



**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**—Mrs. Mary Lou Wilson, right, reads the well known verse to 23 members and two guests of the Blue Mountain Juniors Extension party, as they exchange Christmas packages. The group met in the Wilson home. During the evening gifts were exchanged and letters to Santa read. Mrs. Nellie Stewart, left, is prepared to make a quick exchange of gifts. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Wilson, Geri Peterson, Iris Bates and Lois Rogers. (Observer Photo)

# Woman's World

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## ANN LANDERS

### Man Can Replace Girl Friend But Not Teen-Age Children

Dear Ann Landers: My boy friend is separated from his wife—but not divorced. His children are teen-agers. He sees me about four nights a week and then spends weekends with his family. He moves right in with a suitcase. I told him last week to either live with them or leave them alone. His answer set me to thinking. He said "I can always get another girl friend but I'll never be able to replace my children." I told him not to fool himself, that one day his kids will marry and he'll be a lonesome man. Please don't get the idea that I want him to marry me. I don't. I'm self-supporting and am interested only in companionship. Should I insist he choose between his family and me?—Meg.

Dear Meg: He's already made his choice. Furthermore, he's told you to like it or lump it. Whether you realize it or no, you're going with a married man. I'll bet you a dollar to an old Landen button that if you told him you were through being his week-day sweetie he'd go back to his family on a full-time basis which is where he belongs.

Dear Ann Landers: My daughter is 21. She was home for the weekend and had to leave on a 7:30 plane to return to college. Her boy friend brought her home at 1:30 and they woke me up and asked if it would be O.K. for him to stay and drive her to the airport at 4:30 a.m. I told them it would NOT be respectable for them to sit up all night alone and that I had no intention of sitting up with them.

We got into a fuss and my daughter told her boy friend to leave and wait in the car. She said she'd be out at 5 a.m. and they would go to an all-night restaurant for breakfast on the way to the airport.

In my opinion, any way you look at it, she was asking for permission to let the young man stay all night and I would not agree to it. Now she is mad at me. Your opinion, please.—L.A.O.

Dear L.A.O.: When a daughter, 21, awakens her mother and asks for permission to let her boy friend visit and then drive her to the airport, it's a pretty safe bet the gal can be trusted. If she were on the "wild" side, there are other places she could have gone besides home. Your refusal was a vote of confidence and she had a right to resent it. These were special circumstances and merited special consideration.

Next time, however, it would be better if he brought her home at 10 p.m. and came to get her at 5 a.m.

Dear Ann: I'm going to be married in January and I need a common sense opinion. My mother has a lovely singing voice and has been the soloist at many weddings. She would like to sing at my wedding and I have no objections, but something tells me that it isn't proper. Another com-

# Blue Mt. Gem Club Appoints Officers For Coming Season

A regular and social meeting for Blue Mt. Gem Club members and their friends held a potluck before the meeting and rock auction at The Woman's Clubhouse at Union. About 50 members and two visitors turned out for the appointment of new officers, and to assure the retired officers of their loyal support.

The meeting was alerted by Ralph Gerards, president, for the brief order of business. Marvin LeGore of La Grande and Mrs. Gracen Halsey of Union were welcomed as visitors.

Gerards reminded members that PowWow and The Old Pioneers Club dues are in order for the year 1960. News items and articles of interest will go to make up the PowWow manual for the coming year. Ralph reported on a message from the Northwest Federation of Societies president, Albert J. Keen, who sent a Program Aids Manual, to promote games and entertainment for club members. It will recommend movie slides and travelogues to be ordered by the societies when desired.

Only one meeting per month will be in order for the next three months. More than a dozen members present signified, the weather permitting, they planned accepting the "Stonewallers" invitation to their Christmas party and meeting.

Dec. 13, will be the date for the local club Christmas party at The Farm Bureau hall at Island City. The rock auction assured the club members adequate funds for turkey and ham dinner to begin at 1:30 p.m. Members will bring salads and vegetable dishes, along with their own table services.

In charge of the kitchen committee is Gladys Maxwell, co-chairman, Lois Stowe and Hazel Green and to assist them; Lor's Mobley, Esther Dager, Hazel Turner, and Mariam Peterson. Velma Speckhart will chairmen the decorating committee of Norma Mayger, May White, Florence Richardson and Mary Eberhart. Orta Ringaman will be in charge of the gift exchange. Mr. and Mrs. Gerards will take charge of the tree and decorations. Cooking the hams will be Clara Koester and Irvine Coleman. With Gladys Maxwell and Betty Ryan cooking the turkeys, and with all members assisting when needed.

The nominating committee named Floyd Galloway, president, Vern Stowe, vice-president, Opal Burford, treasurer and retained Ruth Furman, secretary and reporter for the year of 1960. Retiring president, Gerards initiated the new president, Galloway into the order of the Rockhounds guild and as leader of the bounds.

Roy Todd took pictures of the retiring officers, new officers and groups about the rock tables.

Mrs. Merrill Conley and Mrs. Royal Allen, "Cue" entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Clarence Kopp. There were about 40 persons attending.

Mrs. Irene Robinson, Miss Bess Kelly and Mrs. Nelle Hefty presided, and Mrs. Bernice McIntyre, Mrs. Gladys Harris and Mrs. Helen Condit served the cake. Mrs. Grant Saunders and Mrs. Donald Otter, assisted about the room.

Attending from La Grande were Mrs. Bessie Gardner and her daughter, Mrs. Archer Antles, Mrs. Eva Neil Martin, and Mrs. Donald Otter.

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Many items were auctioned by Dr. Koester, Ralph Gerards and Roscoe Furman. There were boxes of apples, jams, canned pickles, fruits and cookies, sharing the spotlight along with prefrab cabachons, bolo ties, agates and petrified wood slabs and chunk rock. The traveling package was awarded to Vern Stowe.

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## WBA Juniors Make Holiday Decoration

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## LOCAL EVENTS

**VFW will hold their annual Christmas dinner and tree, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in their hall. Potluck, bring own table service. Turkey, rolls and coffee furnished. Bring small gift for children attending to put on tree.**

**St. Peter's Episcopal Guild will meet Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for a Christmas potluck dinner, in the Parish hall. Mrs. Norval Olson, chairman.**

**Church of God Union will hold a Christmas program Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Play and recitations by children. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Treats for children.**

**Parkdale Club will hold a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Eva Shafer, Wednesday. Fifty cent gift exchange.**

**DAV and Auxiliary will hold their Christmas party, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Armory. There will be exchange of gifts for both men and women. Treats for children, entertainment, and refreshments.**

**Evening Circle of the First Methodist Church, W.S.C.S. will meet in the home of Miss Blanche Clark, 805 Spring Avenue, Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. for a Christmas meeting.**

**Eagles Auxiliary will hold a card party, Wednesday at 8 p.m. in their hall.**

**Neighbors of Woodcraft, members and families, will hold their annual Christmas dinner, Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Odd Fellows hall. Turkey, pie and rolls furnished. Potluck, bring table service and 50 cent gift to exchange.**

**Xi Eta chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will meet in the home of Mrs. Alvin Hawk, Tuesday at 8 p.m. for a Christmas party. Special program and gift exchange.**

**Art Research will hold their annual Christmas dinner Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. H. A. Zurbrink. Mrs. Hal Bohnenkamp, Mrs. R. J. Green and Mrs. Charles Quaintance, hostesses. Mrs. Frank Bennett to show pictures taken in Alaska, where she spent the summer with Dr. Bennett.**

**Crystal Rebekah lodge will meet at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, in the Odd Fellows temple. Christmas party to follow. Gift exchange of 50 cents, refreshments.**

**VFW Post and Auxiliary will hold their Christmas dinner Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in their hall. Turkey, rolls and coffee furnished, rest potluck. Bring own table service and small gift for children. Candy treats and purse to be awarded.**

**Frances Brown Auxiliary will meet Thursday at 1:30 p.m. in the Neighborhood Clubhouse for an annual Christmas party. Gift exchange, Christmas program, and dessert. Members please note change of date and time of meeting.**

**Ruth Robinson Circle of the First Methodist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Whitmer Wright, 1212 Alder Street, Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. for a potluck. Bring own table service and covered dish.**

**Willow School will hold their Christmas program, Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. First and second grades will present "The 12 Days of Christmas," and the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades to give "The Night Before Christmas."**

**Mariam Circle of the Hendrix Methodist Church will hold a Christmas party, Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the parsonage. Mabel von Loon and Cleitus Zickafosse as hostesses.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mardis, 2015 Z Avenue, La Grande, have a daughter born Dec. 13, in the Grande Ronde Hospital. They have named her Lori Fay and she weighs seven pounds, 15 and a half ounces.**

**Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will meet in the home of Martha Westniskow, 1105 O Avenue, Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Christmas party, gift exchange.**

**Chapter CO of PEO will meet in the home of Mrs. Wesley Brownton, tonight at 7:30 p.m. Gift exchange. Party with the Bill to follow.**

**Riverside Ladies Aid will hold a Christmas party and gift exchange, Thursday at 2 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Edith McLean.**

**Welcome Wagon Newcomers club will hold a Christmas party Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Neighborhood Clubhouse. Gift exchange 50 cents.**

**Scroptimist Club will hold a regular meeting Thursday at 12 noon in the Sacajawea.**

## Robert Dawson Will Head Local Lodge

La Grande Lodge #1 AF & AM met in the Masonic hall, Dec. 2, for a stated meeting.

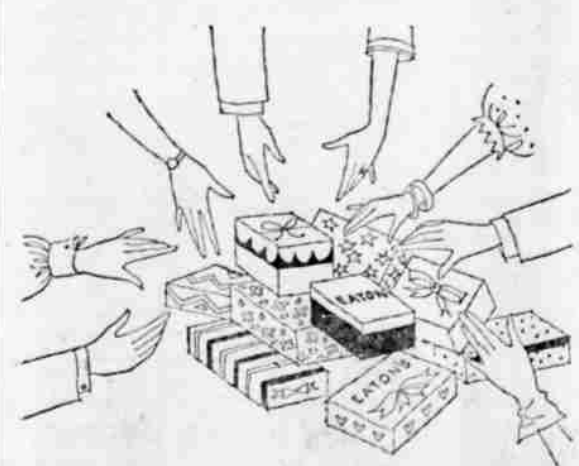
Election and installation of officers was the main business of the evening. The following officers were installed for the ensuing Masonic Year: elective officers were Worshipful Master, J. W. Wade Boehr; junior ward, Robert E. Dawson; senior ward, William Rothman; treasurer, Don Galt; secretary, Elmer Hansen. Appointive officers, senior deacon, Evan Halsey; junior deacon, Robert Cash; junior steward, William Calvert; chaplain, James Sherrick; marshal, Frances Cleaver; and tiller, Asa Bradley. George Driscoll was appointed as senior steward and will be installed at the first stated meeting in January.

Refreshments were served by the stewards following the meeting.

## Ackerman School Holds Assembly

A Thanksgiving Assembly was held at Ackerman School in the auditorium Wednesday morning. This traditional occasion takes place each year, under the direction of the assembly council.

This year the council invited the Rev. E. W. Kaisten of Zion Lutheran Church to give the Thanksgiving talk to the children of the school. The announcer for the program was Paula Aas, sixth grade. Jennifer Dorn, third grade, read Psalm 100, and Stephen Whittemore, fifth grade, read a Thanksgiving prayer. As a concluding number the student body sang "America The Beautiful," following the flag salute led by Robert Jordan and Leon Hendrickson, both of the sixth grade.



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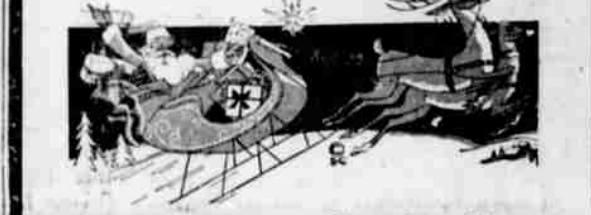
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