Baptist Church which is now the UCC Christian Education Building built in 1903; the Christian Church built in 1914 which is now the United Church of Christ; Bristow's Store built in 1917 by Bert Mason; the Legion Hall built in the early 1900's and remodeled after WWII and the Masonic Hall which is part of the old school house built in 1898 and abandoned in 1925.

Storytime schedule listed

Storytime at the Public Library in Heppner is Thursday at 10:30 a.m. The schedule is as follows: March 30, Joan Records will tell about

"Spring," April 6 Toni Watne is telling of "Things That Grow" and April 13 Kay Proctor is telling about "Birds."

All children are invited to attend.

Nelson introduces bills to House

State Representative Mike Nelson introduced two bills which would reform Oregon's faltering workers compensation insurance system. The measures come in response to widespread and long standing complaints of the system's inefficiency and its harmful impact on Oregon's business climate.

One of the measures would require any out of state employer operating in Oregon for more than ten days to obtain Oregon workers compensation insurance. Such a law would effectively erase the advantage currently held by out of state companies over Oregon companies.

"This bill addresses a very serious problem facing Oregon business," Nelson claimed. "A good example can be found in Baker. A local construction company was underbid by an Idaho company for the prison construction project there, simply because the Idaho company had cheaper workers compensation insurance than is available in Oregon. This bill would require that Idaho firm to have the same insurance as the Oregon company, giving Oregon businesses a level playing field. Fairness is all we're after with this measure."

The other bill would allow the State of Oregon to either self-insure or insure with private carriers, which could save millions of tax dollars biennially. State agencies, now forced to insure with the State Accident Insurance Fund, or SAIF, would be allowed more control over claims made against them, and would have more incentive to establish safer workplaces.

The measures, though closely following recent reports of massive losses within SAIF, actually come in response to a long standing problem. Nelson, a former fraud investigator in the workers compensation industry, introduced the bills to combat "probably the number one obstacle facing Oregon business."



Toothbrush bristles were the first commercial product made of nylon, which was patented in 1937.

Smokey Bear visits story time



Smokey The Bear visited the story hour at the Heppner Public Library last Thursday. Smokey and his helper passed out coloring books to the children that were there. The children visited with Smokey and sat on his lap. Kay Proctor introduces her son Roy to Smokey.



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