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Ione Garden Club Will Observe Twelfth Night Burning Ceremony

Twelfth Night burning of Christmas trees and greens will be observed in Ione on Friday, January 6, it was decided at the December meeting of the Ione Garden Club, sponsors of the celebration. This custom has been observed in Ione for several years and the lone club received a special citation from the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs this last year stating "The lone Garden Club is to be commended for sponsoring the twelfth Night ceremony of burning all Christmas trees and clutter on January 6 each year. This is a community ceremony and encourages the public in belief that Christmas symbols are too sacred to be treated as trash to blow over the countryside." Mrs. Ralph Crum and Mrs. Omar Rietmann are in charge of this event. More specific information will be given next week.

Club members will add to the Christmas decorations in Ione by making swags for the business houses. Christmas lights outline the fireplace in the city park. These were placed there by a committee of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lundell and Mrs. William Spohn, who was a former member of the Lostine, Oregon, Garden Club and has joined the local club.

Mrs. Crum, Mrs. Phill Emert and Bill Rawlins will investigate the possibility of planting a living tree in the city park.

Mrs. Fredrick Martin and Mrs. Walter Dobyns were appointed to the photography committee to bring recommendations to the next meeting.

Mrs. Emert reported that she, with the help of her children made turkey tray favors for the nursing home patients at the Pioneer Memorial hospital, for Thanksgiving. Mrs. Edith Nicholson and Mrs. Emert took them up and called on the patients before Thanksgiving Day. Mrs. Oscar Lundell and Mrs. Elbe Akers are hospital visitors for December.

Mrs. Bill Rawlins discussed "Madonnas in Arrangements" stating many legends of Jesus and Mary refer to flowers and plants deeply entwined with ancient lore. Among them are grapes, lilies, roses, cycamore tree and the flower of the lotus.

In Turkey and China, pomegranates have long been associated with the Virgin. In Mexico the century plant (Agave americana) is very important to the life of its people so sisal rope, made from this plant, is used with the Mexican Madonna. To the Chinese the bamboo is an important plant. It is a symbol of strength — a characteristic of Jesus — so naturally the Chinese include bamboo with the Madonna and Child. The style of the Madonna usually reflects the country of origin.

Seven Madonna arrangements were brought and displayed by Mrs. Elbe Akers, Mrs. Crum, Mrs. Martin and Mrs. Rawlins.

The December 13 meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Fredrick Martin with Mrs. Anna M. Ball and Mrs. Ralph Crum as assisting hostesses. Refreshments of gelatin salads in the form of red candles that really burned and decorated with real holly were served to 16 members. Mrs. Rawlins received the door prize of a bouquet of English holly and copper metallic spray.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Elbe Akers on January 10 with Mrs. Oscar Lundell leading the program on "Seeds for Seed Magic." This will deal with construction of pictures made with seeds.

Mrs. Cox Presents Christmas Decors

The North Lexington Extension Unit met at the home of Mrs. Helen Cox, December 6 at 8 p.m.

Following the business meeting, which was presided over by the chairman, Lucia Cutsforth; Mrs. Helen Cox presented a most interesting program on Holiday Decorations and centerpieces. Many lovely items were shown and a very nice centerpiece using greens and candles was formed.

After Mrs. Cox finished with her talk, lovely refreshments were served to Janice Cutsforth, Karen Cutsforth, Lucia Cutsforth, Sharon Cutsforth, Pat Dougherty, Margaret Ann Evans, Lynn Haguewood, Billie Kemp, Earlene Miller, Melba Miller, Billie Rauch, Merlin Robinson, and Jean Ann Turner.

Dr. and Mrs. Martin Honored At Stork Shower Recently

Dr. and Mrs. Darrel Martin were recently honored at a surprise stork shower for husbands and wives given by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snow and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Likely at the Snow home.

The gift table was attractively decorated with crepe paper and the stork perched with a gift in its mouth for the new baby-to-be.

During the evening, the men had their chance to prove their ability in dressing a baby as they proceeded to dress a doll and they still are not sure of the results.

The Martins are awaiting the arrival of their first baby near Christmas.

The guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ross and Renee; Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Roberts, Elder and Mrs. David Bauer, Dr. and Mrs. Harold Huber, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wachter, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ross, Mrs. C. M. Wagner, Mrs. Orlin Huston, Mrs. Fred Booker, Mrs. Alvie Mahan, Miss Cle Ore Pflugrad, and Harry Ring.

Renegers Invite New Members

The Renegers annual Christmas party was held Friday evening with a no-host dinner at the Elks.

The members had a short business meeting and selected two new members, Mrs. Bill Blake and Mrs. Jim Valentine. Following the meeting they exchanged Christmas gifts.

Those enjoying the party were: Mrs. Bill Labhart, Mrs. Jim Norene, Mrs. Eddie Gunderson, Mrs. Gordon Pratt, Mrs. Jim Farley, Mrs. Bill Barratt, Mrs. Frank Anderson, Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, and Mrs. Dick Meador.

Procks Entertain At Spaghetti Dinner

Mrs. Jim Prock entertained her bridge club for their Christmas party at her home last Wednesday.

The members and their husbands were treated to a potluck spaghetti dinner, served by the hostess and she used decorations of the holiday season.

The couples attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Prock, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Green, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gimbel, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Don Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Prock.

Mrs. Ed Gonty New Degree Of Honor President

The Degree of Honor lodge met last Tuesday evening at the Christian church with Mrs. Earl Soward, president, presiding.

Benna Caldera and Dale Matteson were initiated into the lodge.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: past president, Mrs. Earl Soward; president, Mrs. Edwin Gonty; 1st vice president, Mrs. Cecil Hicks; 2nd vice president, Mrs. Don Townsend; secretary, Mrs. Bill Farra; treasurer, Mrs. Earle Bryant; outer watch, Mrs. Lucille Parrish.

The remaining offices to be filled will be elected at the next meeting.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Vernon Munkers, Mrs. Karl Miller, Mrs. L. E. Ruhl, and Mrs. Willard Nolan.

The next meeting will be Dec. 27 at the lodge hall.

Mrs. Duvall Has Dinner For Museum Committee

Mrs. Harry Duvall entertained at her home last Friday evening with a buffet dinner for the museum commission committee and their husbands and wives.

This was in recognition of the services of the committee who worked with Mrs. Duvall so faithfully the past two years, during the planning and the building of the Morrow County Library and Museum, which was dedicated last May 29.

Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herb Hynd, Cecil; Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Ione; Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cutsforth, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowe, Heppner. Also Mrs. Rachel Harnett of Heppner, museum curator and her son Melvin Harnett of the U. S. Army.

The Rhea Creek Grange Home Economics Club met December 15 at the Grange hall for a potluck dinner. The members decorated the Christmas tree and completed plans for the Christmas supper and program to be held at the hall December 23.

Gift Presented To Lodge

The regular meeting of Sans Souci Rebekah lodge was Dec. 16 with N. G. Esther Bergstrom presiding and plans were made for a joint installation of Odd-fellow and Rebekah officers on Jan. 7.

Following the usual order of business, the officers were recipients of lovely china plates from France, gifts from N. G. Esther Bergstrom.

Another highlight of the evening was the gift to the lodge, beautiful revolving lights for initiatory work, from the Bergstroms, in memory of Sister Hilma Anderson.

The Christmas party for the Oddfellows and Rebekahs was Dec. 17 with 40 members in attendance. The hall was decorated in the holiday theme. Randall Peterson showed his pictures and the group sang Christmas carols and exchanged gifts. Also a going away gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wells.

The poinsettia plant, so popular at Christmastime in this country, was discovered in Mexico. England believed mistletoe was in 1828.

Judy Pratt Has Sixth Birthday Party

Judy Pratt celebrated her sixth birthday last Tuesday afternoon with the girls from the kindergarten class as her guests.

The girls played Christmas games during the afternoon and later Mrs. Pratt served ice cream and cake to: Tricia Prock, Bobette Jones, Shannon Farley, Cindy Power, Marie Van Marter, Connie Platt, Christine Bergstrom, Terry Pratt, and Judy.

Employee's Feted At Buffet Dinner

The Phil Blakney's were hosts to a buffet dinner for their employees and husbands Saturday night.

The house was gayly decorated and lent a festive air to the lovely dinner which was followed by the group playing cards. Mr. and Mrs. Creston Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamlin, and Mr. and Mrs. Elwyn Hughes were guests for the evening.

Venice Stiles, daughter of Josie Jones, is here visiting from Portland until after the holidays.

HEPPNER GAZETTE-TIMES, Thursday, December 22, 1960 —3

Mrs. Earl Soward entertained with a buffet dinner last Thursday evening in honor of Mr. Soward's birthday. Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Niell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. McMurtry, Glenn McMurtry, Mrs. Lester Doolittle, and Mrs. Lela Humphreys.



And may we join your many friends in wishing you a New Year filled with happiness, satisfaction and achievement.

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