

Soroptimist Club Installs Leaders

Installation of officers for the twenty-second year of the Soroptimist club of Heppner was the occasion for a dinner with a number of invited guests, on Saturday, June 21, at the Episcopal Parish hall.

Mrs. Lily E. Quarnberg of Vancouver, Wash., past president of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americans, was the installing officer for the induction into office of the new slate which will administer the affairs of Soroptimist club of Heppner for 1969-1970. New president is Mrs. Conley Lanham. Her assistants will be Mrs. Glen Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Carl McDaniel, treasurer; Mrs. Wesley Sherman, corresponding secretary; Mrs. James Phegley, recording secretary; Mrs. Joyce Ritch, 3-year board member; Mrs. Charles Starks, 2-year board member; Mrs. Fred Parrish, 1-year board member; Mrs. Elaine S. George, immediate past president and Mrs. Wm. Johnson, regional representative.

Charging each officer with the duties of her office, Mrs. Quarnberg also spoke briefly of her contacts with Soroptimists around the world in the various capacities in which she has served Soroptimism and the humorous, the serious and the inspiring occasions she experienced.

Mrs. Dortha Voruz, La Grande, Ore., district secretary of the area comprising the State of Oregon and the Columbia River clubs in Washington, initiated

Mrs. James Phegley into membership. Mrs. Voruz' ceremony was informative for the new member and an inspiring reminder for those of longer tenure in the club.

Following the singing of the special Soroptimist Grace by members, and the Pledge to the Flag, Mayor William Collins extended a cordial welcome to the out-of-town visitors and complimented the Heppner club for services it had performed for the city. He mentioned one of the first tasks undertaken by the club was serving dinner to approximately 500 people attending an Oregon Wheat League Convention banquet in Heppner. There were also the Halloween Hayride, sponsoring beautification of the local cemetery and circulation of petitions to get the Cemetery Maintenance District on the ballot, joining with other organizations to promote the city park and providing plants and bulbs organizing the Golden Age club, the annual Senior Girls' Tea and numerous scholarships and camp awards.

Dr. Margaret McDevitt, member of the Salem club, now of Fendleton, gave the response and expressed her pleasure to be again living in the area she knew in her youth.

Four charter members at the time Heppner club was established were introduced: Mrs. Loyal Parker, Mrs. E. E. Gonty and Mrs. Elaine S. George, still club members; and Mrs. Wm. Farra, a guest. Out-of-town Soroptimists besides those participating in the program were Mrs. Wilma Schmidt, Clark County Clerk, Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. Ruby St. Johns, incoming president of the Soroptimist club of La Grande. Also from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lanham of Hermiston.

Local guests were Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Raymond, representing the Heppner Elementary PTA; Frank Turner of the Golden Age Club; Miss Kathleen Barlett, winner of the junior high school camp citizenship award administered by Soroptimists, and her parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Joe B. Barlett; Miss Sara Miller, who received the Soroptimist Citizenship award, and her mother, Mrs. Warren S. Miller. Sara and her mother also provided the musical entertainment. Mrs. Miller, with Sara at the piano, sang "The Sound of Music" and Sara, accompanied by her mother, sang "The House I Live In".

Mrs. Loyal Parker presented the Attendance Report and explained Soroptimist requirements. Attendance was at such a high level during the past year, it was necessary to do some eliminating in order to arrive at only two winners. Mrs. E. E. Gonty and Mrs. Glen Smith will share the engraved Paul Revere Bowl six months each during the coming year. Any member earning the bowl three consecutive years may retain it permanently.

Mrs. James Thomson reviewed the club's accomplishments for the year now ending. Not content to rest on past service, the club is now conducting a survey at the local level to determine its next major objective.

Presentation of gifts, exchange of Pins and Chairs between the new and retiring presidents, and the Soroptimist pledge, led by Mrs. Lanham, closed the meeting.

OSU Honor Roll Lists Five from County

Several local students are included on the spring term scholastic honor roll announced by Oregon State University. Heppner High graduates on the list are Karen French, a junior in home economics; John Rawlins, a freshman in science; and John Wagenblast, a senior in agriculture.

Susan McCoy, Irrigon, a senior in education, and Kit Anderson, a freshman in agriculture, are also on the honor roll.

To be eligible for the roll, students must have had a B-plus or better grade average for the term. The straight-A list showed 220, with 1085 on the B-plus or better list.



THIS IS JUST ONE of three racing bicycles owned by Steve Peake, a Portland high schooler who is staying at the Bill Weatherford ranch near Heppner. A member of the Rose City Wheelmen, Peake was last year's state intermediate road racing champion. (G-T Photo).

Bike Champ Visiting Here

Heppner's recent flood has never-ending consequences. Like it brought a state-champion bicycle rider to town. He's Steve Peake, cousin of

Mrs. Bill Weatherford, and he is staying with the Weatherfords to help repair damage suffered in the June flood.

And he brought his bicycle along with him.

Peake, 16, a junior at Portland's Benson High school, last year won the state intermediate championships for road racing. But his trip to Heppner came at the same time as this year's finals.

His intermediate championship came just two years after he began competition in bike racing, and that started as a result of his brother's interest in racing.

Peake joined the Rose City Wheelmen, a Portland group, and in his first race, placed third. He started racing with an American 10-speed bike, but has since bought an English 10-speed and, more recently, an Italian 10-speed.

But those bikes are his road racing bikes—he has another for track racing. It's just a one-gear bike.

Peake doesn't just race; he travels on his bike as well, although he hauled here to Heppner.

The club travels all over the Northwest. Peake has been to Crater Lake and to Seattle.

When he travels, though, the load is light. On the two-week trip to Crater Lake and beyond, he carried a set of clothes, a few personal items, tools to repair the bike, a sleeping bag and a plastic tarp.

Peake is on the track racing from January to September. The winter races are called roller races, as bikes are stationary on rollers. How fast the wheel turns determines the winner.

The outdoor season begins March 1. In Portland, most road races are held on Sauvie Island. There are two types of road racing, according to Peake, "criterium racing" on a closed circuit, and racing from one point to another.

Track racing can be indoor or outdoor. In Portland, the track, located at Alpenrose dairy, is outdoors.

The young bicyclist brought his bike to Heppner with him, but he hasn't done much riding, he says.

Church Plans Picnic, Meet

Members of the Heppner Christian church are invited and urged to attend two functions of the church this week-end.

The church will hold a joint potluck picnic with the Lexington Christian church Friday at Cutsforth Park, beginning at 10 a.m. Overnight accommodations are available.

Sunday afternoon, the church will hold its annual business meeting and potluck dinner. The dinner will begin at 12:30, to be followed by the meeting. New minister Don Johnson will be welcomed, and election of officers for the next year will be held.

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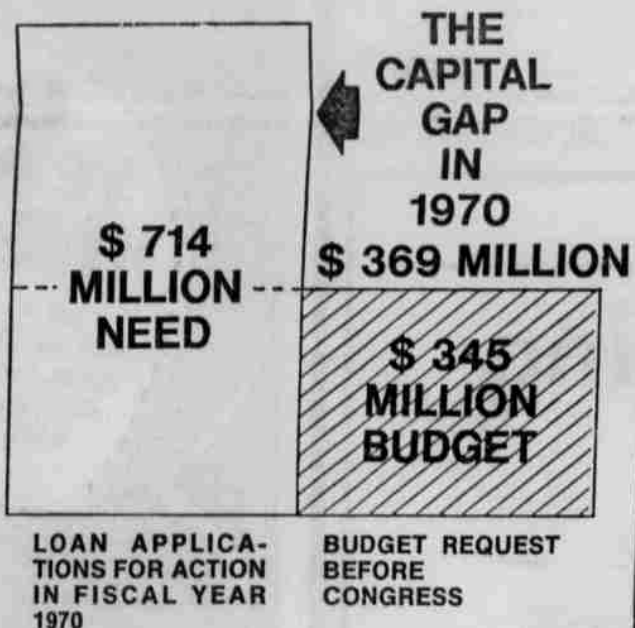
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CAPITAL GAP IN RURAL ELECTRIFICATION



Demand for electric power from rural electric co-ops is growing about 100 percent every seven years, according to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and the co-ops do not have enough capital available to meet the demand for service.

The chart above shows the 1970 gap between loan applications of the rural electric systems and the budget being considered by Congress for capital to be loaned by the Rural Electrification Administration. Applications pending and to be filed in fiscal 1970 by rural electric co-ops in Oregon total more than \$8 million, according to the national association. To meet their capital crisis, the co-ops are urging Congress to provide the full amount of loan funds called for in the federal budget for 1970, and planning to borrow private funds in future years through their own non-government credit institution.

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