

honored Irish for St. Patrick's Day celebration

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Winnie Flynn's family. Winnie is the young girl clear to the right.

that experience that changed his life and set his course for life. "Because of that, I gradually began to think about the priesthood," said Father Condon. And he returned to school full-time. He graduated from Mungret College at Limerick and then went to Mt. Melleray Seminary, near the city of Cappquin, where he studied philosophy. He then went for theological studies at (where else?) St. Patrick's Seminary in County Tipperary, where he was ordained.

Seeking a parish, Father Condon then wrote to a number of bishops in areas that had a need for priests. The first to respond was the bishop of the diocese of Baker, which covers all of Eastern Oregon and Father Condon accepted a position as assistant priest at Lakeview.

Father Condon says that the difference between city and rural life was greater than the difference between the people in Ireland and those in Oregon. "Fortunately," he says, "I very quickly took a liking to the wide open spaces. I was fortunate that there were quite a few Irish there." Some of the Irish had come out as sheep herders and quite a few were first generation Irish, he said. Eastern Oregon and Ireland are roughly the same size. Ireland is around 350 miles long and 150 miles wide.

From Lakeview, Father Condon was assigned temporarily in Heppner, and also took brief assignments in Nyssa and Redmond. That year he was assigned to the parish in Condon for a year. From there he accepted several long-term assignments--to Wasco for nine years; Merrill, which is near the California boarder, for four years; Ontario, nine years; Lakeview, six years; and then Prineville, four years.

It was then that his sister, Sylvia took ill, and Father Condon took a year's leave of absence, until she died. When he returned to Oregon, he accepted a position at St. Patrick's Church in Heppner and St. William's in Ione. After four years, Father Condon reached the age when the church encourages priests to take some time off and re-

examine their lives. He took a sabbatical and returned to Ireland. While in Ireland he helped out a little bit in neighboring parishes where his clergy friends needed help. And at the end of the sabbatical, Father Condon returned to Heppner.

Father Condon says that he gets great satisfaction in being able to help people, to help them come to understand the church and become members of the church. "I like working with youth," he says. "I enjoy that. I've been fortunate that people are very gracious to me."

One of the accomplishments of which he is especially proud was to become involved in a program called the "Parish Renewal" program, a weekend retreat which he finds very

helpful for people. He also continues to work in a comparable program for engaged couples, which, he says, "is the best preparation that the Catholic Church gives to people getting married". Last year he had a series of articles, "A Way of Grace", that he had written published in the "Catholic Sentinel" publication. A series of pictures, relating to the Seven Sacraments and corresponding to his work, was dedicated at St. Patrick's Church during the 25th anniversary of the church.

In his off time, Father Condon enjoys golf. Now a 40-year veteran of the game, he says that he has golfed in Ireland, but really only after he had come to the U.S. He also likes to walk, swim, read and practice hypnosis.

St. Pat's Auction to be held this Sunday

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration Auction is just around the corner. The auction will be held Sunday, March 16, at the Morrow County Fairgrounds in Heppner at 1 p.m.

"Many wonderful items have already been donated," said Delanne Ferguson, auction committee chairman.

This year a few of the items donated include a Pendleton wool blanket, several gift baskets, leather luggage from Hamley's, a men's watch donated by Peterson's Jewelry, a season ticket for the Oregon East Symphony, a reserve seat for the Pendleton Round-Up, two tickets for a Winterhawks game and an autographed basketball from the Portland Trailblazers. For the more unconventional, there are life-size cutouts of Pamela

Anderson and Darth Vader. Last year approximately 200 items were available to bid upon. Items may be viewed beginning at 11 a.m. on auction day, and some are on display in the Heppner TV office window on Main Street now.

Ferguson says that the Auction Committee would appreciate the continued donation of items for the auction through Friday, March 14. Proceeds from the auction help support the Heppner St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Items may be dropped off at Twice Upon a Time Bookstore in Heppner or at Roemark's in Hermiston. Auction committee members would also be happy to pick up donations. For pick-ups, call Dan and Doris Brosnan at 676-5382 or 676-5886, Diana Ball at 676-5306 or Jeri Sly, 676-9151.

Volkswalk event planned for St. Pat's

Volkswalkers have again been invited to participate in the Wee Bit O' Ireland Volkswalk. If you haven't yet walked the route, 'tis a fine time to do so.

Details are available at Central Red Apple. Just follow the shamrocks.

John Edmundson is chairman of the event.

Those folks who wish to move a little faster may enter some pre-parade races at noon. Speedy bartenders are being challenged from Pendleton to Portland. Contact Kathy Cutsforth to register.

If you're not experts at

balancing drinks on a tray, then meet the Chamber Challenge in the O'Shanty Race. Gary Marks and Mike McGuire are ready to move that deluxe Shanty rapidly down Willow Street and back. There is one Shanty available at the city hall for challengers or create your own from a refrigerator box. Call the Chamber office for details.

New this year is the O' Hanky Planky Race, a coordination challenge with four to a team. 'Tis rumored that leprechauns wish to compete. Come and have fun; even cross country skiers are welcome. Call the Chamber 676-5536.

St. Patrick's Parade taking shape

St. Patrick's Parade entries are coming in and the parade is taking shape. The parade will take place Saturday, March 15, at 1 p.m. on Main Street, starting at Green Feed store and ending almost at Court Street Market.

There's still time to get entered in the big St. Patrick's

Kid's hoop shoot set for Saturday

The St. Pat's Kids' Hoop Shoot will be held Saturday, March 15, at 10:30 a.m. between Central Market and the St. Pat's Senior Center. The shoot is for girls and boys 12 and younger.

Kids are asked to be there 15 minutes early for sign-up.

Irish Ceili set Sat. afternoon

Saturday afternoon, March 15, the St. Patrick's Committee is sponsoring an afternoon Ceili upstairs in the Elks. "An Irish Ceili is an afternoon of entertainment."

On the schedule will be John Doherty and the Irish Rovers, beginning at 2:30 p.m., followed by Anne Callan, an Irish poet who is sponsored by the Morrow County Arts Council. The Sentimentalists, a Heppner group of singers will perform during the break in Anne Callan's speech.

The South Morrow County Choir will perform after the poet speaks. Craig and Vanessa Willis will dance at 4:45 p.m. The Willis are from the Tri-Cities and have won national championships in Irish dancing.

Day parade. Parade categories include Irish floats, characters, groups, musical groups, cars, and bikes. "If it's 'Irish', there's a place in the parade," said parade chairman Bob Kahl.

This year there will be more of the distinctive ribbons and equally distinctive cash awards given to the top entries in each category, said Kahl.

A special category again this

year is the Irish Golf Cart category. The only "putting" to be done here is by the motors, and the "driving" is down the parade route, but to the best Irish cart will go the "green" (prize money and ribbon that is). "It seems the only 'fair way'," said Kahl.

For entry forms or more information about the parade, call Kahl at 676-9113 days or 676-5422 evenings, or stop in at Van Marter & Kahl Insurance.

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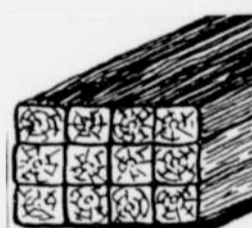
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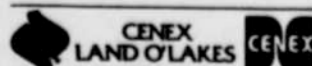
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