



MEMBERS OF THREE REBEKAH LODGES, in Ione, Lexington and Heppner, presided as district officers of the Rebekah Convention, held last Thursday at Sans Souci Rebekah hall. These are, from left to right, Vida Heliker, Norma Rae, Lucile Rietmann, Delpha Jones, Betty Rood, Esther Bergstrom, Altha Kirk, Frieda Majeske, Dimple Munkers, Elsie Ayers, Shirley Connor, Ruth Bergstrom and Edna Fetsch. Two other officers, Edith Mathews and Ruth Robinson, were not present for the picture. (G-T Photo)

## Rebekah District Convention Honors 40 to 50 Year Veteran Members

District No. 20 of the Rebekah Lodges convened in the Heppner IOOF hall Thursday, November 17, for its 45th annual meeting. District Chairman Esther Bergstrom dedicated the program to the 40 to 50-year and over veteran members of the order, and designated it as the "Emerald Session."

Following registration, Sans Souci No. 33, the hostess lodge, opened the afternoon session with the colorful officers' entrance march, with members in formal in an array of color.

State officers presented and introduced were Mrs. E. Mae Kafer, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, of Glendale, making an official visitation. Also Mrs. Jessie Darrar, vice president of the Assembly, of Madras, and Mrs. Altha Kirk, deputy district president, of Hermiston, making fraternal visitations. Honors of the Degree were extended to these state officers, before seating them in places of honor.

A staff of members from Bunchgrass Lodge No. 191, Ione, seated the district officers, and presented each with a gladiola, the chosen flower of Mrs. Kafer. District officers who presided were Esther Bergstrom, chairman; Mrs. Delpha Jones, vice chairman; Mrs. Altha Kirk, secretary; Mrs. Betty Rood, treasurer; Mrs. Ruth Robinson, warden; Mrs. Edna Fetsch, conductor; Mrs. Elsie Ayers, and Mrs. Frieda Majeske, right and left supporters to chairman; Mrs. Ruth Robinson and Mrs. Norma Rae, right and left supporters to vice chairman; Mrs. Vida Heliker, chaplain; Mrs. Shirley Connor, musician; Mrs. Edith Mathews, inside guardian; Mrs. Dimple Munkers, outside guardian, and Mrs. Lucile Rietmann, junior past chairman.

Mrs. Heliker presented the invocation, followed by the address of welcome by Mrs. Opal Cook, noble grand of Sans Souci. A response was given by Mrs. Eva Hamlett, noble grand of Bunchgrass Lodge, Ione.

A clever addendum was given by the three noble grands of the district, Ione, Lexington and Heppner, in presenting the district's gift to Mrs. Kafer.

Fifty-year or more veteran members of the district who were presented honors were Mrs. May Gilliam, Mrs. Tena Scott and Mrs. Evelyn Farrens. Holly Lodge No. 139 gave tribute to them by first placing a golden crown on the head of each and complimenting them on their years of faithful service.

Mrs. Cook extended the tribute to the 45 to 50-year members, Mrs. Mary Swanson, Mrs. Letha Archer, Mrs. Mary McMurtry and Mrs. Vida Heliker, and each was presented a special favor.

Reports of the lodges were read by their respective secretaries, Mrs. Pearl Wright, Mrs. Edith Mathews and Mrs. Delpha Jones, with many interesting community projects reported. Holly Lodge was complimented on its 100% certificate for meeting its full quota to the IOOF Eye Bank.

An impressive candlelight memorial service, by Holly members in white formals, honored those of the order who had passed away since the last district meeting.

Mrs. Blanche Brown was presented a veteran Rebekah jewel by Mrs. Kirk.

Assembly Seals of Perfection in unwritten work were presented by Mrs. Kafer and Mrs. Kirk to the following members: Mrs. Elsie Ayers, Mrs. Elaine Rietmann, Mrs. Vida Heliker, Mrs. Florence McMillan, Mrs. Dimple Munkers, Mrs. Ruth Robinson, Mrs. Edna Fetsch and Mrs. Lucille Parrish. Eighteen past chairmen of former district meetings were present and were given fitting tribute by Sans Souci members.

Following an instructive and informative hour on the ritualistic work by the state president, exemplification was done under her direction by the Lexington lodge.

The following officers were

lected to serve the district for the coming year: Mrs. Jones, chairman; Mrs. Hamlett, vice chairman; Mrs. LaVerne Henderson, secretary; Mrs. Fetsch, treasurer. Those appointed to officers were Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Lucile Rietmann, Mrs. McMillan, Mrs. Parrish, Mrs. Elaine Rietmann, Mrs. Connor and Mrs. Darlene Padberg.

Miss Bergstrom presented gifts of appreciation to her officers, and expressed gratitude for all cooperation by the members. Mrs. Kafer complimented the chairman upon the originality of the program, and the manner in which all members participated. Mrs. Mathews extended an invitation in behalf of Bunch-

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The Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey D. Ring was quietly celebrated at their Ione home on Tuesday, November 22. The couple was married in 1916 in Vancouver, Wn.

grass Lodge to hold the 1968 meeting in Ione.

Short readings were given by Mrs. Betty Rood and Mrs. Mathews, adding entertainment to the afternoon session.

A dinner was served at 6:30 by ladies of Rhea Creek Grange. Many remained for the evening meeting of Sans Souci for the official visitation of the state president. Of special enjoyment was the banner bearers drill.

About 50 members and guests registered for the day's activities. Visitors from out of the district were Mrs. Kafer of Mountaineer Lodge No. 149, Glendale; Mrs. Darrar and Mrs. Emma Zemke, both of Juniper No. 229, Madras; Mrs. Marie Mehoulick of The Sisters No. 251; Mrs. Sally Young and Mrs. Agnes Hodges of Sunbeam No. 189, Hermiston.

### Annual Christmas Party Set by Legion

The spirit of Christmas will be evident at the next regular meeting of the American Legion and Auxillary at the Heppner hall on Monday evening, December 5. Legion members, their families and friends will meet for their annual Christmas party, starting with a potluck dinner at 7:00 p.m. The main meat dish will be furnished by the organization.

Following the dinner, a variety of Christmas games and entertainment is planned, with special attention given to the children. Short business meetings will follow, with all members urged to be present.

Mrs. Sadie Parrish, Morrow county clerk, is spending a short time with her son, Jack and his family in Lake Oswego. Word received through Mr. and Mrs. Gene Cole is that she is suffering from the flu and will need a rest. Address of Jack Parrish in Lake Oswego is 518 Ridgeway Road.

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