

**LEXINGTON NEWS**

**Surprise Party Held For Henry Rauch**

By MARGARET SCOTT

Henry Rauch, Sr., was honored with a surprise birthday party at his home last Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rauch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Rauch and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Klinger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Claire Daugherty and son, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Daugherty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Al Fetsch, Ernest Smith, Bill Van Winkle, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Majeske and family, and Charlotte Helms. The evening was spent playing pinochle, monopoly and chinese checkers, after which refreshments of sandwiches, cake and coffee were served.

Mrs. Arthur Hunt returned home Monday evening from the Corda Saling home in Heppner.

Patricia Jean Steagall is ill with whooping cough.

Mildred Snyder of The Dalles, home service advisor for General Electric Co., called at various homes in the community Tuesday.

Rita Cutler was a week-end visitor in Portland.

Laurel Beach was visiting friends and relatives here from his work with Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians in New York. While here he favored the church, grange and school with several musical selections.

Mrs. Ione Gilbreath of Dayton is visiting her mother, Mrs. Sara White.

Grace Turner attended the co-operative meeting in Walla Walla last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Townsend and family were called to Portland Tuesday by the illness of Mr. Townsend's father.

Those attending the C. E. rally in Heppner Friday evening were Edith, Jerrine, Albert and Clyde Edwards, Rae Cowins, Colleen McMillan, Esther Thompson, Dona Barnett, Trina Parker and Mr. Trimble.

Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt were Arthur Hunt and son Dean and George Tucker.

R. B. Rice is ill at his home.

Kenneth Peck has returned home from his studies at O. S. C. for the spring vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Duvall entertained at a dinner Friday evening honoring the birthday of their son-in-law, Ralph Wickersham. Those present besides the host, hostess and honoree were Mrs. Wickersham and children, Elmer Hunt and family and Marcella Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Peck.

Sunday school at 11 a. m. Sunday at the Christian church, C. E. at 6:30 and church at 7:30 p. m. at the Congregational church.

Among those attending the basketball tournament in Arlington last week were Trina Parker, Harry Dinges and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jackson. Keith Gentry, former Lexington student, played on the Halfway team and was named on the all-star team.

Mrs. Alta Brown and son Paul were Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smethurst and Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Cutsforth enjoyed a Sunday dinner together celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

D. S. Smith who is working on the local well spent the week end in Walla Walla.

Mrs. W. E. McMillan, Mrs. Carl Bergstrom and Mrs. Cecil Jones attended a surprise shower at the J. I. Hanna ranch above Heppner on Thursday, honoring Mrs. Bert Corbin.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kuehn of Oregon City spent the week end at the G. J. Ryan home.

Mrs. Kenneth Smouse is reported to be recovering satisfactorily from her recent operation in a Portland hospital, although it will be quite a while before she can leave the hospital.

**School News**

The Lexington Girls' league gave a pie feed for the basketball team last Friday evening.

The regular meeting of the P. T. A. was held Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Sherman and daughter, Sally Lee, spent the week end in Portland.

Edwin Ingles, former principal of

the Lexington school and now professor of education at Pacific university, visited at the Wm. D. Campbell home over the week end.

Mr. Campbell spent Monday in Portland.

Don't forget the Lexington school carnival which will be held in the school gymnasium on Saturday, March 25. There will be jitney dancing, serpentine, confetti, food, and booths of all sorts, including an athletic show. Come early, stay late, and have a good time.

Laurel Beach sang several songs for the school Tuesday morning. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

**Alfalfa Fears Death, Sets Seed**

The "instinct" of a plant to reproduce itself before it dies has been utilized in developing a method of inducing alfalfa to set seed under irrigated conditions on the Harney branch experiment station at Burns. By a combination of cultivation, competition with an interplanted grain crop, and timing of irrigations to leave a dry period during the hot summer, good yields of seed have been obtained. A thin stand of alfalfa is used to start with.

Revocations and suspensions of Oregon operators' licenses since the present license law went into effect in 1931 reached the 8000 mark this month, Secretary of State Earl Snell announces. Since the first law requiring the cancellation of licenses of intoxicated drivers was passed, the list of offenses has grown, until, in 1938, licenses were suspended or revoked for 19 different causes.

**Lower Interest Set By Credit Association**

Farmers and stockmen of the Morrow county district had one-tenth of their annual interest bill for short term credit cut off this week as the Pendleton Production Credit association announced a reduction of interest rates from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

The new rate is the result of a like reduction in the discount rate of the Federal Intermediate Credit bank, W. E. Moore, secretary-treasurer of the Pendleton association, explained. Loans by production credit associations are discounted thru the Federal Intermediate Credit bank. Both are units of the Farm Credit administration.

Reduction followed the sale of debentures of the nation's 12 credit banks at one of the lowest interest rates ever obtained by a private securities sale. The debentures are not guaranteed by the government either as to principal or interest.

This low rate, said Mr. Moore, reflects the soundness of short term

farm paper marketed wholesale through the credit banks. The changed rate affects all business written on or after February 24.

"This is the lowest rate at which production credit has been available since the system was created in 1933," Mr. Moore said. "Based upon the present volume of business, this interest reduction will result in annual savings of approximately \$800,000 to the 243,000 members of the 535 production credit associations in the United States."

**RETURNS TO CALIFORNIA**

Mrs. Jennie Rix who visited at the G. A. Bleakman home here for several weeks returned recently to her home at Los Angeles, Cal., from where Mr. and Mrs. Bleakman received a letter telling of her safe arrival. A good many years ago Mrs. Rix attended school at Hardman to Mr. Bleakman's mother, and herself was connected with schools of the county at the time Jay W. Shipley was county school superintendent.

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**U. O. Dean Announces Book on Prison Study**

University of Oregon, Eugene—Publication of the first of five volumes of the Attorney General's survey of release procedures, a nation-wide project that has delved into various and varying methods used by every state and territory in freeing prisoners, was announced here by Wayne L. Morse, dean of the University of Oregon law school and director for the work.

The study, made by PWA workers under the supervision of experts in this field, presents in as much detail as possible the actual circumstances and conditions surrounding the administration of probation, parole, pardon and prison treatment in America. The first volume, which includes 1228 pages, contains a brief history of each of the release procedures, and then presents an exhaustive digest of laws of every state and territory governing this phase.

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