

Mrs. Martin Speaks At Pendleton Club

By DIANA KINCAID
IONE—Mrs. Fredrick Martin, director of Blue Mountain District No. 10 of Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, was noon luncheon guest and speaker at a recent meeting of the DIRT Dabblers Garden Club of Pendleton which was held at Gunther's Restaurant. Mrs. Martin spoke on the scope of garden club projects and activities. Also on the program was Mrs. Evelyn Hodgen of Pendleton who showed slides of a recent trip across the states of the southwest.

Mrs. Pete Cannon, who serves as librarian at the Ione Public Library, announced that over 350 books had been loaned during January. Topic Club members urge continued use of the library facilities, especially adults who might be interested to know that the library subscribes to many periodicals including Life, National Geographic, and McCall's. The library board also notes that youngsters enjoy reading the series of Tom Swift books by Appleton. If families have some of these books that are no longer read at home, the use of these books in the library would greatly be appreciated.

Ladies of the American Legion Post No. 95 Auxiliary are making plans for a traveling food sale on Friday, February 16. Members are asked to have baked goods at the hall by 1:00 p.m. with the sale to begin at 2:00 p.m.

On Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. Lloyd Rice entertained with a coffee hour at her home. Ladies enjoying the occasion were Mrs. Marion Palmer, Mrs. Roy Lindstrom, Mrs. Ed Bristol, Mrs. Milton Morgan, Mrs. Raymond Lundell, Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, and Mrs. Ray Heimhiger. The annual January party of the Ione United Church of Christ Choir was held following practice on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin. The birthdays of Don Bristol, Larry Rietmann and Mrs. Martin were noted with cards and a decorated cake, as was the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid, Mrs. Kenneth Smouse and Darrell James played special music for the occasion.

Topic Club will meet on Friday at the home of Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom with Mrs. Milton Morgan as assisting hostess. An education program on Vietnam, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Malasia will be given by Mrs. Bill Isom of Pendleton.

Mrs. Charles O'Connor is attending the Midwinter Postmaster Educational Conference in Portland this week. She was accompanied by her husband. The O'Connors' daughter, Lee, was visiting here this past week-end from U of O. Miss O'Connor has been elected activities chairman for Alpha Gamma Delta sorority on campus.

Club to Study Wild Flowers
 Ione Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, February 13, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Crum. "Wild Flowers of Morrow County" will be the subject for the educational program given by Mrs. Harold Huber and Mrs. L. M. Johnson.

Mrs. Alfred Nelson represented the Ione United Church of Christ at the program committee meeting of the State Women's Fellowship on Friday of last week in Portland. Mrs. Anne Smouse returned to her home in Portland with Mrs. Nelson. Karen Nelson, a student at Oregon State, met her mother there for a visit on Saturday.

Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen, Mrs. Larry Prock and children drove to Pendleton on Monday for medical appointments and for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Harr.

Paul McElligott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald McElligott, is confined at St. Anthony hospital in Pendleton following a skiing accident Saturday at Arbuckle. Young McElligott suffered a spiral break in his left leg.

Mrs. Cleo Childers accompanied by Mrs. Hershel Townsend drove to Helix last week to bring Roger Childers home from his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Eichel, where he has been staying since his mother's recent surgery. Cleo Childers broke his left hand on Sunday while working with some horses.

Funeral Held for Mrs. Hausler
 Beta Omega Sorority has postponed its regular February meeting until Wednesday, February 14, due to the funeral of Mrs. Betty Hausler at Enterprise on February 7. Mrs. Hausler was an active sorority member here for many years and a past president.

Marlene Pfc. Mary Nichols arrived by plane on Saturday from Quinco, Va., where she has been stationed for eight months. She is spending her two week leave with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nichols.

Among the students home this week-end were Barbara Bishop who was visiting from La Grande with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bishop, Mike Mathews drove to Monmouth on Friday to bring Bernice and Deniece home for the week-end. The Mathews took the twins home on Sunday evening.

Major Jerry McElligott brought his mother, Mrs. Charles McElligott, from Portland for a visit with Don and Dick and their families on Monday. Major McElligott has just returned from a tour of duty in Vietnam, and after his leave will report to Sacramento.

SCHOOL NEWS

Principal Harold Beggs announced that the Valentine Party for grades 7 and 8 will be on Saturday, February 10, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Grades 1 through six will have class Valentine parties on February 14 at 2:30 p.m. Basketball games predominate school activities this week with the Junior High team playing Echo there at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8. On Friday, February 9, the G.A.A. will play the Riverside girls here at 4:00 and will be hostesses for a light supper before Riverside High school teams begin play here at 6:30 p.m. On Saturday, February 10, Ione High school teams will travel to Weston.

Varied Program Slated for Next PTA Meeting

An observance of Valentine's Day is planned to help attract attendance at the next regular meeting of the Heppner High school PTA on Wednesday evening, February 14, in the high school multipurpose room.

Several items of important business will be discussed and voted on at the meeting, which will convene at 8:00 p.m. Included will be discussion of two scholarship applications, appointment of a nominating committee and discussion of the band carnival. Also, since there have been no volunteers for high school room mothers, junior and senior class members are becoming concerned about having adequate help and food for the Junior-Senior banquet.

In keeping with Valentine's Day, it is planned to have a box social dessert, with women asked to bring dessert for two, wrapped attractively to be purchased for a very small fee by the men.

Special musical numbers will be presented by the high school band under the direction of Arnie Hedman, and the Ione "Ladies Kitchen Band" will entertain with a group of novelty numbers.

Good Skiing Draws Crowd to Arbuckle

Finally, on February 3, there was action on Arbuckle Mountain. Last week there was no skiing because the packed snow had melted, but during the week Arbuckle received 12 inches of new snow. In the morning the snow was very crusty, but by the time the skiers got the snow packed and it had stopped snowing, the skiing was perfect.

Ski lessons are coming along very well. Ever since skiing started on Arbuckle there have been lessons for beginners and the intermediates, and some may soon be skiing like "pros".

Due to sickness and ball games, only 30 4-H ski members were on the bus Saturday, but approximately 75 skiers were on the mountain during the day. All in all, it proved to be a great day.

Cheri Carlson, reporter

Ekstrom in Training

Pvt. Roland Ekstrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom of Ione, is taking training with the army reserves at Fort Ord, Calif. He expects to be on duty there for two months. Ekstrom has been attending Eastern Oregon College and has only a half-term left to complete requirements for graduation. He expects to complete his education after returning home and will continue with the army reserves.

Public Notices

NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET HEARING

A public hearing on a proposed supplemental budget for the County of Morrow for the fiscal year 1967-68 will be held in the County Judge's Office at the Courthouse in Heppner, Oregon, at 10:00 A.M. on February 19, 1968. Copies of the supplemental budget are available without charge at the office of the County Clerk. The budget may be inspected by interested persons at the office of the County Clerk during the regular office hours. Any person may appear at the public hearing on the supplemental budget, and discuss the budget or any part of it.

COUNTY OF MORROW SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SUMMARY For the Fiscal Year 1967-68 General Road Fund

RESOURCES	
Sales and Rentals	\$15,104
Justice of Peace Fines	5,521
Total Resources	\$20,625
REQUIREMENTS	
MATERIALS AND SERVICES:	
Repairs	\$ 3,500
New Equipment	17,125
Total Requirements	\$20,625
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A GOOD REPRESENTATION OF OLD TIMERS of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358 was present for the annual Old Timers Night held Thursday, January 25. A total of 1,298 years in Elksdom was represented by the 30 members present, who have belonged to the organization for 30 years or more. The lodge has a total of 87 members who qualify, which would total a combined membership of 3,562 years. Senior members with over 50-year membership were Frank Turner, John Carter, Walter Hayes, E. E. Gilliam, Harold Cohn and Dr. A. D. McMurdo. Reading from left to right, with years of membership in parenthesis, are (front row): LaVerne Van Marter, Sr. (49), Lewis Cason (41), Cleo

Drake (41), Milton Morgan (31), Frank Turner (59), Claude Cox (48), E. E. Gilliam (51), Cot Swanson (40), Ed Bennett (49), John Carter (51); (second row): Jim Cowins (48), Everett Harsh (31), Emile Groshens (48), Pat McIntyre (32), Francis Doherty (42), Jim Thomson (38), Walter Hayes (51), Gene Ferguson (36), Harold Cohn (52), Ray Ferguson (39); (third row): Bill Cox (33), Ralph Jackson (48), Dr. A. D. McMurdo (51), Carl Bergstrom (48), Alfred Bergstrom (43), Claude Graham (35), Luke Bibby (34), O. W. Cutsforth (31), E. William Bergstrom (48), and Henry Peterson (49). (Lyons Photo).

Medicare Premium To be Increased Starting April 1

A \$1 increase—from \$3 to \$4—in the monthly premium to be paid by enrollees in the voluntary medical insurance program of Medicare was announced by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The increase does not apply to the regular coverage for hospitalization paid for by Medicare.

Secretary John W. Gardner said the increase was based on a review of cost experience and actuarial projections of the voluntary program. The Secretary is required by law to make such a review and to determine the necessary premium rate. The \$4 figure is the one that the Secretary indicated in September to be necessary. Enrollees pay the Federal Government pay equal monthly shares for the cost of medical services under the voluntary program.

The new \$4 rate is effective April 1, 1968. The monthly \$4 premium will be matched by Federal funds.

The \$3 rate, in effect since Medicare began on July 1, 1966, will continue for three months, through March 31, 1968.

Nearly 18 million Americans—92 percent of the population aged 65 and over—are enrolled in the voluntary program (Part B of Title XVIII of the Social Security Act).

Part A of Medicare provides basic hospital insurance financed primarily by payroll contributions and is not affected by the premium rate.

Part B, to which enrollees contribute monthly payments, supplements Part A coverage. Part B covers a wide variety of medical services, primarily physicians' services, whether at home, in the office, hospital, or elsewhere.

About 20 cents of the \$1 increase is necessary to finance the program at the level of operation of the past. It is estimated that the premium rate for the past 18 months should have been \$3.20 instead of \$3. (Although it is estimated that on an accrual basis expenses are running about 7 percent over premium income, the program has more than ample funds, on a cash basis, to meet its expected obligations.)

One-fourth of the increase arises because it is expected that people covered under the program will, on the average,

use about 2 percent a year more of covered service in the period ahead than in the past and because the \$50 deductible will exclude a smaller proportion of medical expenses as utilization of medical services and the level of physicians' fees increases.

Another one-fourth of the increase is accounted for by expected increases of about 5 percent a year in physicians' fees for the period ahead.

The remaining portion of the premium increase and the interest earnings on the fund (the equivalent of income of 10 cents per capital) are available for contingency purposes.

About 23 cents of the monthly per capita margin of 28 cents left for contingency would be used when improvements in coverage under the Social Security Amendments of 1967 become effective—for example, by payment of the full charge of X-ray and pathology services to patients in hospitals and by coverage of more physical therapy services than under the old law.

Administrative expenses are expected to continue at the rate of 9½ percent of premium income. The same components described above are reflected in the matching \$1 additional contribution payable out of general funds.

The vast majority of those enrolled in the voluntary program are receiving monthly cash social security benefits. The increases in monthly benefits provided by the 1967 Social Security Amendments will be many times larger than the premium increase of \$1.



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Bob Kelly Here While on Leave

Bob Kelly, whose wife is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ferguson, is here on leave from his work as a civilian serving on a ship as a second assistant engineer. Kelly has been engaged in a cargo operation supporting the United States operations in Vietnam with Oakland, Calif., as the home port.

The ship transports cargo to Vietnamese ports and also makes stops at Japan, he said. Previous missions have included transporting military personnel.

Kelly arrived home January 14 and is not sure when he will return to duty. Before engaging in this work, he was employed by The Boeing Company for a period of seven years.

Mrs. Kelly and their children have remained here while he is serving on the ship.

Sister's Illness Calls Randy Lott

Randy Lott left Saturday for Hattiesburg, Miss., to visit a sister who is seriously ill there. Another sister, Mrs. Ethel McGee, of Port Orchard, Wn., joined him for the trip which they made by train.

Lott called Sunday night from Wyoming and said that they were in snow there.

He was unsure when he left how long he would be gone, but did not expect to return for two or three weeks.



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