

Speakers Discuss OEA Problems at Dinner Meet

By LORRAINE BALL
 Dates to Remember:
 Feb. 23—Links Club.
 Feb. 24—Elks Annual.
 Feb. 24—2 p. m. Ione Riflemen.
 Feb. 26—Lions Meeting.
 March 1—Extension.
 March 1—Rebekahs.
 March 5—DDD meeting at Lexington (Ione and Lex Rebekah lodges).
 March 6—Rainbow.
 March 6—Legion Auxiliary.
 March 6—City Council.
 March 7—Eastern Star social.

IONE—Approximately 40 persons attended the Oregon Education Association dinner and meeting at the Ione school cafeteria on Monday evening, February 19.

The group discussed the session of representative council to be held in Portland beginning March 1, and the state convention also in Portland starting on March 15.

Two guest speakers were on hand. Robert Van Houtte, Morrow county school superintendent, gave a summary of the OEA accomplishments and the problems ahead. He invited everyone to attend the convention in Portland. He will be the next OEA president.

Miss Hoosier of Hermiston, regional department classroom teacher representative, also talked about problems concerning the classroom teachers.

A lively discussion with keen interest was held. Also in discussion was the coming bond election.

Choose Rodeo Princess

At the Grange meeting on Sunday, a potluck dinner preceded the meeting. Mrs. Hattie Crabtree attended the dinner. Under the business for the day, the princess, Miss Diana Pettyjohn was chosen for the rodeo. And it was announced that the coming meetings will be on the third Saturday of each month.

D. D. Program Planned

At the Rebekah meeting on Thursday night discussion was held concerning the coming direct dialing system. The Ione lodge will meet jointly with the Lexington Rebekah lodge to promote information to the public on the new direct dialing system to be installed in our communities. It will be held on Monday evening, March 5, at 7:30 p. m. in Lexington. Everyone is urged to attend.

A film strip will be shown and guest speakers will be there to explain the direct dialing system and answer questions the public may have for them.

Displays of phones from the earliest ones to future models will be on display.

The committee for the evening's refreshments on Thursday night included Mrs. Cecil Thorne, Mrs. Vida Heliker and Mrs. Wate Crawford. For entertainment the members put together Valentines which had been cut to resemble jig saw puzzles.

Record Low Smut In Oregon Wheat

Smut, the black fungus disease that was the scourge of the wheat fields in the mid-1950's, is apparently being beaten by a combination of smut resistant wheat varieties and chemical seed treatment.

For the second year in a row, Oregon, Washington and northern Idaho farmers had a record low of smut in their wheat.

Results of the annual inspection program in 1961 for the Pacific Northwest showed only 0.2 percent of all samples graded smutty, the same percentage as 1960, according to J. A. Brown, agricultural marketing service grain supervisor with the U. S. Department of Agriculture. A total of 24,086 lots of farmer owned wheat were inspected at 288 points in the three states last year.

Pendleton area samples graded free of smut last year as growers eliminated the 0.2 percent that graded smutty in 1960, the report shows. A total of 1,694 samples in Umatilla, Union, Baker and Walla Walla counties was graded during the past year.

The low percentage of samples grading smutty the past two years reflects a determined drive against the fungus in Pacific Northwest wheat. Browning pointed out that 1955 was the peak smut year, with 33.9 percent of the wheat graded smutty, and also the turning point in the campaign. The percentage has dropped steadily since that time and for the last five years has been less than 5 percent.

One effective weapon was the release of Omar, a highly smut resistant white club variety wheat adapted to the Pacific Northwest. Omar now makes up 94.5 percent of the identified varieties of the white club class and comprised 72 percent of the 1961 Pacific Northwest wheat crop.

Another effective weapon has been the use of seed treatment with the smut killing chemical Hexachlorobenzene (HCB). Through treatment, this fungicide protects wheat against infection both from seed borne and soil borne smut spores.

It is important to use chemical seed treatment even with smut resistant wheat varieties, Powell emphasized. This will prevent development and spread of new races of smut fungus to which resistant varieties might be susceptible.

Vickie Thompson, niece of Mrs. Elbe Akers, visited on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Akers. On Sunday, Miss Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Thompson of Dufur, also visited with the Akers family.

Mrs. Joel Engleman was rushed to Pioneer Memorial hospital on Thursday evening of last week where an emergency major surgery was performed. Her condition is much improved and she returned home on Monday of this week.

Attend Gun Leader's Meeting
 Pete Cannon and Donald Ball, 4-H readers of the Ione Gun club, were in Ordinance on Saturday to attend an all day meeting of leaders and men affiliated with this new phase in 4-H work. Informative talks were given to the guests present, pertaining to the new laws concerning guns, licenses and the teaching of gun safety to youngsters.

At the PTA meeting last week, Joe Hausler spoke to a large audience on excoordinated math and science in public schools. Keen interest was shown in this matter. Dr. Wallace Wolff, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Edwick were guests. Dr. Wolff explained the proposed bond issue. Mrs. Fannie Griffith and Mrs. George Griffith motored to Portland on Thursday where Mrs. George Griffith visited with her mother, Mrs. Francis Mitchell, who underwent surgery. The ladies returned to Ione on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom and daughters were in Portland on Friday and Saturday of last week on business.

Maranatha club was held last week at the home of Mrs. Carl Bergstrom with Mrs. Omar Rietmann as co-hostess. Mrs. Rod MacKenzie showed pictures of their Mission in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rietmann and sons motored to Pendleton on Sunday to visit his father, Victor Rietmann, who is a patient in a nursing home there.

Attend Graduation Exercises
 Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snider and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Salter attended the nursing graduation exercises in Portland on Thursday night of Helen Salter who received her R.P.N. pin and license. Miss Salter returned to Ione with the group to spend the week-end. Also coming for the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Salter, was their son Bill.

Several from the Ione area attended the 60th anniversary celebration in Arlington of the Jasmine Chapter of Eastern Star on Saturday night. Those going from here included Mr. and Mrs. Jim Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Mrs. James Lindsey, Mrs. Omar Rietmann and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom.

Garden Club Has Active Meeting At Yarnell Home

A full afternoon of business and program occupied the February meeting of the Ione Garden club held Tuesday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Kathryn Yarnell, with Mrs. O. L. Lundell as co-hostess.

The club voted to give three cash prizes to the Ione High school art students who were judged the best in the conservation poster contest sponsored by the club. Twelve students, with Joe Hausler as instructor, participated under the state theme, "How Our Forests Serve Us." Top winner will be sent to the Blue Mt. District competition before March 1, and winners there will compete at the state level where additional cash prizes are given.

It was reported that 56 street trees and eight park trees were planted on February 12 and 13 by 14 men and women of the community, assisted by Nels Anderson, county agent. Gar Swanson is serving as Lions Club chairman, and Mrs. Fredrick Martin, Mrs. Ronald Bishop, Mrs. Phil Emert, Mrs. Fannie Griffith, and Mrs. Elbe Akers on the Garden Club planting committee. The Bank of Eastern Oregon contributed \$10 toward the project.

A program on rose culture was presented by Mrs. G. Hermann. She covered all phases of planting, pruning, feeding, mulching, disease and pest control, watering, varieties, and the effects of soil conditions. She raises many fine roses and is a favorite hobby. A contribution of \$2 was made to the Botanical Gardens in Japan, which is a statewide project. Members agreed to contribute individually to the county Heart Fund.

Mrs. Ralph Crum and Mrs. Omar Rietmann will represent the club at the rural civil defense meeting in Heppner.

Life of birds and animals at night was told by bird chairman, Mrs. Rietmann. Mrs. Carl Bergstrom presented the "Garden Jobs" for February.

The 15 members attending answered roll call by naming a variety of the rose. Two guests, Mrs. Wate Crawford and Mrs. Cleo Drake, were present. The door prize was won by Mrs. Dale Ray.

Next meeting will be held March 13 at the home of Mrs. Bergstrom, and a plant exchange will be held.

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THREE OREGON YOUNGSTERS—Michael, Jeremy and Susan Tobias—investigate possibility of mailing oversized heart as reminder to Oregon residents of annual Heart Fund drive conducted by Oregon Heart Association during February. Michael and his two sisters all have had rheumatic fever and are among the more than a thousand Oregon residents participating in OHA's low-cost penicillin program for rheumatic fever control. Heart Fund drive climax here will be from February 25 through March 3.

14 New Cases Of Cancer Due In Morrow County

PORTLAND — Approximately 14 new cases of cancer in Morrow county will be diagnosed for the first time in 1962, says Mrs. Harlan McCurdy, Heppner, chairman of the county unit of the American Cancer Society's Oregon division. In the same year, an estimated five persons in the county will be saved from the disease. About seven will die.

The predictions are based on statistical forecasts about cancer appearing in the society's new handbook, "1962 Cancer Facts and Figures," and the 1961 population of the county, estimated by the Oregon State Board of Census at 4,945.

According to the statistical preview, some 1,236 county residents will eventually develop cancer and, if present death rates for the disease continue, about 742 will die.

Statewide, the national estimates show, more than 7,800 persons will be under medical treatment for cancer in 1962. About 5,000 new cases in the state will be diagnosed during the year. Of them, nearly 1,700 will be saved. Nearly 2,700 will die. The present cure rate is one in three. In 1937, the rate was only one cure in every seven cases. In more recent years, it became one in four.

According to Mrs. McCurdy, an individual concerned about the threat of cancer to himself and his family can help boost the cure rate by knowing and recognizing cancer's danger signals and by making a habit of visiting his physician for periodic health examinations.

Lexington Clubs Use Valentine Program Themes

By DELPHA JONES
 Lexington HEC club of the Grange met at the Alfred Nelson, Sr., home on Thursday for their February meeting. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved, as was the treasurer's report. The Co-op dinner report was given and bills were accepted. The roll call was answered by something pertaining to Valentines Day. These were most clever and funny as well as serious. Refreshments were served to about 23 guests by Mrs. Nelson. The next meeting is scheduled to meet with Mrs. Armin Wihlons.

Holly Rebekah Lodge met for its regular meeting on Thursday evening. The meeting was called to order by the Noble Grand, Bernice Wihlon. At this time Mrs. A. F. Majeske was installed as ISNG. Contest captains announced the number of points each have at the present time. Following the meeting, the contest winners of the most clever valentine was announced. Winners in the two divisions were Mrs. Ardith Hunt in the serious division, and Mrs. Edna Fetsch in the funny. Judges were Mrs. Barbara Cutsforth and Mrs. Darlene Padberg. Refreshments were served later in the dining room by Mrs. Hilda Yocom and Mrs. Donna Papineau, the hospitality committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Newt O'Harra were Walla Walla business visitors last week.

Mrs. L. D. Vinson of Monument daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oris Padberg, has been a patient in Pioneer Memorial hospital this last week.

Dale Sherman was taken to Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner on Friday night.

Mrs. Walter Smith is reported on the sick list this week. Earl Miller who is employed at Lee Harbor Dam in Washington spent the week-end at the home of an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jones, and visited Saturday at the M. V. Nolan farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Munkers were Portland visitors several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. VanWinkle and son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack VanWinkle of Heppner, were Salem and Portland visitors last week. They attended the funeral services of Mr. VanWinkle, Sr.'s, brother, and visited with Mr. and Mrs. Fredrickson of Salem, a sister of Mrs. VanWinkle.

Mrs. Dean Hunt and Mrs. Johnnie Ledbetter were Portland visitors last week.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dinges were grieved to hear of Mr. Dinges' death at a nursing home in Grants Pass on Friday. Mr. Dinges was a resident of Lexington for several years, and is well remembered by the old and young alike.

Mrs. Tacie Parker of Walla Walla, Wn., was a caller at the home of Mrs. Parker and Miss Barnett on Friday.

Mrs. Morris McCari and Mrs. Bertha Hunt were among those attending the opening of the community hospital in Pendleton on Saturday.

Holly Rebekah lodge served a dinner at the IOOF hall on Tuesday afternoon for the Harry Dinges family, relatives and friends who were present from out of town for the funeral services earlier in the day of Harry Dinges. Many Lexington friends were present at the Christian church for the memorial service.

A potluck dinner was enjoyed at the C. C. Jones home on Tuesday night to help Mr. Jones celebrate his birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Wagenblast, Mr. and Mrs. O. W.

Cooking Club Meets

A meeting of the 4-H cooking club, "Have Spoon, Will Lick," was held February 6. Officers are Cathy Hausler, president; Dixie Peck, vice president; Judy Eubanks, secretary; Joyce Peck, news reporter; Barbara Nichols, song leader; Mrs. Townsend, leader, and Sue Townsend, junior leader. Claire Savage leads in 4-H and U. S. pledges.

We have been doing demonstrations on making cold drinks. We also gave out Christmas baskets. We will have demonstrations on making sandwiches at the next meeting.

Conservation Films Shown At Joint Meet

Glen Ward, game warden, showed films on wildlife conservation to American Legion and Auxiliary members following the potluck supper February 5 at the Legion hall.

The auxiliary planned a food sale at the Heppner Red and White on February 17 at the meeting. Also discussed was the Heart Fund drive for February which they sponsor this year.

Gary Munkers and Judy Bennett each won a cake for the door prize.

Cutsforth and children, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Wihlon and the Jones family.

Let's not forget the "tasting party" to be held March 17 at the Lexington IOOF hall. The proceeds of this party will be used to help remodel the dining room. Tastes are free! Recipes sold! Pie and coffee sold from 2 to 5 p. m.

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