

Obituaries

Luella Agnes Swaggart

Luella Agnes Swaggart, 87, died November 26, 2000 at Hermiston.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. at the Ritter Cemetery in Ritter.

She was born February 1, 1913, at the Baird Ranch in Pine Creek to George Robert and Maude Allen Baird. She attended Caverhill grade school at Pine Creek, then attended Long Creek High School in Long Creek, graduating in 1931.

She married Merle Cecil Swaggart at John Day on February 1, 1932.

She was the postmaster at the Ritter Post Office for 27 years and also managed the Ritter Hot Springs for 10 years, retiring in 1986.

Survivors include daughters, Althea Gibbs of Stanfield and Mary Lou Blackwell of Moose Lake, British Columbia, Canada; son, Cecil Swaggart of Ritter; 11 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Merle, and daughter Linnie Bethel "Betty" Kennedy.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of choice.

Driskill Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Walter W. Sinclair

Walter W. Sinclair, 85, of Irrigon, died Friday, November 24, 2000, at his home.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 1, 2000 at 1 p.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary of Hermiston. A gathering of family and friends will be held at the Senior Center in Irrigon after the service.

Disposition is to be by cremation.

He was born September 30, 1915, at Palouse, Washington, to Joseph Elmer and Laura Gates Sinclair (Reisinger).

He served with the Civilian Conservation Corps and worked for the WPA during the Depression. He was employed by Union Pacific Railroad in La Grande and later moved to Pendleton, where, after 28 years, he retired from Eastern Oregon State Hospital where he was paint foreman.

He was active at the Senior Center in Irrigon and kept busy with his knife sharpening business. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and was always ready to relate tales of the family's first boat, "The Little Stinker." He was an avid rockhound and collected hats from the many places he and his wife traveled.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Sinclair of Irrigon; son, Raymond Sinclair of Richland, Washington; daughter, Carol Keller of Bly; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild and numerous other relatives.

Memorial contributions may be made the Irrigon Ambulance Service or to Stokes Landing Senior Center in Irrigon.

Burns Mortuary of Hermiston is in charge of arrangements.

Kenneth J. Smouse

Kenneth J. Smouse, 89, of Ione, died Sunday, November 19, 2000, at his home.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 27, 2000 at the Ione United Church of Christ with concluding service and burial following at Ione's High View Cemetery.

He was born November 19, 1911, at Ione, to Henry and Clara

Troedson Smouse. He attended country schools near Ione then attended Ione Schools, graduating from Ione High School in 1930. He attended Oregon State College, graduating in 1938 with a degree in civil engineering. He worked for the U.S. Geological Survey in Portland as a hydraulic engineer.

In 1938, he married Beulah Tucker Nichols. She died of cancer in 1940.

On February 28, 1942, he married Frances M. Burgoyne, at Portland.

Following the death of his father in 1943, Mr. Smouse and his wife came to Ione to take over the family farm.

During the harvest of 1981, while fighting a neighbor's wheat fire, he was severely burned. He was able to continue farming, however, until 1997, when he retired due to ill health.

He received the Morrow County Conservation Farmer of the Year Award in 1978.

He was active in the Ione United Church of Christ and the Lexington Grange, where he was a member for 70 years. He was a member of the order of Eastern Star, the Ione Masonic Lodge, the Scottish Rite Temple and the Al Kader Shrine.

Mr. Smouse was secretary of the Jordan Elevator Company, served as chairman of the Lexington Wind Erosion District, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op in 1949 at the beginning of their electric line construction program, serving on that board for 33 years. In 1955, he served as president of the Oregon Wheat League and from 1957 until 1962, served on the Oregon Wheat Commission.

Survivors include his wife, Frances M. Smouse, daughter,

Cherilyn A. Smouse, and son, Kenneth L. Smouse, all of Ione, son, Carl F. Smouse of Hermiston; and sisters, Shirley Ferguson of Kaiser and Helen Martin of The Dalles. He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul, in 1973.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ione United Church of Christ Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 346, Ione, Oregon 97843, or to the Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children, 3101 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road, Portland, Oregon 97201.

Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Cardinal Booster Club activities

Cardinal Booster Club Cardinal Booster Club met Monday, Nov. 13, at Ione High School. A thank you note from the weight lifting class and their instructor, Mr. Holland, was read. The club recently purchased a trap bar for their use.

Monica Swanson gave a report on painting the high school gym. The lowest bid for painting the walls was Tim Wright of Heppner. Swanson also spoke to Jan and Bob's Signs and they agreed to honor their previous bid to do the decorative painting. The work would begin Dec. 15 and proceed through Christmas break. The club voted to accept the bids and proceed with the painting. Mr. Stuart's shop class will encase the wires and Athletic Director Dean Robinson will price new mats for the walls behind the baskets.

The Ione Cardinal antenna balls have arrived. Members are selling them for \$2 each. The club will also have black polo-style embroidered shirts for sale at the first home basketball game. Hats may still be purchased at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Ione.

The club will be in charge of concessions for the Ione Basketball Bonanza. Anyone willing to help with that should call Debbie Morgan.

Robinson reported on the

upcoming basketball schedule. The Ione boys will have a "C" team coached by Jim Swanson. The middle school will not have any games in December. The Thursday, Dec. 21 game with Stanfield will be away instead of home due to the painting of the gym.

The club agreed to the following expenditures: reimburse Dale Holland \$75.50 for the BFS Weight Program tapes; buy two basketballs each for the high school girls' and boys' programs at \$144; help pay for "C" team referees; reimburse Ron Palmateer for two new Pee-Wee basketball baskets at \$340.

Robinson thanked the club for helping the junior high boys pay for their football jerseys. The junior high students are currently selling coupon books to buy new track uniforms.

The next meeting of Cardinal Booster Club will be Monday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the high school library.

Births

Cydney Ann Gutridge- A daughter, Cydney Ann, was born on November 2, 2000, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Portland to Jennifer and Shane Gutridge, Wilsonville.

The baby weighed seven pounds, 9 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Ron and Judy Currin, Buttercreek; Toni Lemon, Sun Valley, Bob Lemon, Hermiston, and Pat Gutridge, Salem.

Great-grandparents are: Helen Currin, Buttercreek; Joy Gutridge, Baker, and Alva and Norma Justice, Baker.

Direct seed meeting

A Morrow County direct seed meeting will be held at the Forest Service Conference Room in Heppner on Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 1-4 p.m.

This meeting is an opportunity for local growers to share information and/or ideas about direct seeding. Topics for discussion include, ent management, (2) alternative crops, (3) carbon sequestration, (4) soil tilth and (5) the EQIP program. This is an informal, "round table" discussion. The meeting will be for growers in Morrow County. For more information, contact Loren Unruh (NRCS) at 676-5021.

Sheep Club to wrap gifts

The Willow Creek Sheep Club will be wrapping gifts for the holiday season. The club will be at the Ione Fire Hall on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 2-6 p.m. A limited supply of gift boxes will be on

hand. Members will accept donations for their services. The moneys will go towards supplies for the upcoming Fair. Cookies, coffee and hot chocolate will be served.

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