

Ione, Morgan IOOF Hold Installation

The Ione and Morgan I. O. O. F. lodges held joint installation of officers at Morgan Thursday evening, January 23, preceded by a turkey supper. There were more than 40 present. Oliver Loney and John Miller of Hermiston furnished the turkeys.

The officers installed were Walter Rietmann, secretary, and E. R. Lundell, treasurer, both from Ione lodge. Those from Morgan: Noble Grand, Carl Linn; secretary, Fred Ely; treasurer, George Ely; conductor, John Miller; R.S.G., Foster Odum; L.S.G., Otis Young; E.S.V.G., J. A. Troedson; L.S.V.G., Ed Buschke; inside guardian, H. O. Ely, and outside guardian, Oliver Loney.

Mrs. Leonard Carlson left Monday for Portland, Corvallis and Eugene for a two weeks visit with her daughters, Mrs. J. P. Darst of Corvallis and Mildred at the University of Oregon.

Arthur and Dorothy Bergstrom of Portland and Roland and Norman Bergstrom of Pacific university spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bergstrom.

The Ladies Aid of the Cooperative church met again last week at the home of Mrs. Della Corson and will meet Thursday at Mrs. Ada Cannon's home.

Delores Drake spent the week end with Fern Jones.

The Ione P-T-A held its regular meeting January 22. Several members of the Lexington P-T-A were present. It was decided that the P-T-A give a series of motion picture shows to raise money for the Ione Memorial Improvement association. It was also decided that prizes be given to the room that had the most parents attending the P-T-A meeting. The program consisted of a talk on infantile paralysis by Francis Nickerson, a talk by Jack Bailey on the recreational program, talks by Mrs. May Bailey, president of Lexington P-T-A, and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe, president of Ione P-T-A; a piano solo by Elsie Baurenfeld, and group singing led by Melvin Nelson.

Pie and coffee were served in the lunch room by Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mrs. Earl McKinney, Mrs. Ciell Rea, and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom.

The P.N.G. club of the Rebekahs held their meeting January 24 at the home of Mrs. Mary Swanson. The following officers were

elector for the coming year: President, Mrs. L. A. McCabe; vice president, Miss Eva Swanson, and secretary - treasurer, Mrs. Mary Swanson. Luncheon was served by Mrs. Swanson. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Della Corson February 28.

The Topic club is sponsoring a card party February 1 at the Grange hall at 8 p.m., also a Coach Bill Burk of Culver brought his basketball team here Saturday night. They were defeated in both games. The score of the first game was 62-9, and the second 16-38. Mr. Burk is a former teacher in the Ione schools. He was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Eubanks Saturday night and his boys were entertained at different places in the community.

Truman (Bud) Cannon and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop of Portland spent Saturday night at the home of Mrs. Ada Cannon. They brought a car up for Everett Harshman of Heppner. Bud went back in a plane from Lexington Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Bishop drove his car back to Portland.

Roy Lindstroms have a new Mercury car and David Rietmanns have a new pickup.

The Ione grade school defeated Lexington 8-26 at Lexington January 21 at Lexington, and beat Condon here one day last week. The high school teams went to Irigoin Wednesday the 22nd and won both games. The town team went to Condon the same night, but lost. They won in two games here Thursday the 23rd with Irigoin.

The Ione high school volleyball team lost to Heppner in a game here January 23 by one point, but won over Irigoin Saturday afternoon. The grades won both games the same afternoon from Irigoin.

From Ione Independent, Feb. 1, 1921: The Wheeler county basketball team, considered the best players in eastern Oregon, came over from Fossil Saturday to play Ione. After a hard-fought game Ione defeated them 23-22.

Smorgasbord luncheon will be held. The proceeds will go toward the Ione Memorial Improvement association.

One hundred eighty-six dollars was cleared on the March of Dimes dance at the Grange hall Saturday night.

Wallace Coleman and Pat Gilkey left Sunday for Camp Stoneham, California.

Mrs. Leonard Carlson is the proud owner of an ermine fur coat.

George R. W. Mead Celebrates 88th Birthday Jan. 23

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Sie Walker was the scene of a happy gathering Thursday of last week when members of the family of George R. W. Mead gathered to observe his 88th birthday. Present besides the honored guest were Mrs. Mead, George Mead of Ione, Flora Moyer of Hermiston, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Griffin of Ione, two grandchildren, LeRoy Mead of Hermiston and Mabel Marlene Griffin of Ione, one great grandchild, Darlene Schindlerling of Hermiston, and Mrs. Dewey Britt, Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Mead came to Oregon in April 1903 and settled in the Blackhorse district where they lived until 1930 when they moved to Hermiston. They remained in Hermiston until January 1946, returning to Morrow county once more and making their home with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Griffin in the Ione section. Due to the condition of Mr. Mead's health they came to Heppner to spend the winter with Mr. and Mrs. Walker.

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Under the heading of chickens, eggs and turkeys (1945 figures): Chickens raised, including broilers and fryers, 39,970; chicken eggs produced (dozens), 158,412; turkeys raised, 26,423.

Number of farms, in county, 505; all land in farms, 948,942 acres; average size of farms, 1,890.4 acres; cropland harvested, 148,026 acres; approximate land area, 1,317,760 acres; total cropland, 318,615 acres; cropland used only for pasture, 18,334 acres; woodland pastured, 24,307 acres; other land pastured, 638,331 acres.

Value of farm products by source of income: All farm products sold, \$3,745,839; fruit and nuts sold, \$2,861; vegetables sold, \$48,797; horticultural specialties sold, \$750; all other crops sold, \$4,064,513; dairy products sold, \$111,552; poultry and poultry products sold, \$82,937; other livestock and livestock sold, \$1,433,999. Potatoes were included with "all other crops."

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Returns From Crops Put County in Strong Financial Condition

If crop returns from Morrow county farms were divided equally among the 4,111 persons credited as living within the county's boundaries, each person would receive \$1,397.50 thereabouts. This is based on a summary of agricultural wealth found in "Agriculture in Oregon" just released by the state department of agriculture under the editorship of Ervin L. Peterson, director.

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not with vegetables. Hay and seed production figures likewise are taken from the U. S. census of 1945 and show that 5,501 acres of alfalfa were raised; 17 acres were devoted to clover and timothy; 3,762 acres to small grains cut for hay; 218 acres to other tame hay; 21 acres of wild hay (cut), and 44 acres of alfalfa seed harvested.

Morrow county is not a fruit raising county, yet it is interesting to note that there are 406 apricot trees, 352 apple, 34 cherry, 146 peach, 97 pear, 124 plum trees and 7 grapevines, for a total of 11 acres.

Livestock - (1945 census): Cows and heifers milked, 1,546; all cattle and calves, 20,516; all sheep and lambs, 59,295; all hogs and pigs, 2,282; all mules and colts, 21; all horses and colts, 1,997, and all goats and kids, 47.

The county had 50 acres in peas in 1945.

A total of 12,090 acres is under irrigation in the county with water from Butter and Willow creeks and the Umatilla river. Something was overlooked in this survey, for ranchers on Rhea and Hinton creeks also irrigate hay land. And there are two Butter creeks. Total irrigated land should run considerably more than the above figure.

Although considerable amounts of fresh beans, cabbage, sweet corn, tomatoes and green peas are raised in the county, no acreage is given for them. Other vegetables and melons rate 235 acres while Irish potatoes for home use and for sale totaled 160 acres in 1945. Since that time Boardman and Irigoin projects have gone into potato farming on an extensive scale and the above acreage could easily have been doubled the past year.

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News From C. A. Office

An invitation has been extended to everyone, club members, leaders, parents, former members, or anyone who is interested in club work, to attend the Achievement party to be held at the Lexington Grange hall, Saturday evening, February 1. An interesting program is planned. See the ad in another part of this paper for further particulars.

A livestock management adult class was started last week, the first meeting being held on Thursday evening, January 23. Ten farmers attended the first class and outlined a course of study for the next nine classes to be held. Classes are being held each Thursday night at the Heppner vocational agriculture shop at the school. Meetings are called for 7:30 p.m. and last two hours. Last week's class consisted of Don Heliker, Ione; Newt O'Hara, Lexington; John Graves, Heppner; Al Bunch, Lexington; Harry Sherman, Heppner; Howard Cleveland, Heppner; Floyd Worden and Elmer Palmer, Eight Mile.

Plans were made for constructing a cabinet to contain remedies and equipment necessary for administering first-aid to livestock in the case of simple or common ailments. During the course of the class discussions will be held on many of the livestock ailments, including a few such as bloat, coccidiosis, mastitis, lung jaw, vaccination for various diseases, dehorning and castration and many more.

All livestock men are urged to attend any or all of the class meetings.

There are many inquiries being made at this office for farm jobs. We have three requests for jobs on sheep ranches, for lambing or herding. There is one request for a job on a wheat ranch. If any farmer is in need of, or will need, farm workers we will be glad to take your orders at this office.

Farmers are urged to call at the AAA office to sign their 1947 farm plans for conservation practices they intend to carry out for payment this year. The 1946 applications for payments for practices performed the past year are also ready for signatures of AAA cooperators.

Don't forget the annual meeting and election of the Heppner Soil Conservation district which will be held in conjunction with the Lexington Co-op and Blow Control district annual meetings. The date is Monday, February 3, the place is Lexington Grange hall beginning at 10 a. m. An interesting program is planned for the day.

AAA farm program cooperators are advised that practice payments for trashy fallow will not be made in cases where burning of stubble has been made on any part of a field that this practice is carried out. The ruling made by AAA community committees who set up standards for the 1947 program, was felt a necessity if the practice payment was to be of the greatest benefit to conservation-minded farmers.

This practice is for farm summer fallow protected from wind or water erosion by incorporation of county agriculture.

Attending from this county will be Henry Baker, chairman; R. S. Thompson, vice chairman; D. J. Kenney, regular member, and Bill Padberg, secretary.

school tax for operational purposes in Morrow county was set at 17 mills by Harold Becket as the result of a calculation based on figures for 1946 obtained from the county treasurer.

The local board cited that School District No. 1 is now free of indebtedness and has \$14,000 in a sinking fund earmarked for improvement in school facilities.

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Herb West, mayor of Walla Walla and president of the Inland Empire Waterways association, told of work accomplished by that organization and of the splendid work done by Senators McNary and Steiwer during their incumbency, as well as lauding the work of the present Oregon and Washington delegations in congress.

Frank Sloan of Stanfield expressed his pleasure at being able to witness the beginning of actual construction on a project that had been his lifelong dream.

W. R. Nugent, president of the association, had charge of the program.

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