

Local Happenings

Stanley Reavis, former bookkeeper with local P. P. & L. office and more recently manager of the Arlington office, has been battling serious illness for several months. He was reported to have undergone an operation at St. Vincent's hospital, Portland, last Friday morning from which he was said to be making satisfactory recovery. Friends in this city hope for his complete recovery in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Olden, former Eight Mile residents, are now residing at Gresham, having moved there several months ago. They have spent their winters there for several years, but now expect to make their home there permanently, reported Walter Dobyns, son of Mrs. Olden, who was in the city Tuesday from the farm.

Judge and Mrs. W. T. Campbell, S. E. Notson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Barlow and Miss Mary Chaffee were among local people attending funeral services for the late C. G. Blayden at Boardman Sunday. Mr. Blayden was a pioneer resident of the project and held the office of justice of the peace there for several years.

Fred McMurray of Hermiston was delivering potatoes in the city Tuesday. Fred has been one of the leading potato producers of this section for many years and has found a good market for his product in Heppner.

O. W. Cutsforth and Alfred Nelson were among farmers of the north-Lexington district doing business in town Saturday. Fall sown crops in their section are reported very backward, with moisture sorely needed.

C. H. Bolen was in the city Tuesday from Rhea creek. He is operating the former Quackenbush farm, having moved there three weeks ago from the Anderson Hayes ranch farther up the creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hayes arrived from Portland the first of the week for a visit at the home of Mrs. Hayes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nickerson, through the holiday season.

Roy A. Campbell was transacting business in the city Monday from the Social Ridge farm. Moisture in some form would be mighty welcome in his section.

Among folks from the Gooseberry section transacting business in the city Tuesday were Erik Bergstrom and son Carl, Walter and Noel Dobyns.

A. T. King and John Miller were visitors in the city Sunday from Kinzua where they are employed in the barber shop and pastime respectively.

R. B. Rice of Artesian Well ranch north of Lexington was a business visitor in the city Monday.

J. N. Batty was a business visitor in the city Tuesday from the farm near Hardman.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

Burton Peck was installed as master of Lexington grange Saturday night at a regular meeting of the organization. Harvey Miller was installing officer, assisted by Myles Martin, Pearl Devine and Anne Miller. Other officers installed included Fred Mankin, overseer; Norma Marquardt, lecturer; Sam McMillan, steward; Terrel Bengel, assistant steward; Emma Evans, chaplain; R. B. Rice, treasurer; Lena Kelly, secretary; Al Troedson, gatekeeper; Lucy Rodgers, Ceres; Elma Scott, Pomona; Hortense Martin, Flora; Beulah Nichols, lady assistant steward; Oral Scott, chairman of the executive committee.

The grange plans to install a furnace in the hall in the near future. Other improvements to the hall are being planned also.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall have received word of the birth of a son, Loren Duvall Wickersham, to Mr.

and Mrs. Ralph Wickersham of Milwaukee on Dec. 15. Mrs. Wickersham was formerly Miss Erma Duvall.

The regular meeting of the Lexington Home Economics club was held at the grange hall Thursday afternoon. The following members were present: Hortense Martin, Carina Campbell, Trina Parker, Norma Marquardt, Pearl Marquardt, Anne Miller, Bertha Nelson, Laura Rice, Emma White, Emma Evans, Pearl Devine, Freda Slocum, Bernice Bauman, Alta Cutsforth and Beulah Nichols.

From an article in the Sunday Oregonian we learn that Keith Gentry, formerly of this city, was a member of the football squad at Halfway this year. This team won five straight victories during the past season.

Mrs. Vernon Scott and young son returned home from Heppner this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Berry and family of Washington have moved into the Alex Hunt house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst, Sr., of Astoria are visiting their son, Wm. Smethurst, Jr., and family.

Ira Lewis has returned from a business trip to Portland.

A dance will be given at the Lexington grange hall Saturday night. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall returned from Milwaukee last week. Their granddaughter, Lois Wickersham, came home with them.

Delvin Cox of Longview is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Cox.

S. G. McMillan, Sam McMillan and Charles Schriever are spending the week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hunt motored to Pendleton Wednesday.

School News.

The Lexington high school basketball team was defeated by Condon on the opponent's floor Friday night. The score was 16 to 15. The local quintet played the Irrigon five on the home floor Saturday night and again suffered defeat, with a score of 24 to 20.

A basketball game between the grade school teams of Lexington and Irrigon was also played Saturday night, ending in defeat for Lexington, 10-4.

A poster contest, held for the four upper grades, ended Friday at noon. The winning poster, advertising the senior play, was made by Joe Way. Donald Peck won second place and May Rauch third.

Two volleyball games were played by the grade and high school girls' teams Friday afternoon. The grade girls met defeat in both games, the scores being 21-17 and 21-2.

The members of the grade school operetta have been spending much time practicing. The operetta, which is to be given for the Christmas program is entitled, "The Kidnapping of Santa Claus."

The cast of the senior play to be held this Friday night is as follows: Elmer Scott, a newspaper editor, Jamie Peck; Jane Cooper, heroine, Bernice Martin; Ruth Roberts, Jane's friend, Edna Rauch; Joe Hudson, old timer returned, Kenneth Peck; Sam Barnett, a political boss, Lyle Allyn; Petunia Blossom, humorous news sniffer, Kenneth Palmer; Tom Dugan, an officious constable, Marvin Cox; Mrs. Small, a busybody, Wilma Tucker.

For a good time be sure to come. You'll find laughs, thrills, heart-flutters and sobs in this three-act mystery-comedy drama presented Friday, December 18, in the high school auditorium.

HAS BEAUTIFUL SHADES.

Part of the Christmas decorations at the Elkhorn restaurant, in festive attire for the season, are two large Japanese lantern type light shades, constructed of silken cloth and bamboo splits and brilliantly decorated with Chinese characters. One Chinese pictograph, Edward Chinn, the proprietor, pointed out, conveys the meaning of "Happiness, long life and prosperity." "Yes, it says all three in one. Very nice sentiment for the new year," he said.

New Features Added To 1937 Soil Program

With the framework of the 1937 agricultural conservation program officially announced at Washington, D. C., farm operators in Oregon are now awaiting detailed interpretation of the plan in the light of Oregon conditions, which will be available as soon as official representatives from this state return from the national conference.

Meanwhile the state soil depleting crop base for the 1936 program has been definitely approved at Washington, and state and county officials have supplied each county with its final base figures. From these individual applications can now go forward with little delay.

Significant among the changes made in the 1937 program is provision for some crop control to be applied to corn. This is to be accomplished by setting an acreage quota for each farm which comes under the soil conservation provision of the new program. National AAA officials announced that this is needed to prevent the corn acreage getting far out of line under the stimulus of high prices which followed last year's extremely short crop.

The new program will include both diversion and soil building payments again, but with the latter given more emphasis. An average of \$9 an acre for diversion instead of \$10 has been set and it will be handled on a somewhat different basis. Of the \$9; \$6 will be applied directly to diverted acreage up to 15 per cent, while \$3 will be paid for definite additions to the soil conserving acreage above the 15 per cent. This, in effect, serves to add the \$3 to total soil building practice payments.

The range improvement program is continued, but with payments lowered from \$2 to \$1.50 per animal unit of carrying capacity. Producers of sizeable acreages of permanent pasture, as well as others whose farms are now largely in soil con-

serving crops, will have opportunity for additional participation. The minimum allowance per farm, regardless of size, has been raised from \$10 to \$20 this year, and provision has been made for more benefits for vegetable and fruit growers who carry out soil building practices. It is believed that last year's base acreage determination may be used again, thus eliminating much of the detailed work necessary in carrying out the present program.

OSC Health Center Ready With Best Care

Corvallis.—The new student health service building built by the aid of WPA funds on the Oregon State college campus has been completed and will be occupied the first of the year. All equipment is being moved from the old quarters during the Christmas holidays.

The new structure is three-story, concrete with brick veneer, almost completely fire-proof and modern in every respect as to arrangements

and facilities. Not only has the building been constructed without use of tax money, but the cost of operating the service is cared for from a moderate fee paid by all students. Under this plan every student is entitled to medical attention without additional cost, except in the case of major operations or similar extended illness.

Other campus improvement projects either completed or under way include the building of 12 new tennis courts now in use, landscaping of several campus areas, laying of several miles of concrete walks, and the construction, now in progress, of new hog and dairy cattle barns. All of these were aided by WPA labor. Work of turfing the football field is also in progress.

BUYS RESIDENCE PROPERTY.

E. O. Ferguson this week purchased from Morrow county the residence property formerly belonging to H. P. Cohn on the lower end of Main street. The purchase price was given at \$3000.

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The Senior Class of Lexington High School presents

"BEHIND THE NEWS"

High School Auditorium 8:15 P. M.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Gifts for the Home

Of all the useful things you can present your family, there is nothing more enjoyable than furniture. Make your house a home that you and your family will be really proud of... one where your sons and daughters will love to entertain. Look at these attractive, low-priced offerings:

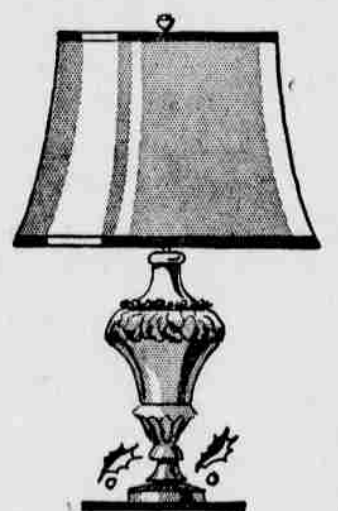


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