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Lexington News

Miss Annet Stroutman

The W. J. Davis home was the scene of a large family reunion, Wednesday. The gathering was in honor of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Davis. The children present were Mrs. Gene Gray, Mrs. James Painter, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Lorine Mikesell, Mrs. Howard Slate, Clark Eavis and James D. vis.

The sub-division of the Morrow County Grade School Declamatory contest was held here on Friday last. The Lexington winners were: First division, non-humorous, Jerine Edwards, first; second division, non-humorous, Evelyn Kirk, second. At the High School contest held at Ione, Saturday, Beulah Eskelson won first in dramatics and Muriel Reany second in oratorical.

Henry Frazier was over from Milton the first of the week for a short stay at the home of Mayor T. L. Barnett.

Misses Erma Duvall and Helen Valentine, students at the University of Oregon, are here for the Easter vacation.

James Pointer and wife of Los Angeles are guests in the home of Mrs. Pointer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Davis.

Miss Irene Tucker departed on Saturday for Portland where she will continue her secretarial work. Miss Tucker was accompanied as far as Arlington by her sister Mrs. Archie Nichols.

At the regumeting of the P. T. A. last Wednesday a sort program was rendered by the school pupils as well as teachers. A skit was given by the Misses Helen Falconer and Helen Wells, the rhythm band made an appearance and several pieces were delivered by pupils of the grade school. A business meeting followed.

Cliff Friedly is over from Wasco on a short business trip. While here, Mr. Friedly is staying at the Earl Eskelson home.

A number of Lexington people attended the program of the Good Will Club of Eugene at Heppner on Tuesday.

Column 5, please.

E. L. Foster of Pendleton is looking after business interests on the W. H. Padberg ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson have had as their guests Mrs. Howard Slaue and children of Bend.

THE CHURCHES

Church Sunday School are preparing a short program for the Sunday School hour. The Baptists are also arranging a program.

Rev. Zakrison held services at the Swedish Lutheran church last Sunday morning and evening. After the morning service Mrs. Ida Peterson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dobyns, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peterson and children went to the Henry Peterson home for dinner.

POMONA GRANGE

subordinate granges was enjoyed after dinner. The chief sources of interest, however, were the Irrigon Club band and the talk given by Mr. E. W. Snell of Arlington on the recent activities at the state legislature.

The Treasurer gave a very satisfactory report of our financial condition.

Mrs. O. E. Wright was appointed Pomona Juvenile Matron.

After discussion it was voted that the Pomona Grange should contribute \$15.00 to the Spence memorial fund. It was decided that a county council consisting of the Executive Committee of the Pomona Grange, county deputies, County Agent and Subordinate Masters be formed for the purpose of outlining a program of action for Pomona Grange.

Mrs. Flossie Coats was elected alternate delegate to the State Grange.

The Steward's office being declared vacant, Oren Blakely, of Lexington, was elected to that office.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Irrigon Grange for their pleasant hospitality.

The next Pomona meeting will be with Lexington Grange.

Mayor John P. Louy is a patient in a Walla Walla hospital. It is reported that he is improving.

STATMEN OF OWNERSHIP Etc.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of April, 1931.

F. H. Robinson, Notary Public

SAYS WILL ROGERS



BEVERLY HILLS.—Well, all I know is just what I read in the papers. I got back home and am working in the movies and have a little time in between scenes to kinder see what is going on here and there. You know that King of Spain is quite a fellow. They been trying to oust him these Republicans have for years and just when it looks like he was a goner why he comes up again. They ain't going to get rid of that fellow. In fact I doubt if they could improve on him.



Governments dont have much to do with Nations anyhow, their importance is greatly overrated. The real business of a country is carried on no matter what King or Emperor, or Dictator or Chief, or President. Even us over here we raise all the fuss and mess around over whether it will be a Republican or a Democrat, and one hundred and twenty million have to make their living under either one of them and it dont matter much.

Look at the Frenchmen. They look like to us they do everything Cockeyed. Their House of Deputies looks like a Keystone Comedy Company, yet with all their excitement they have made the finest recovery from the war of any one of the others. The staid old Britisher that we think does everything just about right, why he is having his toughest sledding right now. Who would think they could ever mishandle their affairs.

So its not really intention on the Governments part that they dont do better, its ignorance. You see every fellow looks at things from his particular part of the Country. He cant see what might be the condition in some other part.

Now take this Drouth affair down South. These people were called Farmers. Well they were farmers, they made what little living they ever got out of the soil, so they are certainly entitled to be called Farmers, but they were not the Farmers that the east and the north have been accustomed to look on as they drive by. Its not the big red barns, the cows, the Pigs, the Chickens, the big fat workhorses. During all this hardship, its the Renter Farmer, the "Share Cropper." A man that on a cotton plantation tends ten acres, that is if he uses one Mule. He is called the One mule cropper, or the two mule cropper. He lives in a little box house, generally two rooms and a lean to. They are eternally in debt to the Land owner who generally owns the store or if he dont the local Merchant. That

one share of that one little crop has got to keep them for the whole year. They buy everything they eat. They are going too, the Red Cross and the County Agents are, of making each land owner give them about a half acre and put in a garden, that will help a tremendous lot. There is nothing they can work at during the time they are not putting in or tending their cotton.

Those little few bales of cotton that he gets as his share has to pay his whole previous years Grocery, and other merchandise bill. Now how in the world can he have a cent left. He hasent, he is in debt. Then add a drouth to that, where he dont raise anything, then what happened. The Store man was practically broke along with him. The land owner who also deals just from year to year, he was broke, so picture the condition yourself. No work to be had, no food to be bought, no seed to plant.

Now whose fault is it. It aint nobody's fault. If it is, it aint his, he has done the best he knew how. He is tending to his business the same as his Father and Grand Father did before him. Rich men, educated men, on Wall Street and in all big Businesses were perhaps carrying on their Fathers business in what they had always thought was a safe and sane way, yet look what happened to them. Look what happened to everybody. The smart, the crafty, the scirewd, they all got it, only they had somebody who would help em. These people had nobody, their friends were the same as they were. I was raised on a Farm and Ranch combined, was raised where they had Renter Farmers, and I have always conscientiously believed that a poor share crop renter was the poorest, and least provided for man in this or any other Country, and the Cotton renter is just half again poorer than this wheat or Corn renter, so you see what shape he is in. The man in the City that has to live in the slums with his family, but he gets something every day for his work, he has something to show for it every week, he knows what he is making, he knows what he is spending. He has his little money, he can buy where he can find it the cheapest. This poor renter has to stay with the same merchant for the year even if he is overcharged. Then they tell me some of you havent raised your Red Cross Quota. Well all I hope is you are never a Renter farmer.



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Personal Mention

Bert Mason was in Pendleton, Sunday and while there enjoyed a short visit with Grandma Parker who is well known here, having made her home in Ione for many years. Mrs. Parker is well and happy. On Wednesday, Mar. 25th, she celebrated the 84th anniversary of her birth. Thirty of her friends joined with her in celebrating the happy event.

Members of Ione Post of the American Legion, have received information of the serious illness of Jack Whitesides. He is in Arizona and was making arrangements to enter the Veteran's hospital at Clemenceau.

John Harbke and wife are spending much of their time in and near Ione. Mr. Harbke is working in the interest of the Wells Spring Gas and Oil Company. Much land has been leased for future drilling purposes and considerable stock is being bought. Many people from near and far are visiting the well. The Sunday crowds are especially large.

On Thursday of last week Grant Buchanan, Butter Creek rancher, was a guest at the home of his son, Fred Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan Sr. reports much hay unsold on Butter Creek. The same condition prevails on Willow Creek.

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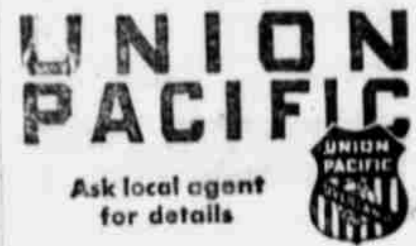
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