

Social Lites --

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By JO PETTYJOHN
YES, CLOSER and closer to Santa Claus time, but everything around here is pretty well under control. The social calendar for last week and this week seems to be quite full of Christmas parties as the holiday season swings into step. College students are home and local school youngsters will soon have a 10-day vacation. The kids say one thing is still missing and that is the snow for Christmas time!

PRECEDING THE Elks Ladies Night last Thursday, the of 1-c's wives entertained with a potluck dinner for Mrs. Ray Schroth, Hermiston, who's husband was paying his official visit to lodge, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Wolff last Thursday night. Helping with the dinner were Mrs. Conley Lanham, Mrs. Bob Flatt, Mrs. Pat O'Brien, Mrs. Bob Brindle, Mrs. Jerry Daggert, Mrs. Clint Agee, Mrs. Glen Ward, and Mrs. Kenneth Turner. Also present were the trustee's wives Mrs. LeRoy Gardner, Mrs. Jack Van Winkle, Mrs. Terrel Bengel, and Mrs. Bill Collins. The rooms were very beautiful with the colorful Christmas decorations.

HOSTESSES FOR Ladies Night were Ginger Kiehlley and Sharon Harrison who served coffee during the evening and had charge of the play. June Bellenbrock won high for bridge; Lillian Sweek was second; and Joyce Ward won the door prize. High for pinocle was Edna Turner; second went to Janina Johnson; and Millie Evans won the door prize. Pinocle players out-did themselves this time as they filled seven tables as compared with only three of bridge, quite unusual!

A CHRISTMAS party was held Monday night at the Legion hall for the Legion and auxiliary members and their families. The

hall was decorated with a tree and Christmas decorations on the tables. A gift fish pond was in operation for the youngsters to fish for gifts. The Squared-Up Rounders dance group entertained with several routines. The refreshment table included many snack type foods which everyone munched on during the evening and later they enjoyed playing games.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE was on the menu Friday night at the Gordon Hutchens home with six couples playing. Included in on the play were the LaVerne Van Marters, Bert Huffs, Terry Thompsons, Bob Jones, Bob Brindles, and the Hutchens. LaVerne and Gordon tied for high. They used the Howell movement in the scoring which gives one group of winners instead of the north-south, east-west groups. I am learning a little more about bridge! Phyllis had her house decorated for the Christmas season and served coffee and cookies during the evening.

IN KEEPING with the holiday season Laurel Van Marter gave lovely poinsettia plants as prizes when she entertained bridge last Thursday evening. Doreen Jacobs, Ione, won high; Suzanne Jepsen, Ione, second; and Lil Boyce, Ione, low. Also getting in on the poinsettias were Harriet Hall and Laurel Cannon, Ione, whose birthdays were on that day! Laurel served Christmas punch for the festive party with cheese and crackers during the play. Open-faced sandwiches and coffee concluded the evening. Others present were Nancy Ekstrom, Ione, Mary Jean McCabe, and Elaine George.

CARRIE BECKETT entertained the Pinochle club Friday afternoon with Janina Johnson filling in for Beulah Mankin who was down with the flu. Mary Harris

won high and teamed up with Doris Watkins to win the pinocle, and Carrie won low. Millie Evans, Gladys Beckett, Pearl Wright, and Hannah Anderson also played during the afternoon.

MONDAY NIGHT Mary McLeod entertained the Bridge Biddies at the home of Mary Jean McCabe. I asked the first Mary about having club at one another's home, she said it was so much easier because one of them cleans house and the other one brings the refreshments. There's an idea, gals! Marian Jonasson won high, and Mary McClure won second and the traveling prize of having 100 honors. Lucky gal, lots of Christmas presents! Mary McLeod served chocolate velvet cake topped with white frosting, sounds delicious! She said she ended up baking two of them because she couldn't get it to come out of the pan in one piece. Anyhow, the family got a cake even it was patched together a little! Boy, what frosting can conceal! Others, in on the play were Janina Johnson, Jan Agee, Dorothy O'Rourke, and LaFyrne Pratt, and the two "Marys".

THREE ENERGETIC gals got together and came up with a nice idea which turned into a great success as they entertained five tables of bridge Friday night. Edda Mae Lovgren, Nadine O'Brien, and Joyce Ward were the hostesses at the Lovgren home for a Christmas bridge party. They started with the dessert of green chiffon salad topped with a red maraschino cherry which was made by Betty Hamilton.

This was served with party crackers with cheese topping. Four progressions were played with Bebe Munkers winning high; Kay Robinson, second; and Rita Wolff, third. They all received Christmas flower arrangements. Nona Sowell and Mary McLeod won low and each won a red covered container. Florence Green, Hazel Mahoney, and Daisy Collins won door prizes and each received a red pixie. Others playing were Patty Prock, Betty Gimbel, Cork Norene, Mary Jean McLabe, Jean Bennett, Gwen Healy, Elsie Cole, Elleen Prock, Ramona Marshall, Jan

Agee, Marian Jonasson, and Dee Gribble. Following play they exchanged gifts which each had brought and all of this made for a gala evening!

LAUREL VAN MARTER and Dick Meador won high at duplicate bridge play Saturday night at the Gordon Pratt home. Second went to La Verne Van Marter and Phyllis Hutchens. Christmas decorations carried out the holiday theme about the rooms and the guests enjoyed singing Christmas carols. A buffet table of delicious treats was served during the evening. Other couples present were the Dr. Wolffs, Lowell Gribbles, Clint McQuarries, Conley Lanham's, Gordon Hutchens, and Van Marters.

INEZ HUFFMAN had bridge club at her home Wednesday afternoon with two tables in play. Margery Worden won high and Lota Tibbles was second high. Inez said the cards were "miserable" for everyone, and after five progressions she ended up with 1100 for low! Also in on the play were Ginger Wilkinson, Beth Bryant, Hester Creswick, Gena Leonard, and Wavel Wilkinson. Hope those cards do better for you next time! Aren't you glad they weren't telling fortunes?

SEVEN TABLES were in play Sunday afternoon at the multi-purpose room for the Unit bridge

party. Elsie Cole and Isabelle Davis, Condon, won high north-south; Gus and Mary Jo Hartzheim, Hermiston, were second; Della McCurdy and Harlan McCurdy, Jr. were third. Gordon Pratt and Marian Jonasson were high east-west; Daisy Collins and LaVerne Van Marter won second; Pete Hanigan, Hermiston, and Bill Lewis, Pendleton, won third.

IN THE Tuesday night bridge play at the Episcopal church Grace Nickerson and LaVerne Van Marter won high north-south with Elsie Cole and Bob Hull winning second. Laurel Van Marter and Harriet Hall were high east-west with Fay Ferguson and Della McCurdy taking second. A reminder to the twice monthly Tuesday night players, because of Christmas Day falling on the playing night, the group will meet the following night, December 26.

AND TO conclude the bridge session, (I guess that is all everyone did last week. Where are the loyal pinocle players??) a group of six traveled to Hermiston last Monday to participate in their master point play and came home with a big share of the loot! The Bill Collins won high north-south; Harlan McCurdy and LaVerne won third north-south; and the Jim Driscolls won high east-west. Some playing!

Young Couple Plans Wedding in Stayton



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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Samek of Stayton announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Miss Rose Marie Samek, to Richard (Dick) Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wes Sherman of Heppner. The wedding will be Saturday, December 29, at Immaculate Conception Catholic church, Stayton, at 2 p.m.

Miss Samek is a senior in home economics at Oregon State University, and Mr. Sherman is also in his fourth year of college but plans to continue two more years, working towards degrees in electrical engineering and mathematics. He attended Pacific University in his freshman year and is now in his third year at Oregon State.

Both are graduates of Stayton Union High school.

Coming Events

FRIDAY, December 21
 Rebekahs, lodge hall, 8:00 p.m.

MONDAY, December 24
 Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel, noon.

WEDNESDAY, December 26
 Odd Fellows, lodge hall, 8:00 p.m.

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