

**IONE NEWS ITEMS**

and a portrayal of the Washingtons by Mr. and Mrs. Corliss McLeod; vocal solos by Donald Heliker accompanied by Gene Rietmann; a vocal solo by Mrs. Timm; piano solos by Gene Rietmann; and a play "The Lovers Errand" by Mrs. Lloyd Howton and Mrs. Leo Crabtree. Judy Mason received the door prize and Mrs. Ida Coleman and Peter Timm received 4th degree pins.

At the grange meeting after the program several of the members told of the early days of the grange. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Drake of Rhea Creek grange invited the Willows grange to their grange March 12 to put on the 1st and 2nd degrees for candidates.

A potluck supper preceded the meeting and refreshments were served after the meeting which consisted of a large cake decorated with the grange insignia and the numerals 1926-1954 and the name Willows grange No. 672. The cake was made by Mrs. Monetta Aldrich. Those on the serving committee were Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Mrs. Leo Crabtree, and Mrs. Mabel Cotter.

- Dates to remember:
- Mar 1—Basketball games at the school house.
  - March 2—Auxiliary meeting.
  - March 3—Eastern Star social meeting.
  - March 4—Extension Unit meeting.
  - March 6—Auxiliary food and pie and coffee sale at the Legion hall at 2 p. m.
  - March 16—Tentative date for school play.
  - March 24—Girls League dinner for their mothers at 6:30 in the cafeteria.
  - March 25—Speech festival in Boardman.
  - April 2—Athletic banquet and dance.

Rev. and Mrs. Wilfred McKay received word that their son, Bart McKay and family were appointed as missionaries to Japan and they will be sailing there sometime this year. He is now teaching at Chewelah, Wash. They have three children and are graduates of Northwest Nazarene College at Nampa, Idaho.

Carl Linn is a patient in The Dalles hospital.

The Junior Auxiliary members met at the home of Mrs. Walter Corley one day last week. They sent candy to Camp White and will also send cookies to the camp.

Mrs. Ada Cannon of Heppner was a visitor here last week.

Ray Heimbigner returned home last week from Spokane where he has been with his father Henry Heimbigner, who is ill in the hospital there. He reports his father improving.

Mrs. Walter Corley and Mrs. Joe Gaarsland and children spent Thursday in Bickleton with their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Seehafer where they helped their father celebrate his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Thorne of Stanfield are moving into the Lee Beckner house at the upper end of town. The Thornes and Beckners traded places. The Beckners will live in Stanfield.

The H. E. C. of Willows grange was held at the home of Mrs. Mabel Cotter Friday afternoon with Mrs. Ernest Heliker and Mrs. Leo Crabtree as co-hostesses. Reports were given on the grange hall. The dining room has been painted and new curtains put up. Mrs. Sam Esteb received the door prize.

Guests at the Berl Akers home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and family of Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Matthews and daughters, and H. O. Ely.

Initiation was held by the American Legion Auxiliary on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 16 at their hall with Mrs. Lynn Bockes, Milton-Freewater, president of

**IONE School Notes**

By Chester L. Ward, Supt.

The 7th and 8th grades and all the high school students were present at a fine discussion by Melvin Derby, educational secretary of the Oregon Temperance League Tuesday Feb. 23 in the high school library study hall. This discussion came from questionnaires filled out by students earlier. These discussions were on a high scientific basis and were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

County School superintendent, Leslie Grant of Heppner spent Tuesday morning at the school. His visits are always appreciated.

The Ione basketball team formally won the championship in their league in basketball. At the close of the season they won 18 games and lost none. At Irrigon Saturday evening they were given quite a scare. For three and one half quarters Irrigon was in the lead, but with sheer determination and a good recovery of the Ione team won by a small margin.

The sub district tournament opens at Echo Feb. 25 at 2 p. m. Ione will play Umapine that evening at 8:30.

Remember Monday March 1 is all grade school night when Arlington and Ione grade schools will play two games. The first four grades will put on demonstrations between the games and halves. This is for a good cause and the grades will appreciate your support. The proceeds will go for new uniforms for the grades.

The grade school basketball tournament will be at Boardman, March 4, 5, and 6. Brackets have not been drawn as yet.

In the English department are working on several essay contests. These will be judged by a local committee later.

Local superintendents of Morrow County will meet at a luncheon at Echo Feb. 26 for the discussion with superintendent Leslie Grant of local and county problems.

district 6 in charge. The Unit presented her with a gift. At the meeting it was decided to send cookies to Camp White. Each member is to bring a batch of cookies to the meeting, where they will be packed for shipment. Plans were made for a food sale March 6 at the Legion hall. Plans were also made for a potluck supper March 16 to celebrate the Legion's birthday. Refreshments were served after the meeting by Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mrs. Walter Roberts, Mrs. Rietmann and Mrs. Earl McCabe had charge of the decorations which were in the Valentine motif.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Timm of Pendleton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Heliker.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lieuallen of Gresham were here last week and will take over the Victory Cafe the first of March. The Lieuallens operated the cafe a few years ago. Mrs. Vera Portish and Mrs. Cora Black are the present operators.

Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann and sons and Sammy Barnett spent the weekend in Pullman, Wash., where they will witness the Washington State and Oregon State basketball game. Also going was Dickie Ekstrom.

The Boy Scouts and cub scouts had their first meetings Tuesday of last week. They were given literature to study. The Boy Scouts met at the Legion hall with their master, Berl Akers. There were around 15 boys present. The cubs met at the homes of their den mothers, Mrs. Vera Portis and Mrs. Garland Swanson, Mrs. Swanson has resigned and Mrs. Leo Crabtree has taken her place as den mother. They will meet each Tuesday.

**Boardman News**

By Flossie Coats

BOARDMAN—A new 4-H club "The Future Wives" has been organized with Carol Hamilton and Marie Potts as leaders. Officers elected were Sandy Knopp, president; Rosina Jones, vice president; Judy Partlow, secretary; Irene Potts, treasurer; Susan Partlow and Carolyn Baker, yell and song leaders; Carolyn Baker, reporter.

Mrs. Gilbert Califf was called to Hubbard last week by the death of her mother, Mrs. Solomon Zehner. The Califfs are now living in Hood River.

House guest at the W. E. Garner home is his mother, Mrs. H. R. Plumb, Bend, Oregon.

Mrs. Earl Briggs, Mrs. Algy Taylor and Mrs. Bessie Nickerson motored to Pendleton Wednesday of last week.

Announcement was made that a Countywide Equalization program is under way with a meeting being held in the Grange hall Friday afternoon 1:30 p. m. to select a committee from this district to work on this program.

The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a cooked food sale to be held in the Walter Hayes store Saturday, February 27. Committee in charge will be Mrs. Rollin Bishop, Mrs. Leo Root and Mrs. Margaret Klitz.

Mrs. Lulu Stevens left for her home in Portland after several days here with her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zivney.

Mrs. Earl Downey left for her home in Seattle this week after a week stay here with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downey and with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ferguson. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Downey drove to Seattle for his mother Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Ely and daughter Eileen motored to Ione, Oregon Sunday where they were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers.

Mrs. Anna Skoubo and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Stella Lind returned from Denmark Saturday where they had been visiting relatives since last August, 1953. Mrs. Skoubo will remain here for a time. Sunday Mrs. Ralph Skoubo and Mrs. Edd Skoubo with Mrs. Skoubo and Mrs. Lind motored to Portland. Mrs. Lind was met by a daughter who took her on to Salem for a visit. Mrs. Skoubo spent the day in Hood River with her son-in-law and daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Russell DeMauro.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fortner motored to Heppner Friday taking Mrs. Bruce Lindsay and children over to remain with the James Driscoll children for the weekend while their parents were in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Briggs were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mulligan, Othello, Wash.

Earl Cramer has moved to Hermiton where he will now make his home.

A 2c Delmar Hug, son of Mr. and Mrs. Armin Hug returned to home February 15 from Guam where he has been stationed the past year. Hug is on a fifteen day furlough and will then be sent to Hunter Air Force Base, Savannah, Ga.

The Misses Jean Scott and Zelma Cowan entertained the girl Crusaders at a slumber party on Friday night, with the boys joining Saturday morning for breakfast.

Mrs. Clifford Pool and son returned home Sunday from White Rock, Canada where she was called by the serious illness of her father, who has improved and is home from the hospital when Mrs. Pool left. Mrs. Dale Eades accompanied Mrs. Pool on the

trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Janes drove to Spokane, Wash. Sunday to get their grandchildren Kenneth and Laura Snell, who will be with the grandparents for a while. Mrs. Snell is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Janes.

Miss Fay Parks, Lebanon, Oregon spent the weekend here with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard.

Cpl. Bob Sicard and Cpl. Russell Cox, Larson Air Force Base, Wash., were weekend company at the home of Sicard's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Sicard.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Vibbert and three children, Gateway, Oregon were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dillon. Mr. Vibbert is a nephew of Mrs. Dillon.

House guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marlow for two days was Mrs. Marlow's sister, Mrs. Verle Smith, La Grande.

**FHA Figures Show Farm Income, Costs Both Down in 1953**

Completion of year-end checkouts with borrowers having loans through the La Grande office of the Farmers Home Administration discloses that income and expenses for those farm families in Northeastern Oregon is following the pattern of national trends. In comparing figures for the 1953 year to those for 1952, it is found that the total gross income declined by 8%, while farm operating expenses declined only 3%. Most families must have recognized the situation and cut down on family living expenses 9% below those costs for the year before, it was said.

Payments on all debts were up 22%, which resulted in a reduction of debts 13% below the 1952 year. At the same time, the decline in livestock prices and depreciation of equipment brought their net worth down 15%. As in 1952, it took 54% of the family income to pay the farm operating costs.

Borrowing from FHA prepare farm plans for their operations each year and keep a record of their income and expenses during the year. From this information, an accurate picture of their farming operations is obtained which is of value in finding out what is in need of improvement and determining the need for additional financing. Under the FHA program, various types of loans are authorized to farm families who will be carrying out efficient, family-type farm programs. They must have available, on reasonable terms, enough crop land to support a full-time farm program. Anyone who can secure his credit on reasonable terms from other sources, is not eligible for FHA loans.

**Rhea Creek News**

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Anderson are spending two weeks in Portland on business and pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harrison of Cascade Locks and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Palmer visited Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wright are vacationing in Southern California and Mexico.

Floyd Worden is consigning some cattle to a sale in Salem. Rodger Palmer accompanied him.

**VALBY CHURCH SERVICES**

There will be services at the Valby Lutheran church in Gooseberry Sunday, Feb. 28 conducted by Rev. Svenson of Corvallis.

**Mr. and Mrs. Robert Runnion**

Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLaughlin of Pendleton attended the Elks annual Saturday night and visited with riatives during the weekend.