

Church Women Change Meeting

(Held over from last week)
By EVA HAMLETT

IONE — Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ met at the home of Mrs. Norman Nelson on Thursday, February 27. Assisting Mrs. Nelson were Mrs. Fredrick Martin and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse.

It was voted to amend the constitution to change the meeting date to the fourth Thursday of each month.

The group is starting to make knitted articles for the State Hospital as one of its projects.

Mrs. Ella Burgoyne is a patient in the Community hospital in Pendleton.

Ken Wilson of Decatur, Neb., is visiting at the home of his brother, Darrel Wilson, and family. Darrel Wilson has been confined to his home with back trouble.

Mrs. Vera Rietmann had the misfortune to hurt her feet last Friday and is now having to walk with the aid of crutches.

Mrs. Mabel Cotter is in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston, having had surgery last Tuesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Crabtree drove to Salem last Saturday taking Mrs. Blanche Schoelar home. Sunday they stopped in Portland to visit Mr. and Mrs. Erscel Meyers, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Scheelar and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Janssen and daughter.

Omar Rietmann is a patient in the Good Shepherd hospital in Hermiston.

The Lions Club basketball tournament held in the Ione High school gym between Arlington, Riverside, Ione Junior High, and the Hermiston Eighth grade, ended unhappily for the Ione team. The tournament started at 10:00 a.m. with the Riverside Raiders defeating the Hermiston Bullpups. Ione Cardinals defeated the Arlington Goslings. In the afternoon session, Hermiston defeated Arlington for the consolation, and Riverside defeated Ione for the championship. Ione lost by two points and was the first game they have lost in two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rea of Portland spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clell Rea.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Swanson and family of Seattle, Wash., spent the week-end at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Swanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Davidson and son, Dwayne, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Morgan. They also visited relatives in Heppner.

Miss Susan Lindstrom was home from La Grande over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor spent last week-end in Portland.

City Council Approves Budget

By FRANCES ROSE WILSON
IRRIGON—The City budget for fiscal year 1969-1970 was approved at the first budget meeting, with very few changes made from the current year's budget. A tentative date was set for a budget hearing, for May 13, when the \$19,225 budget will be presented to the council for adoption. No millage increase will result, as the budget is within the 6% limitation.

Felix Friene was elected chairman, and Mrs. Ruth Coy, secretary, of the budget committee. Mayor Chester Wilson presented the budget message.

An allowance was made for planting trees and shrubs in a Highway Beautification plan for the north side of the highway, from 4th St. to 8th St. through town.

A film which answered the question, "Should I Know my Child's IQ?" was presented at the PTA meeting Monday night. There was also a Dutch cake auction by the Boy Scouts. A program was presented by the fourth grade, of A. C. Houghton Elementary school.

Mrs. Leon Bentley, Mrs. Joyce Smith of Irrigon, Lois Oelrich of Umatilla and Maude Alexander of Hermiston attended an educational meeting in Milton-Freewater on Saturday.

The Rev. Harold Johnson, missionary in Japan for 16 years, and the Rev. Philip Wiley, missionary in Surinam, South America, were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Coy, recently.

Dick Linnell was inducted into the Army March 4, and is presently stationed at Fort Ord, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stephens spent the day last Tuesday with Mrs. Mae McKinney in Pendleton. They also attended a family birthday dinner recently at the home of Mrs. Stephens' nephew, Dewey West Jr., in Boardman. There were 24 relatives present.

A recent guest at the Robert Smith home was Mrs. Smith's brother, Mr. Claire Caldwell of Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ryder of Seattle, Wash., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Jennie Grim and his brother, Frank.

College Budget Up Over Last Year

Blue Mountain Community College budget committee last week approved an operating budget of \$1,358,325 for the 1969-1970 school year. The vote was unanimous.

A public hearing on the budget was scheduled for March 26 and the election for April 15.

The operating budget is an increase of \$258,504 over the current year, the first increase in two years.

"BMCC held the line in its operating program last year in order to provide needed classrooms, library and other facilities," President Wallace McCrae pointed out to the committee. "As a result," he added, "we lost ground in our operation and must devote the next year to program development."

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The amount to be collected by taxes in Umatilla and Morrow counties is \$323,937, requiring a levy of \$1.00 per \$1,000 true cash value. The balance will be received from federal and state sources and from student tuition fees.

The increase in operating costs is barely enough to keep pace with increasing enrollments, President McCrae said.

"Our enrollment is increasing 12-13 per cent a year," he explained, "and we are projecting a 10 per cent increase next year. In light of this, the operating

budget is dangerously tight and the minimum we can propose in the light of rising costs."

Needed new programs in the liberal arts curriculum will not be provided under the new budget. Some committee members urged that the college's music offerings be expanded and a department head hired, but were told that the budget would not cover it. They asked that this be given a high priority next year.

Dorm to Expand
As an indication of expected enrollment increases, President McCrae pointed out that the Challenger Inn, a privately-owned student dormitory, is being expanded and will offer room and board next year. Owned by D. R. Satterwhite, the Inn is located across the street from the campus.

In comparing the BMCC levy with those of other community colleges in Oregon, President McCrae said Blue Mountain's total levy this year is 22 cents under the average for the state. He said also that Umatilla and Morrow counties were the only counties in the state whose property tax levies for community colleges were not increased the past year.

Budget Committee members are: Ben Holdman, Holdman Route, chairman; Helen Dusenberry, Umatilla, clerk; Martin Buchanan, Milton - Freewater;

Esther Fife, Echo; Bob Zerba, Athena; Homer Hughes, Lexington and Bob Stangler, Pendleton.

Disabled Woman Requires 3 Hours To Dial for Help

Merle Cornelison of Lexington, her hip broken in a fall at her home last Thursday, required three hours to dial her telephone for help, using the tip of a cane to do it.

She managed to drag herself on the floor to a point near the wall phone but could not reach it. Mrs. Cornelison then took the cane she uses, lifted the receiver off the hook and attempted to dial the operator. The painful process took her three hours before she managed to make the proper dialing.

When she did make the connection, she received quick help. The operator called the neighbor she asked for. She was brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment overnight, and then was taken to Pendleton to undergo surgery.

Varieties of wedding and reception invitations at Gazette-Times office.

Two Men Injured In Auto Mishap

James Cowins and Estel Fields, both of Heppner, sustained injuries when a car driven by Cowins went out of control, rolled over in the road and plummeted over an embankment on the Bomb Range road, two miles north of the Lexington highway junction, last Thursday.

Fields was returning home from hospitalization at the Veterans Hospital in Walla Walla.

The car came to rest on its wheels in five feet of water. Fields was able to emerge from the vehicle but Cowins was trapped inside with water to his neck.

Occupants of a car that had passed them just before the mishap returned to give aid and summoned help from the Irvin Rauch ranch. Cowins was pulled from the car by a rope attached to a pickup some 30 minutes after the mishap.

The two were brought to Pioneer Memorial hospital for treatment. Cowins was reported to have a broken collar bone, several bruises and other injuries. Fields also suffered bruises and a sprained neck.

Cowins said the brakes grabbed when he applied them to slow down for the oncoming car. The wrecked vehicle was said to be a total loss.

Illness Claims Blaine Chapel, Native Resident

Blaine Eugene Chapel, 67, a lifetime resident of Morrow county, died Saturday, March 8, in Pioneer Memorial hospital after combating a cancer illness during the past several years. A retired cattle and wheat rancher, he had made his home in the Ione community during the past five years.

Born July 25, 1901, at Hardman, he was the youngest son of Eugene and Ida Johnson Chapel, pioneer ranchers, and was the last surviving member of the family. He grew to manhood there and attended the Hardman schools.

On December 26, 1923, he was married in Heppner to Delsie Sperry. She taught in the Hardman schools in the late 1920's.

They ranched about five miles from Hardman for 35 years, and in 1963 they moved to Ione when his health began to fail.

Mr. Chapel had a special affection for children and young people. He enjoyed helping them individually, especially in training and handling horses.

He was a member of Willows Grange of Ione, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Pendleton Aerie No. 28, and of the Ione United Church of Christ.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Ione United Church of Christ, with the Rev. F. W. Luedde, Jr., officiating. Vault interment followed in Heppner Masonic Cemetery, with Sweeney Mortuary directing the arrangements.

Besides his widow, Delsie, of Ione, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Ida Lee Engelman, and Cassy Chapel, both of Ione; one 8-year-old grandson, Frankie, also numerous nieces and nephews.

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