Herald And News Reporter Sketches BPW Members

Editor's Note: This is the first of a number of thumbnail sketches of interesting women in the Klamath Falls Business and Professional Women's Club that will be published from time to time in the Herald and News.

By RUTH KING

The highroads and the byroads, the length and the breadth of Klamath County are as familiar to

MRS. ISABELLE BRIXNER

Mrs. Phil (Isabelle) Brixner as the distance from stove to refrigerator in her own kitchen in her home on Lakeshore Drive.

Mrs. Brixner, born in the state of Minnesota, known to the Sioux tribe as "the land of sky-colored waters," was a Washingtonian before coming to Klamath Falls.

She graduated from Western Washington College at Bellingham, and later earned her B.A. from Southern Oregon College, Ashland, and her master of education degree from the University of Washington.

Isabelle Brixner taught for one year in Washington and arrived in Klamath County to become elementary supervisor for the Klamath County School District in 1930, the position she presently holds.

In this capacity she has an extremely busy schedule, visiting 18 elementary schools and the seventh and eighth graders in the seven county high schools; works with teachers' groups, supervises the educational testing program, is in general charge of the audio-visual program for the county schools and is in general charge of curriculum for elementary schools.

The setting of her home in a garden overlooking Upper Klamath Lake attests to her interest in gardening, her educational group affiliations and women's groups, her interests outside the perimeters of her work.

She has been state president of the Oregon Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, state president of the Oregon Education Association, has held offices in local organizations and is an active member in the Klamath Falls BPW Club, the Klamath Falls Soroptimist Club, United Nations Association, Daughters of the American Revolution, Oregon Education Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, Pi Lamba Theta and for the past several years has been director for Kappa Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi.

Mrs. Brixner is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

There are three very young grand nieces, once of Klamath Falls, now of Seattle, Scotch as Ayrshire lassies, who call Isabelle Brixner auntie and answer to Lauren, Phyllis and Margot. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Rodney McPhail.

Accident Told By Scientists

GENEVA (UPI) — British scientists said today radioactivity in milk multiplied hundreds of times in less than three days when Britain's Windscale atomic plant began spewing forth radiation clouds in an accident last October.

Revealing extensive details of the accident for the first time, the British said radioactive iodine in milk almost immediately exceeded levels calculated to cause thyroid cancer in children. Thousands of gallons of milk were confiscated.

The speed with which the contamination reached milk appeared surprising to delegates at the second atoms-for-peace conference, since the radiation had to enter milk indirectly through cows eating grass.

Radioactivity could have entered drinking water directly, but the British said no dangerous quantities were found in water. Also, they said radioactive strontium proved no problem.

The report said there was an unexplained "preferential" release of radioactive iodine.

The accident was blamed on overheating of uranium fuel elements in the Windscale plutonium plant, which is similar to America's plutonium reactors at Hanford, Wash.

The radioactivity poured into the atmosphere through the reactor smokestack.

Air Scientist Alters Field

SCAGGSVILLE, Md. (AP) — When E. Arthur Bonney hitched his career to supersonic flight 16 years ago, he had no idea it would lead him straight to God.

Today, however, he quit his job as a top-ranking expert in supersonic aerodynamics at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory to enter a Presbyterian seminary.

The 40-year-old scientist said, "God is calling me to make the break now."

For 14 years, Bonney has been on the staff of the laboratory, which specializes in rocket research.

He will enter the Gordon Divinity School at Beverly Farms, Mass., for three years of study, at the end of which he expects to be ordained.

Bonney was doing wartime work at an aircraft corporation in California when, he says, he "fully accepted the Lord."

Although he had been a churchgoer before that time, he says, "it is one thing for a person to go to church and learn about theology and Christian faith, but it is another thing to give yourself completely to the Lord."

"The Lord's call has been very strong the last three years," he added, "and during the past year it has become too strong to resist."

Songstress Lee Seeks Divorce

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Peggy Lee sued actor Dewey Martin for divorce yesterday, charging him with grievous mental suffering.

The couple married in April 1956. Miss Lee was previously wed to actor Brad Dexter and guitarist Dave Barbour, by whom she has a daughter, Nicki, 14.

Miss Lee asked for community property, support and attorney's fees.

IKE TO MEET DIPLOMATS

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower is reported planning to welcome personally the foreign ministers of 20 Latin American countries when they arrive here Sept. 23 for a review of Western Hemisphere relations.

Second Day Most Trying

ELGIN, Ill. (UPI)—Tom Frisbie, 5, isn't likely to forget his second day at kindergarten even though the first was rather ordinary.

Tom was sitting quietly in class when something buzzed up to his ear. Thinking it was a mosquito, Tom slapped at it. The bee stung him. Tom went home at noon and began climbing over a woodpile. He slipped and gouged a piece of flesh out of his hand.

Shrugging off his aches, Tom wandered into a neighbor's yard where he promptly was bitten by a dog. After he returned from the doctor's office, where he got a tetanus shot, his buddy, Ricky Cornwall, 5, came over to see him.

Tom's dog bit Ricky. Tom stayed home from school Wednesday. He's a little disgusted about the whole thing.

POLICE BUILDING BURNS

MANILA (UPI) — Damage caused by a fire Wednesday in the Philippine Constabulary headquarters was estimated today at close to one million dollars.

"I don't need any more education, mom! I can already count to ten and I don't ever have any more money than that!"

Agriculture Department Lists Estimates For Crops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Agriculture Department, in a preharvest season report, today estimated this year's corn crop at 3,588,776,000 bushels. It also put wheat at 1,446,464,000 bushels.

The corn estimate is 101,617,000 bushels more than last month's forecast of 3,487,159,000 bushels, or the second largest of record. Production for the 10-year (1947-56) average was 3,144,304,000. It was 3,402,832,000 last year.

The wheat figure is 25,738,000 bushels more than the August estimate of 1,429,725,000, the largest of record. The previous record was 1,358,911,000 in 1947.

By comparison wheat production was 947,102,000 bushels last year and 1,116,216,000 for the 10-year average.

The wheat estimate included 1,170,763,000 bushels of winter wheat, the same figure given a month ago. Winter wheat production was 707,201,000 last year and 849,604,000 for the 10-year average.

Spring wheat production was estimated at 275,696,000 bushels compared with 249,957,000 last month, 239,901,000 produced last year and 266,611,000 for the 10-year average.

GOT A HOME TO BURN

DUNN, N. C. (UPI)—The fire department is looking for a house to set fire to.

The department is teaching volunteer firemen from nearby towns — and needs a burning house for practice purposes.

ICC Okays Freight Hike

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Interstate Commerce Commission has authorized a permanent increase of 2.3 per cent in certain freight rates and rail charges by the nation's railroads.

The increases, mainly for services performed for shippers, are effective Sept. 15. Last February the ICC gave the railroads a tentative freight rate boost of about 2 per cent. But it suspended other proposed rail charges pending an investigation.

Today's decision is expected to result in increased line-haul revenue for the railroads of about $173,500,000 annually if applied to both interstate and intrastate traffic.

The ICC also authorized new or higher rail charges which it figures will bring in an additional revenue of 30 million dollars.

SPORT FAMOUS NAMES

ATLANTA (UPI) — Mrs. Mary H. Oliver says the pupils in her first grade class include Patrick Henry, John Hancock, Tommy Dorsey and Jennifer Jones.

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Parents' Death Confessed By Eight-Year-Old NY Boy

NEW YORK (UPI) — An eight-year-old boy confessed Wednesday night he stole into the room where his parents slept the morning of Sept. 2 and stabbed both to death with a bread knife, police said today.

The youngster's alleged confession was revealed after he led police on a chillingly realistic 90-minute reenactment of the crime in the Staten Island home of his dead parents, Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Nimeer, both 31.

Dist. Atty. John M. Braisted said Melvin Jr. told police he decided several days in advance to get rid of his parents.

The boy was said to have confessed he took a bread knife from the kitchen, went upstairs to his parents' room, and repeatedly stabbed first his mother and then his father.

Braisted said the case would not be closed and each point of Melvin's confession would be investigated thoroughly. He said he would ask Children's Court today to have the youngster remanded for further psychiatric examination.

Braisted said that in view of the "mental background" of the boy and the fact the freckle-faced child had told several conflicting and "self-incriminating" stories, he was himself "not satisfied" the case had been cleared up.

Deputy Chief Inspector Edward W. Byrnes, who has conducted the investigation, said police would continue to "dig and dig because we have to corroborate or destroy this boy's statement so that everybody will be satisfied."

"We are not satisfied completely," he added.

Braisted said Melvin first admitted the killings last Saturday after three days of intensive psychiatric examinations carried out with the consent of the boy's uncle, Dr. Harold Nimer of Orem, Utah.

The tests were said to have revealed the boy suffered from a "paranoid type of schizophrenia," or split personality, and his "basic personality was compatible with a crime of violence," Braisted said.

Young Melvin was brought back here Wednesday from Orem, where he had stood dry-eyed at his parents' grave when they were buried earlier in the day. He was questioned for eight hours and repeated the confession first volunteered last Saturday, police said.

Art Therapy Is Displayed

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI)—Supermen in prison garb, mite-sized cops, monsters and a gentleman gangster were featured today in an exhibit of paintings by emotionally disturbed boys.

The show, which opened at the I.B.M. Gallery of Arts and Sciences, New York, demonstrates how art therapy is used at Wiltwyck School — the treatment center that was featured in the television movie, "The Quiet One."

Paintings, according to art therapist Edith Kramer, give a glimpse inside the troubled child, show how he pictures his heroes, his adversaries and himself.

Through such paintings, she said, secrets of the inner mind come tumbling out and clues are found as to how the child may be helped.

When Jerry, 11, painted, he produced an inmate who ruled a jail scene. A policeman at the inmate's foot is small enough to step on. And so is another prisoner in the picture. The second prisoner is swinging a pick.

The domineering inmate was such a hero in the boy's mind, according to Miss Kramer, the boy felt no guilt at all about his delinquent acts.

Wiltwyck's boys produced a quantity of monster and nightmare pictures. The art therapist said this is because adults in their worlds have been abusive, violent and rejecting. "Monsters depect a world filled with dangerous creatures."

The exhibit lacked pictures of family life. This was no accident. Miss Kramer said:

"Wiltwyck boys have never experienced warm family relationships. They cannot depict what they have never felt."

Pine Meeting Is Continuing

PORTLAND (AP) — The Western Pine Assn. continued its semi-annual meeting here today following a number of committee meetings during Wednesday's opening session.

Wednesday's activities included a tour of the association's research laboratory here, a business administration forum and meetings of the safety and moulding committees.

Delegates from 12 Western states are attending the conference.

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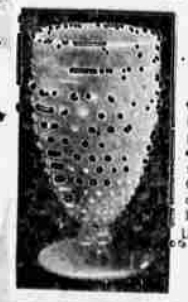

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