

Social Lites --

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THE THINGS one won't go through to get that "special" Christmas tree! The Pettyjohn family joined the Creston Robinsons and Riley Munkers for a tree excursion into the mountains and were confronted with some 11 inches of snow, wrong size chains, almost lost a husband, and oh yes, we got the trees!

NOW THAT we have the tree, the kids can hardly wait until it is decorated. Each with his own touch added. Then, of course, it can't be long until Christmas! And soon they can shake, rattle, pinch, and squeeze the packages trying to guess their contents.

TWO TABLES of bridge were in play last Friday when the Bridgettes gathered at the home of Gwen Healy for an evening of play. They exchanged Christmas candle gifts and enjoyed warm gingerbread dessert. Lillian Sweek won high, Elsie Cole, second; and June Beltenbrock, Jack high. Others playing were Jean Bennett, Kay Robinson, Bebe Munkers, Inez Meador, and Gwen.

SPEAKING OF candles, some of the girls are busily making them for gifts and for their homes. It looks very easy. Pour melted wax into any shape mold you desire, inserting the wick, then beat more melted wax with egg beater and decorate the candles with this and glitter. Sometimes a little misfortune occurs! Take the incident at the Riley Munkers home. Bebe and son, Gary, were working away (over the sink) when "whish" down the sink went the wax! I understand Riley donned his "plumbers" uniform for the job at hand!

PATTY PROCK entertained two tables of bridge last Tuesday night. Following play she served sandwiches and relish dishes to Laurel Van Marter, Karen Thompson, Eileen Prock, Betty Gimbel, Jean Bennett, Edda Mae Lovgren, and Jan Agee. Edda Mae won high, Laurel, second high, and Jean won low.

CARNATION CLUB members held the annual Christmas party and election of officers

Thursday at the Mary Bryant home. Bernice Nash takes over as president, Eanor Gony, vice president; and Martha King, secretary-treasurer. Following the business meeting the 26 members present exchanged gifts and revealed their secret pals. A pine cone tree, with decorations was used as centerpiece, and hostesses Oma Cox, Sylvia McDaniel and Mary served fresh apple cake with rum sauce and whipped cream.

YOUNGSTERS BIRTHDAY parties are always a wonderful fun-time for them and maybe a little hectic for mother at times! Dianne Cox, seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cox, celebrated with a party Monday afternoon. The children played games, "helped" open the gifts and were treated with an "owl" birthday cake, Dixie cups, and candy canes. Little guests were Delbert, Diane, Jimmy, and David McLachlin, Tracie Norene, Dallas and Cindy Harsin, and Dianne's grandmother, Jessie Griffin. Shirley says the "owl" cake was easy, but I don't know!

TWO SMALL cousins were honored guests at a joint birthday party last Friday afternoon at the Jimmy Prock home, John Prock, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Prock, and Jerry Cutsforth, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Cutsforth. After playing, the children were served birthday cake and ice cream. The cake, made in the shape of a boy, was the work of Janice Cutsforth. The boys' guests were Suzanne and Jeffrey Cutsforth, Todd and Jan Peterson, Bobby, Jimmy, and Joan Ployhar, Howard Green, Paul Van Marter, Michelle Evans, Mark Cutsforth, and Tricia, Michael, and Tami Prock.

SANDY ROBINSON and young son were honored with a baby shower Thursday evening in the Hope Lutheran church basement rooms. Guests present were Sylvaine Erickson, Anita Kilinger, Doris Gollyhorn, Marlon Johnson, Ruth Heimburger, Mary Holtz, Otilie Hunt, Millie Rauch, and Mrs. Ruth Robinson. Sandy was assisted with her gifts by Pauline Matheny. An attractive train and baby centerpiece were used in decorating. Hostesses

were Donna McCurdy, Deloris McLachlin, Mary Ann Peck, and Pauline.

DESPITE THE snowy cold weather, many Elks and their wives enjoyed dinner Thursday night followed by the regular men's meeting and an evening of bridge or pinocle for the ladies. The Rhea Creek ladies, Vivian Hayes, Mary Van Bloklund, Mary Bengo, Roxie Lovgren, Harriet Hall, Kathryn Webb, Gladys Snider, Alvina Padberg, were hostesses with seven tables each of bridge and pinocle in play. They served homemade candy and coffee during the evening. Others sending candy but unable to attend were Rena Jones, Mary Campbell, Darlene Hoskins, and Thelma Smethurst. Gals, that candy was the most and I think reminded others that it was nearing the Holiday season and time to make candy! Bridge winners were Hazel Mahoney, high; Daisy Collins, second; Wavel Wilkinson, third; and June Beltenbrock, door prize. Winning the pinocle prizes were: Sharon Cutsforth, high; Janina Johnson, second; Jeanne Berry, third, and I (by Jo!) won the door prize. Guess Sharon was so excited and shaking over her win, she dropped her prize!

CHRISTMAS DECORATION gifts were exchanged Monday at the Mothers' club annual Christmas party. Grace Schmidt and Arolene Laird were co-hostesses at the Schmidt home with 15 members and three guests taking

part. The members sent Christmas cards to the members who have moved away during the past year, including Bea Keeling, Doreen Kriemeyer, Darlene Robbins, and Nancy Rydgren. Fran Richmond was given a going away gift. She and her family will leave soon for their home near Spokane, Wn. Several games were played, and one interesting game was unwrapping a series of gift-wrapped boxes which were placed inside one another. The members unwrapped them to music, when music stopped they passed to the next person until it was unwrapped down to the small box and the prize inside! Each one brought a Christmas decoration for the Nursing Home patients at the hospital and will be distributed by Phyllis Hutchens and Crystal Knox. Crystal read the Christmas story and everyone joined in singing carols. Raspberry dessert was served to the members and guests, Helen Sherman, Bernice Struckmeier, and Mrs. Ray Nagel, Stockton, Iowa.

DORIS WATKINS won high at the Friday afternoon pinocle play at the home of Millie Evans. Others playing were Marry Harris, Beulah Mankin, Pearl Wright, Gladys Beckett, Carrie Beckett, Hannah Anderson, Pearl won low and joined Carrie to win the pinocle. (That is, Millie thinks they did!) Guess Millie's pork roast baking in the oven tantalized the players so, that no one was sure who won what! She kept the roast, but served them

fresh apple ring with butter scotch sauce.

GOING TO the Condon Elks annual Saturday from Heppner were the LeRoy Gardners, Conley Lanham, Bob Flatts, Pat O'Briens, W. H. Wolffs, Glen Wards, Clint Agees, Jerry Daggett, Jim Healy and Bob Brindley. The Heppner officers put on the initiatory work and the wives were entertained with games, and a clever story of the history of the 20th century, using songs, dances, and readings to depict the era. In the evening they had dinner and later the dance.

ARCHIE AND DIMPLE Munkers entertained Art and Doris Watkins and Earl and Millie Evans with a fried oyster supper Saturday before attending the Heppner basketball game.

GENA LEONARD'S home was very attractively decorated in the Christmas motif for the annual What's Trump Bridge club get-together last Wednesday. Members enjoyed a potluck luncheon and exchanged gifts before an afternoon of bridge. Making up the three tables were Happy Graham, Madge Thompson, Hazel Mahoney, Margaret Blake, Dee Gribble, Helen Schaffitz, Fay Ferguson, Virginia Rosewell, and Lota Tibbles. Prizes went to Fay as high, Virginia, second; and Madge, low.

Don Robinson was in Portland last week attending a cattle sale.

Parties Given Young Dancing Students At Close Of Lessons

Parties for the junior high and high school students last Tuesday evening ended the six-week course of dance lessons given by Jerry and Geneva Rickle, teachers of the Ed Cheney method, in the Elks lodge room.

Junior high students, sixth through eighth grades, learned the waltz, swing, and two basic latin steps during the weekly four-hour lessons. Prizes were awarded the outstanding couple dancing the waltz, Mark Brown and Barbara Gribble, and dancing the swing, David Hall and Debby Young. At the close of the party the students were served cookies and cokes.

During the next hour, starting at 8:00, the high school students got a chance to show what they had learned in the weekly lessons. Shirley Carlson and LeRoy Gardner won the waltz prize and Marlene Fetsch and Bill Cox won the swing prize. They, too, were served refreshments of cookies and cokes at the party.

Adult couples ended their lessons with more lessons and no party. They learned the waltz, fox trot, swing, samba, rumba, and cha cha during the six-week course. They enjoyed cookies and coffee following the lessons Tuesday night.

Plans are being made for additional lessons for both beginners and advanced in junior

high, high school, and adults tentatively set for the latter part of February. Those taking the lessons showed much interest in more lessons and many have called about beginning lessons, the leaders report.

Hostesses for the lessons were Mary Ann Barclay, Mary Malcolm, Lenna Smith, Lib Daggett, Shirley Blake, Rachel Dick, Gwen Healy, Jane Flatt, and Marge Gardner.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Albert were in town Thursday through Saturday from their home in Union, visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Prock.

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