

## Golden Memories Recalled by Chapter As Dignitaries Join in Anniversary Event

The lone high school gymnasium was the scene of a gathering of old friends on Saturday evening, March 13, when past matrons and past patrons and other members of Locust Chapter No. 119, Order of the Eastern Star, came to observe the 50th anniversary of the Order in lone. About 250 people from all over the state came to the celebration, with a banquet served by the lone PTA in the cafeteria preceding the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, worthy matron and worthy patron of Locust Chapter, presided over the meeting. Following the address of welcome by the worthy matron, Rev. Walter B. Crowell gave the invocation. An honor guard of Rainbow Girls, Mary Nichols, worthy advisor; Susan Lindstrom, grand choir director; and Lee O'Connor, past advisor, presented the flag.

Many grand officers of the Grand Chapter of Oregon were present in addition to the worthy Grand Matron Merle E. Lamar, Silverton; Worthy Grand Patron Claude F. Sanders, Reedsport; and Lloyd McRae, Helix, past most worthy grand patron of the general Grand Chapter, past Grand Patron of Oregon, and an honorary member of Locust Chapter.

Other grand officers in attendance were Associate Grand Matron Lillian P. Davis, Vernonia; Associate Grand Patron Paul W. Sorenson, Pendleton; Grand Treasurer Belle Bateman, Portland; Grand conductress Margery Jones, Bend; Associate Grand Conductress Laurie Woodard, Portland; Grand Marshal Ellen Sanders, Reedsport; Grand Ruth Thelma Nelson, Portland; Grand Martha Winifred Nelson, Coos Bay, and Grand Sentinel Harold Gribble, Portland.

Lauree Hibbard, Imbler, past grand matron and grand lecturer, and Florence Jaeger, Condon, past grand matron, were also in attendance. Both are honorary members of Locust Chapter.

Five grand committee members were present and introduced, Inez Huffman, Heppner, appeals and grievance committee; Reva Looker, Stanfield, ESTAR; Albert Carlson, Lebanon, home endowment; Helen Becker, pay of representatives; and Katherine Lindstrom, lone, credentials committee.

Members from 32 different chapters in Oregon were represented and 12 worthy matrons and five worthy patrons were present. They were Julie McEwen, Hermiston; Marjorie Keller, Pendleton; Ingrid Durfee, Umatilla; Nelie Eberhard, Reedmond; Euna Berger, and Edward Wilson of Echo; Naomi Van Gilder, Moro; Lynn Jaeger, Condon; Margarite and Walde Lowery, Gervais; Nancy Harper and Lloyd McRae, Helix; Florence and Clark Van Gaasbeck, Arlington; Ethel Todd, Reedsport; and Clara Howk, Troutdale.

Mrs. Ruth B. Mason of Portland, only living charter member of Locust Chapter, was introduced and presented with a 50-year pin for long and devoted service to the chapter. She had served the Grand Chapter as Grand Representative of Alberta, Canada, served on the pay of representatives committee, been worthy matron of Locust Chap-

ter 2 1/2 terms, and was secretary for 25 years before moving to Portland.

"Our Golden Memories" was the theme for the program for the evening with Katherine Lindstrom serving as narrator; Adon Hamlett, soloist; Frances Smouse, violinist, and Marjorie Baker and June O'Connor as organists. The narration included all branches of the Masonic family with small children, who sang, representing future members of Eastern Star and the Masonic Lodge.

The members of Rainbow Assembly No. 89 performed a drill making the numerals "50" and a heart. They took their Rainbow grandmother, Mrs. Mason, inside the heart, sang a song to her, with Bonnie Hynd as soloist, and presented her with a gift. They also presented a gift to their Mother Advisor, Mrs. Halvorsen, Charles O'Connor, Senior Warden of Lone Lodge No. 120, AF&AM, brought congratulations to Locust Chapter, in the absence of the worshipful master.

Nancy Ekstrom introduced the 21 past matrons and nine past patrons, who were present. Among those from out-of-town were Ruth B. Mason, Clara Howk, Anne C. Smouse, Mr. and Mrs. George Krebs of Portland; Esther Doherty, Eugene; Beulah Mankin, Heppner; Margaret Blake, Pacific City; and Mr. and Mrs. Sam McMillan, Milwaukie.

Others introduced were Fannie G. Griffith, Ruby O. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Rietmann, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, May Ekstrom, Adon Hamlett, Mary Lindsay, Eulenna Corley, Pansy Seehafer, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor, Irene Nolan, and Mr. and Mrs. James Barnett.

June O'Connor presented interesting highlights from the Chapter minutes of the last 50 years. It was instituted on March 11, 1915, and the first worthy matron and patron were Frances Bender, who at the time of her death had been a member of the Eastern Star for 72 years, and W. T. McNabb. Mrs. Mason was the first conductress. Ruth Chapter No. 32 in Heppner exemplified the degree work at the meeting. Two of the officers of that team were Mrs. J. O. Turner and Mrs. Earl Gilliam, who still reside in Heppner.

During the Chapter's history their hall has been destroyed by fire two times before the purchase of the present Masonic Hall in 1926, which is part of the old school building. Since 1931 the Masons have accepted no rent from the Chapter and the members have done as much as was financially possible to continually make improvements on the building.

During the gas ration era of World War II, from 1942 to September 1945, the Chapter met on the same night as the Masonic Lodge.

Since April, 1961, the Chapter has sponsored Rainbow Assembly No. 89. Some interesting items from the old minutes: a report that on December 25, 1928, a meeting was held on Christmas; a bill to the Independent, the local paper, was returned because it was considered too high; during 1927 Locust Chapter sent regrets for not donating \$1.00 for the Worthy Grand Matrons

## SOCIETY

### Committee Chairmen Named by CowBelles To Direct Activities

Morrow County CowBelles met for a no-host luncheon at the Heppner Hotel dining room on March 8, with Mrs. Ralph Beamers, president, in charge. Committee reports were heard and general business was discussed.

This year's committee chairmen recently appointed are Mrs. Ewing Hynd, farm safety; Mrs. Herb Ekstrom, Sr., beef certificates; Mrs. A. C. Lindsay, beef for Father's Day; Mrs. Bernard Doherty, Father of the Year contest; Mrs. Albert Wright, beef promotion; Mrs. Bill Doherty, beef in the schools; Mrs. David Wilkinson, membership; Mrs. Walter Wright, fair booth; Mrs. John Graves, publicity, and Mrs. George Currin, Mrs. Elmer Palmer and Mrs. Don Heliker, the budget committee.

Plans are being made for the annual spring meeting, which will be held April 26 at the Heppner Hotel banquet room as a no-host luncheon meeting beginning at 11 a.m. A member of the State CowBelles executive committee will be in attendance.

gift; two wives were worthy matron when husbands were initiated; and one brother was patron when his wife was initiated; George N. Ely, who was patron eight times, initiated his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Ely; and one patron initiated his mother; and they annually enjoyed a strawberry feed with the Masons each June.

Mrs. O'Connor stated that through the years the members of Locust Chapter have participated in many worthwhile community projects, have supported the Masonic and Eastern Star Home at Forest Grove, the Rainbow Assembly, the Eastern Star awards for religious training for young people, and feel they have made a real contribution to life in the lone area.

Gold and green were the colors chosen for the anniversary motif. Gold letters spelling out "Our Golden Memories" were featured in both rooms with yellow daffodils, tulips, forsythia, and pussy willows used in the decorations. Elaine Rietmann made gold corsages for all Locust Chapter members and all honored guests. Irene Nolan made the pin-ons. Other decorations were in charge of Dot Halvorsen, Doreen Jacobs, Dolores Barnett, Mary Lundell, Ella Burgoyne, Nancy Ekstrom, and Frances Smouse. The men of the chapter assisted with the room arrangements. Registration of guests was done by Ruby Roberts, May Ekstrom, Mary Lindsay, Dolores Barnett, and Helen Proudfoot.

The program was arranged by Katherine Lindstrom, Dot Halvorsen, and Mary Lindsay and printing of the programs was done by Rev. and Mrs. Walter B. Crowell.

Following the meeting refreshments were served from two tea tables centered with anniversary cakes decorated in gold and green. Cake, coffee, sandwiches, and punch were served the guests by past matrons and patrons.

### Rainbow Girls Sponsor 'Traveling' Food Sale

Members of Ruth Assembly No. 50, Order of Rainbow for Girls, will be calling on Heppner residents on Saturday, March 20, offering a variety of baked goods for sale. Proceeds from the "traveling" food sale will go toward sponsoring the annual Rainbow Girls spring dance to be held Friday, March 26, in the Legion hall.

Ruth Assembly girls will also be holding a food sale in Lexington, Saturday afternoon, at Del's Market.

### Problems of Tension Discussed by Unit

Thirteen members of the Heppner Extension Unit met last Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Gene Ferguson for the March Extension meeting on "You and Your Tensions." Project leaders, Mrs. Joe Wright and Mrs. Frank Connor, presented a very interesting lesson and discussion on the subject to unit members.

Those attending enjoyed a potluck luncheon during the noon hour.

### Coming Events

FRIDAY, March 19  
Rebecka, Masonic hall, 8 p.m.  
FRIDAY and SATURDAY, March 19, 20  
Heppner Merchants annual Spring Opening.  
SATURDAY, MARCH 20  
Heppner Extension Unit food sale, Central Market, 11 a.m.  
Rainbow Girls "traveling" food sale.  
Rhea Creek Grange pancake supper and public card party, Grange hall, 6 p.m.  
Elks' Crab Feed and Dance, lodge room, 6:30 p.m.  
MONDAY, March 22  
Chamber of Commerce, Wagon Wheel, noon.  
Order of Eastern Star, Masonic hall, 8 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY, March 24  
Odd Fellows, IOOF hall, 8 p.m.

Visiting at the Stanley Cox home on Monday and Tuesday was a nephew of Mrs. Cox, Loran Wiese, Wiese, recently discharged from the U. S. Army, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wiese of Milton-Freewater.

Jerry Sweeney was in Seattle Thursday and Friday to attend the Washington athletic club's professional conference of the National Funeral Director's Association. Outstanding psychologists and clergymen were on the program, and various legal aspects of the mortuary business were found of interest.

### Speakers Tell Goals Of College to PTA Audience Last Week

Three guest speakers from the administration of Blue Mountain College highlighted last Wednesday's PTA meeting with interesting talks on the purpose and goals toward broader vocational education of the college and of enlargement plans for the campus to better serve the increasing student enrollment. Guest speakers were Randall Phillips, David Reynolds and Warren Cole, all of Pendleton.

The evening program also included two humorous readings by Anita Groves and Doug Anderson, both students from the speech class of Mrs. Janet Groves.

Main item on the business agenda was the approaching PTA Talent Show, slated for April 3, with tryouts on the evening of March 29, the exact time and place to be announced next week. Forrest Burkenbine is the chairman in charge of this year's talent show arrangements.

Mrs. Leon Ball and Mrs. Don McClure served coffee and cookies to those attending following the program and business meeting.

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### Bridge Club Members Travel Here Tuesday

Mrs. Milo Prindle entertained Tuesday afternoon for members of her bridge club, who traveled from Kinzua and Fossil to enjoy a pleasant afternoon together.

They met first for a buffet luncheon in the dining room of Hotel Heppner, then adjourned to the Prindle home for an afternoon of cards. Prize winners at bridge were Mrs. Prindle, high, and Mrs. Edward Wham, second high.

Coming from Kinzua were Mrs. Alan Guinn, Mrs. Ron Huck, Mrs. Ernie Wall, Mrs. Edward Wham and Mrs. Ed Coleman. From Fossil were Mrs. Vernon Miller and Mrs. Babe Reed.

### Beauticians Attend Annual Trade Show

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Winchester and daughter, Erna, returned home late Monday from Portland where Mrs. Winchester joined Mrs. Larry Simmons to attend the annual Pacific Coast Beauty and Trade Show held at the Multnomah Hotel.

The Winchesters were house-guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al Conner and also visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Mesh and Mrs. Winchester's aunt, Mrs. Harry Sherman, all of Portland. The family found time to take in a hockey game at the Memorial Coliseum during their stay.

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