

Obituaries

Joseph D. "Joe" Balfe

Joseph D. "Joe" Balfe, 64, of Anchorage, died Monday, January 27, 1997, at his Anchorage home after a brief illness. A Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, February 4, 1997.

Mr. Balfe was born July 15, 1932 in Beaverton. He was a graduate of Willamette University and Willamette University School of Law. He served with the Air Force during the Korean War.

Mr. Balfe's law enforcement career began in 1956, when he joined the Oregon State Police. He served with that department for eight years. The last two years were spent attending Willamette Law School by day and working as a state police officer at night.

After passing the Oregon Bar in 1964, he became assistant prosecuting attorney in Heppner. This was a part-time position he held in addition to his private practice.

He moved to Juneau in 1969 and worked in the Juneau District

Attorney's office as Assistant District Attorney. The following year, he was appointed district attorney for the First Judicial District.

While stationed in Juneau, Mr. Balfe was frequently called upon by the Attorney General's Office to assist district attorneys in other parts of the state. He was involved in special grand jury meetings, handled special cases and substituted during manpower shortages in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

In 1972, Mr. Balfe was appointed District Attorney for the Third Judicial District in Anchorage, a position he held until 1979. He left the District Attorney's office in 1979 to assume a new position as a liaison between the state departments of Law and Public Safety, a position he held until 1982, when he retired.

From 1991-93, he served as Director of the Fraternal Order of Alaska State Troopers (FOAST). He was a member of the Oregon State Bar Association, the Alaska Bar Association, and the Loyal Order of Moose.

He was an avid golfer, and enjoyed his cabin and snowmaching. He also enjoyed getting together with friends and singing many of the old songs he grew up with.

Mr. Balfe is survived by his wife, Janet Palmer-Balfe, of Anchorage; his sons, Scott Balfe of Anchorage, John Balfe of Portland; and two grandchildren, Kenny Scott Balfe of Anchorage and Crystal Balfe of Casper, Wyoming; his brother, Pat; and sisters, Hilda Weimer and Jean Walker, all of Portland.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to FOAST, P.O. Box 100280, Anchorage, Alaska 99510. Evergreen Memorial Chapels, Anchorage, was in charge of arrangements.

Frances Ethelyn Pierson

Frances Ethelyn Pierson, 84, a 10-year resident of Olympia, Washington, died Wednesday, January 29, 1997 of natural causes at Puget Sound Health Care Center in Olympia. In keeping with her wishes, no service was held.

Mrs. Pierson was born July 8, 1912, in Moro. She married Theodore R. "Ted" Pierson on September 12, 1930 in Goldendale, Washington. They lived in Moro, Heppner, Condon and White Salmon, Washington.

Although Mrs. Pierson held a variety of positions during her working years, her most frequent occupation was as a bookkeeper. She enjoyed handiwork and sewing, word games, reading, gardening and bridge.

Mrs. Pierson is survived by three daughters; Pat Rauch of Heppner, Rose Nelson of Condon, and Marjorie Yung of Olympia; a sister, Alice McKee of Eugene; nine grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1977 and by a granddaughter.

Bleitz Funeral Home in Seattle was in charge of arrangements.

Madge B. Thomson

Madge B. Coppock Thomson, 87, Heppner, died at Heppner on Friday, Jan. 31, 1997. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, at All Saints Episcopal Church in Heppner. Concluding services and interment were at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery.

Mrs. Thomson was born March 9, 1909, in Superior, Nebraska, to Edwin Garfield Coppock and Aldora Samms Coppock. She was the fourth of five children in the family.

At an early age, Mrs. Thomson and her family moved to Buffalo, Montana, where her father had Coppock Mercantile. Mrs. Thomson related many anecdotes about her life in Buffalo-traveling over clothesline wires in a washtub during the deep snows of Montana winters; going to school with several grades in one room; getting her first job at the age of 16 as the telephone operator for the town of Buffalo.

When her father's asthma forced him to sell his business for health reasons, the family then moved to Salem, Oregon. She worked long hours at the cannery there and then enrolled at Willamette University where she continued her lifelong pursuit of education. Her parents moved to Hawthorne, California, where one of his jobs included working on the set of "The Wizard of Oz". Although her

parents moved to California, she remained in Oregon and soon transferred to Oregon State College where she graduated in 1929 with a degree in business. At OSC she was a member of the Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She remained as an employee of Oregon State College to teach typing, bookkeeping and shorthand. Several students from Heppner were in her classes, even at that time. She then accepted a job at Heppner High School and began teaching typing, shorthand and bookkeeping there in 1931. She enjoyed several Thespian performances at the Star Theater with Jim Thomson, Jr., another aspiring actor.

She traded at Thomson Brothers Grocery and she and Jim Thomson, Jr., began dating. They were married on December 24, 1933, at the family home on South Court Street in Heppner.

During the 65 years of living in Heppner, she participated in many organizations in the community, Bookworms, Bridge Club, Soroptimist International, PTA, Eastern Star, of which she was past worthy matron, and was a Blue Bird and Camp Fire leader. She was involved in school activities of her three children and was involved in the family business. She enjoyed reading, playing bridge, tole painting and needlework. She was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

In 1964, she returned to Heppner High School as a substitute teacher. She went back to school at Portland State and obtained her library science degree in 1964. She then became the HHS librarian, retiring in 1974.

Mrs. Thomson is survived by her husband, Jim, Heppner; daughters, Meredith Walters, Shell Beach, CA, and Bernice Thomson, Tigard, son, Bruce, Aloha; a sister, Mabel Fuller, Vancouver, WA; six grandchildren, Russ, Duane, Ammon and Aaron Walters, Stacey and Jeff Thomson; and three great-grandchildren, Zachary, Breanna and Nathan Walters. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Erma and Veda, and a brother, Harry.

Sweeney Mortuary, Heppner, was in charge of arrangements. Contributions, for those who wish may be made to Pioneer Memorial Home Health, P.O. Box 9, Heppner; or to the Oregon Trail Library District, P.O. Box 325, Heppner.

4-H NEWS

North Lex Sheep
By Nicole Wilson, reporter
The North Lex Sheep Club had their second 4-H meeting of the year. Club members played games to learn the different kinds of breeds of sheep. The next meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 9, at the Extension Office. Members will talk about the different kinds of sheep.

Kool Kitchen Kids
By Kylee Disque, reporter
The Kool Kitchen Kids met at Tami Rietmann's house on January 8. Club members made kabobs with oranges, apples, cherries and bananas. The meeting was called to order by Jode Coil.
All members got new 4-H books and folders. In the new book, members talked about goals that they would like to reach. Another meeting will be held in February.

Career ed class helps students

By Deana Hendricks
This year a new teacher has joined the Heppner High School staff, Glenn Zollner. Among his list of classes to teach is the career education class, a class specifically designed to help young students in finding a direction in life, and work towards it. When asked about how he deems the class, Mr. Zollner said, "This is probably the most important class at Heppner High. Members of the community bring real life experience and skills to the classroom and serve an integral part of career education class."

So with that in mind this nine weeks, Mr. Zollner started the class off with an assignment of writing a formal letter to people in and out of the community who work in the field that each of the students is interested in, invite them into the class, and ask them all kinds of questions about their profession. So far a police officer, a physical therapist, a member of the bank's staff and even famous novelist, Anne Rice, have been invited.

Swaggarts anniversary

Merle and Luella Swaggart, Ritter, will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Pendleton Elks Lodge.

Merle Swaggart and Luella Baird were married on February 1, 1932, in John Day. They have lived in Grant and Morrow counties all their lives.

She was postmaster for 27 years at Ritter, retiring at age 72. He has been a cattle rancher in the area for more than 60 years.

The couple are involved in Eastern Star, the Elks Club, and their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

They had four children, Althea Gibbs, Stanfield, Mary Lou Blackwell, Anahim, British Columbia, Canada, Cecil Swaggart, Ritter, and Betty Kennedy, now deceased, 10 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

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To the Editor:
My name is Genia Grant. I'm a sixth grader at Heppner Middle School. I'm writing to your because food and drinks are not allowed on the bus. I think that we should be able to have food and drinks on the bus. We are responsible enough to pick up our mess and we can teach the little kids to clean up their mess. Some kids are on the bus for a very long time with no food or drinks. I think we should get food and drinks on the bus because we can be responsible enough to clean up our bus.

Sincerely,
(s) Genia Grant

To the Editor:
My name is Justin Botefuhr and I'm writing to you because there are a lot of kids and parents that like to go swimming and there isn't a swimming pool in Heppner. But the people in Heppner understand that the people that are building it need a lot of money. So please build one fast.

Sincerely,
(s) Justin Botefuhr

To the Editor:
My name is Tiffany Piper. I'm a fifth grader from Heppner Middle School. I think that it is great that the R & W is giving certificates for reading out to girls and boys. The R & W has done this for years and it really encourages us to read.

Sincerely,
(s) Tiffany Piper

To the Editor:
I think that it is really nice that we have Colt basketball. It gives us something to do on the weekends. I also think that it is really nice of the coaches and Dave Gunderson to take their spare time to help us with our basketball. Dave Gunderson manages the Colts when his kids are now in high school. Also some of the coaches don't have kids in it either. It is really nice of all of the coaches. I think I talk for all of the kids in Colts when I say we appreciate it.

Sincerely,
(s) Ashley Ward

To the Editor:
I am a fifth grader of the Heppner Middle School. We are having a reading program. It is very fun and exciting. But sometimes, we have a hard time finding books at the city library. They don't have as many books to choose from as the school library. That is why I am suggesting they get a larger section of books for fifth and sixth graders to read. Why? Well, some books are too easy; some are too hard, but the ones that are in our age level are not as exciting or interesting.

Sincerely,
(s) Stacy Delveaux

PMH Foundation awards scholarship

Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation recently awarded Sandra Dooney, Irrigon, \$200 for costs associated with taking her paramedic exam.
Dooney has successfully completed paramedic course work and was hired by the Morrow County Health District as a full-time paramedic for north Morrow County, contingent upon completing her paramedic certification.


According to Dooney, costs to complete her certification will be \$400. Linda LaRue, Pioneer Memorial Hospital Foundation Board member, said the foundation is accepting additional donations, which are tax deductible, to help with Dooney's expenses. Additional donations may be sent to: PMHF, P.O. Box 515, Heppner, OR 97836. LaRue asked that any donations for Dooney be specifically identified as such.

GROWER MEETING
LOCATION: Willows Grange, lone
DATE: February 7, 1997
TIME: 8:00 a.m. until noon
AGENDA
8:00-8:45 **Marv Aguiar, Tri-River Chemical New Products, Label Changes**
8:45-9:30 **Geoff Roper, Monsanto Round Up Formulations, Mon 37500**
9:30-9:45 **Break**
9:45-10:15 **Paul Pargeter, Bayer New Products**
10:15-10:45 **Pete Vanorek, CIBA Tilt Plus, Strawbreaker Foot Rot**
10:45-11:15 **Brian Bush, Sandoz Perennial Weed Control**
11:15-noon **Don Wysocki, ARS Mustard Seed Production**
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FOOT PAIN?
Dr. Donald Carlson,
podiatric foot and ankle specialist,
will be at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic
February 12 for the diagnosis and
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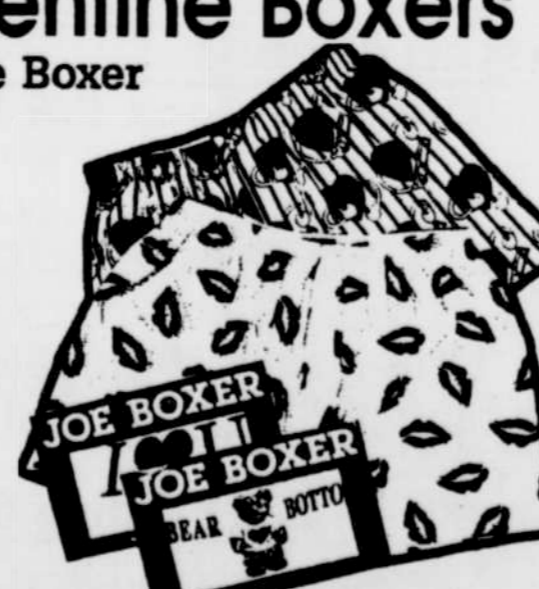
Pioneer Memorial Hospital Clinic will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17 for Presidents' Day

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