

## IONE NEWS

## Ione Lodges Hold Joint Installation

By MRS. ELMER GRIFFITH

At the joint installation Wednesday evening the Masonic lodge in Ione installed the following: W. M., Bert Johnson; S. W., Charles Dane; J. W., E. M. Baker; secretary, Elmer Griffith; treasurer, E. R. Lundell. George N. Ely was installing officer, and W. G. Roberts, installing marshal. The Eastern Star installed: W. M., Beulah Mankin; W. P., H. V. Smouse; A. M., Anna Smouse; A. P., E. M. Baker; conductress, Lena Lundell; A. C., Elaine Rietmann; secretary, Ruth Mason; treasurer, Ruby Roberts; marshal, Anna Blake; chaplain, Lola McCabe; organist, Marjorie Baker; Adah, Helen Long; Ruth, Mildred Lundell; Esther, Fannie Griffith; Martha, Dorothy Smith; Electa, Orral Feldman; warden, Roxy Krebs; sentinel, George N. Ely. Installing officer was Mrs. Grace Misner of Thornton, Wash., a past matron of Locust chapter, and mother of the new worthy matron. Mabel Krebs was installing marshal and Marjorie Baker was installing organist.

Ione people enjoyed visits from out-of-town relatives and friends on Christmas day, or made trips to various points.

Mrs. Minnie Forbes took advantage of the school holiday to visit her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Osteen at Oakdale, Cal. She made the trip with friends from Heppner.

Wm. Burk is spending this week visiting his brother in Denver.

A physician was called from Heppner Saturday to attend Mrs. Harold Kincaid who is ill at her home here. She is better now.

Mr. and Mrs. Erling Thompsen have moved into the H. O. Ely house. They are spending their Christmas vacation in the Valley, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann were hosts Friday evening to the Rietmann family party at which 21 were present.

Christmas day guests at the E. R. Lundell home were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Baker and daughter of Walla Walla, Mr. and Mrs. Norton Lundell and Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake and family of Heppner, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lundell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Morgan.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Dirk and two daughters of Walla Walla were dinner guests Monday at the home of Mrs. Dirk's brother, Henry Baker.

Henry Peterson, who has been a patient at the veterans hospital in Walla Walla, returned home in time for Christmas.

Miss Joyce Carlson of Portland and Clifford Carlson, who is attending U. of O., spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carlson.

Rosabelle Pery, U. of O. student, is spending vacation at her home near Morgan.

Lee Pettyjohn, who is attending school at Monmouth, is home for the vacation.

Irvin Ritchie departed Sunday for Los Angeles where he has employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swenson and family and Roland Wade of Walla Walla and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Bristow spent Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Rietmann. The Swensons returned to their home but Bobbie Swenson and Roland Wade remained for a visit with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. J. Bristow.

Mr. and Mrs. John Turner of Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Esper Hansen of Spokane and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Engelman of Portland were guests at the Frank Engelman home on Christmas.

Clifford Yarnell of Newburg spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yarnell. He returned Tuesday.

Hugh McMurray departed Saturday for Hermiston. He has been spending some time here with his brother, Laxton McMurray.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Ring and family spent Christmas at Hood River at the home of Mrs. Ring's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rowell.

Norman Swanson of Portland and his sister Eva of Salem spent Christ-

mas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Swanson.

Fred Buschke of Elgin and Bill Buschke of Burns were in Ione Tuesday calling on old friends. They and their families had been spending Christmas at Heppner with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Buschke.

Jeff Walker of High Point, N. C., arrived Sunday and will be employed on Laxton McMurray's Willow creek ranch.

There will be church services in Ione Sunday morning.

Bert Mason, Jr., who is a student at U. of O., is vacationing at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Mason.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Palmateer and family departed Saturday for Estacada, where they are spending the vacation with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ely of Morgan left Friday by train for Hillsboro for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. Lester Hoke and family.

Miss Ruth Johnson of Morgan is spending her vacation with her family at Milton-Freewater.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith drove to La Grande Sunday and brought home their daughter, Katherine, who is recuperating from an appendectomy.

Miss Linea Troedson of Portland is a guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Troedson.

Earl Padberg of Portland and Clarence Linn of Vernonia spent Christmas day at their home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Lindstrom and sons of Morgan spent Christmas at the Clifford McCabe home at Athena.

Mrs. Frank Lindsay of Morgan has returned from an extended visit in California.

## IRRIGON NEWS

## Irrigon School Has Tree and Program

By MRS. W. C. ISOM

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jones left Friday for Milton-Freewater where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Jones' parents.

A Christmas program and a beautiful tree by the school at the auditorium was enjoyed by a large crowd Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Jones and family left Saturday for a week's vacation. They expected to spend Christmas with their son, Maxwell Jones at Longview, Wash., and visit other relatives in Portland during their stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Isom accompanied Mrs. Isom's brothers, Dick and Don Gentry of Taft, to Baker on Saturday night to spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grider are spending the holidays with Mr. Grider's mother in Portland.

Wiley Benefiel from Spokane is visiting his brothers this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wood from Portland visited Mrs. Wood's uncles, the Benefiel brothers, over Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler and family from Grand Coulee, Wash., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Kendler, Sr., of Umatilla and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isom.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith returned Thursday from the east. They drove two new cars through, one for themselves and one for Mrs. Smith's brother, Vern Caldwell of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Umiker are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leicht. Mr. Leicht returned from the hospital at Kennewick recently and is convalescing at his home.

## TREE FRUITS ON INCREASE

Larger average combined production of all tree fruits grown in the United States is expected during the next five years than during the past five years, states a report on the agricultural situation and outlook by the O. S. C. extension service. Significant increases are expected in grapefruit, oranges and lemons and moderate increases are expected for peaches, pears and cherries. Grape production will increase slightly, but apple and dried prune production is expected to continue downward at a moderate rate. No significant changes in the country as a whole are expected to occur in the production of other tree fruits.

## Crop Insurance Deadline Set

Farmers of Morrow county have until February 29 to apply for federal crop insurance on their 1940 spring wheat crop, according to announcement by E. H. Miller, chairman of the county agricultural conservation committee.

Applications should be made at the office of the agricultural conservation program in Heppner, and the insurance will be effective as soon as the premium is paid, the chairman said. Farmers may pay the premiums with cash, wheat or by an advance against future AAA payments.

Crop insurance has grown in popularity in the county since its introduction in the 1939 crop year, Mr. Miller stated. In 1939, there were

44 policies in effect in the county. Already a total of 307 policies have been sold covering winter and spring wheat planted for harvest in 1940, covering almost two-thirds of Morrow county's wheat acreage, and it is expected that several additional policies will be sold to protect spring wheat.

"This increased popularity is evident in every wheat-growing county in the state, according to word from the state AAA office at Corvallis," the chairman said. "This last crop year, there were around 660 paid-up policies in the state. Already there are 1635 applications on file for 1940 winter wheat, and in addition there will be the spring wheat policies. Right now, one-third of Oregon's AAA wheat allotment for 1940 is protected by crop insurance. "Wheat growers are beginning to

consider crop insurance essential to a long-range program of good farming," Miller concluded.

Victor Peterson, salesman for the Federal Land bank, was in Heppner Wednesday on business in connection with the institution.

Ed Dick, student at University of Oregon, is spending the vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick.

Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence left Heppner Monday for a trip to California. They expected to be gone a week.

## CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our appreciation for the many gifts and acts of kindness during the year of Carl's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie R. Thorpe and family.

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