

### Four generations speak to school



L-R: Kyle and Kathy Carlson, Dorris Graves, Betty Carlson and Jodie Carlson.

Four generations of a Morrow County family spoke to Mrs. Calvert's second grade class at Heppner Elementary school Monday, Oct. 14.

Jodie Carlson, a second grader, her brother Kyle, mother Kathy, grandmother Betty Carlson and great-grandmother Dorris Graves were all present as Dorris told of life in Morrow County when she was a child. Mrs. Graves attended school in Lexington, where her father R.B. Wilcox was principal. He started the high school, adding one room at a time until there were all four high school classes, she said. Mrs. Carlson graduated from Heppner High School in 1950 and Jodie's dad, Phil, graduated in 1974 from Lone High School. Jodie's grandfather Louis Carlson, attended a one-room school in Rocky Bluff until it closed in 1939 when he was in the third grade.

Mrs. Graves, who was born in 1911, between Lexington and Lone, said that in the mountains the schools often didn't open in the winter because of the harsh conditions and the difficulty of travel. Women did all their own baking, including bread, and men did the farming. The farming season was shorter because of the weather and the dependence on horses and plows, so they weren't able to farm as large of areas as they

do now. Clothes were made of natural materials, so they had to be ironed. And, because there was no electricity in the area 50 years ago, ironing was done with an iron heated on the stove. People relied on kerosene lamps for light.

At one time there were around 60 one-room school houses in the county, said Mrs. Graves. Because travel was by horse and buggy and roads were not that good, it took too long to drive students very far to school. The district was consolidated by the late 1950s according to district reports.

Mrs. Graves stressed the importance of reading, saying "people might take away your shoes. They might take away your hat, but they can't take away what you have learned." She also encouraged the young people to talk with senior citizens and visit the Morrow County Museum and Heppner Library to learn about times past. "They have a wealth of information," she said.

### BMCC board meeting Oct. 23

Wed. Oct. 23 there will be a Blue Mountain Community College board meeting held the school district office in Lexington. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

### Phoebe Sheriff to speak at Extension training session

Phoebe Sherrif, mayor of Echo and cooking school instructor, will be the speaker at the October Leader Training for Morrow and Umatilla County Extension Homemaker Study Groups. The training will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 10 a.m. at the Pendleton Extension office and 7 p.m. at the Stokes Landing Center, 195 W. Opal Place, Irrigon.

The training will enable participants to extend the following information to their respective study groups: supplies to pack your wagon for the eight month grip; what and how you will cook along the way; and ways to use the new foods found in Oregon. The lesson will conclude with the assembly and sampling of a pioneer bride's stack cake. Participants are asked to bring a plain, unfrosted cake layer. They will learn how early settlers pitched in to

assemble the wedding cake at the event. The popularity of the bride was judged by the number of layers present in her cake.

There is no charge for the training. Community organizations are welcome to send a representative to the training. Participants will receive materials to reteach the lesson to their respective organizations. "This lesson is one which historical societies, 4-H leaders, school teachers, would really enjoy extending to their groups," according to Carol Bennett, Morrow County Extension Agent and assistant to Sheriff for this lesson. "Phoebe has graciously volunteered considerable time to research this lesson, and I hope many people will be present to hear her speak." For further information, contact Carol Bennett at 676-9642.

### Virginia Grieb elected Angus Association delegate

Virginia Grieb, Lexington, has been elected as a delegate to the 108th annual meeting of the American Angus Association, November 17-19 in Louisville, Kentucky, reports Richard Spader, executive vice president of the American Angus Association.

Grieb, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri, is one of 262 Angus breeders who have been selected by fellow members of their state association to serve as a representative at the annual meeting.

Representing 47 states and Canada, the delegates will participate in the business meeting and elect a new president, vice president and five directors to the American Angus Association Board.

The annual meeting is held in conjunction with the annual convention and banquet and the 1992 Roll of Victory National Angus Show during the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The American Angus Association has nearly 24,000 active members and is one of the largest beef breed organizations in the world.



Photo by Joyce Hughes

Not big enough yet. Vince Berretta finds this fireman's hat and coat a little big for him, during a visit to the Heppner Fire Station last Thursday.

Below: Heppner fireman Steve Rhea explains safety equipment to Ms. Webbers morning kindergarten class. The afternoon class also visited the station.



## Lexington News

By Delpha Jones

--The Three Links Club met at the home of Annetta Padberg on Thursday, Oct. 10. Plans were completed for the rummage sale activities and for the Holly Lodge part for the District Rebekah meeting in Heppner on Sat. Oct. 19. State president Lora Dickinson will be present. Chairman for the meeting will be Vivian McConnell of San Souci Lodge and she has prepared an interesting meeting.

Door prize was won by Delpha Jones.

--Dolly Allstott, who has been visiting her daughter and family Dorothy and Wilbur Jackson in Heppner, is visiting another daughter and family Lyle and Virginia Peck.

--Plans are underway for the Pomona meeting in Lone on Sat. Oct

26. The Lexington Grange will put on the 5th degree with many of the former Rhea Creek Grange members taking part. Many of these members were on the degree team when they were invited to put on the work at state session several years back. They are hoping for a good attendance.

--Everett and Elma Harshman have purchased the Harwood property and have moved to their new home in Lexington.

--Chuck and Lisa Nelson hosted a birthday dinner at Beecher's on Tuesday, Oct. 8, honoring his mother Jean Nelson. Along with family other guests were Frances Smouse, Ruth McCabe, Helen Pettyjohn and Cecil and Delpha Jones. The evening was spent visiting.

### Threesome honored at PMH



Gene Cole (l), Heppner, and Dot and Lewis Halvorsen, Lone, were honored by Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home residents and staff in a ceremony Oct. 14.

The three were presented flowers and certificates of appreciation for their help in transporting seniors to the senior mealsite and for other activities. Dot has driven the senior citizen bus since 1981.

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