

Founders Day Is Observed at P-TA Meeting at Ione

By Echo Palmateer

DATES TO REMEMBER

March 4—Demonstration on small electrical appliances at the Congregational church beginning at 11:30 with potluck dinner at noon.

March 7—Legion and auxiliary meeting.

March 9—Maranatha meeting at the home of Mrs. Verner Troedson.

March 10—Meeting of the Ione P-TA.

March 11—Study meeting of Topic club.

March 12—St. Patrick's dance at Legion hall.

March 13—Practice for the 3rd and 4th degrees at the grange hall with potluck dinner at noon.

The regular meeting of the Ione P-TA was held at the school house Wednesday evening, Feb.

23, with the president, Mrs. Omar Rietmann, presiding. Mrs. Rietmann read articles on the effects of comic books on children. There was some discussion on this subject. For the program, Miss Donna McCoy played a piano solo and Mrs. B. C. Forsythe gave a talk on Founders Day which was Feb. 17. She lighted two candles in honor of the founders of the P-TA, Mrs. Alice McLellan and Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, from a table decorated with pussy willows and a birthday cake. The cake, ice cream and coffee were served in the lunch room by Mrs. E. M. Baker and Mrs. Earl McCabe. The tables were decorated with blue and red candles, cherry trees, hatchets, etc. A movie was shown after the lunch.

The next P-TA meeting will be held March 10 and the 4-H club will have charge of the program. Burton Hutton and Miss Esther Taskard of the state college will be present at this meeting.

Mrs. Robert Severin of Paisley is visiting here. Mrs. Severin was formerly a teacher in the Ione schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn and children were Pendleton visitors Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews and Mrs. Fred Ely were in The Dalles Friday of last week.

M. E. Cotter is a patient in The Dalles hospital. Mrs. Cotter is down there with him.

Robert Drake, student at Eastern Oregon College of Education at La Grande, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Drake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Martin and son and Lowell Clark of Hermiston spent the week end at the Henry Clark home. Mr. Clark went to Hermiston with the Martins to spend a few days.

The Ameca club met at the home of Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom on Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 23. Guessing games were played and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn won both prizes.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Frank Engelman Thursday of last week.

Mrs. B. C. Forsythe entertained the Topic club at her home Saturday afternoon. There were 18 members and one guest present. Mrs. E. R. Lundell reviewed the book, "The Great Blizzard," by Albert E. Idell. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

George Ely returned home Fri-

day of last week from Hot Lake where he went for treatment of rheumatism. He is much improved.

Jacky Ball, son of Elmer Ball, is visiting in Ione. He reports that he has been all over the United States.

Two railroad work gangs have their headquarters here to repair the railroad and trestles which were damaged during the high water.

Several from here attended the B-7 district basketball tournament at Echo last week. Ione won from Mt. Vernon but lost to Pilot Rock and Athena.

Artie Jackson is home from the veterans hospital in Walla Walla. Noah Pettyjohn purchased the Chapman residence and is living there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Palmateer spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Healy, at Butter creek.

The motion picture show, "The Song of Bernadette," was shown at the school house Monday evening. It was sponsored by the P-TA. The proceeds went to the I.M.A.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Emert took Joan Coleman to Pendleton Monday for medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Werner Rietmann returned home last week from southern California where they spent the winter.

The Three Links club met at the H. O. Ely residence here in town Monday afternoon. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn; vice president, Mrs. Cleo Drake; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Francis Ely. Refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Berl Akers and Mrs. Francis Ely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Morgan and family and S. L. Willes spent the week end in Walla Walla.

Ronald Baker attended a sheep shearing school in Portland for a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bryson, Clarence Roundy and John and Dick Hughes visited at the Leslie Roundy home at Kennewick, Wn., Sunday. Little Julia Roundy came home with the Brysons to spend a few days.

French Reviews the Legislature

By Giles L. French

Lack of Portland papers and the consequent absence of complete coverage of the legislature, together with letters from the 22nd district, indicate that perhaps some items of news would not be amiss in this column, which is often given over to more specific thought affecting the district and the effect of legislative action thereon.

Actually the legislature hasn't done much of great interest but by the time this can be printed it expects to do several things. The minor bills are always sent out of committee first because they take less time to discuss. There is less disagreement about them and less debate. It is now about time for some of the important legislation.

The school teachers' bill which would have raised the basic school support from \$50 to \$55 was on the floor once and was carried by a 33 to 27 vote in the house on a vote on the committee reports. When up for final passage it was returned to committee for repair—which it undoubtedly needed.

It originally carried a \$2,000,000 per annum gift section which would have given that sum to indigent school districts for buildings. Some felt that \$45 was too much to add but had pledged themselves to vote for the bill by some phase of the school teacher lobby, undoubtedly the most effective—and best looking in the state.

As amended by the committee under orders from the house it calls for \$30 per child addition and the \$2,000,000 has been put in a separate bill as a loan.

Something should be said about the school teachers' lobby. Several representatives are always on hand. They keep members' desks piled high with letters and telegrams from school officials and sometimes from more complacent and less thoughtful school directors. It is dollars to them for teachers are the ones who are getting the extra money from the basic school fund. Oregon is now fifth in teachers' salaries and legislators have voted to give \$2,200,000 away from their county, in the case of Multnomah, and many thousands in the case of other counties because of this effective lobby. It has not been proven—and in fact, no attempt has been made to prove that schools are better in any way, than before.

Tax legislation will be out Tuesday. The committee is asking for passage of a resolution to remove the state's right to levy a property tax except for the state debt, to use excise tax funds for two years to balance the budget. It opposes use of income tax funds for the state and is in disagreement over repeal of the withholding tax, which in any event will be amended so as to cause little worry in eastern Oregon. There seems little urge for new taxes and little demand for change in corporate excise tax.

The income tax may be changed and if it is the federal tax deduction will not be allowed and the rates will be lowered so the total tax collected will be no higher than now.

The bill to let county high school districts elect boards has been introduced. Boards will be elected under a plan much like the rural school boards are elected.

The brand bill has passed the house and as usual no one likes it very well so the senate will probably amend it further. Vic-

Several Boardman People in Hospital Reported on Mend

By Mrs. Flossie Coats

Mrs. Catharine Mulligan and Mrs. Lowell Shattuck who have been patients at the St. Anthony's hospital in Pendleton the past week were both able to return to their homes this Monday. Paul Partlow who is a patient in the hospital suffering from heart trouble had a bad spell Sunday night and the sons were summoned. However, by morning he was some better. Mrs. Gust Meloth who has been ill some time and is now with her daughter, Mrs. Lee Putnam in Hermiston, returned to her home here for a few days, but will soon have to return to Hermiston for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Nickerson of Portland spent the week end with friends on the project.

The twin sons, Dale and Dean, of Rev. and Mrs. Chas. Eble have been very ill this past week with bad colds, but are improving.

Dale Macomber, serving in Uncle Sam's army, was transferred from Mather Field, Cal., to Keesler Field, Mississippi, the 23rd of February. Dale is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Macomber of Arlington, and a nephew of Mrs. Leo Root and Nate Macomber.

Mrs. Arthur Allen and Mrs. Clyde Tannahill spent the week end in Hood River as guests of Mrs. Maude Kobow, former teacher in the Boardman school.

Mrs. Russell Miller and children, and Marlene Fisk motored to Pendleton Saturday calling on the sick patients at the hospital while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. J. Gillespie were Pendleton callers Friday.

The HEC pinocle card party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Skoubo Saturday evening was well attended with eleven tables playing. High score was held by Mrs. Ray Brown and Robert Miller, with low to Clyde Tannahill and Mrs. Eugene Stalcup. Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Wm. Nickerson won the pinocle prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Dillon and children, Jimmie and Debra Ann of St. Helens spent the week end

with Dillon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dillon.

Gaylord Galdy of Ordinance is employed this week at the Frank Cole farm.

Jess Coats and mother, Mary Coats, who have spent the past few weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Coats, returned to their home in Hardman Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Huston Leslie and Henry Coats came for them.

County Commissioner Russell Miller and Mrs. Miller spent Wednesday in Hepner. Mr. Miller attending court duties and Mrs. Miller attending the home extension planning meeting.

Ladies Aid silver tea was held at the home of Mrs. I. Skoubo Wednesday with many ladies present, and the committee serving dainty refreshments.

Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Mrs. I. Skoubo took Mr. Skoubo to Pendleton Monday to consult a doctor.

Gary and Pat Petveys of Pendleton spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Macomber.

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