

### Lexington News

By DELPHA JONES

The Lexington Grange met for its regular meeting at 8 p.m. with the Master Bill Smethurst presiding. The grange opened in regular form with the roll call of officers, and absentees noted. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. At this time reports of standing committees were given with a report on the taxation of fraternal organizations given by Kenneth Smouse.

A most interesting report on the Soil Conservation meeting and plans for the future was given by Alvin Wagenblast. Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, the new HEC chairman, reported the next

meeting was to be held at Edna Turner's in Heppner.

The Master then appointed the following committees for the coming year: legislative, O. W. Cutsforth, Alvin Wagenblast, Vernon Munkers; agriculture, Kenneth Smouse, Alfred Nelson, and Earl Evans; youth, Edna Turner and Nora Turner; public relations, Delpha Jones and Bertha Hunt; health and safety, Pearl Devine and C.J.D. Bauman; building, Norman Nelson, Lyle Cox and Cecil Jones.

The visiting members, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Medlock of Spray, was introduced, and the other visitor for the evening was D. Wright of Heppner. There were 32 members and three visitors present.

Preceding the meeting a potluck dinner was held in the basement, and films were shown

by Ralph Crum of his trip to the Soviet Union. A most interesting question and answer session was also held at this time with Mr. Crum giving some most enlightening answers.

The Lexington 3 Links club met at the home of Margaret Nichols on Thursday of last week with Delpha Jones presiding. Cards were sent to the absent members, and the secretary and treasurer reports were read and approved. It was announced that the next meeting will be held at Delpha Jones' and will be an election of officers for the coming year. It was planned to hold a Dime-a-Dip dinner at the I.O.O.F. Feb. 18 from 5 to 8 p.m. to help finish raising the funds for the remodeling on the meeting hall.

After the dinner both pinocle and bridge will be played at which time prizes will be given and during this time pie and coffee will be served. A beautiful birthday cake made by the hostess was cut by honoree of the month, Mrs. Merle Cornelson. Those present were Merle Cornelson, June Davidson, Annie Keene, Florence McMillan, Cora Warner, Freda Majeske, Bertha Hunt, LaVerne Henderson, Delpha Jones, the hostess Margaret Nichols and one visitor Cleo Van Winkle.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones and son Kenny were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Henderson on Thursday night, the occasion being Mr. Henderson's birthday. Others present were Larry and Betty Henderson, children of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mericle and children visited in Fossil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Breeding are spending the week in Portland and Yamhill where they are visiting their children.

Joyce Peck, Barbara Nichols, Kenny Jones and Billy Klinger attended Jr. High Youth Fellowship Group meeting at the Bob Jepsen home in Ione on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols visited at the Donald Ball home in Ione on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Yocum are the proud parents of a baby daughter, Marie Belle born in

### THIS IS YOUR HOSPITAL

By W. L. O'HARRA

This is one of a series of articles prepared by the new administrator of Pioneer Memorial Hospital and published by the Gazette-Times as a public service.

In preparation for articles in the future, I will give you a general background of your hospital in this week's column.

The suggestion that a hospital was needed and could be built was first made in 1944. There had been many hospitals in Heppner in years past but none was in operation at that time. At that time the money that would be necessary for a project of this size seemed as big as the national debt. It took almost six years before the hospital became a reality. The one person whose name should most certainly be mentioned as the guiding force behind the hospital is that of former County Judge J.G. Barratt. In addition to his tireless work on behalf of the hospital, Mr. Barratt donated the land to the county for the hospital site. The original building, com-

pleted in 1950, cost \$167,300. Two-thirds of this money was raised by taxation and the remaining one-third came from funds of the Hill-Burton Act of the federal government. The building was furnished at a cost of \$90,000. Two-thirds of this money came from local donations and one-third from the Hill-Burton Act.

In only four years there were too many patients for the number of beds available. The hospital was enlarged from a capacity of 28 beds to 53 beds by the addition of a new wing.

This addition cost \$130,000 and was completed early in 1955. Two-thirds of this money was raised by taxation and one-third from the Hill-Burton Act.

The most surprising thing about this is that the hospital cost the people about \$205,000 in tax money and \$90,000 in donations for a total of approximately \$300,000 but today, ten years after its construction it's assets are over \$540,000! This increase in valuation comes from money the operation of the hospital has earned and plowed back in the form of new equipment, donations, and a yearly maintenance fund from the county taxes of approximately \$8,000.

This maintenance fund is administered by the County Court and can only be used for maintenance of the physical plant. It is interesting to note that this fund costs the taxpayer six and one-half cents for every \$100 of taxes he pays.

Here are some other financial notes on our operation. The hospital does close to \$200,000 business a year. Almost three-fourths of this money stays right at home. This money would all leave this area if people had to seek hospitalization elsewhere. The payroll alone for our 42 employees is about \$9,000 per month. Needless to say, your hospital is a pretty good sized business.

Monday night I attended the hospital auxiliary meeting and was quite pleased at the large turnout and enthusiasm of the members. They have a lot of projects in store and have a job for anyone who signs up. Call me at the hospital if you would like to help.

### The Amacitia Club Holds Pinocle Party

The Amacitia Club met at the home of Mrs. Gladys Van Winkle on Tuesday night for their regular pinocle party.

Those present were members Eileen Padberg, Yvonne Lovgren, Mildred Davidson, Barbara Cutsforth, Juanita Martin, Gladys Van Winkle and guests, Delpha Jones and Dora Sue Viall.

Prizes won were high, Barbara Cutsforth, second high Yvonne Lovgren, traveling, Dora Sue Viall and low, Juanita Martin.

### Rhea Creek Hardman News

By CHARLOTTE WALKER

The 1961 officers of the Rhea Creek Grange were installed Friday night following a potluck supper.

The new officers are: Master, Mildred Wright; overseer, Ned Clark; lecturer, Mary Wright; steward, Leonard Rill; chaplain, Pearl Wright; secretary, Harold Bechdolt; cere, Mary Van Blokland; Pomona, Bernice Nash; Flora, Darlene Robbins; Lady assistant steward, Roxie Lovgren; assistant steward, Barton Clark; H.E.C. chairman, Hannah Anderson; musician, Jeanie Huston; executive committee, John Bergstrom, Ray Wright, Murlau Palmer. First and second degrees were conferred on Mr. and Mrs. Tom Springer, Rudy Bergstrom and Nels Anderson.

Mrs. Walter Wright, Mrs. John Graves, Mrs. Emma White, and Mrs. Sue Vinson attended the meat demonstration in Heppner Friday, that was sponsored by the Cowbelles.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer drove to Arlington Saturday.

Sunday guests at the Darrel Vinson home were, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilson and Dennis Dick, from Heppner.

Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel, Cassie, and Mrs. Joel Engleman, went to Pendleton, Friday.

Frank Young of Portland, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Chapel and Cassie. Mrs. Joel Engleman of Ione was also a visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Emil, of Klamath Falls, spent a few days with Wilbur Knighton, Mrs. Emil and Mr. Knighton are brother and sister.

Sam McDaniel has been home from Tupper Guard Station, with the flu.

Mrs. Sue Vinson, and Mrs. Doris Graves went to Lexington, Tuesday afternoon, to attend the Garden Club meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Fannie McMillan.

Bonnie Lee Kessel is visiting Alta Stevens, in Heppner, over the weekend.

L. D. Vinson, of Monument, is staying with his sister, Mrs. Emma White, for a couple of weeks.

Guests at the Elsie Walker home this past week were, Mr. and Mrs. George Leach of Kinzua, Max Gentry of Pendleton, and Doyle Key, of Heppner.

Mrs. Jim Hams, and Mrs. Blaine Chapel went to Ione, Thursday afternoon, to a Stork Shower, honoring Mrs. Joel Engleman, daughter of Mrs. Chapel.

### Mrs. Oscar Lundell Explains Art Work To Ione Garden Club

The Ione Garden Club held its meeting January 10 at the home of Mrs. Elbe Akers with Mrs. Phil Emert as co-hostess.

Fifteen members and one visitor were present. National flower and garden diary calendars for 1961 were distributed to each member.

A tribute was paid to Mrs. Gertrude McLeod, a former member of the club, who passed away at Amity, Oregon, earlier this month.

The program for the meeting "Seeds for Seed Magic" was presented by Mrs. Oscar Lundell who displayed two artistic pictures she made with 25 different kinds of seeds.

Mrs. Lundell said that in painting pictures with seeds, to use a fine grade of sandpaper for a mat. Outline your picture with carbon paper as if for embroidery. Select seeds, for best effect, that are not too large. The bigger variety of colors of seeds used will make a more attractive picture. Fasten in place with glue. When it is dry enough finish the picture by varnishing. When framing the finished picture, no glass is needed.

Color slides of club activities taken by Mrs. Phil Emert, Mrs. Omar Rietmann and Mrs. Fredrick Martin were shown. Eighty of these slides, which were taken from 1956 thru 1960, have been placed in the possession and file of the Ione Garden Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Dick of Kimberly were in Heppner Tuesday on business and while here visited with friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dick and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wildman. They have purchased the old Batty ranch on the John Day river and have moved there from Bend.

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