

## Ione Rebekahs Install Officers

By ECHO PALMATEER

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Observation shows that these two little girls fit in well with the six grandchildren that come to see "Grandma" Ruth.

Lola Ann, Alvin and Grace were all, of course, good 4-H members in their teens. Lola Ann and Grace were consistent style revue and demonstration winners; Alvin won the first "Hynd" trophy in the county for outstanding livestock judging; and Grace received a 10 year completion pin.

"As soon as Chrissy and Doris are 9 years old, I'll enroll them in my club also," declares this 4-H leader. "I guess leading 4-H clubs is my career."

"During the 13 years I have known Mrs McCabe," comments N C Anderson, "I have found her to be one of our most outstanding 4-H club leaders. Her valuable assistance in helping organize a 4-H council, revive the Morrow county fair for 4-H exhibits, establish the 4-H summer camp in the Blue Mountains of the county, and to urge 4-H summer school attendance, are a few of her valuable contributions to the club program."

"Her creativeness and quiet dependableness are an encouragement to all of us in the extension service," concluded Mr Anderson.

"I was one of the fortunate girls to be in Ruth's 4-H club," joins in Mrs Louis Carlson, Ione. "It didn't take long, after I was married, for Ruth to convince me that I should take care of some nine and ten-year-olds who wanted to join her 'overflowing' club. That's how I got into the game and have been leading a club for eight years now."

A person would think Mrs McCabe had little time for other activities, but one finds that she is a charter member of the Ione extension unit, in fact, it was through a petition started by the Farm Bureau (who became convinced by Ruth's campaigning) that a home extension agent was voted into the county budget.

She served a term as a member of the county advisory council for the county extension women and also held several major offices in the Bunchgrass Rebekah lodge of Ione.

Sewing, of course, is Ruth's main hobby, but when you talk hunting and fishing you find Ruth showing keen interest. Family jaunts to the Oregon lakes for fishing have long been

lot Wednesday evening, Jan 6 with Mrs William Rawlins as chairman assisted by Mrs Ralph Crum and members of the Garden club. Christmas trees were burned, carols were sung and cup cakes were passed out. Those gathering trees on Tuesday were Tom Melena, Jean Martin, Sherry Corley, Dolores Emert, and Nicholas Marick. Others helping with trucks were Mrs A Marick, Fredrick Martin and Mrs Phil Emert.

Stefani's Fine Food restaurant has been closed down since Friday of last week on account of gasoline leaking into the basement. So far the source of the leakage has not been found. Investigation is being made at the Standard Oil plant nearby.

Those from here who attended the coffee hour in honor of Mr and Mrs Russell Miller in Boardman Sunday were Mr and Mrs Berl Akers and family; Mr and Mrs Wilbur Akers and son, Ralph; Mr and Mrs Elbe Akers and Danny Donald and Leslie Madden; all of Ione. Mr and Mrs Kenneth Akers and daughter and Mrs Anna Kearns of Portland. The reception was held at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Baker in Boardman celebrating the Miller's 30 wedding anniversary.

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Akers and daughter of Portland were guests of the Elbe Akers while here.

Mrs Anna Kearns left for her home in Portland Monday after visiting at the home of her daughter and family, Mr and Mrs Wilbur Akers.

Mr and Mrs Lewis Halvorsen left Monday for California where

The Eastern Star Social club met at the home of Mrs James Barnett Wednesday, Jan 6 with Mrs Millard Nolan as co-hostess. A dinner was served at noon with husbands of the members as guests. Door prizes were given to James Barnett and to Mrs Lewis Halvorsen. A card party was planned for Jan 23 at the Masonic hall. After the business meeting court whist was played. Those receiving prizes were Mrs Roy Lindstrom, high and Mrs Walter Dobyns, low.

Mrs Robert DeSpain entertained the Bridge club at her home Friday evening of last week. Mrs Walter Jacobs received high prize; Mrs Gene Hall 2nd and Mrs Ray Boyce, low.

Mrs Rod MacKenzie conducted the morning worship at the Community church Sunday due to the illness of Rev MacKenzie. Special music was given by Gene and Larry Rietmann on the saxophone and piano.

The Senior High Pilgrim Fellowship met at the home of Mr and Mrs Fredrick Martin Sunday evening. There were 13 present. A film was shown on Africa. The 12th night was observed at the Omar Rietmann vacant

a McCabe custom.

In 1958, however, Lonnie, Ruth and Chrissy and Doris took an extended family jaunt that took them all the way to Alaska, in a Volkswagen, no less.

"We're a little better prepared now" laughs Ruth, "Our Alaskan trip convinced us we needed a vacation trailer and a pickup. This fall we purchased a new Volkswagen, double-cab, pickup and a vacation trailer so we're all set for vacation and hunting season (She bagged her deer this year, by the way.)

1960 find this tireless 4-H leader taking on her fourth set of girls. She is leading the "Stitch in Time" clothing club of Ione, which includes two young nieces, Arleta McCabe and Cheryl Lundell of Ione; besides Cheryl Corley, Elaine Gaarsland, Marilee Leathers, and Delores Emert. These girls are just learning to use a pattern and sew their first dress.



FIFTEEN YEAR 4-H LEADER, Mrs L A McCabe, Ione, pauses in her sewing to contemplate the 45 members that have been her "4-H Girls" in the past fifteen years. She was awarded a pearl clover pin at the 4-H leaders banquet in Heppner. Daughter, Doris, 3, will have to wait a few more years before she can become a 4-H girl.

## COUNTY'S FIRST 15-YEAR 4-H AWARD GIVEN MRS L A McCABE

A school superintendent's wife went to Texas in 1945 and left five little 4-H girls stranded. Someone had to take over," declares Mrs L A McCabe, Ione, Oregon, in her matter-of-fact way, "and with my own daughter, one of the five, guess who got elected?"

"The majority of them are now married and have families of their own," comments this amazing mother of five, "I have a great pride in them as I see them take their place in our community as homemakers and leaders."

It is interesting to note that four of the first five members are living in the county or nearby. Mrs Dean Bohde (Ruby Ann Rietmann) lives in Echo, Mrs James Pettyjohn (Lola Ann McCabe), Mrs Robert Crowell (Lila Botts), Mrs Eldon Tucker (Patricia Drake) in Ione; and Mrs Ronald Tye (Jane Seehafer) lives in Enterprise.

Mrs McCabe's roots are set deep in Morrow county. She was born on Rhea Creek, the daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Keene, Ione. Her grandfather, W T Campbell came to the county in 1886 and served as county judge for 8 years.

She received her elementary education in a little rural school on Rhea Creek (No 32) and she attended Ione high school.

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William L Brannon enlisted in the U S Army Air Corps. He left Friday of last week by plane from Portland for Fort Ord, Calif for his basic training and will then go to Michigan to attend a school. He is the son of Mrs Hermann Blettell of Ione and Mr Brannon of Heppner. Mr and Mrs Blettell took him to Portland last week.

The Ione Cardinals won from Umatilla here Friday of last week and lost to Fossil Saturday night here. The Quintones consisting of Jean Martin, Dalene McDonald, Linda Halvorsen, Dianna Pettyjohn and Sharon Crabtree sang between the halves of the game Friday evening. Tom Heimbigner rode his unicycle and performed on the trampoline at the game Saturday evening.

Rev and Mrs Rod MacKenzie went to Condon Wednesday of last week to attend a church meeting and to meet the new minister of the Congregation church there, Rev Randy Middleton and family.

Floyd Wiles was a patient in the Pioneer Memorial hospital last week.

Mr and Mrs George Eldon  
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