

Ione P-TA Plans Christmas Program

By Echo Palmateer
The Ione P-TA meeting was held Wednesday evening, Dec. 11 at the school cafeteria. Mrs. Wallace Matthews, president gave the P-TA prayer. The amendment raising the dues to \$1 was voted on and carried. Mrs. Matthews named the following as heads of committees for the Christmas program to be held Dec. 19: sacking committee, Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers; Santa Claus helpers, the high school Letterman club; tree decorations, the high school Girls League. Mrs. Norman Nelson gave a talk on home and community living; For the program, with Mrs. Phil Emert in charge, a film, "They Grow Up So Fast", was shown. Christmas carols were sung by the audience led by Mrs. Nelson and accompanied by Mrs. Fredrick Martin.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Delmer Crawford, Mrs. David McLeod, Mrs. Robert DeSpain and Mrs. Ernest McCabe. The tables were decorated with miniature sleds and snow men made by Mrs. Franklin Ely's fourth grade pupils.

The January meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and a film will be shown.

The Ione Community church school presented the following program Sunday evening at the church: an organ prelude by

Karen Lundell; lighting of the candles by Linda Halvorsen and Dianna Pettyjohn; welcome by Mrs. Fredrick Martin, superintendent; song, "Glory to God in The Highest" by Merilee Jacobs; greetings by John McCabe and Terry Cannon; songs, exercises and scripture reading were given by the beginners, nursery kindergarten, primary and jolly juniors and the intermediates, conducted by their teachers. An exercise, Beneath the Tree, by Jerry Stefani, Catherine Hausler and Pamela McCabe; exercise, Gifts of Love, by Susan Lindstrom and Jimmy Jacobs; reading; Friends of All, Pamela Proudfoot; exercise: "Giving" by Cheryl Smouse; the high school girls chorus sang O Holy Night, and Joy to the World, led by Gary Stephenson. Mrs. Kenneth Smouse gave a violin solo, Angels We Have Heard on High, accompanied by Mrs. E.M. Baker on the organ. Teachers assisting were Mrs. Earl McCabe, Mrs. Robert Rietmann, Mrs. Delmer Crawford, Mrs. Joe Hausler, Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mrs. C. E. Brenner, and Mrs. Floyd Bailey. Pianists were Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Phil Emert, and Mrs. Brenner.

The program chairman was Mrs. Norman Nelson assisted by Mrs. Walter Roberts and Mrs. David McLeod.

Gifts, wrapped in white, were brought by the children to be sent to the Oregon Fairview home and to the state hospitals.

Several of the young people went caroling Sunday evening. They were accompanied by Mrs. Floyd Bailey and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn. Popcorn was served at the Bailey home afterwards.

The study meeting of the Topic club was held at the home of Mrs. Mary Swanson Friday afternoon with Mrs. Mabel Cotter as co-hostess. Mrs. Cotter gave a report on Brazil and Peru and she also had a display of articles that

came from South America. The roll call was answered by naming a South American custom. At the business meeting Mrs. John Proudfoot, president, told of the visit of Miss Cora Miller, Eastern Oregon extension librarian, to the public library Wednesday of last week. Miss Miller praised the library very highly. Mrs. Norman Nelson gave a report on the planning program held in Heppner recently. Refreshments were served after the meeting.

Those from here who attended the joint installation of grange officers at Rhea Creek grange Dec. 7 were Mr. and Mrs. Wate Crawford, Mrs. Hershel Townsend, Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dobyns, Leo Crabtree, Mrs. James Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Palmer and Brenda Townsend.

The Ione Garden club met at the home of Mrs. O. L. Lundell Tuesday afternoon Dec. 10, with Mrs. A. W. McLeod as co-hostess. For the program Mrs. Garland Swanson gave a talk on religion and candles and also told of the Advent wreath. She had one on display. The members of the club decorated small baskets with evergreens, filled them with fruit, cookies and candy and sent them to the patients in the nursing home in the Pioneer Memorial hospital. At the business meeting conducted by Mrs. William Rawlins, president, it was decided to decorate a Christmas tree in the city park and also, to observe the 12th night Jan. 6, around 5 p.m. Those cleaning up in the park were the Pilgrim Fellowship youth of the Community church and Mrs. Phil Emert, Mrs. Fredrick Martin and Mrs. Elbe Akers. Mrs. Sam Esteb received the door prize Bert Mason of Portland sent dahlia bulbs to be distributed among the members. Mr. Lundell also gave the members some canna bulbs.

The Maranatha club held its meeting at the home of Mrs. E. M. Baker Wednesday with Mrs. Berl Akers as co-hostess. A potluck dinner was served at noon. At the business meeting led by Mrs. Bryce Keene, president, Mrs. Baker gave a reading on the meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Mrs. Floyd Bailey gave a couple of Christmas stories and Mrs. Omar Rietmann reported on the Town and Country planning and told of the improvements made in the past 10 years in the county. The next planning meeting will be at the court house Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. and everyone is welcome to attend.

Mrs. Keene named the following heads of committees: Mrs. Wallace Matthews, year book; Mrs. Omar Rietmann, aprons; Mrs. Arthur Crawford, fancy work; Mrs. Echo Palmateer, publicity and cards; Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, membership; Mrs. Milton Morgan, altar flowers. Mrs. Lee Palmer and Mrs. Ella Burgoyne received the door prizes. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Garry Tullis. Toys and money were brought to the meeting to be sent to the McKinley Indian Mission in Toppenish.

Those from here who attended the reception for Mrs. Florence Jaeger, Grand Esther of the grand chapter of Oregon OES were Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor,

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Nolan, Mrs. Sam Esteb, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. James Lindsay, and Mrs. Omar Rietmann. The reception was held in the friendship hall of the Congregation church there.

Mrs. Dora Pierott of Portland is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Ely.

Walter Rietmann is a patient in the Pioneer Memorial hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doherty were Portland visitors last week. Members of the Altar society of St. Williams' church were entertained at a Christmas party after the business meeting at the home of Mrs. Garland Swanson Thursday evening Dec. 12. Christmas gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Denward Bergevin was co-hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Doherty and children, Mrs. David Baker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Crawford went to the mountains Sunday after Christmas trees. Mr. and Mrs. Del Ray returned home last week from Los Angeles where they visited their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Armington, for a few weeks.

Rolo Crawford and Harold Holtz returned home Thursday of last week from a trip through Nevada, Arizona and California. Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith and children have moved to their ranch on the Nevada-Oregon border near McDermitt, Nev.

Fred Ely is visiting his brother Charles Ely, in Coos Bay.

George Rietmann returned last week from a ten day trip. He flew to Detroit where he purchased a new car and came home through Arizona and California. He stopped in Chico, where he visited Walter Bedgstrom who attends college there.

Victor Rietmann and John Hatfield were patients in the Pioneer Memorial hospital last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Baker of Hermiston spent the weekend at the home of his parents, M. and Mrs. E. M. Baker.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
Dec. 20—HEC of Willows grange at the home of Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen with dinner at noon. Members are to bring salad and desserts.

Dec. 21—Willows grange 8 p.m.
Dec. 22—Nazarene church program at the grange hall at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Children of the Ione community church school were entertained at a party at the church Friday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Milton Morgan had charge. Mr. and Mrs. Berl Akers and son Bobby, made a trip to Pendleton where Bobby had a checkup on his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann and son Mark, visited relatives in Arlington Sunday.

Ione has taken on a holiday spirit with many Christmas decorations. There are many lights on

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A new era in Christmas tree buying and selling may be just around the corner—easing that tedious chore of touring a Christmas tree lot, shaking out one tree after another, looking for just the right one.

For the first time, Christmas trees can be harvested and sold this year on the basis of federally standardized grades. This offers possibilities for better returns to growers for good quality trees, says Gary Sander, Oregon State college forest products marketing specialist.

Grading will be voluntary and inspection service will be provided for a moderate fee by the department of agriculture at all major shipping points and terminal markets. A big advantage for the grading system is that producers can now sell trees "sight unseen" but graded to distant markets. Such a system offers protection to both the producer and dealer, Sander explains.

Growers can now select trees that will bring better prices and leave the others for later harvest for the Christmas trade or other purposes.

Standards were developed by the USDA service at the request of the National Christmas Tree

Growers association and several state associations.

The three grades—U.S. Premium, U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2—will be based on five factors: density, taper, balance, foliage, and freedom from deformities. Trees that can't qualify for any of these grades will be listed as culls.

U.S. Premium is the tree most shoppers consider "perfect"—straight, symmetrical, well-filled

branches, evenly tapered, fresh, clean and healthy. U.S. No. 1 allows more variation in shape. A U.S. No. 2 may have more sparse foliage and may be full on only two sides.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Howton were Portland visitors last week.



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