

## Willows Grange Celebrates 29th Anniversary Sunday

**By Echo Palmater**  
Willows grange celebrated its 29th anniversary Sunday with a potluck dinner at noon and a program and business meeting in the afternoon. Twenty five year membership pins were presented to George Timm of Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. Paul O'Meara and Mrs. Mabel Cotter. Alec Huber and Mrs. Etta Bristow are eligible for pins but were not present. Mrs. Ernest Heliker presented the pins.

For the program, conducted by Mrs. Leo Crabtree, lecturer, vocal solos were sung by Donald Heliker, accompanied by Gene Rietmann; a patriotic reading by Mrs. Ernest Heliker and a talk on wheat by Mr. Babbs, master of Rhea Creek grange. He stated that the best way to relieve the wheat surplus was for the housewives to bake more bread. That more flour was used in the home made bread than commercial bread. He judged seven loaves of home made bread. Mrs. Marjorie Palmer received first prize and Mrs. Wate Crawford was next. Berl Akers showed movies. At the business meeting with Mrs. James Lindsay, master conducting the meeting, it was voted to

incorporate the grange. The various committees discussed water rights, sales taxes and roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baker returned home Feb. 15 from a very interesting trip. They started from San Francisco Feb. 3 on the S. S. Tradewinds. This ship was having labor trouble and they had to crash the picket line in order to get aboard. They stopped at all important cities along the way. They visited at Acapulco, Mexico where they were two years ago to the day. They also stopped at Panama City and took in the canal in daylight. Then went to Catagen, Colombia in South America, then to Jamaica and Havana Cuba. This is as far as they could go on the ship. They then flew to Key West, Florida and went through the Keys and Everglades, visited at Miami and St. Petersburg which city they enjoyed the best on their trip. In New Orleans they witnessed a tropical storm where 3 inches of rain fell in less than thirty minutes. They came home through Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland.

The H. E. C. of Willows grange met at the home of Mrs. Harry

Yarnell Thursday with Mrs. Leo Crabtree as co-hostess. At the business meeting led by Mrs. Marion Palmer, chairman, it was decided to purchase a hot water tank for the grange hall kitchen. A committee was appointed to see about refinishing the outside of the hall and one appointed to see about drapes for the windows in the hall. A turkey dinner was served at noon. The tables and rooms were decorated with spring flowers. A game was led by Mrs. Ernest Heliker, Mrs. Verne Troedson and Mrs. Harvey Ring received prizes for winning these games and Mrs. Walter Corley received the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Yarnell entertained the following at a dinner at their home Thursday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford and grandchildren, Marilyn and Gary Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree and children and Alton Yarnell all of Ione; and Mrs. Elsie Peterson and son Elmer, of Lexington.

Trova Ribgy entertained the following little friends at a Valentine party at her home Monday, Feb. 14: Frances McLeod, Susan Lindstrom, Marjorie O'Connor, Elaine Gaarsland, Judy Sherer and Marilee Leathers.

Several dozen cookies were brought to the American Legion Auxiliary meeting at the Victor Rietmann home Monday evening Feb. 14: Frances McLead, Susan for a Child Welfare to be held March 13. After the business meeting pinocle and key word were played. Those winning scores in pinocle, Mrs. Cecil Thorne, high and Mrs. Robert DeSpain, low. In keyword, Miss Lorena Akers, high and Mrs. Walter Roberts, low. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Rietmann and Mrs. Edith Nicholson.

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Oscar Peterson and Kenneth Smouse attended a Farm Forum meeting in Spokane last week. Mr. Peterson also attended an insurance meeting in Portland this weekend.

Dr. Carley Straughan of Seattle was a guest at the Roland Bergstrom home Sunday.

Guests at the Loren Leathers home Sunday were Mrs. Golda Eubanks of Arlington, Mr. and Mrs. Ladd Sherman and daughter of Hermiston.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hanson of Hermiston spent Sunday Morning with their daughter and family,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rietmann. Mr. and Mrs. George Clsby of Portland are visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Henry Baker.

Miss Ruby Ann Rietmann has been re-elected to teach the first grade in the Hawthorne schools in Pendleton for the coming year. Jerry Bristow student at E. O. C. E. spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow.

A pink and blue shower was given in honor of Mrs. Russell DeBondt of Milton-Freewater in the Community church parlor Sunday afternoon. The following program was given, an accordion solo by Mrs. Earl McKinney, Brenda Kay Townsend played the ukelele and sang Hawaiian songs and dressed in the native costume, Julie Rietmann played a piano solo. Mrs. Ernest McCabe and Mrs. Robert DeSpain assisted with the gifts and Mardine Baker and Marilyn Morgan, also assisted about the room. Refreshments were served from a table decorated with pink mums and white stocks. Mrs. Victor Rietmann and Mrs. Chester L. Ward poured.


The hostesses for the shower were Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mrs. Clell Rea, Mrs. E. W. Bristow, Mrs. Henry Peterson, Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. Roland Bergstrom, Mrs. Milton Morgan and Mrs. Gordon White.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bristow entertained the DeBondts of Milton-Freewater at a dinner at their home Sunday evening. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Adon Hamlett. Mr. DeBondt was a former coach in the high school here and is now the coach at Mac-Hi in Milton-Freewater.

**Dates to remember:**  
Feb. 24-26 — Tournament at Umatilla.  
Feb. 27—Services at Valby Lutheran church by Rev. Ed Svendsen of Corvallis at 11 a. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
March 1—City council meeting at 8 p. m.  
March 2—Eastern Star social meeting at Masonic hall in the afternoon.  
March 3—Extension Unit meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Dobyns in the afternoon. Subject Care of new fabric.  
March 13—American Legion Auxiliary Child Welfare tea at the Legion hall in the afternoon. Children's Easter dresses for the welfare will be on display.  
Mrs. Franklin Ely attended a Delta Kappa Gamma meeting in Pendleton Saturday.  
Mrs. Charles O'Connor gave a dinner Thursday evening Feb. 17 in honor of her daughter, Marjorie's 8th birthday. Children present were Karen Hams, Bobby Lee DeSpain, Tommy Melena, Marilee Leathers, Trova Ribgy, Jimmy Baker and Stephen and Susan Lindstrom and Terry O'Connor.  
Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn gave a birthday party for her daughter, Dianna who was 11 years old, at her home Sunday afternoon, Feb. 20. Guests present were Judy and Geraldine Morgan, Sharon Crabtree, Linda Halvorsen, Michael and Mary Morrison, Sandra Eubanks, Kathy Rea, Arleta McCabe, Karen and Cheryl Lundell, Linda Heimbigner, Ann Baker, Jean Martin, Jo Ann Turner and Marlene Griffin. Games were played and after the gifts were opened refreshments were served. Mrs. E. R. Lundell assisted with the party.

Mrs. Etta Bristow is visiting relatives in Walla Walla. Mr. and Mrs. David Rietmann and family took her there last week.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roland Bergstrom and daughters were Portland visitors last week.  
Mrs. Chester L. Ward returned home from Portland last week where she visited relatives.

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