

# Homemakers Festival Features County History and Pioneers

By ECHO PALMATEER

Over 225 people attended the Homemaker's Festival at the Willows Grange hall Thursday, April 30. The theme was Yesterday in Morrow.

Registration started at 9:30 A. M. and the morning program started with the audience singing Oregon Extension song led by Mrs Norman Nelson and accompanied on the piano by Mrs E Markham Baker; the Homemaker's creed was given in unison; Mrs Bryce Keene, chairman, gave the welcome and introduced Miss Esther Kirmis, Morrow county extension agent; Miss Kirmis introduced her secretary, Mrs Walter Corley and Miss Miriam Hall information specialist from Corvallis.

The native daughters of Morrow county were honored with Mrs Walter Ruggles and Mrs Anne Smouse in charge. The native daughters are those who were born in the boundaries of Morrow county of parents who came to the county before 1870 also their daughters and granddaughters. Those honored and presented with corsages were: descendants of William Cecil, 1863 who settled in Cecil, Mrs Norah Rasmus of Heppner; descendants of Columbus Rhea, 1863, settled on Rhea Creek, Mrs Josie Jones of Heppner and Mrs Mary Ashbeck of Echo; descendants of Ammanuel C Petseys, 1868, settled above Ione, then known as Petseysville, Mrs Olive Engleman, Mrs Arvilla Swanson, Mrs Edith Nicholson, Mrs Clell Rea, and Katherine Rea. Other Petsey's living in the area not present were Mrs Walter Roberts, Mrs Victor Rietmann, Miss Alice Nicholson and Mrs Dean Rohde; descendants of the Joseph Mason, 1869, settled on Rhea Creek, Mrs Clara Kincaid, Mrs Mabel Cotter, Debby and Tracy Kincaid, and Mrs Richard Rea and Donna Mae Rea; descendants of William Gilliam, 1870, near Heppner, Miss Ona Gilliam and Mrs Hazel Vaughan.

Others reporting on their descendants were Mrs Ruby Padberg Nichols, descendant of Henry Padberg who came here in 1870. Debbie and Tracy Kincaid are the great-granddaughters of Henry Padberg and also of Joseph Mason. Mrs Frank Young of Hermiston descendant of the Farrens; Mrs Larry Schaad (Patricia Dobyns) descendant of the Dobyns of Ione, Mrs Zoe Billings and daughter, Brenda, whose ancestors came to Hardman in 1876; Mrs John Vaughn (Muriel Cason) of Portland a descendant of Walter Cason, Milton Hale and Elijah Sperry who came to the Ione community in 1871; Mrs Mary Healy, a descendant of John Hughes, a settler near Lexington in 1880; Mrs Russell Miller (Hazel Akers) of Boardman a descendant of Jay Ball in Ione community.

Committee reports were given on 4-H clubs by Mrs Warren; research by Mrs Ruggles; publicity by Mrs Dewey West; health and safety by Mrs Jerry Brosnan; Azalea House by Mrs Keene; citizenship by Mrs Warren McCoy, ACWW by Mrs John Bergstrom; 100% attendance of units by Mrs Keene and district reports by Mrs Helen Waas, district representative; history of Morrow county extension units by Nels Anderson, county agent; What's Ahead for Extension, by Miss Hall, of Corvallis.

Installation of the new officers was held with a very impressive candle ceremony. Those installed were Ione unit—Mrs Ed Baker, president, Mrs Art Warren, vice president; and Mrs Leland McKinney, secretary. Boardman—president, Mrs Richard Waymire; vice president, Mrs Nathan Thorpe; secretary and treasurer, Mrs Irene Dietz. Heppner—Mrs Gene Ferguson, president, Mrs Riley Munkers, vice president and Mrs Nora Turner, secretary. Pine City—Mrs Leo Ashbeck, president; Mrs Max Barclay, vice president; and Mrs Clarise Abercrombie, secretary and treasurer. Lena—Mrs Gale Hughes, president; Mrs Judy Griffith, vice president; and Mrs Jerry Brosnan, secretary and treasurer. Rhea Creek—Mrs John Graves, president; Mrs Emma White, vice president, Mrs DeLeva Rill secretary and Mrs Pearl Wright, treasurer; Irrigon—Mrs Rose Tivus, president; Mrs Isabelle Jones, vice president, and Mrs Sylvia Morgan, secretary and treasurer. County committee officers for

three years are Mrs Warren McCoy, Mrs Randall Martin and Mrs Richard Waymire; those for two years are Mrs Willard French and Mrs Paul Warren. Miss Hall and Mrs Jerry Brosnan were the installing officers. Mrs James Pettyjohn is the outgoing president of Ione, the host unit.

In the afternoon the program was a pageant in celebration of the Oregon Centennial presented by the Morrow county Extension Units. The 1st episode was the Coming of the White Man and the 2nd, The Great Migration presented by the Irrigon unit with Indians, white men and soldiers; 3rd episode was early settlers of Morrow county by Pine City unit. The first settlers were John Jordan, 1854 in Ione and T W Ayers on Butter Creek; the 4th episode was What Pioneer Living Was Like by Lexington, Heppner and Pine City units.

An exhibit of a pioneer kitchen was shown with a cupboard with newspapers, with fancy perforations, on the shelves, kerosene lamps, old pottery and a churn, etc; a living room with an organ and a bedroom with a bed covered with a handmade quilt, pillows shams and also a commode. The 5th episode was The Pioneer Church by the Ione unit. The exhibit represented the Lutheran Valby church. A mock wedding was performed. The bride and groom were Mr and Mrs Roy Lindstrom. Roy is the son of the late Otto and Mrs (Anna Lundell) Lindstrom who were the first couple to be married in the Valby church in Gooseberry. Others married there were Mrs Emil (Mary Lundell) Swanson; Mrs E R (Lena Baker) Lundell; Mrs Louis (Betty Graves Carlson); Mrs Rod (Eunice Peterson) Kvistad; Mrs Herbert (Barbara Prock) Peterson; and Mrs Robert (Donna Lovgren) Peterson.

The sixth episode was the pioneer school by the Lena unit with an exhibit of a school with a water pail, log seats etc; The 7th episode was pioneer social life by Rhea Creek unit; a dramatization of the Jewish peddler and a family, also a square dance. Episode 8 was the Early Villages in Morrow county by Heppner, Ione, Lexington and Rhea Creek units and dramatized the Heppner flood and the naming of the towns. Lexington from name on a woman's suitcase from Lexington, Ky. Ione from Ione Arthur and Heppner from Henry Heppner.

They had an exhibit of the hotel lobby in Hardman and told of the first doctor. The 9th episode was Twentieth Century towns in Morrow county by Boardman and Irrigon units showing the county officers looking over the situation on the projects in these towns. The last one was the dedication by Pine City giving a summary.

Mrs Elmer Holtz and daughters, Kathy and Carol showed how pioneer women and children make dresses from the same bolt of cloth. Nels Anderson was the narrator; Donald Heliker the Ballad singer; the Heppner high school furnished the barbershop quartet and Elaine Laird the songstress. A large painting of Oregon was on the stage, also a covered wagon. Mrs Norman Nelson led all the singing and Mrs E Markham was the pianist throughout the day.



MISS JANET WIGHTMAN, daughter of Mr and Mrs M R Wightman of Tomales, Calif, former residents of Heppner, was recently honored with the Outstanding Student Award given by the Savings and Loan of California. She received a bronze medallion and a cash award and is eligible to compete for five \$1,000 scholarships.

## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Josephine Thompson, Social Reporter

### WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTED BY BANQUET AND PROM HONORING SENIOR CLASS

The junior class of Heppner high school was host last Thursday evening for a banquet held at All Saints' Episcopal parish house, honoring the graduating class of 1959.

The South Sea Island theme was carried out with the waitresses in costume and decorations on the tables and around the rooms in keeping with the theme.

Jean Collins, junior class president, presided and Kay Keithley Reed, senior class president, gave the response for her class. Robert Van Houte, guest speaker, said that graduating students today should strive for objectives that are worthwhile, should set a goal in life. He told them "A sense of direction, an aim in life and a realization that what one is today will decide what one will become tomorrow."

Elaine Laird sang, accompanied by Jeanne Schmidt and vocal solos were given by Judy Cochell, accompanied by Carol Anderson. Special guests were Mr and Mrs Joe Stewart, The Rev and Mrs Bruce Spencer, Mr and Mrs Robert Van Houte of Stanfield, Mr and Mrs Howard Cleveland, Mr and Mrs Harlan McCurdy, Jr, and Mr and Mrs Raymond

### Lex Junior-Senior Banquet At Pendleton

The juniors and seniors of Lexington high school held their annual banquet last Wednesday evening in the Emigrant room at the Temple Hotel in Pendleton.

The decorations were carried out in the colors of the senior class, blue and white. Each senior girl received a red rose corsage and each senior boy a red boutonniere.

Charlene Jones was toastmistress, Bob Davidson gave the welcome and Keith Peck replied.

Dennis Doherty introduced the guest speaker, Dan Dinges. Mr Dinges, a Lexington high school graduate, is now assistant manager of the First National Bank of Oregon, Pendleton branch, and he spoke to the group on "Integrity."

After the banquet they all attended the theater.

### Mrs Dick Has High Score At Bridge

Friday evening Mrs Ned Sweek entertained her bridge club at the home of Mrs Riley Munkers. Mrs Munkers was co-hostess. Their guests were Mrs Don Bennett, Mrs Marion Green, Mrs Creston Robinson, Mrs Don Bell-enbrock, Mrs Bill Heath, and Mrs Kemp Dick.

High for the evening went to Mrs Dick, second high was Mrs Bennett, and Mrs Green won low.

Luncheon was served at noon by the H E C of Willows grange. The tables were decorated with covered wagons, forts, teepees, etc.

Children were taken care of at the Masonic hall by high school girls and others. Almost everyone wore centennial costumes.

### Ione Community Church Scene of Mother-Daughter Tea

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118 persons attended the Mothers-Daughters tea at the Community church parlors Saturday afternoon which was sponsored by the Maranatha club.

The program which was announced by Mrs Omar Rietmann, consisted of a reading, Mothers Everywhere, by Mrs Rietmann; the welcome by Karen Nelson and the response by her mother, Mrs Alfred Nelson; vocal solos by Lona White accompanied on the violin by Mrs Kenneth Smouse and on the piano by Mrs Lloyd Howton; reading by Connie Emert; a reading by Joyce Howton; a dance by Marlene Crawford; piano solo by Linda Rowell; vocal solo by Mrs Edison Morgan accompanied by Mrs E Markham Baker; a dance by Merrilee Jacobs; an exercise by Susan Jane Jepsen and Linda Pettyjohn; a reading by Pamela Proudfoot; a piano solo by Marjorie O'Connor; instrumental music by Linda Halvorsen, Sharon Crabtree and Dalene McDonald. A prayer by Mrs Phil Emert. Mothers and daughters honored were Mrs Mary Swanson, Morrow County Mother of the Year; Mrs Sam Esteb, the oldest mother; Mrs L F Leathers and her daughter, Marilee, both having birthdays nearest Mother's Day; and Mrs Wate Crawford by having the most daughter-in-laws and daughters present. They were all present with corsages. Pamela Proudfoot received the door prize.

Refreshments were served from a table with a centerpiece of pink and white carnations and pink candles. Those pouring were Mrs Wate Crawford, Mrs Fannie Griffith, Mrs Arvilla Swanson, Mrs James Lindsay and Mrs E R Lundell. Their granddaughters presided at the punch bowl. They were Marilyn Morgan, Susan Lindstrom, Kathrine Rea, Arleta McCabe and Dianna Pettyjohn.

The rooms were decorated with tulips and narcissus. Those working on committees were, refreshments, Mrs Bryce Keene, Mrs Marion Palmer, Mrs Alfred Nelson, and Mrs Berli Akers; tables, Mrs Garry Tullis and Mrs Lloyd Howton; program, Mrs Omar Rietmann and Mrs Milton Morgan; arranging the rooms, Mrs Arthur Crawford, Mrs Gordon White and Mrs Kenneth Smouse; Mrs Ella Burgoyne and Mrs Carl Bergstrom had charge of the guest book. Mrs E Markham Baker and Mrs Clell Ray,

Buffet Given For Seniors After Prom

Susie McQuarrie, Doug Gribble, and Bob Mahoney entertained members of the senior class and their dates with a post prom supper party at the home of Mr and Mrs C E McQuarrie on Friday night.

The buffet was cleverly decorated with two figures dressed as graduates beneath a canopy done in their class colors. Two bouquets with candles were at each side of the buffet also in the class colors of pink and lilac. Mrs McQuarrie, Mrs Lowell Gribble and Mrs P W Mahoney prepared and served the supper.

### Mrs Hamlin Hosts Soroptimist Club At New Home Thursday

Mrs Frank Hamlin was hostess Thursday at luncheon for members of the Soroptimist Club of Heppner.

The group presented the hostess with a gift of shrubs for the yard of her new home.

After lunch and a tour of the house, Mrs Elaine S George and Miss Leta Humphreys gave reports of the Northwestern Regional Conference which they attended at the Multnomah Hotel in Portland in April.

### Duplicate Club Meets At Gribble Home

The Duplicate bridge club met at the home of Mr and Mrs Lowell Gribble Sunday evening.

Their guests were Mr and Mrs Clint McQuarrie, Mr and Mrs LaVerne Van Marter, Mr and Mrs Gordon Pratt, Mr and Mrs Tom Wilson, Dr and Mrs Wallace Wolff, Mr and Mrs L E Dick and Mr and Mrs Conley Latham.

Mr and Mrs McQuarrie were high partners for the evening and Mrs Tom Wilson and Mrs Pratt were second high.

### Wolffs Entertain Saturday Evening

Dr and Mrs Wallace Wolff entertained Saturday evening with a bridge and dessert party. Their guests were Mr and Mrs Bill Blake, Mr and Mrs Bob Brindle and Mr and Mrs Bob Jones.

High prize for men was won by Mr Brindle and high prize for women went to Mrs Brindle.

kitchen committee.

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