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George Higleys Are Complimented at Party by Grange

Mr. and Mrs. George Higley, who will leave Friday to make their home in Portland, were complimented Tuesday evening at Blue Mountain grange hall at a party sponsored by the April social committee of the grange.

A potluck dinner was served cafeteria style at eight o'clock. Lighted tapers and bouquets of wild flowers were used for decorations of the two long tables, around which 70 guests were seated.

The remainder of the evening was spent in group singing and games, with Frank Jasper as leader. "Happy Birthday" was sung to Frankie Steinbeck on the occasion of his seventh birthday anniversary. In behalf of the grange Jasper presented the honorees with a framed picture.

The Higleys have been living on the W. C. Perkins farm on Gekeler lane for four years during which Higley served as foreman of the Perkins farms in this locality. Their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Dillingham, and her little daughter will accompany them to Portland but their son, Wilford, a student in high school, will remain in La Grande until school closes.

Sew and So Club Has Social Session

Mrs. Vernon Berry was hostess to the Sew and So club at her home last evening. Games were played and part of the time was devoted to sewing. Food was also taken for the Do-nut hut.

Prizes were won by Mrs. Eldon Waite and Mrs. Alice Nebeker. Refreshments were served and it was announced the next meeting will be with Mrs. Eldon Waite at her Mt. Glen home.

Social Calendar

FRIDAY
7:30 p. m. Past Matron's club, Hope chapter, OES, Masonic hall.
8 p. m. Westway club public card party, Neighborhood club house.

SATURDAY
1 p. m. Art Research luncheon, Mrs. Frank Jasper.

SUNDAY
2 p. m. District meeting of VFW post and auxiliary, K. of P. hall.

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Society Briefs

For outstanding activities at Washington State college at Pullman, Iris May Carter has been elected to membership in the sophomore service honorary society. Iris May is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Zweifel have returned from Lincoln, Neb., after a short visit with their son and daughter-in-law, Lt. and Mrs. Robert N. Zweifel.

Mother's Day Party Plans Are Laid by Auxiliary Group

Frances Brown auxiliary members met yesterday in the Neighborhood club house and made plans for their annual Mothers' day party.

Mrs. Etha Wallsinger told a pioneer story of the Woodell trek from Iowa to Oregon in a covered wagon. Mrs. Irvin Motz spoke on Maylaya. Brig. Olive Childers of the Salvation Army spoke on "Faith and Democracy." Lucille Carter presented a vocal solo and Deloris Buckwalter a tap dance.

Refreshments were served by the hostess committee at tables decorated with spring flowers. Mrs. Louie Standley was chairman assisted by Mrs. Alta Winburn, Mrs. Rebecca Kennedy, Mrs. Ed Reynolds, Mrs. Dick Smith, Mrs. Charles Hoak, Mrs. Claud Bartmess, Mrs. Lynn Hill and Mrs. Lynn Chadwick.

Annual Luncheon, Spring Institute Planned by Club

The annual luncheon of the Neighborhood club has been set for May 1, at 12:30 o'clock in the club house. The covered dish luncheon is under the direction of Mrs. Bess Cook and her committee.

A short business meeting will be conducted by Mrs. J. E. Robertson, when final reports for the year will be given. Mrs. B. A. Van Wormer will conduct the installation ceremony for new officers.

Spring institute for the fifth district will be May 2, an all day meeting beginning at 9 a. m. Professor Joseph Gaiser of the local college will be the speaker.

Mrs. C. C. Lillie is Hostess to Club

The Loyal Star social club was entertained last night in the home of Mrs. C. C. Lillie. Fourteen members attended and worked on afghans.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Charles Cameron, Mrs. Albert Feik and Mrs. Elam Briggs. Mrs. James Ruth, who will leave La Grande soon, was given a handkerchief shower.

Refreshments were served by the hostess.

A jungle-born tiger or lion, if caught young, is easier to train than one bred in captivity.



SPRING SHOW DANCERS—Featured in one of the numbers on tonight's Spring show program at La Grande high school are Billie True and Allan Harvey who will present a tango.



HONOR WAC—First WAC to receive the Air Medal was the late Pvt. Marjorie Babinetz, above, of Briarford, Pa., who was honored posthumously. She was killed in a dive bomber crash at Stillwater, Okla., on duty assignment. Her mother and brother are prisoners of Germans in Austria.

Musical, Dancing Show Will Be Presented Tonight

A program embracing approximately a score of vocal, instrumental, dancing and comedy numbers will be presented in the La Grande high school at 8 o'clock this evening as the school's annual spring show. It is open to the public.

Most of the numbers will be representative of the allies and "good neighbors" of the United States, with the performers appearing in appropriate costumes.

Participants have been rehearsing for several weeks for the program, which is one of the most ambitious of its kind ever attempted at the school.

Hospital Note

St Joseph's hospital:
Admitted—Mrs. James Witherspoon, Minnie Jackson, Elgin, Mrs. Harry Bitterbeck, Summerville, James Bradburn; Enterprize, Dale Hargett, Hattie Eckley, La Grande, John Glavey, Heppner, all medical; Bruce Carter, William Templeton, La Grande, Mrs. Gladys Chapman, Lostine, all laboratory, and Mrs. Virginia Cassingham, La Grande, surgery.
Discharged—Mrs. L. A. Thornburg, Joseph, Mrs. Fred Spence, Haines, Mary Kelley, Baker, Herbert Hungerford, George Jordan, Don Griss, Mrs. Irene Brown and son, La Grande.

Grande Rondo hospital:
Admitted—Cecil O. Parsons, La Grande, surgery; Jack LeGore, La Grande, medical.
Discharged—Janice Lou Benham, Wilbur Evans, Richard Folsom, La Grande, L. C. Raley, Pandora, Minnie Cunningham, Cove, Katharine Carver, Union.

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Indian Marines Ask Native Gods To 'Soften' Japs

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Joe's brother is Joe Kellwood who has also been out here three years. A couple of the others are Pfc. Alex Williams of Winslow, Ariz., and Pvt. Oscar Carroll of Fort Defiance, Ariz., which is the capital of the Navajo reservation. Most of the boys are from around Fort Defiance and used to work for the Indian bureau.

The Indian boys knew before we got to Okinawa that the invasion landing wasn't going to be very tough. They were the only ones in the convoy who did know it. For one thing they saw signs and for another they used their own influence.

Before the convoy left the far south tropical island where the Navajos had been training since the last campaign, the boys put on a ceremonial dance.

The Red Cross furnished some colored cloth and paint to stain their faces. They made up the rest of their Indian costumes from chicken feathers, sea shells, coconuts, empty ration cans and rifle cartridges.

Then they did their own native ceremonial chants and dances out there under the tropical palm trees with several thousand marines as a grave audience.

In their chant they asked the great gods in the sky to sap the Japanese of their strength for this blitz. They put the finger of weakness on the Japs. And then they ended their ceremonial chant by singing the marine corps song in Navajo.

I asked Joe Gatewood if they really felt their dance had something to do with the ease of our landing and he said the boys did believe so and were very serious about it, himself included.

"I knew nothing was going to happen to us," Joe said, "for on the way up here there was a rainbow over the convoy and I knew then everything would be all right."

One day I was walking through the edge of a scrubbed Okinawa village where marine telephone linesmen were stringing wire to the tops of the native telephone poles.

As I passed, one of the two linesmen at the top called down rather nervously saying he was afraid the wobbly pole was going to break under their weight.

To which one of the men on the ground, apparently their sergeant, called back reassuringly: "You've got nothing to worry about. That's imperial Japanese stuff. It can't break."

There are very few cattle on Okinawa but there are lots of goats and horses. The horses are small like western ponies and mostly bay or sorrel. Most of them are skinny, but when you see well-fed ones they are good-looking horses. They are all well broken and tame.

The marines have acquired them by the hundreds. Our company alone has more than 50. The boys put their heavier packs on them but more than that they

Ackerman First Graders Present Variety Program

The first grade students of Ackerman school this afternoon presented a pseudo-radio program, the program being given as a "talent show."

Roger Smith was announcer, with Sharon Kay Thornburg presiding as mistress of ceremony and band director.

The program consisted of piano and vocal numbers, favorite poems and tap dancing by four pupils of Mrs. Lewis Durning. All the children in the room participated.

Sharon Louise Eshelman was audience director, Gordon Wiles and Verl Pratt were control operators, and Clarence Campbell and Bobby Campbell were in charge of the programs.

Opening the show was the flag salute and singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" by the audience led by Carl McPhetridge. Commercials interspersing the program were given by Daniel Poff, Howard Hansen, Patricia Lee Walker, Ralph Nelson and Doyle Buckwalter.

Piano solos were presented by Richard Shoemaker, Howard Hansen and David Skeen. Poems were presented by Carol Jeanne Claycomb, Floy Alberta Hamman, Kenneth Whittaker, Raymond Fackler, Richard Clark, Stuart Wilson, Nancy Carolyn Dobson, Ronald McComb, Joan Apple, Merlin Hardwick and Vernon Welc.

Presenting a vocal solo was Patricia Ann Tippin, and one number was sung by the ensemble. Patricia Lee Walker and Denis Gray presented tap dances, Janice Ann War danced a tap strut, and Sharon Kay Thornburg danced two tap routines.

The program concluded with "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" by the Rhythm band.

Miss Velma Kress is supervising teacher for the first grade, Miss Leone Cavanaugh, the student teacher and Mrs. Richard Wilson, assisted. Mrs. Lloyd Hunt, accompanied the Rhythm band, and Mrs. Durning the tap dancers.

just seem to enjoy riding them up and down the country roads.

They have rigged up rope halters for them and one marine made a bridle using a piece of bamboo for a bit. They dug up old pads, and even some goat-skins to use as saddle blankets. But it's surprising how many men in a company of marines don't really know how to ride a horse.

Showing of Crosby Film Ends Saturday

The Bing Crosby picture "Going My Way" will have its final showings at the Liberty theater tonight and tomorrow, concluding a week in which it has been witnessed by large audiences.

The story is that of a young priest who is sent to rehabilitate a parish for which he provides a new parish house through the sale of a song, roganizes a boys' chorus with the assistance of a former schoolmate, played by Rise Stevens, opera star, and otherwise brings happiness to all those around him.

Barry Fitzgerald and Frank McHugh also appear as priests, Gene Lockhart appears as the parish mortgagor and Jean Heather and James Brown provide the romantic interest.

Girl Scouts Make May Day Baskets

Girl Scout troop No. 1 of the First Christian church, under the leadership of Marion Nelson and assistant leadership of Neva Neill and Gladys Marquis, gathered last evening at the church to make paper May baskets.

This session completed the troops' arts and crafts project. The baskets will be taken to the local hospitals May day morning.

A plan was adopted in which each individual of the troop will earn money for the purchase of a flag. Arrangements are being made to send an order for uniforms and equipment next week.

SPEND SUNDAY EVENING AT FIRST BAPTIST

7:30—"King Ahab's Booby Trap"
Solo by Don Jordahl

9:45 a.m. The Church School

11:00 a.m., "The Cruising Radius of a Church"
Duet by Marjorie Chandler and Frances Verus

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We can be thankful that our nation is represented by wise and experienced statesmen with a sincere desire for peace, and we are sure the other nations have the same type of representation.

The Conference will furnish the leadership and the plan, but peace depends upon the peoples of the United Nations—upon their will to peace, upon their sacrifice for peace, upon their works of peace.

The difficulties are enormous, some of the problems cannot be solved immediately, and compromises will be made by all nations in order to arrive at conclusions that will be fair to all countries.

The Conference cannot create an enduring peace. But it will lay the foundations for a plan for peace to be put into effect as soon as possible, and which we and future generations of the world must maintain.

Let us be sparing in our criticism and generous with our encouragement and constructive suggestions.

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