

Host families sought for Japanese exchange

Local families may experience another culture, as well as enrich a Japanese student's experience in America by participating in the 4-H Japanese exchange program.

By providing a home for a Japanese student, an American family can provide an opportunity for young people of two cultures to establish a close relationship, to learn and appreciate people of a different culture and to assist a Japanese youth in mastering the English language.

Morrow County will host six young people from Japan, three girls and three boys, says local 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator Joyce Hughes. Around 130 Japanese students between the ages of 12 and 18 will be coming to Oregon. The students first arrive in Portland July 26 spend two days in Corvallis in orientation sessions and then travel by bus to their host counties on July 28. They will depart on August 22. Hughes said that the students just want to see a slice of American life and do not expect special events or tours. They expect to be treated as if they were one of the family. They arrive with their own money and are well insured, she added. She said

that the only expense would be the cost feeding an additional child, and the experience is well worth it.

The Japanese students are studying English at home through programs sponsored by the Labo International Exchange Foundation, the Institute for Language Experience, Experiment and Exchange of LEX and UTREK, a program combining language with the study of the relationship between nature and culture, says Ritz Oikawa, OSU Extension program assistant for the exchange program.

Hughes says that homes are needed for three students. The families of Ken and Judy Wright, Heppner, Jim and Monica Swanson, Ione, and Mike and Carol Allison, Boardman, have volunteered to host a student. Hughes and her family hosted a student two years ago.

At the same time Oregon 4-H'ers in grades seven through 12 will have the opportunity to travel to Japan to live with Japanese families. Casey Allison, 16, of Boardman is the only one from Morrow County going to Japan. Nina Tucker from Heppner went last year. To host a student or for more information, call Hughes at 676-9228 or 676-9959.

"Reach for a goal" even though your plans may change, says Dr. Jeanne Berretta, guest speaker at the annual Heppner Soroptimist luncheon honoring Heppner High School senior girls and their mothers.

Women can do both—parent and pursue a career, Berretta says. And her present lifestyle exemplifies that statement.

Since June, 1988, she and her husband have been the resident doctors of the Heppner area. Berretta is licensed in Oregon and has specialized in geriatric medicine. She is also the mother of four children, an outstanding musician, a gourmet cook and she takes an active role at Hope Lutheran Church.

Berretta graduated from Condon High School and began college at Marylhurst in Portland. She received her bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's college in Hartford, Connecticut and graduated from medical school at the University of Alabama. Her years of internship were served at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland and she completed residency in family medicine and fellowship in geriatrics at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

However, Berretta said that pursuing her goal has not always been an easy task, particularly when few women were admitted to medical school. Her decision to pursue her dreams at that time was compounded by the impending birth of a child and the necessity that she and her husband would be separated for a time while their education re-



Marlene Gray and Dr. Jeanne Berretta

quirements took them in different directions.

"Dr. Jeanne is living proof that a woman can graduate from a small, rural high school and achieve her dreams, no matter how ambitious those dreams may be," said Marlene Gray, 1991 president of the Heppner Soroptimists.

About 50 women were present to enjoy a salad luncheon prepared by the women of All Saints Episcopal Church. Special musical entertainment was provided by Pat Smith and

her daughter Liz of Irrigon.

The Heppner chapter comprises about 30 business women in Morrow County. All Soroptimist members must have a business classification and earn 60 percent of their income from that classification.

Each year the club sponsors scholarships through fund raisers and receipts are also used for community projects. The club recently donated \$500 towards replacing the Heppner city pool filter system, a project that could not be funded as a result of a reduced city budget.

Gardner's clinic slated at center

A "Gardner's Clinic" will be held April 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Patrick's Senior Center dining room for beginning gardeners, those with special gardening problems or green-thumbers who just want to talk gardening.

"Our purpose," says a Heppner Garden Club spokesman, "is to help south Morrow County people to be successful outdoor gardeners."

A group of experienced local gardeners with books, charts and catalogs will exchange information on gardening in this area. More information will be announced at a later date.

Among other topics of gardening in Heppner will be information on new varieties, pruning, drought-resistant plants, container gardening and soil testing. Those wanting a Ph factor test should bring a cupful of their garden soil.

The clinic is free and refreshments will be served.

Altar guild workshop set

A workshop for both beginners and old timers in altar guild service will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. The All Saints Altar Guild will host and provide a light lunch for those attending.

Mrs. Eva Child, altar guild director for the Diocese of Eastern Oregon will be the instructor.

Ione Garden Club plant sale April 23

The annual spring plant sale of the Ione Garden Club will be held on April 23, at the Ione American Legion Hall from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Items for sale will include trees, shrubs, bulbs, berries, perennials

and biennials, herbs and house plants. Pie and coffee will also be served during the day.

Committee for the sale includes Delta Huber, Phyllis Anderson, Birdine Tullis and Virginia Peck.

Locals attend The Dalles meeting

By Delpha Jones

Several members of the Morrow County Home Extension County Council motored to The Dalles on Wednesday, where they attended the district second annual meeting.

Lois Enstrom, Oregon Homemaker's president, was the featured speaker of the day. Linda Mauntain, director of Maryhill Museum, gave a most interesting talk and showed slides of the French mannequins. These were originally made and dressed in France, and are

about a third in size of the regular mannequins. They were stored for some time before coming to Maryhill, and were sent back to France for restoration. These are lovely to the very smallest detail — jewelry, accessories, etc. They are touring the world, after which they will remain in Maryhill where building arrangements are being made to house them.

A delicious punch was served with the handmade centerpieces given as door prizes.

Ball enlists in Air Force

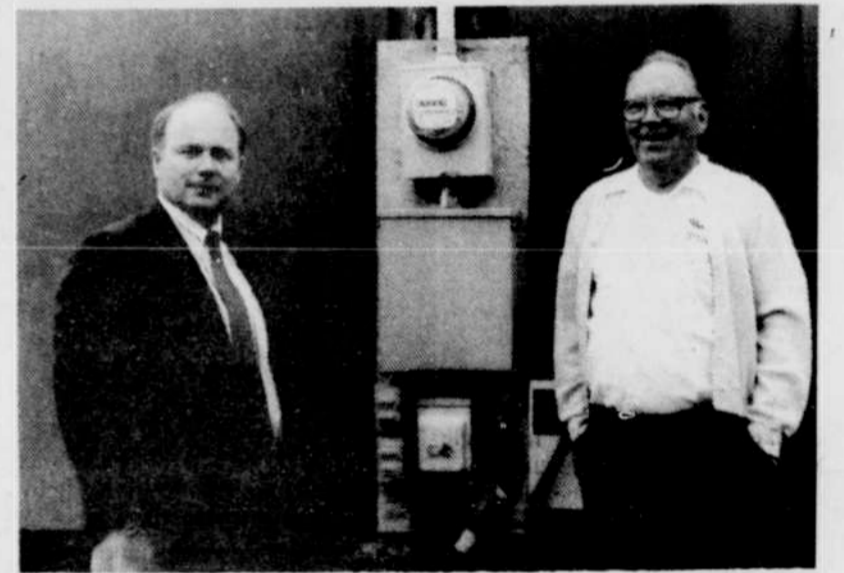
Brian Robert Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ball of Ione, has enlisted in the Air Force Delayed Enlistment Program, according to Air Force Recruiter Sgt. Pamela

Meneley.

Brian, a 1989 graduate of Ione High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the Regular Air Force on August 5, 1991. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course near San Antonio, Texas, Brian is scheduled to receive technical training as a communication-computer systems operator.

He will earn educational credits toward an associate degree in applied sciences through the Community College of the Air Force while attending both basic and technical training schools.

Electrical work donated



George Koffler and Randy Lott stand next to re-wired fuse box

Lotts Electric donated the wiring work done on the new scoreboard recently installed at the Heppner Little League field.

"It was quite a big job and we really appreciate it," said Little

League board member George Koffler.

Koffler also reminded everyone that this Saturday is the last day for little league tryouts. Tryouts begin at 10 a.m. at the little league field.

Bookworms entertain Ione Topic Club

The Bookworms entertained the Ione Topic Club at the Methodist Church basement on March 27.

Dr. Jeanne Berretta spoke on the Hanford problem which is serious and difficult to comprehend, as the

ground contamination will go on for centuries.

Dr. Jeanne Berretta receives a newsletter which tells what is being done by the Hanford Environmental project. Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list may do so as this is a free publication.

Portland paralegal speaks at meeting

By Delpha Jones
"You Can Make A Difference" was the topic used by speaker Judy Wyers, Portland paralegal.

A short instruction was given for those who have signed for hostesses at the national meeting in Portland in August.

Those from Morrow County were president Isabelle Jones and Hazel Leeves from Irrigon, secretary Delpha Jones, Lexington, and treasurer Ruth McCabe from Ione. Also present were Juanita Maltock and LaVerne Henderson, former Morrow County residents.



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