

Ione news

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Topic Club tea held

The Ione Topic Club held their Annual Tea on Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the United Church of Christ social room, for the Ione High School senior girls and their mothers. The program consisted of a welcome by Katherine Lind-

strom, an article on graduation read by Margaret Morgan, and a vocal solo, "Faith Unlocks the Door," by Wilma Cheney, accompanied by Frances Smouse, violin, and Marilyn Reitmann, piano. Jean Nelson gave a history

of the Topic Club, and a reading, "The Stroller," by Katherine Lindstrom, followed by a violin solo, "Sweetheart Tree," by Frances Smouse, accompanied by Mrs. Reitmann. On a table in the entrance

hall, Katherine Lindstrom had fixed a tree branch on which she hung pictures of the senior girls when they were youngsters. Rose Baker took pictures of the girls and their mothers, and presented them to each girl.

From a lace covered tea table, centered with an arrangement of red carnations, the guests were served cookies and ice cream and made their own sundaes. Katherine Lindstrom served punch, Vera Reitmann poured the coffee, and Margaret Morgan served the ice cream.

Guests were: Arlene and Mrs. Pete Cannon; Laurie and

Mrs. Cleo Childers; Debbie and Mrs. Ed Patton; Joan and Mrs. Charles Doherty; Donna and Debra and Mrs. Lee Palmer; Dawn Peterson; and advisors, Mrs. Barbara Stefani and Miss Sandra Rutherford.

Hostesses for the event were Katherine Lindstrom, Margaret Morgan, Vera Reitmann, and Rose Baker.

The Women's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ met in the social room Thursday, Feb. 24, for their annual sewing day. Twenty-one dresses were completed for the Eastern Oregon State Hospital and Rehabilitation Center. A salad potluck lunch was

served at noon, followed by the regular meeting. Members read from the new booklet, "Wake Up," and also from the Living Bible. Mrs. Fred Martin read a clever writing from her sister about foreign tourists. Announcements were made that the Women's Cluster Meeting will be held in Condon, Mar. 17. The spring clothing drive will be Mar. 24. Please bring clothes to the church after Mar. 15.

Mr. Grover Curtis of Cecil passed away Thursday, Feb. 17, at The Dalles, from a stroke. Memorial services were held Feb. 21 at The Dalles.

drove to Madras Sunday to attend memorial services for Fred's brother-in-law, Harold Grater, of Ashwood, on Monday, Feb. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Connor spent the Washington's Birthday weekend visiting their daughter, Terri O'Connor, in Boise, Ida.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swanson were Mrs. Swanson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Circle, and a friend, Mrs. Ralph Herman, of Roseburg. On Sunday, Mrs. Irene Swanson of Heppner joined the group.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Coe Leavenworth (nee: Miriam Hale) from

a heart attack on Thursday, Feb. 24. Miriam was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Hale and lived in the house now owned by Ladds on 2nd Street. Miriam graduated from Ione High School in the class of 1936.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pettyjohn, Sr., flew to Las Vegas, Nev., on Monday, Feb. 21, to attend the Intermountain Oil Marketeers' Convention. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Lundell of Eugene. On their way home, they stopped to visit with Mrs. Beulah Lundell and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lundell in Portland. They arrived home on Saturday.

Sorority gains member

Alpha Theta Chapter of ESA held their February business and educational meeting at the home of Ramona Marshall in Heppner. The pledge ceremony was given to Barbara Anstotegui by President Faye Wilson.

The sorority will again sponsor the Mobile Cancer detection unit offered by the American Cancer Society.

Rita Harris, chairman, advised this will be held Mar. 30, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., so that more women could take advantage.

Also, under discussion was the ESA's Women's International "Million Dollar Bike Ride," a benefit for the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Ellen Kennedy will chair this project. Plans are being formulated to hold this later in the spring.

Suggestions were made for reaching a goal of \$800 for lights at the Pioneer Memorial Hospital by challenging other organizations. It was hoped that this would hasten needed lighting for the eight rooms.

The Bloodmobile, to be held later this spring, was also brought up for discussion.

"Hawaiian Luau," the February Social, was held at the Rita Harris home. Guests were seven ladies from the Alpha Beta Sorority Chapter.

Gonty's visit British Columbia

Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Gonty returned the first of last week from a four-day trip to Seattle and British Columbia.

In Seattle, they visited with their son, Ray, and his family. The R.E. Gontys took the E.E. Gontys to Vancouver, B.C., to meet Mrs. R.E. Gonty's brother and sister and their families. Ray took his parents

through Stanley Park, to Little Mountain Chinatown and other points of interest to tourists in Vancouver.

Before starting home, the E.E. Gontys stayed overnight with Ed's brother and family in Edmonds.

As they came south, they stopped at Selah to visit with the Walt Readys, former Heppner residents.

Bombeck's book reviewed

Lucy Peterson chose to review "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the Septic Tank," Erma Bombeck's latest best seller for the Bookworms at their Feb. 22 meeting in the Eb. Hughes home.

This book is described as an expose' of life in the suburbs "where they planted trees and crabgrass came up, where they planted schools and taxes came up, where they almost died of old age trying to merge onto the freeway, and where they finally got sex out of the schools and back into the gutter."

Mrs. Bombeck states that "the Suburban Orgy is a myth, that no one will buy your child at a garage sale, that the washer repairman never comes, that desperate is sending your kids to school wearing boiler-fool—and that a septic tank does not last forever."

A former obituary writer and homeroom mother with three youngsters, Irma Bombeck is the author of three other best-selling books, a syndicated newspaper column, "At Wit's End," which is syndicated throughout the world in 542 newspapers and appears regularly on A.B.C.-TV's GOOD MORNING AMERICA.

Food sale planned

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 16, Mrs. Earl Bryant, president of the Carnation Club of the Degree of Honor Protective Association, called the meeting to order at the home of Mrs. Pete McMurry. There were 10 members and the hostess present.

They worked out plans for a food sale to be held on Friday, Mar. 11, at the Degree of Honor Hall. Anyone wishing to place an order for something special for that day should call Mrs. Carl King at 676-5382.

It was announced that the organization's District Convention will be held in Pendleton, May 31.

The Association's National Convention is set for Seattle, Aug. 8 through 10.

Birthday's remembered

Mrs. Owen Leathers surprised Alice Hastings and Victor Lovgren on their birthdays last week Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the Senior Citizens' dinner at the Elks' Club.

Mrs. Leathers arranged for the group to sing "Happy Birthday," and then she furnished cake and ice cream in honor of Alice and Victor.

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