

District Rebekahs Meet at Lexington

The 19th Rebekah convention of district No. 20 was held in Leach Memorial hall in Lexington, Saturday, Sept. 21. The meeting opened with the officers of Holly No. 139 in the chairs, which were surrendered to the following district officers: Chairman, Anna Keene, Holly; vice-chairman, Edna Hunt, Holly; secretary, Maude Pointer, Holly; Wardman, Mary Swanson, Bunch Grass No. 91; conductor, Ella Bengé, San Souci No. 33; R. S. chairman, Vanisha Newby, assembly president; L. S. chairman, Etta Howell, San Souci; chaplain, Elizabeth Campbell, San Souci; inside guardian, Mary McMurtry, Holly; outside guardian, Myrtle Ferguson, Evening Star No. 69; musician, Sadie Huntington, Blue Mt. No. 68; R. S. vice chairman, Hazel Guinn, Blue Mt. No. 68; L. S. vice chairman, Florence Wright, Evening Star.

Special features of the afternoon session included: Address of welcome, Mary McMurtry, Holly; response by Etta Howell, San Souci.

The chairman appointed the following committees: Resolutions, Ida Fletcher, Bunch Grass; Myrtle Ferguson, Evening Star; Etta Howell, San Souci; press, Ella Bengé, San Souci, Emma Peck, Holly, Vida Heliker, No. 96; thanks, Ida McConnell, Blue Mt.; Viola Wilson, Evening Star; memorial, Veda Webb, Evening Star, Hazel Guinn, Blue Mt., Mary Swanson, Bunch Grass.

Tribute to charter members was given by Evening Star, Sister Elizabeth Campbell of San Souci being the only one present, received a beautiful bouquet of carnations.

How to amend the by-laws was exemplified by Edna Hunt of Holly. Questions by the members were answered by the president. The president then gave the history of the order as the 89th birthday tribute.

Blue Mt. lodge invited the convention to meet with them in 1941. Bunch Grass invited the convention for 1942. The following officers were elected for 1941: Chairman, Rita Simmons, Blue Mt.; vice chairman, Elaine Rietmann, Bunch Grass; secretary and treasurer, Thelma Mathews, Blue Mt.

Balloting was exemplified by Blue Mt., after which the convention officers surrendered their chairs to Holly, and the afternoon session was closed.

The banquet was served at 6:30 in the dining room by the hostess lodge. During this time group singing was in charge of Lillian Turner, Neva Wells, Tacie Parker and Lucy Rodgers, and was enjoyed by all.

During the evening session, reports of committees were heard; a tribute was paid to the president by San Souci; memorial ceremonies and draping of the charter were given by Blue Mt. San Souci exemplified the degree work in a very beautiful manner.

Veteran jewels were presented to the following: Anna Keene, Maude Pointer, Dona Barnett, Della Duran, Della McMillan and Minnie Leach Cicero, all of Holly, presentation being made by Elizabeth Campbell, who is a charter member of Holly.

A paper by Lucy Rodgers, San Souci, on the 89th birthday of the Rebekah degree proved very instructive and interesting.

The 1941 officers were installed in a pleasing manner by Bunch Grass No. 96. Chairs were then surrendered to Holly, who declared the 1940 convention closed.

Ella Bengé, Emma Peck, Vida Heliker, press committee.

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Local Marine Wins Praise of General

Washington, D. C.—Praise for his ability as a student was recently given to Corporal LeMoin Cox, formerly of Heppner, who completed the difficult selected subjects course, as taught by the Marine Corps institute here. Accompanying the diploma was a complimentary letter from Major-General T. Holcomb, commandant of the corps.

Corporal Cox is now stationed at the Naval Air Station, San Pedro, California, and despite his various military duties, found the necessary time to study for and successfully pass all examinations.

The Marine Corps institute was established about 20 years ago with the purpose of presenting free textbooks and courses to all ambitious marines desiring to improve their spare time with study. The institute offers a wide variety of courses, including many of the arts, trades and sciences.

General Holcomb's letter to Corporal Cox read in part: "The Major-General Commandant congratulates you upon your excellent work in completing this course."

Corporal Cox is the son of E. L. Cox of Heppner, and prior to entering the Marine corps on September 19, 1936, made his home there.

Country Editors Aid Farm Progress

The importance of the country editor in the progress of American agriculture is emphasized by M. L. Wilson, national director of the extension service, who was recently in Oregon to attend a western extension conference.

"It is no exaggeration to say that the partnership of the county agent and the country newspaper editor has, within the past 30 years, brot about a revolution in farm methods," said Director Wilson in a recent statement in connection with National Newspaper week.

Wilson pointed out that when the county agent entered the agricultural picture some 25 years ago, he leaned heavily on the country editor from the earliest days. Usually the work of the county agent made good copy and it was freely used by the country papers. The emphasis of the county agent through the press has been on sound, approved farming methods. The result has been an outstanding achievement in practical education which ranks high in America's social history, said Wilson.

The country papers have assisted the county agents in their work, which last year included the conducting of 700,000 demonstrations on farms and in country homes. More than 1,381,000 country boys and girls in 4-H club work carried on nearly 2,000,000 projects last year.

Morrow People on OSTA Program

Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, Oct. 5.—Final plans for the eastern Oregon conference of the Oregon State Teachers association to be held at Eastern Oregon College of Education on October 14 and 15 were completed this week by Lester D. Harris, Baker, president of the conference, John M. Miller, director of teacher training at the college and general chairman of local arrangements, and other

conference leaders.

The first general session will open at 8:45 on Monday, October 14, in the college gymnasium. Feature of the morning meeting will be the address, "Education for the Democratic Way of Life," by Dr. Ernest O. Melby, dean, school of education, Northwestern university.

Departmental meetings will open at 1:30 on Monday afternoon. Those from Morrow county who will take part on the program at the meetings are Mrs. Lucy Rodgers, county school superintendent, who will be on the panel discussion at the school

board section; C. W. Barlow, Heppner, and Mrs. Lorene Miller, Lexington, who will also be on the school board program; and A. H. Blankenship, Heppner, who will be a discussion leader at the high school section on Tuesday.

The school board meeting is a new section which will be held for the first time this year. Dr. Roben J. Maaske, president, Eastern Oregon College of Education, is in charge of this meeting.

More than 600 teachers and school officials are expected to attend the conference.

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