

## Lexington VFW Auxiliary Names New Officers

By DELPHA JONES

The Way-Edwards post of the VFW auxiliary met last week at their hall for the election of officers with the following being put in office: Margaret Nichols as president, Gladys Van Winkle as Sr vice president; Mildred Davidson as treasurer, June Cooper as guard; Mrs Cora Allyn as conductress; Katie Padberg, chaplain; Juanita Martin as patriotic instructor; and Kay Winkelman as secretary.

Mr and Mrs William J Van Winkle motored to Prineville on Monday to attend the funeral services of her grandmother Mrs A A Foster of Paulina.

Mrs Armin Wihlon was a Redmond visitor last week.

Mr and Mrs Newt O'Hara were Milton-Freewater visitors on Saturday where they attended the funeral services of a relative of Mr O'Hara.

Becky Doherty, small daughter of Mr and Mrs B J Doherty, underwent a tonsillectomy at Pioneer Memorial hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs Ina Nichols who has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital returned to her home Sunday.

Mrs Eldon Padberg entertained with a coffee hour honoring the Easter Seal drive at her home on Saturday morning. Those present were Mrs Dean Hunt, Mrs Johnie Ledbetter, Mrs William J VanWinkle, Mrs Robert Davidson, Mrs Cecil Jones, Mrs Eulanna Corley of Ione and the hostess. Coffee and rolls were served.

Mrs George Hermann was a Pendleton visitor on Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Buchanan of Berkeley, California have been visiting relatives in Lexington the last week.

Mrs Mary Patterson and son was a visitor at the Marshall home on Friday night. She will be remembered as Mary Buchanan.

Mrs Don Hatfield spent several days last week in Pendleton.

Mr and Mrs Cecil Jones, and Mr and Mrs George Irvin and children Billy and Vicky were visitors at the McKinley Indian Mission at Toppenish on Sunday. McKinley is run by a former resident of Lexington, John Runyon.

## Livestock Brand Fee Going Back To 25 Cents a Head

Livestock brand inspection fees in Oregon will be restored to 25 cents per head effective April 1, says announcement today from the state department of agriculture's division of animal industry.

M E Knickerbocker, chief, says the brand inspection service has been unable, due to rising costs and fewer inspections, to hold the line on the reduction to 20 cents made 16 months ago.

He said that when the fee was dropped to 20 cents on July 1, 1956, the fund carried a surplus of \$70,000. As of January 31, this year, the account was in the red \$21,569.17.

The fee increase to 25 cents per head was approved by the State Livestock Advisory committee at a recent meeting with departmental officials.

For the benefit of cattlemen who support this service, Knickerbocker and Henry Matschner, livestock officer who supervises the brand inspection operation, listed four reasons for the depleted fund:

1. A reduction in cattle numbers inspected from 930,000 in 1956 to 769,530 in 1957. (Without this, the program would have

paid its way.)

2. Salary increases made in 1957 when full-time brand inspectors were placed under state civil service for the first time. These increases amounted to \$14,200.

3. An increase of \$9000 in per diem and mileage costs. This resulted from the shifting of inspectors to more strategic locations so they could carry on combination duties as brand inspectors and lay meat inspectors.

4. A \$25,000 increase in miscellaneous expenses, including supplies, materials, new equipment and moving of personnel to newly assigned areas.

Officials predict the combination duties as lay meat and brand inspectors will save the state money after the initial expense of the past year.

## Blitz Tree Offer Meets With Success

Requests for shipment of baby Douglas Fir trees to any point on the globe have been pouring in at a rate of more than 1,000 per day since the announcement of this free Oregon Centennial promotion program, March 3, according to C P "Cork" Mobley, public relations manager for Blitz-Weinhardt Brewing Com-

pany, sponsors of the project.

Mobley said more than 8,000 requests had been received so far, after the initial announcement. These asked to have the tiny trees sent to every state in the Union and to 50 foreign countries covering every sector of the globe among them Argentina, Australia, India, British East Africa, Japan, Liberia, Bali, all major countries of western Europe, and dozens of others. Strenuous efforts are under way to arrange some shipments beyond the Iron Curtain. Altogether, more than 200 trees will go abroad as a result of requests to date.

Styling their project "Oregon Bandwagon," officials of Blitz-Weinhardt hope other Oregon businesses and industries will work out plans to publicize next year's Centennial exposition.

Blitz plan is to send one Douglas Fir seedling, free of charge, to any friend, relative or business associate of an Oregon resident anywhere in the world. Each seedling is accompanied by a small leaflet entitled "Oregon Do-It-Yourself kit," and tells how to plant and care for the trees. The leaflet includes an invitation to the Centennial.

Replies to date have resulted entirely from advertisements which appeared in Oregon last

week. Still to come are advertisements this week in New Yorker Magazine, and in the New York Times, April 6, both of which are expected to bring a new flood of requests for trees. Mobley said coupons for the trees are not necessary, but that letter requests will also be honored. The treelets are being shipped from the nursery of John Woods & Son, Salem.

## Movement of Wheat Drops in February

Wheat movement both in and out of Oregon dropped during February to totals lower than those recorded last month and totals on record for February, 1957. February wheat exports this year were just over 2.6 million bushels, according to the monthly report of T Ralph Harry, grain division chief for the state department of agriculture.

Wheat arrivals at Portland in February totaled more than 4 million bushels—including 625 carloads from Montana.

February export of barley was nearly 206,000 bushels which compares with 312,000 bushels in January. Incoming barley shipments at Portland were 413,568 bushels, down substantially from the 1.6 million bushels inspected last month.

## BOARDMAN ITEMS

The Rev Herbert Anderson of Spokane, Wash, was the guest speaker for both services at the Community church Sunday. He was accompanied by Mrs Ander-

son and their two children. Mr and Mrs Lewis Ralston and sons, Jimmie and Gary of Lapwai, Ida, were weekend visitors at the home of Mrs Ralston's brother and sister-in-law, Mr and Mrs Harold Kress.

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