

DOCK HOUND'S CORNER

By BETTY WAGNER

had a good turnout and a jolly meeting last Saturday at the home of the Edgers. During our business meeting plans were made for December (or Christmas) 1960.

The new officers for 1960 were elected and are as follows: Waldger, president; Joe Balder, vice president; Betty Edger, secretary-treasurer. The chairman and reporter were appointed by the president.

A very nice talk on the November birthstone, Topaz, was

given by Mrs Harold Evans. Topaz is a semi-precious stone and ranks number 8 on the scale of hardness—it is known for its great hardness. Its color is characteristically yellow, from a canary yellow to a deep orange; but is also found in blue, green, smoky, white or colorless.

Brazil's "precious topaz" is wine-yellow and is sometimes altered to a delicate pink by heating. If you should ever get to Siberia there are large rich blue crystals and magnificent transparent, brown crystals which rank among the finest of all mineral specimens.

The gem stone, Zircon, was described by Betty Wagner. Zircon is hard, being number 7.5

on the scale of hardness. It commonly occurs as reddish-brown or gray and not infrequently, yellow, red or colorless, rarely blue or green. In Florida, India and elsewhere it is found as a beach sand, often in minute crystals of great beauty.

Choice gems come from the red crystals of Ceylon and France. Sorry that none of these localities are listed in Oregon! The artificially colored, sky-blue gems ("starlite") of Siam are exceptionally attractive and the color is obtained by special heating processes. Due to their high index of refraction Zircon gems, when colorless, much resemble the diamond.

Our hosts, the Edgers, put the finishing touch on the evening with lovely refreshments.

Lexington News

The Mother's Club surprised Mrs Johnnie Ledbetter at her home one night last week with a cradle shower. The honoree received some beautiful and useful gifts from the following members, Mrs Lucile Peck, Mrs Leila Palmer, Mrs Jean Nelson, Mrs Helen Nelson, and Mrs Martha Barak.

Holly Rebekah lodge met at the regular time on Thursday night at the IOOF hall. Election of officers for the coming year was held with June Davidson

da Halvorsen, pianist.

At the HE club meeting on Friday the members decided to paint the kitchen and dining room. They recently purchased an electric stove to replace the gas stove they have been using.

The club officers for the following year are, president, Mabel Ring; vice president, Geneva Palmer; secretary, Mary Lindsay and treasurer, Mary Lundell.

Mrs Berl Akers entertained the club at her home with dinner at 12:30. She was assisted by Edith Matthews.

Mary Lundell, reporter

named N G; Bertha Hunt, V G; Dimple Munkers, treasurer; and Jo Irvin, secretary. Following the meeting refreshments were served. Cakes made honoring Freda Majeske and LaVerne Henderson were served. A guest for the evening was Mrs Mary McMurry of Heppner.

Practice on the program for Christmas at the Sunday school and church has started with the first practice of the youth choir being held on Monday at 7 p m at the church. Mrs Roberta Davis and Mrs Carl Marquardt are practicing the youngsters.

4-H CLUB NEWS

IONE SEWING CLUB

A group of four 4th grade girls and three 5th grade girls met Wednesday, November 18 at the Ione school for the purpose of organizing a 4-H sewing club for first and second year sewing.

Our leaders are Mrs L F Leathers and Mrs Harold Snider.

Officers elected were; Kathy Keene, president; Pamela Proudfoot, vice president; Berniece Matthews, secretary; Deniece Matthews, reporter; Renee Leathers, song leader.

The meetings will be held first and third Thursdays of each month at 3:45 p m. Our next meeting will be at the Leathers' home on Dec 3.

The girls who joined besides the officers are Terry O'Connor and Janice Snider.

Deniece Matthews, reporter

MERRY TAILORS

Marsha Sowell was elected president of the Merry Tailors sewing club Saturday, November 14.

The club met at the home of Nonda Clark. Other officers elected were vice president, Diane Schaffitz; secretary, Brenda Young; song leader, Verina French and news reporter, Carol Rawlins.

Mrs Batty demonstrated how to use the sewing machine. The girls practiced on how to stitch a straight seam with the machine.

Refreshments were served by Mrs Clark and Nonda.

Carol Rawlins, reporter

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Miladies Apparel

Willows Grange News

Willows grange met in regular session at their hall in Ione on Saturday evening, Nov 21.

By vote of the order the meetings will be changed to meet on the Sunday afternoon following the third Saturday in December, January and February. However, the December meeting will be December 13 owing to a conflict with the church Christmas program.

There will be a potluck dinner preceding each of the Sunday meetings. The HE club is joining the grange in a Christmas party for members and their families on the 13th. The club will supply the treats.

Harold Dobyns, of rodent control, spoke at some length on the cranberry situation also called attention to the farmers of a threatening situation of similar investigation of grain products that have been sprayed. Some grain has already been found unacceptable.

The following members were elected to serve as officers for 1960; master, Leo Crabtree; overseer, Harold Dobyns; lecturer, Carolyn McCabe; steward, Wate Crawford; assistant steward, Lee Palmer; chaplain, Mabel Crawford; treasurer, Mary Lindsay; secretary, Dot Halvorsen; gatekeeper, Mary Lundell; Ceres Mabel Ring; Pomona, Sharon Crabtree; lady assistant steward, Geneva Palmer; executive committee, Earl Morgan, Raymond Lundell and Marlon Palmer. Lin-



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