

Garden clubs meet in Prairie City

Green Thumb Garden signs directing the way to the meeting place welcomed the Federated Clubs of Blue Mountain District 10 as they entered Prairie City Saturday for their annual district meeting.

Ten of the 12 federated clubs in the district were represented by 65 members.

A charter bus left Pendleton at 6 a.m. with members and guests from the Bloomer Girls (Hermiston), Boardman, Dirt Dabblers (Pendleton), Echo, Freshwater and Pendleton Garden Club. Members from Heppner, Ione and Umatilla Clubs drove from their areas.

Mrs. Royal Cambers, district director, presided at the meeting, assisted by Mrs. Wallace Wolff, Heppner, assistant director; and Miss Alma Rohman, Pendleton, secretary-treasurer.

Presidents reports of their most outstanding program and years activities were heard. Mrs. Wolff presented each president to the group.

District chairmen each presented a 2-minute report: Mrs. W.D. Wallace, "Bird Chairmen"; Mrs. Kember Tellefson, "Books"; Mrs. Dorothy Johnson, "Conservation"; Mrs. Charles Dallas, "Junior Gardeners"; Larry Smitten, "Legislation"; Edwin Cutting, for Mrs. Fredrick Martin, "Native Flora"; Mrs. Don Fonda, "Publicity"; Mrs. David Hutchinson, "State Projects" (those projects participated in by the district were National Life Memberships; World Gardening; Teachers Conservation Workshop Scholarships; Willamette National Cemetery; Clare Hanley Research Fund (OSU Scholarships); Native Flora and Dean Collins.)

Mrs. Charles Dallas, state chairman of "Horticulture Essays-East" reported five essays entered from Blue Mountain District. These will be judged and winners will be in competition at the state convention in Eugene, June 2-5.

Mrs. Cambers, district director, reported she had attended three state board meetings at Eugene; had visited all 12 clubs in the district, and had given a program on the "Federation" at four club meetings.

Mrs. Marvin John, president of the Umatilla Garden Club, extended an invitation to Umatilla for the annual district meeting, April 19, 1975.

Mrs. John Newman, Free-water Club, won the door prize, ceramic frog, one of those made by the club and presented to residents of Prairie City who, during the year, improve their yards.

Prizes were also awarded to Mrs. Edith Nicholson, Ione, as being the oldest club member present, and Mrs. Russell Smith, Pendleton, as the youngest member.

Following lunch, colored slides and commentary were presented by George Ray, a rancher. These were scenes of mountains, streams, fields, livestock and wild flowers to be seen within a 10-mile radius of Prairie City.

Announcements were made the "Smokey the Bear" had received \$13.55 in contributions to be used for Teachers

Conservation Workshop Scholarships; \$34 from plants contributed by members and sold to add to the district treasury; 14 books, "Spring Wild Flowers of the Blue Mountains," by Karl Urban of BMCC, and illustrated by Elizabeth Millier; and \$56 worth of wind chimes were delivered and orders for 10 were taken to be delivered later. These chimes are a result of bottles saved by members and made into chimes for the Willamette National Cemetery Funds. Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Mason of Portland create these. Mrs. Mason is state chairman of the Willamette National Cemetery, a state project of the federation, and known as the "Arlington of the West."



BOBBETTE JONES

Bobbette Jones to be married here, June 16

Solzhenitsyn works discussed by club

Last week the Heppner Bookworms at their meeting in the George Curran's Butter Creek home, joined the rest of the world in paying tribute to Alexander Isaevich Solzhenitsyn.

Marion Abrams presented readings from his works and members contributed to an open discussion of this widely publicized writer who has recently been joined by his family in Switzerland to make a home in exile.

Solzhenitsyn was awarded the Nobel Prize for literature in 1970. Only one of his books and a few of his stories have appeared in Russia. In 1962 Nikita Khrushchev served as patron when "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich" was published. A film based on this story was shown in Heppner two years ago.

Mrs. Abrams circulated four of his books, each of which has been translated from the Russian by different writers. The passages read indicated the author's and the translators' skills in presenting believable, lively stories of Soviet life. "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," "The First Circle," "Cancer Ward" and "The Love-Girl and The Innocent" are recommended reading.

In these books Solzhenitsyn used the prison and the hospital as symbols of society and dramatized the contrast between revolutionary ideals and harsh political realities. His heroes express the triumph of human dignity over tyranny and suffering.

"August 1914," an outstanding earlier book, featured the great revolution. His latest book, "The Gulag Archipelago," is currently being published in the U.S. It has attracted world-wide attention and has been widely reviewed.

The backgrounds for most of his books came from personal experiences. Solzhenitsyn served in the Russian army for four years during World War II. In 1945 he was falsely accused of a political crime, was arrested, and spent eight years in labor camps and three years in exile. During the mid-1950s he became a patient in a cancer ward. Later he recovered.

Literary critics generally agree, "He is an outstanding literary genius whose talent matches that of the great Russian writers—Dostoevsky, Turgenev, Tolstoy and Gorky."

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jones, Heppner, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Bobbette, to Dale Hedman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnie Hedman, Heppner.

The wedding will be June 16, 2 p.m., at All Saints Episcopal Church, Heppner.

The bride-elect, a 1973 Heppner High School graduate, is attending Blue Mountain Community College, majoring in elementary education.

Her fiancé graduated from Heppner High School in 1973 and is also a student at BMCC. He will begin active duty in the U.S. Army in June.

The couple will make their home in White Sands, N.M.

BOOK CIRCULATION IS INCREASING

The circulation records at the Heppner Library are showing an increase in borrowers this quarter.

In the last three months of 1973, 895 books were checked out. In 1974 so far there has been increase each month with January's total 339, February 342 and March 464, for a quarterly total of 1143 books.

These figures do not include the books the local library has obtained for patrons from the Oregon State Library.

VARIED GOODS ARRIVES FOR LAWN SALE

Several old flat irons, an old butter churn, and other antique items have joined the buckboard wagon the Methodist Women have collected.

Ida Farra is busy creating more of her famous railroad caps and some other new-style headgear for the May 18 Lawn Sale. Other Methodist ladies are checking recipe files in preparation for the baked goods sale and the luncheon that same Saturday.

COWBELLES INVITED TO CONDON MEETING

Morrow County CowBelles will attend the State CowBelles Beef Promotion Day in Condon, Wednesday, May 8.

The affair will be held at the Gilliam County Fairgrounds, with a no-host beef luncheon at noon followed by a workshop put on by CowBelles.

Local CowBelles wishing a ride to Condon that day may call Virginia Grieb, 989-8585.

Six Soroptimists visit Spokane

Marlene Peterson, Elaine George, Justine Weatherford, Evelyn Sweek, Lenna Smith and Nadine O'Brien attended the 56 Northwestern Regional Conference of the Soroptimist Federation of the Americas, Inc., Soroptimist International, in Spokane Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Elaine George served as a teller during the regional election which resulted in Oregon women rising to two top regional offices, Alice Rasmussen, Hood River, and Ruth Compton, McMinnville, are now the regional governor and regional secretary-elect. They will be installed along with officers of the other regions at the national convention in Portland during the first week of July. President Marlene and Delegate Justine voted for Heppner.

The six Heppner women enjoyed a walking tour of the Expo '74 grounds. The conference was held in the Riddpath Hotel only a few blocks from the down-town Expo site in the Spokane River. The Expo site is 225 miles from Heppner.

Home extension workshops set

Home economics extension programs and workshops for 1974 and 1975 were announced at Extension Homemakers' Day, April 24, at the Rhea Creek Grange Hall.

Emphasis topic for the coming year is "Let's Save." It covers a broad area of interest in such themes as saving money, human energy, physical energy, environment and goods.

Lessons to be presented at monthly study group meetings are "Save With Small Appliances," "Make Mine Pie," "Place of Women in the World," "Coping with Inflation," "Convenience Foods," "Our Community—What We Have and What We Want It to Be," "Meet the Metric System" and "Family Communication." Eye openers for the study group meetings will be penny-pinching ideas.

Special interest meetings for the year are "Sheep-Fashion and Food," "Sourdough Tricks" presented by local men and women experts, "Housing Choices," on how to select and finance a house to fit individual needs.

Three workshops will be offered during the year. There is a food preservation workshop to be presented during the summer, "Recycle Your

Wardrobe" and "Ms. Fixit."

Two special programs are being offered. One is a correspondence course, "Food Buying," and the other is a special newsletter, "Money Topics for Young Families."

All programs are open to the public free of charge. The programs are planned by a joint committee from Umatilla and Morrow counties after ideas and requests are received from the study groups in both counties.

4-H SUMMER SCHOOL

The 1974 4-H Summer School will be held June 10-15. Applications have already been sent to eligible youth in the county (green forms). These applications are due in the extension office by May 1. All youth wishing to attend must submit an application.

TAKE SIEWERT MEMORIALS TO BANK OF EASTERN ORE.

The family of Bill Siewert suggests that memorial contributions to either the American Cancer Society or the Memorial Book Fund of the Heppner Public Library be taken to the Bank of Eastern Oregon.

Among his civic pleasures, Bill was chairman of the Heppner Library Board. At last week's meeting this board memorialized the late Mr. Siewert and agreed to encourage gifts in his name. All such gifts will be listed in the library's memorial book.

Visitors at Mrs. Claude Cox's home recently were Mr. and Mrs. Clair H. Cox of Corvallis.

Rebekah convention held here, April 15

On April 15 Sans Souci Rebekah Lodge No. 33 was hostess lodge for the 52nd annual District Convention of District No. 20.

Adelle La Trace presided as chairman, with newly elected Donna Papineau as vice-chairman. The program was dedicated to all past chairmen of the district. The registration committee signed in 56 members of the order.

The session opened in the Rebekah Degree with Noble Grand Ola Ruggles and Vice Grand Helen Kruger, and other officers of the hostess lodge filling the chairs.

The introduction committee, Frieda Majeske, Dimple Munkers and Norma Rea, introduced June Bartow, marshal of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, who then introduced Vivian Puett, president of the Rebekah Assembly; Ernestine Kirkwood, Assembly conductor; Gladys Officer, eye bank; Freda Thayer, jewelry chairman; and Mary McMurtry, district deputy president.

The treasurer's chair was filled by Velva Becholdt in the absence of Betty Rood. Invocation was by Chaplain Pearl Wright. Address of welcome was by Ola Ruggles, which was responded to by Leita Messenger of Holly. A tribute to the flag was also given by Holly No. 139, Lexington.

Dirty Sally, portrayed by Delsie Chapel of Bunchgrass, enroute to California with her wagon minus the mule, stopped for a brief visit to pay tribute to the past chairmen of the district. From her wagon load of junk she extracted a gift for each of the ladies.

Sans Souci members gave a candle lighting service in memory of those who had died during the past year. Bunchgrass had lost Mabel Crawford and Nettie Rice. Sans Souci lost Lena Knowles and Gertrude Vance.

The 50-year (or more) veteran members were escorted to the center of the floor, where favors were presented to Ruby Roberts, Clara Gertson, Letha Archer, Etta Parker, Tena Scott, Mary McMurtry and Elsa Leathers. A 50-year jewel was given to Elsa Leathers. The president, Vivian Puett, gave a talk on the work of Rebekahs, and also on her program and projects during the past year.

Holly members seated the newly elective and appointive officers to serve in Lexington during the next district meeting, with chairman Donna Papineau and Vice-Chairman Ruth Bergstrom. The meeting closed in the Rebekah Degree with Sans Souci officers in the chairs.

Elks ladies holding baked food sale

Want to give the woman in your life a break from baking as a Mother's Day surprise? Treat yourself to some home-cooking?

Check out the goodies offered at the Elks' Ladies baked food sale, Friday, May 10, starting at 9 a.m. in front of Coast-to-Coast Store.

Proceeds from the sale will go to the Meadowood Speech Camp scholarship. The scholarship is made available in order for a child to receive proper correction which might not be possible without assistance.

The Elks are still collecting old eyeglasses, frames and magnifying glasses. There will be a deposit box for these at the sale.

Any food contributions to this sale will be appreciated.

Want a rewarding, educational and exciting experience? Apply now to become a chaperone for the 1974 Morrow County Summer School delegation.

AAUW PATIO POTLUCK ENDS YEAR'S ACTIVITY

Saturday, May 4, members will join in a Patio Potluck at the home of Liz Curtis on W. Morgan Street at 11 a.m.

This will be the final branch meeting of the school year. Newly chosen officers will be installed. Ernest Teal, school district curriculum coordinator, will present a brief program.

Members are urged to bring checkbooks with them so that the new officers can get started with collection of annual dues.

Outgoing branch President Liz Curtis and President-Elect Pauline Bier will report on their attendance at the State convention in Portland earlier this month.

There will be a Past Noble Grand's luncheon at the IOOF hall in Heppner on Saturday, May 4 at 12:00. All Past Noble Grands are invited to attend.

Recent guests at the home of Mrs. Ruth Reid were her son, Ronald Reid, Mrs. Reid and grandson, Robby, of La-Grande.

SUNDAY SINGSPIRATION AT METHODIST CHURCH

A community Singspiration is scheduled Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the United Methodist Church.

Those who enjoy singing or hearing others sing are invited. This May service was originally set for the Assembly of God Church, but because there is painting going on there it has been moved to the Methodist Church. All area churches have joined together for these monthly song services.

The Methodist women will serve coffee and cookies after the singing.

Mrs. Olive B. Hughes is leaving Saturday to spend the summer at the home of her son, William B. Hughes, and his family. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stroda of Monroe are coming here to take Mrs. Hughes to Sutherlin. Mrs. Strode will be remembered as the former Pamela Hughes of Heppner. Mrs. Hughes will remain in Sutherlin until October, then return to Heppner.

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