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Masons, O. E. S. Dine on Turkey, Install Officers

Christmas Motif Features Social Event; Gifts Made

Gaily Christmas decorated rooms of Masonic hall was the scene of the annual joint installation and turkey dinner of Masonic orders Monday evening. Lodge members and families taxed capacity of the hall for this highlight social event of the Christmas season.

A beautiful program feature accentuating the Christmas motif was a candlelight service with singing of carols by a girls' chorus under the direction of Miss Juanita Leathers. Carolers were Lucile Barlow, Peggy Tamblyn, Dorothea Wilson, Patty O'Hara, Jean Turner and Marylou Ferguson. Kathryn Parker and Harriet Hager were pages lighting candles, and Gertrude Parker was chaplain.

Presentations featured the installation ceremonies. For the Order of Eastern Star, Ailene Ball presented basket and large yellow 'mums' to Mary Guild, incoming worthy matron, from the Past Worthy Matrons' club. May Gilliam presented a gift to Mrs. Guild from her husband. Clarence Bauman presented Virginia Turner, retiring worthy matron with a past matron's pin from the chapter. Mary Guild presented Mrs. Turner with a gift from her officers and J. O. Turner presented C. J. D. Bauman, retiring worthy patron with a gift from the officers. For the Masonic Blue lodge, Clarence Bauman presented J. O. Turner, retiring worshipful master, with a past master's jewel.

F. S. Parker as installing officer for the Blue lodge had the honor of inducting his son, Vawter Parker, as the lodge's new worshipful master. Other officers installed were Archie C. Ball, S. W.; Wm. D. Campbell, J. W.; Frank S. Parker, treasurer; Spencer Crawford, secretary; Terrel Benge, S. D.; L. D. Tibbles, J. D.; Millard D. Rodman, S. S.; Earl T. Fulkerson, J. S.; R. C. Wightman, chaplain; C. J. D. Bauman, marshal; W. E. Prunty, tyler. R. C. Wightman acted as installing marshal.

With Mrs. Hazel Vaughn as installing officer, Mrs. Lena Cox as installing marshal and Miss Juanita Leathers as organist, Eastern Star officers were inducted as follows: Mary Guild, W. M.; C. J. D. Bauman, W. P.; Faye Ferguson, A. M.; R. C. Wightman, A. P.; Muriel Vaughn, secretary; Emma Evans, treasurer; Madge Thomson, conductress; Etta Parker, associate conductress; Blanche Patterson, chaplain; Carma Campbell, marshal; Lera Crawford, Adah; Flora Dimick, Ruth; Nancy Jane Cox, Esther; Ella Benge, Martha; Annie Schaffer, Electa; Coramae Ferguson, organist; Pauline Hughes, warder; Chas. B. Cox, sentinel.

C. J. D. Bauman was installing officer for the Royal Arch Masons, assisted by R. C. Wightman as marshal and the following were inducted into office:

Geo. Ely, high priest; William Vawter Parker, King; W. Claude Cox, Scribe; H. A. Tamblyn, Captain of Host; M. D. Clark, treasurer; E. R. Huston, secretary; C. J. D. Bauman, Principal Sojourner; Robert C. Wightman, Royal Arch Captain; Hanson Hughes, Master of 3rd Vail; Chas. B. Cox, Master of 2nd Vail; J. J. Wightman, Master of 1st Vail; W. E. Prunty, sentinel.

DENTIST MAY LOCATE

D. Miller of Oregon City, recent graduate of North Pacific Dental college in Portland, was in Heppner Monday in company with Guy Johnson of Pendleton, looking over available locations with view to establishing a dental office here. Mr. Johnson is a fuel dealer and loan company manager at Pendleton.

Mrs. Claude Cox Has Narrow Escape

Mrs. Claude Cox had a narrow escape from a blazing automobile about 10 o'clock last Friday morning when the family car in which she was driving alone left the highway and turned over several times a few miles below Ione. Mrs. Cox was returning to Heppner from Arlington, where she had gone to meet her son Charles on his way home from Oregon State college for the holidays, but who had caught a ride on to Heppner before she arrived at Arlington.

She apparently swerved a little too far toward the edge of the highway on meeting a truck on a curve, resulting in the accident. The car was in flames almost immediately and the three men who were in the truck rushed to Mrs. Cox's aid. The car was lying on one side and Mrs. Cox was attempting futilely to open the door above, which had been jammed, when the men arrived. Their combined effort was required to extricate her. The truck belonged to Noah Pettyjohn and one of the Pettyjohn boys was driving. The Cox car was completely wrecked by the flames. Mrs. Cox was uninjured, though she suffered from shock.

Sister Arranges Christmas Art At Judge's Office

Many beautiful touches of the artist's hand have lended cheer to the Christmas season in Morrow county, but at the county's seat of government in the courthouse is exhibited a specimen worthy of its position. Composed by Miss Olga Johnson, Portland art teacher, it was placed in the county judge's office Monday at the request of Miss Johnson's brother, Bert Johnson, county judge, with Jim Archer, janitor, assisting in arranging the display.

The display is a table set-piece, with border of fir boughs and holly, depicting the arrival of the guiding angel with three shepherds at the cradle of Jesus beside which sits Mary, the holy mother. A deep blue background with sparklets reflecting the indirect light from a daylight electric light bulb, itself representative of the Star of the East, makes a starlit firmament, against which the colorful paper figures are set out by indirect light from a red bulb. A vertical strip of holly and fir boughs through the center of the scene, adds depth and quality.

The figures were all painted by Miss Johnson, and the composition is entirely original. It was first displayed at an exhibit from the Portland schools. Desiring to share appreciation of the work with the county public, Mr. Johnson has extended an invitation to anyone who may wish to see it to drop in at the office.

Besides being an accomplished artist, Miss Johnson is a well trained athlete, having represented Oregon several years ago at a national meet of women athletes at Chicago. She swims, plays tennis and rides horseback as diversion from classroom work.

Lighting Contest Adds Season Cheer

Pacific Power and Light company's home exterior Christmas lighting contest had drawn eight registered entrants this morning, with four other displays not yet entered as they had not been completed. The displays, lighted between 5 and 9 o'clock each evening until January 1 under contest rules, will be judged sometime within the next week.

Trees in home yards, lit with varicolored lights, and clever lighting arrangements on exteriors of houses themselves lend much cheer to the season.



MRS. F. D. COX WAS PIONEER MOTHER

Resident of Hinton Creek District Since 1875 Succumbs to Stroke; Many Attend Rites

Mrs. Franklin D. Cox, esteemed pioneer mother, died at the farm home on Hinton creek Monday night as the result of a paralytic stroke about a week previous. The fatal illness came as a shock to family and friends, for in a long, active and hardy life, Mrs. Cox had known little illness. She was the mother of eleven surviving children, grandmother of thirty-five children, and great grandmother of ten children. She had been a continuous resident of the Hinton creek district since 1875.

Funeral services were held from the Christian church in this city yesterday afternoon in charge of Phelps Funeral home with Rev. R. C. Young officiating and interment was in Masonic cemetery. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended and the floral tribute was profuse.

Elizabeth Isabel Hayman was born at Callous, Maine, Jan. 16, 1866, to Martin and Hanna Affa (Woodcock) Hayman. With her parents she came to Morrow county in 1875 from Marion county. Two years later, in 1877, Franklin D. Cox came to work for her father, and shortly the romance began which led him to wed Miss Hayman at Heppner on February 13, 1882. Mr. and Mrs. Cox enjoyed 56 years of wedded life together, a partnership in which Mrs. Cox bravely upheld her burden of pioneer motherhood. Continuously since their marriage the family home was made on the Hinton creek farm where the family of eleven children was reared.

She is survived by her husband and the children, Amy Cover, Pendleton; Gussie Mays Stanfield; Margaret Giger, Longview, Wash.; Benjamin Cox, Heppner; Dee Cox, Lexington; Percy Cox, Heppner; Elizabeth Johnson, Silverton; Wilda Beer, Silverton; Archibald Cox, Boise, Idaho; Alice Friedly, Boise, Idaho; Esther Clark, Boise, Idaho; also two brothers, Harry Hayman of Portland, and Holmes Hayman of Toledo, Ore.

All the children were present for the funeral services with the exception of Mrs. Esther Clark, youngest daughter, who was prevented by illness from attending. Mrs. Clark was with her mother a few days before she passed away.

REPORT CONVENTIONS

C. J. D. Bauman, sheriff, and Frank Alfred, district attorney, reported proceedings of their respective state conventions attended in Portland last week, before the Monday Lions luncheon. Richard Tuller sang a Christmas song accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Marvin Dixon. Stressed in the convention reports was the need for public awareness to provide adequate facilities for segregating first offenders from hardened criminals at the penitentiary and for establishment of a more efficient parole system.

Gault Named Head Birthday Celebration

Telegraphic notification was received this week by J. L. Gault of his appointment to the county chairmanship of the President's Birthday celebration, to be culminated the evening of January 29 with the annual ball.

Funds raised the last few years from balls honoring President Roosevelt's birthday have been used for the establishment of a foundation to combat the dreaded disease, infantile paralysis, from which the president was a sufferer, and funds from the coming celebration will be used to strengthen the work. The foundation is directed by many leading men of the business world, and the manner of organization to effectively carry out its purpose has been commended among others by Mayo brothers, world-famous doctors. The scope of the foundation not only includes the prevention and treatment of infantile paralysis, but dissemination of information in the correction of posture and bone deformities such as result from attacks of the disease.

The plan of celebration this year is more inclusive than in previous years, with provision for staging benefit entertainments widely varied in nature in addition to the annual ball.

While Mr. Gault is leaving today to spend the Christmas vacation at Corvallis with Mrs. Gault, and has not yet completed the local organization, he expects to do so on his return right after the first of the year. He hopes to sufficiently organize the celebration in Morrow county so that everyone will learn of the humanitarian nature of its purpose and will be given an opportunity to give the support that they may desire.

Range Program Speed Held Necessary

With winter weather setting in, it is highly important that range operators who have completed practices under the range program notify the county agent's office. December 31 is the last date on which range practices for 1937 may be completed. Supervisors must inspect all work done before application for payment can be made, and unfavorable weather might easily make it impossible to make such inspections before spring. In the interest of speedy payment, all completed work should be inspected as quickly as possible.

RECALLS WINTER '93-'94

John Johnson has seen many winters in Morrow county, but only one resembling that prevailing so far this season. That he recalled while visiting in Heppner Saturday from the farm in the Ione section, was the winter of '93-'94, just a year after he first came to the county. He was herding sheep in the Cecil section that winter and recalls that much rain came in December and there was only a slight snow all winter. Mr. Johnson worked for the late Theodore Anderson on first coming to the county, and also worked for other late pioneers including Jim Adkins and Lum Rhea. He helped haul lumber from the mountains for the original Jim Adkins residence in Heppner. This season he views as prospective toward the return of a series of better growing years than the county has had for some time.

BROTHER DIES

Mrs. Tom McIntyre of Hardman received word this morning of the death of her brother, Peter Canavan, at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla following a six-weeks illness. Mr. Canavan was a native of County Longford, Ireland, and was well known here. His home was at Condon where funeral services will be held next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Burial services will be in charge of the American Legion. A sister wired that she was leaving New York today to attend.

First Snow Falls Bringing Hope for White Christmas

Church, School Other Activities Claim Attention

Lowered temperatures and snowfall yesterday and today make prospects bright for a white Christmas in Morrow county. The new snow is the first for the winter and started on the shortest day in the year. The snow had painted the landscape about Heppner a clean white this morning though the surface of the ground was not much more than covered and a change to the warmer might rob the city of its white Christmas.

Before the snow started, the year's total moisture precipitation had risen to 14.53 inches, as an even quarter inch of rainfall last week end was measured by Len L. Gilliam, government weather observer, to add to the previously reported total of 14.38. The moisture-laden ground is a source of joy to everyone, lending cheer to the approach of Christmas, which is due to arrive Saturday.

Christmas activity has been brisk all over the county the last week. In Heppner programs last Sunday were enjoyed at the Christian and Methodist churches, the former presenting its choir in a service of Christmas music in the morning, and the latter having a similar program in the evening. An enjoyable feature of each was the presentation of kiddies in Christmas skits.

Another program of Christmas music was enjoyed by a large assemblage at the gym-auditorium last evening when grade school choruses sang carols under direction of Miss Juanita Leathers, and the school band gave a free concert led by its director, Harold Buhman.

Singing of Christmas carols by the vested choir of the Episcopal church is slated for tomorrow evening.

Christmas afternoon another treat is in store for children of the community when the Elks and Star theater play joint hosts at a free show at the theater.

Many minor Christmas events have assisted in claiming the attention of everyone, and with the arrival home of many college students and others from the outside for the holiday season, and general prevalence of Christmas decorations on every hand, Christmas is being heralded welcomingly by all.

Postoffice Hold-up Admitted Hoax

Kenneth Oviatt, postal clerk, was taken into custody by officers last night after a reputed confession that his story of a hold-up Tuesday evening was a hoax and that he himself had taken the \$445 in currency which he reported was stolen by a bandit.

The town was in a hub-bub shortly after Oviatt reported the alleged hold-up at the postoffice about 8:45 Tuesday evening, when he asserted that a man of medium height in dark cap and overcoat confronted him with a revolver when he answered a rap at the door. The bandit was said to have scooped up the stolen amount in currency from the counter where it had been laid for counting for deposit the next day, then made a clean get-away through the back door.

PARTY ENJOYED

Nina Snyder entertained the "S & C" club at her home for the Christmas party yesterday afternoon. Travel was played with high score taken by Emma Garrigues. Gifts were exchanged and members presented Mrs. Snyder with a hostess gift. Refreshments were served. Present were Zella Dufault, Irene Padberg, Ruth Cowins, Lena Brown, Mynn Albert, Elsie Cowins, Emma Garrigues and the hostess.