

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Lex Three Links Club Elects New Officers**

By Bertha Hunt

The Three Links club met at the home of Ola Ward Monday evening. Plans were made for the year and the following officers were elected: Anna Keene, president; Emma Peck, vice-president; Cora Warner, secretary, and Margaret Leach, treasurer. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Whillock and daughter Carla Lee motored to Pendleton Monday.

The Home Economics club held a committee meeting at the home of Mrs. Alta Cutsforth Saturday. Those present were Bernice Bauman, Emma Peck, Maude Pointer, Margaret Miller, Myra Peck and Alta Cutsforth.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Breshears and daughters, Helen and Edwina Breshears, Mrs. Carl Whillock and Mrs. Wilbur Steagall, attended the adult study club at St. Patrick's rectory in Heppner Sunday evening.

Harry Dinges was a business visitor in Ione Monday.

Mrs. Laurel Ruhl and baby son, Otto Eugene, returned home from Heppner Wednesday.

Ralph Jackson went to Pendleton on business last Wednesday.

Lon Edwards and his daughter Edith spent several days in Spokane this week.

Olin Ritchie of Hermiston was in Lexington one day this week.

Casha Shaw of Heppner spent several days in Lexington this week.

Word has been received here of the birth of a daughter, Elsie Joan, to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Graves of Kennewick, Wash. Mrs. Graves was formerly Alberta Fulgham of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Dougherty and son Gary have returned home from Spokane where they have been visiting for some time.

Ralph Jackson and son Kenneth went to Portland Friday and returned home Sunday with a new car.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Barnett, Miss Dona Barnett and Mrs. Trina Parker attended church in Ione Sunday night.

Mayor T. L. Barnett has been ill at his home for the past week.

Shirlee Smith, teacher in the Heppner high school, was visiting at the Wm. D. Campbell home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Leach were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs. Leach's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Smith, in Heppner.

Mr. O'Hara of Heppner was in Lexington Monday.

Yvonne, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Dougherty, who has been ill in the hospital at The Dalles with inflammatory rheumatism, returned to her home Monday. She is reported to be improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall, Mrs. Laura Scott and Louise Hunt were guests at a turkey dinner at the Ralph Jackson home Sunday.

Morton Tompkins, field examiner under J. D. Ross, administrator of the Bonneville project, gave a talk at Lexington grange hall Saturday night, Jan. 15, on matters pertinent to rural electrification. He explained that Bonneville power will be distributed through public or private agencies, whichever the people wish. That while they would offer every assistance at their command, the request for power and methods of set-up, whether power district, cooperative or municipally-owned distributing systems, must originate with the people themselves.

Visitors present at grange were Mr. Tompkins, state grange overseer, Oscar Lundell, state grange steward; Mrs. O. L. Lundell, chairman of state grange H. E. C., and Wm. Huck, Pomona master of Sherman county.

People attending the rural electrification meeting at Arlington on Tuesday included Orrin Wright, Ed Rugg, Judge Bert Johnson, Jack Farris, Bert Mason, A. F. Majeske, R. B. Rice, Oral Scott, Burt Peck and Minnie McFarland.

**School News**

The honor roll for the first semester is as follows: Zelma Way, 1.50; Wilma Tucker, 1.50; Kenneth Jackson, 1.75; Jerrine Edwards, 1.75; Dan Dinges, 2.00.

The Lexington basketball team met the Echo team on the home floor

and the result was an exciting game with a final score of 32-20 in favor of Echo. For the first half, the score ran neck-and-neck, and both teams fought hard to win.

Semester tests were given January 13 and 14; these days seemed more like a vacation than a drudgery to most of the students.

A ticket sale is being conducted by the high school student body, which is divided into two teams. The team selling the most tickets will be entertained by the losers.

The girls' gym class has begun playing off tournament ladders in two of their new sports—darts and rope quoits.

The basketball team was defeated by Umatilla on the opponent's floor with a score of 24-18. The game was reported to have been very exciting.

Don't forget, folks, "Tiptoe Inn," a rollicking comedy, will be presented by the Lexington student body in the auditorium at 8:00 o'clock p. m., January 28. The play along with the numbers before and between acts will afford a full evening's entertainment. Don't fail to come! Admission is only 35c, 25c, and 15c.

meet the state's needs in Portland at \$550,000. This amount is \$140,000 below the price placed on the remodeled Elks Temple but \$15,000 in excess of the price asked for the Board of Trade building remodeled to meet the state's needs. The \$550,000 estimated cost of a new building, however, does not include a site, cost of which will have to be added if the state decides to build.

The state highway department will place a marker on the Central Oregon highway, 14 miles east of Burns, to designate the site of old Fort Harney, established in 1867 and abandoned in 1889. The fort was named in honor of General William D. Harney who was appointed commander of the Oregon military department in 1858.

Arrests by state police for traffic law violations during December tallied 533 while warning slips were issued to 6376 other motorists during the month, according to the report of Chas. P. Pray, superintendent of police.

Of the 9825 employees on the state payroll as of last September, 25 are located in Morrow county according to a survey just completed by Wallace S. Wharton, state budget direct-

or. These Morrow county employees of the state who drew salaries for the month aggregating \$2489.79 are distributed as follows: Heppner, 13; Lena, 1; Lexington, 4; Boardman, 7.

An analysis of the state payroll for September reveals the fact that 6188 persons had steady jobs with the state while another 3627 were listed as part time employees. Of the full time employees 4185 or 68 percent are male and 2003, or 32 percent, are females. The total state payroll for the month was \$983,851.15. Average monthly salary for full time male employees of the state is \$145.18 while female employees receive an average of \$97.20 a month.

Although Salem is the capital city and the center of state government only 23 percent of the full time employees are located here. These 2240 persons drew a total of \$255,614.97 in salaries for September. Corvallis with 1549 state employees, or 16 percent of the total, ranks second with a September payroll of \$138,226.77. Portland ranks third with 1253 full time state employees, 13 percent of the total, and a monthly payroll of \$153,255.46. Eugene, the seat of the state university, had 856 persons on the state payroll for an aggregate of \$80,233.86.

The other 3927 employees of the

state with payroll checks aggregating \$358,500 for the month, are scattered about in the various counties, with every county represented. Crook county had the smallest number—21—on the state payroll although their monthly pay checks tallied slightly higher than did those of the 22 in Jefferson, 23 in Sherman or 25 in Morrow county.

A 200-acre tract of land in the Turtle Cove section of the fossil beds near the John Day highway in Grant county will be set aside as a state recreation area if the federal department of the interior accepts the state highway commission's offer of 50 cents an acre for the land.

Governor Martin, Secretary of State Snell and Dan Fry, state purchasing agent, helped The Dalles folks celebrate the restoration of navigation to the upper Columbia river last week. Snell and Fry went on to Pendleton to inspect the newly completed nurses' home at the Eastern Oregon state hospital.

Floods and slides during late December resulted in \$80,000 damage to Oregon highways, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer.

G. T. Want Ads bring results.

**STATE CAPITAL NEWS**

- Political Bugs Buzz
- State May Build
- 25 on State Payroll

By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—Announcement by Frederick Steiwer, Oregon's junior senator, that he would not seek re-election has set a number of political "bugs" buzzing around this particular political light, most of whom, by the very nature of things, are foredoomed to pay for their curiosity with a pair of scorched wings.

In the Democratic camp three men are already avowed candidates for Mr. Steiwer's seat. Carl Donough, federal district attorney, and Circuit Judge Edward B. Ashhurst of Klamath Falls have publicly declared their intentions of seeking the nomination in the May primaries and petitions are in circulation to place the name of Elton Watkins, Portland attorney, in the running. Willis Mahoney of Klamath Falls who so far has failed to commit himself as to which political plum he will choose to pluck is expected to enter the race for the senatorship with a public declaration shortly.

So far no Republican has come forth with a definite announcement but there appears to be an abundance of suitable material and willing patriots if one is to judge by the ever-increasing list of those who are being "prominently mentioned" for this post. Only within the past week two more names have been added to this list which bids fair to develop into a roster of the G. O. P. faithful. These were J. E. Bennett, stormy petrel of the Portland city commission and former member of the state senate, and Walter Tooze, Jr., Portland attorney. Secretary of State Snell and State Treasurer Holman, both of whom have been mentioned as possible gubernatorial candidates, are just as frequently mentioned in connection with the senatorship. J. M. Devers, attorney for the state highway commission, is definitely in a receptive mood, awaiting only the proper encouragement before making any announcement. Other republican party leaders who are regarded as possibilities for this post include Willard Marks of Albany, president of the State Board of Higher Education; State Senator Homer D. Angell of Portland; George Nener of Portland, former United States district attorney; State Senator Dean Walker of Polk county, and Lowell C. Paget, former state president of the Oregon Republican club.

The State Board of Control may decide to erect a new building in Portland for use of state departments located in that city instead of buying an old building and remodeling it to meet state needs if it follows the advice of its advisory committee. This committee, after an investigation of the many buildings being offered the state, reported that it would be better to construct a new building if this could be done for the cost of an old building and estimated the cost of a building large enough to



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