

### Smouses celebrate 50th anniversary



Kenneth and Frances Smouse

A reception will be held at the Lone United Church of Christ Sunday, March 1 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in honor of Kenneth and Frances Smouse who will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Kenneth and Frances met in Portland and were married at the home of her mother Ella Burgoyne, on Feb. 28, 1942. They have lived on the Smouse ranch out of Lone on Baseline Road since 1943.

All friends are welcome to attend. They request no gifts.

The children of

## Clarence and Clarice Baker

invite friends and relatives to join them at the First Christian Church in Heppner at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 1 in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

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### Irish pageant on schedule

Sewing machines are buzzing, hammers tapping, brushes painting, and actors and singers rehearsing in preparation for Saturday night of St. Pat's weekend pageant, "Erin Came to County Morrow," showing bits and snatches from the history of the Irish here.

Audiences can expect skits and scenes from the 1870's to the 1920's, remembering sheep on the open range (with owner/herder Jim Farley), the Rock Saloon, Heppner's first church (1887), "meanwhile back in Ireland," and family life on the ranches—all with Irish stories, music, songs, dances, jokes and laughter.

Music by the Lindsay family, direct descendants of early Irish sheepmen, will represent the present.

The South Morrow Community Choir will do special choral arrangements of some classic Irish songs under the direction of Bob Isted. The Rock Saloon scene will be acted by Heppner Volunteer Fireman, directed by Steve Rhea.

Louis Carlson and Jeff Wallace will do their rendition of "Gallagher and Shean," a duet

dialogue song popular in the 20's with the Irish here. Soloists include Bill and Tom Kenny, Lonnie Rill, Dale Holland, Lori Straley, Chuck Nelson and Tony Becket, who is also narrator.

Other special numbers include a ghost story by Grandpa played by Truman Messenger, an Irish jig by Alicia Tarnasky, Sherry Bingham and Annie Hisler, square dances by Jean Strange's fifth graders, violin by Rosalie Scharen and a mini-sermon on St. Patrick written by Father J. Condon and delivered by Pastor Stan Hoobing—all this sprinkled with shamrocks and leprechauns in a total cast of performers of about 100.

Production crew chairman include Chuck Nelson, scenery and props, Joyce Hollomon and Chris Burkenbine, costumes, Cyde Estes, box office, and Marsha Sweek, makeup. Jenny Bingham is stage manager and Jane Rawlins, general director.

Tickets are available at Murrays for those wishing to be assured of seating for \$3 adults, \$2 for students and seniors and \$8 for a family.

### Stokes Landing plans fun night

Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon will have a dinner on Friday, Feb. 28 from 5-7 p.m. The menu will feature Texas Chili and corn bread, or potato soup. The price is \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children.

Game night will follow the din-

ner at 7:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the winners of pinochole and scrabble games. There will be a charge of \$1. Refreshments will be served.

The surrounding community is welcome to attend. The center is located on N. Main at Opal Place.

### Scouts hold blue and gold banquet



Douglas Orwick presents his cake to high bidder Eddie Gundersen Sunday night. Douglas is the son of Mike and Barbara Orwick, Lexington. The Elks Club is a strong supporter of the Cub Scouts and Gundersen is the Exalted Ruler.

The annual Blue and Gold banquet was held for the Cub Scouts Pack 661 at the Heppner Elks Lodge Sunday night, February 23.

The meeting began with a potluck dinner followed by short programs depicting different countries from the Tiger Cubs, Bears, Wolves and Weeblos. Following the meeting the annual father/son cake bake auction was held. Cakes baked by the fathers and their son sold anywhere from \$10 to \$30 a cake. This the scouts annual fund raiser project.

### Conservation corp to hold meeting

The Butter Creek Conservation Corporation will be holding its annual meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at Tom Currin's residence.

Agenda items will include 1991 cost-share assistance as well as a

presentation from Tim Keith, Oregon State Service Forester, on the new stewardship incentive program for private forest landowners. For more information contact Dave Pranger, 676-5452.

### Dedication memorable for Drakes



Photo by Joyce Hughes

The Drake family. The window that was dedicated in memory of Douglas E. Drake is the one on the top.

Last Sunday's dedication of a new stained glass window at the Heppner Methodist Church was a memorable occasion for the Drake family whose Sandhollow family farm is home to third and fourth generations.

Now gracing the south gable of the church, the new stained glass window is one of a kind designed by a Portland artist. It was placed there in memory of Douglas Elmo Drake who was killed in a hunting accident in October, 1967. Sponsor of the window was his widow, the Rev. Grace Drake, who led the afternoon worship service.

Also taking an active part in the special services were the Drakes' four children. Pastor Gwen Drake, Klamath Falls, gave the morning worship service and wrote and led the act of dedication.

The window, designed by Portland artist Linda Ethier, was installed by family members including Rick Drake, Hermiston, who led the congregation hymn. Douglas Alfred Drake led the call to worship, gave the invocation and the benediction. Daughter Susan Ferguson, Ontario, played the piano and daughter-in-law Carley Drake was organist.

Douglas Drake, born in 1921, was the son of Raymond and Emma Drake, who came to Eastern Oregon in 1914. After farming at different locations they at first rented the Henshaw place in Sandhollow so that their children would be close to attend the Heppner schools.

Douglas Drake graduated from

Heppner High School and attended Pacific University on an athletic scholarship. During World War II he served in the Air Force. After the war he returned to help his father on the Sandhollow farm.

In 1946, Douglas Drake married Grace Gaden who came to Morrow County in 1945 and worked with the office of the War Goods Administration. They moved to the family farm in 1957 when the elder Drakes retired in Heppner.

Douglas Drake was an avid hunter and fisherman. The couple were active members of the Methodist Church and the Rhea Creek Grange. Because Douglas was an involved 4-H parent, he was selected as father of the year in 1967.

His untimely death in a hunting accident near their home left Grace with four young children to rear. She worked in Heppner for a number of years to support the family, while renting out the farm ground. She returned to college at Pacific School of Religion and graduated in 1975.

Their son, Douglas Alfred Drake, returned to the family farm after serving in the Navy for six years. He and Carley Bergstrom were married in 1976 and currently reside on the family farm with their two children.

Following the morning church service, a potluck dinner was enjoyed with Alma Green as chairperson. Beth Bryant was in charge of the reception that followed. Special music was provided by the Community Choir.

### HJH track team plans bottle drive

The Heppner Junior High Track team will go door to door from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Heppner collecting pop cans and bottles on March 10. The proceeds from the fund drive will go towards the purchase of new track uniforms. There will also be large boxes in the elementary and

middle school buildings if anyone wishes to drop cans and bottles off at the school now through March 10.

The Ponies, coached by Susie Hisler and Celia Bellamy, begin their track season with a meet April 9 at BMCC.

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