

SOCIETY

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Dewey Britt Feted On 66th Birthday

Four sisters of Dewey Britt came to Heppner last Thursday to compliment him at a birthday party, bringing a decorated cake for the occasion. His 66th birthday will be May 25 but the earlier time was chosen as one when they could arrange to make the trip.

Joining Mrs. Britt in honoring him were the following sisters: Mrs. Myrtle Baldwin of Lewiston, Idaho; Mrs. Hazel McQuinn of Stanfield; and Mrs. Bernadine Nelson and Mrs. Leona Wise, both of Spray. Another sister, Mrs. Beulah Tillie of Spray, was unable to be present.

Newcomers Greeted At Morning Coffee

Mrs. Mattie Green entertained at a morning coffee hour last Thursday, providing an opportunity for newcomers to her neighborhood on Water Street to become better acquainted.

Gathering at the Green home were Mrs. Gerald Jonasson and boys, Duane, Michael and Jon; Mrs. Ernie McCabe and daughter, Laurie; Mrs. Clyde Alstott and son, David, and Mrs. Jim Gordon.

Sans Souci Rebekah Members Get Awards For Veteran Service

Sans Souci Rebekah lodge No. 33 met in the IOOF hall Friday, May 15, with Noble Grand Prudy Casebeer extending a warm welcome to several members who had not attended for some time. Among them was Mrs. Tena Scott, a 50-year member of the lodge.

Special feature of the evening was the awarding of veteran medals to Mrs. Eva Wright, Mrs. Cornett Green and Mrs. Mattie Green. Making the presentation in behalf of the lodge was District Deputy President Altha Kirk, Hermiston, who explained the symbols on the jewels. The official term of Mrs. Kirk has just been completed, and official report of the three lodges under her jurisdiction has gone into the Assembly President Bartra Bagley. Recommended for the office of district deputy for the ensuing year is Mrs. Elaine Rietmann of Bunchgrass Lodge No. 91, Ione.

Delegates representing the lodge at Grand Lodge Assembly in Salem May 19-21 were Mrs. Rachael Barnett and Miss Esther Bergstrom.

Mrs. Alice Luttrell was presented a seal of perfection for the unwritten work of the Degree. Mrs. Ruth Bergstrom served as recording secretary pro tem in the absence of Mrs. Lena Kelly. Mrs. Bergstrom was also in charge of entertainment, with several winning prizes.

A special invitation was extended to the coming reception which will honor Mr. and Mrs. Oral Scott on their golden wedding anniversary on June 7 in Hermiston.

Mrs. Casebeer urged good attendance at the next two meetings, prior to recessing for the summer months.

Miss Esther Bergstrom and Mrs. Elsie Ayers were hostesses for the social hour at the close of the evening. To further honor the three members receiving jewels, Mrs. Ayers had baked a special cake for each to take home.

Chapter Members Attend May Meeting

Morrow county members of Iota Chapter, Delta Kappa Gamma, attended the meeting of the organization at the Grace Presbyterian church in Milton-Freewater Saturday, May 16. This was the last regular meeting until fall.

The group enjoyed an entertaining program consisting of numbers by the Danielson Blumhagan Singers; Marjorie Rasom, piano soloist; Walter Barnes, tap dancer and a first grader; Judy Barnes, acrobatic dancer; Katherine Frank, dancer, and the girls' trio from Mac Hi high school.

Attending from Morrow county were Joyce Smith of Irrigon, Zoe Billings and LaVern Partlow of Boardman, Margaret Kirk of Heppner, and Velva Bechdolt of Hardman.

Speaker Recalls Day Of Alaskan Quake To Soroptimist Club

Life in Valdez, Alaska, on the day of the historic earthquake was vividly recalled by Mrs. Raymond (Jeanette) Huddleston when she spoke to the Heppner Soroptimist club at their luncheon meeting last Thursday. She and her daughter, Sally, have been making their home here with her father, Frank Turner, since leaving their home in Valdez the week following the earthquake.

Mrs. Huddleston, introduced by Mrs. Jim Thomson, program chairman, had great praise for the people in Alaska after the disaster, stating that there was little hysteria, and the general comment was, "What can I do to help others, rather than what do I need for myself." She pointed out a geographical survey showing that the quake registered twice as hard in intensity as the San Francisco quake in 1906—ranging from 8.4 to 8.6. Reports have placed the dead or missing at 114, with property losses totaling around three-quarter billion dollars.

Mrs. Huddleston and her family were preparing their evening meal when they heard the rumbling about 5:36 on Good Friday, she said. They felt certain it was an earthquake, went to the nearest doorway and braced themselves "for an eternity" (actually between three and five minutes). They saw their front cement steps pull back and forth away from their house several times, and except for articles breaking about the house, their property was damaged very little. Their house was later used as a neighborhood "hotel." Most damage and loss of life in Valdez came with the huge tidal wave, she said. Her husband, an engineer, has continued his work there and has had an important part in evacuation and reorganization. Future of the town is not definite as major rebuilding is not planned for two years, and after that time, the town may be moved further inland.

Mrs. Huddleston and Sally expect to return "home" as soon as school is out here. Other guests present to hear the speaker were Mrs. Harold Herburger of John Day, Mrs. Mary Anne Berg of Dayville and Miss Esther Kirmis, county extension agent.

Some discussion was held on plans for the Senior Girls' Tea Sunday afternoon, May 24, at the home of Mrs. Jim Hager, president. Also invited are mothers of the girls, high school women teachers and wives of the men teachers.

Tribute is Given Mothers at Degree Of Honor Meeting

A special Mother's Day program was enjoyed by members of Kate K. Young Degree of Honor Protective Association at its May 12 meeting at the First Christian church. Three state officers were special guests. These were State Director Clara B. Gertson, State Secretary Grace Hiatt of Portland and State Past President Ida Farra.

A tableau, "The Protected Home," taken from the ritual, was presented with Mrs. Don Townsend as the mother. Participating were her children, Randy and Sandra; her niece, Darla Rea, daughter of Mrs. Gerald Rea; and also Kelly McClintock. The mother of Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Prudy Casebeer, was narrator. The club, consisting of Mrs. Pete McMurtry, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Ron Haguewood and Mrs. Mary Bryant, with Mrs. Dean Connor at the piano, sang "Mother." Mrs. Bryant sang "Faith of Our Mothers" for the tableaux, with Mrs. Connor accompanying.

Robani and Twilla Riddle presented Mother's Day corsages which the members made, to all that attended. Mrs. Gertson gave an interesting and informative address and Mrs. Hiatt, house guest of Mrs. Farra, spoke to the lodge. Mrs. Farra spoke briefly and presented gifts to the state officers. Bookmarks were presented the four chair officers for their progress in memorizing ritualistic work.

Hostesses for the evening were the young mothers of the lodge, Mrs. Connor, Mrs. Haguewood, Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Robert Riddle. Mrs. Haguewood baked and decorated the Mother's Day cake.

Practice will be held at the May 26 meeting for state inspection on June 9.

Couple is Greeted On 40th Anniversary At Pettyjohn Home

In observance of their 40th wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Pettyjohn were honored Sunday at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn.

Friends and relatives called between the hours of one and five in the afternoon to congratulate the couple, who were wed May 18, 1924, in Missouri.

All but one of their six children were on hand for the occasion. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Herval Pettyjohn of Selah, Wn., Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Maxine) Ayers, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pettyjohn, Bill Pettyjohn and Betty Jean Pettyjohn, Arlington. Unable to attend were Mr. and Mrs. Pete (Virginia) Kline of Gainesville, Mo.

Pink and white flowers and wedding bells decorated the white frosted sheet cake that was served to guests along with coffee and punch.

Coming Events

SUNDAY, May 24
Baccalaureate exercises, new high school, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, May 25
Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel, noon.

Order of Eastern Star, Masonic hall, 8 p.m.

High school awards night, multipurpose room, 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, May 27
Odd Fellows, IOOF hall, 8 p.m.

Heppner high school commencement, new high school, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, May 28
Soroptimists, Jim Hager home, noon.

Public Installation To Reveal Officers

Election of officers was the main order of business Monday evening when the Order of Rainbow for Girls met at the Masonic hall.

Names of the newly elected officers will be revealed on the evening of June 1, when they will be installed. The installation will be open to the public, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Masonic hall.

On the current business agenda were plans for serving at the senior high school boys' Masonic banquet, and also serving at the county Pioneer picnic, held annually on Memorial Day. Brenda Young, worthy advisor, presided at the meeting.

Methodists Hold Loyalty Dinner; Gimbels Honored

Plans for the coming year were outlined to some 70 members and friends of the Heppner Methodist church who gathered Sunday evening in the church parlors for a Loyalty dinner, served by members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gimbel, who with their family will be leaving Heppner soon, were presented with a silver tea and coffee set as a parting gift from the church members. Mrs. Gimbel has been organist for several years and Mr. Gimbel is past president of the trustees.

The Rev. Melvin Dixon made the presentation, acknowledging the part the couple and family has had in the life of the church. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gimbel responded with words of appreciation.

During the planning portion of the program, Gene Pierce, chairman of the finance committee, outlined the budget for the coming year, fixing it at a total of \$11,375. The budget had previously been approved at a church quarterly conference.

The Rev. Dixon outlined importance of good stewardship in the church program, and Wes Sherman, lay leader, spoke on the subject of "Loyalty." Group singing completed the evening's program.

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Groshens Announce Daughter's Betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Groshen are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Judy, to Kenneth Couture, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brown.

The bride-elect attended Heppner high school and her fiancé attended high school in Helena, Mont. He is presently employed with the U. S. Forest Service. The wedding is planned for later this month.

Dennis Ferguson In Phi Kappa Phi

Allen Dennis Ferguson of Heppner has qualified for membership at Oregon State University in Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic honor society, the university has announced.

Membership represents highest campus honor for outstanding scholastic achievement. Juniors, seniors and graduate students are chosen. Ferguson is a junior in the School of Engineering.

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