

Special Lodge Meetings Held For Lone Groups

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IONE—Miss Susan Lindstrom was initiated into Locust Chapter No. 115, Order of Eastern Star, at its regular meeting November 12. Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, parents of Susan, helped exemplify the work, Mrs. Lindstrom acting as Worthy Matron and Mr. Lindstrom as Worthy Patron.

Escorted and introduced in the East were Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Jr., a member of the Estar committee, Grand Chapter of Oregon, and Mrs. Mary Bryant, worthy matron of Ruth Chapter No. 32. Mrs. Elmer Griffith, grandmother of Susan, was introduced. Other visiting guests were Mrs. Larry Brock and Mrs. Harold Becker of Ruth Chapter, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jones of Condon Chapter No. 23.

Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Cleo Drake and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan. The tables were set with a Thanksgiving theme.

Bunchgrass Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Mrs. Ida Coleman Thursday evening, November 7. It was decided to have a card party, both bridge and pinocle, on November 23, at 8 p.m., Masonic Hall. At that time the ticket will be drawn for the Afghan.

Following the meeting a birthday party was held for those having birthdays in the last six months of the year. Those honored were Mrs. Paul Pettijohn, Mrs. Mike Matthews, Mrs. Maible Crawford and Mrs. David Rietmann.

Mrs. Joe Engleman entertained with a noon luncheon at her home on Wednesday, November 13. Guests were Hilda Yocum, Dorothy Edwards, Delpha Jones, Frieda Majeski, and LaVerne Henderson.

Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Jr., and Mrs. Oscar Rietmann attended the reception given in honor of Mrs. Gladys Harding, member of the Appeal and Grievances committee of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, on November 13. The reception was given by the Queen Esther Chapter No. 101 of Hermiston. On November 14 Mrs. Ekstrom and Mrs. Jim Barnett drove to Helix, where Mrs. Ekstrom paid an official visit to Ionic Chapter No. 102.

Herb Bynd of Cecil is home after having surgery on his shoulder at the hospital in Hermiston.

The high class of the St. Patrick's Catholic church met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson last Monday evening. Mike Nasrawine from Kerak, Jordan, spoke to the group and answered many questions. Mr. Nasrawine is staying with the Ralph Crums.

Mrs. George Miller underwent

foot surgery at The Dalles General hospital. She returned to her home last Saturday after spending several days in the hospital.

Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, Mrs. Herbert Ekstrom, Jr., Mrs. Omar Rietmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor attended the reception Saturday evening in Heppner by Ruth Chapter No. 32, in honor of Mrs. Dick Wilkinson, grand associate conductor.

The lone PTA met at the school cafeteria last Thursday evening. The 6th and 11th grades won the room count. The PTA bought the material and the shop boys built and installed the new score board at the south end of the football field. After the meeting Mrs. Lewis Halvorsen gave a reading then Mr. Meyers showed the pictures taken during the lone-Arlington game. The senior mothers served refreshments.

The Election Board wishes to thank Mrs. Edwin Kessler for the delicious cake she presented to the board on election day. The cake was decorated with a donkey and an elephant, bordered with red, white and blue, symbolic of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Mrs. Victor Rietmann came home from the hospital last week. Her sister, Mrs. Esper Hansen of Portland is here staying with her.

The Port Commission met at the home of Garland Swanson on Tuesday, November 12. Those attending besides the host were Dewey West, Ralph Richards, Rube Kennedy, John Krebs, and Oscar Peterson.

Mrs. Grover Curtis of Cecil is in The Dalles General hospital where she recently had surgery.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Schaffer of Cecil spent last week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lieutallen in Pendleton.

The lone High school football team defeated Crane 73 to 7 last Saturday on the lone Memorial Field. After the game Harold Beggs presented the captains of the team, Frank Halvorsen and Bobby Ball with a trophy for being the winners in the District 3 B-S championship. The semi-final game, November 23, at 1:30 p.m. against Huntington on the lone field. Prices for this game will be adults \$1.50, students \$1.00, and grade school 50c. These prices are not set by the schools, as the state sets the prices for all semi-final and final games. Saturday evening the students will have their annual Sadie Hawkins dance.

A number of students were home over the week-end visiting their parents and also to see the football game—Chuck Nelson from Oregon State University, Karen Nelson and Bonnie Steirke from Portland, Willa Johnson, Janice Snider, Janet

Palmtree, Barbara Bishop, Susan and Stephen Lindstrom from La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Halvorsen spent the week-end in lone and Heppner, visiting their parents. Friends and relatives may be interested to know that Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swanson and family have moved to the new home they recently built. Their new address is 17202 S. E. 376th, Auburn, Wn., 98002.

Following church services Sunday, the Deaconesses of the United Church of Christ held a coffee hour in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Harold Hazzard, who served the church prior to obtaining a permanent minister. The Hazzards now live at Terrencebonne. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Kincaid.

Sunday, November 24, the Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ will hold a spaghetti dinner at 6 o'clock in the church basement. Rev. Coats will be the speaker. A freewill offering will be used as a baby sitting fund for this winter.

Lewis Cason Dies In Portland Hospital Following Surgery

Funeral services were held at Finlay's Funeral Chapel in Portland on Wednesday, November 20, for Lewis Charles Cason, 78, long time resident and well-known sheep and cattle rancher of Morrow county.

Mr. Cason had been hospitalized for several days at Pioneer Memorial hospital in Heppner before being transferred by ambulance to Portland Sanitarium, where he died Sunday morning, November 17, following a gall bladder surgery. He had also suffered from heart trouble for a number of years.

Born April 9, 1890, at Haystack, in Wheeler county, he was the son of pioneers, Charles and Caroline (Hale) Cason, who came to the territory in 1843. He moved with his parents to Lonerock as a small child, where his father was a Baptist minister for many years.

He married Margaret Osten on November 25, 1913, and they started ranching operations near Heppner. In 1956 he and his wife moved to the Beaverton area where they lived until Mrs. Cason's death in 1966. At that time, he moved back to Eastern Oregon and lived at the Heppner Hotel until a recent illness. He was a longtime member of Heppner Elks Lodge No. 358. In 1967 he was selected to ride as grand marshal in the Morrow county rodeo parade.

Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Robert (Betty) Fickard, Los Angeles, Calif.; two grandchildren, Steven Estberg of Beaverton, and Mrs. Rollin (Peggy) Britner of Heppner; one great-grandson, Jack Estberg; one sister, Della Brown of Fortuna, Calif.; two nephews, John and James Cason, both of Heppner and several other nieces and nephews living in this area.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers, a contribution be made in his name to the TB or Emphysema Fund or to the Heart Fund.

Heppner Girls End Volleyball Season; 4 Teams Participate

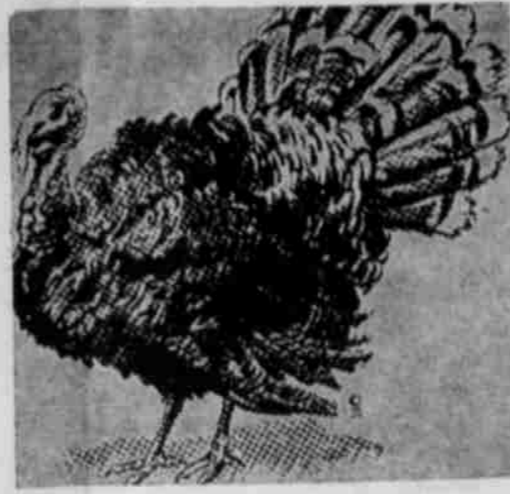
Heppner High's Fillies face their last volleyball foe of this season, Stanfield, today (Thursday) on the Stanfield floor.

The girls have had an unusually good turnout for volleyball this year, with enough participants to form four teams.

The A team has a won-loss record of 4 wins and 3 losses; B team, 3 wins and 4 losses; and C team, 4 wins and 3 losses. D team ended its season against Umatilla here on November 7, finishing with 3 wins and 2 losses.

The other three teams went to Umatilla for return games on November 14; each was thrown for a loss.

Thanksgiving Note:



Turkey Population Tops Humans in Beaver State

Ever since the Pilgrims gathered to offer thanks for their first harvest in 1621, turkey with all the trimmings has remained America's traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The wild turkey, skinny and tough, as consumed

by our Founding Fathers is a far cry from today's broad-breasted domesticated bird.

According to the Agri-Business Council, there are more turkeys than people in Oregon. Of this year's population of 2,225,000 turkeys, nearly half will be marketed during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

At the retail level, Oregon grown turkeys account for \$20 million a year. Since the state grows more turkeys than Oregonians can eat, 78 percent of the production is exported to other areas in time for the seasonal feasts.

Noel Bennion, who has served as extension poultry specialist at Oregon State University for the past 31 years, is Oregon's walking encyclopedia on the turkey industry. He observes that the industry got its start in Douglas County, near Roseburg.

Over the years, the bulk of the state's turkey production has shifted to Clackamas, Yamhill and Marion Counties. The move to areas surrounding Portland, Salem and McMinnville is due to the heavy production of hatching eggs and young turkeys. Breeders and hatchers must be close to rail and air transportation to facilitate quick handling of their export products.

Oregon's turkey breeders were the pioneers in the development of broad-breasted, fast growing, early maturing birds. It takes 5 months to mature a hen, and 5 months to raise a tom for marketing.

Today's average Oregon grown hen weighs between 12 to 16 pounds, while the average tom ranges between 18 to 30 pounds. In isolated cases, turkeys have tipped the scales at 60 pounds.

Bennion notes that some significant changes have taken place in the past 25 years. Then, Oregon had close to 1,000 growers. Today most of the state's turkeys are produced by 25 to 30 growers, and some raise over 100,000 birds. During this same span of time, the number of turkey processing plants has been reduced from 35 to 2.

One of the most significant trends is that the big operators are becoming bigger, while many smaller ones are being eliminated.

Noel Bennion predicts a bright future for those who have survived in Oregon's turkey industry. The climate is perfect for raising quality turkeys, and the state's growers are world renowned.

"By convincing the consumer that any time is turkey time, we hope to raise the per capita consumption from 9 pounds to 18 pounds in the next decade," he said. When this is accomplished, Oregon's turkey industry will zoom to the \$40 million retail level mark.

Door Open Now For Vets' Loans Under Measure 1

The Department of Veterans' Affairs says it will start accepting farm and home loan applications immediately from the new class of veterans qualified for loans as the result of passage of Measure 1 in the recent general election.

H. C. Saalfeld, veterans' affairs director, said cold war and Vietnam veterans' applications received now will be processed through commitment, and held for final closing after the December 6 effective date of Measure 1.

Newly eligible for loans are those persons who entered service from Oregon and served for 210 days, any part after January 31, 1955. They have 20 years following discharge to apply. The 210-day requirement is waived for those who were discharged earlier for service-connected disability.

About 60,000 Oregon veterans are estimated to have qualified under the measure, and another 9,000 every year coming out of service will be entitled.

The measure also extended the World War II ending service date from December 31, 1946, to July 25, 1947, and it provided that any one day of the World War II and Korean veterans' required 90 days of service may have been within the respective wartime periods.

There was no change in the loan application deadline for veterans of World War II, which is January 31, 1980, nor for the Korean veterans' deadline of January 31, 1988.

Measure 1 says the post-Korean veteran to qualify must have been an Oregon resident at the time he entered service. World War II veterans may qualify if they came to Oregon before the end of 1948, and Korean veterans if they came here before the end of 1958.

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