

# 70 attend Rebekah annual meeting

Nearly 70 officers and members of nine Rebekah lodges gathered at the District 20 annual meeting at Holly Lodge No. 139 in Lexington last weekend.

State Assembly President Melvina Mellinger and State Marshal Helen Catto made special efforts to visit shut-in lodge members in their homes, including Heppner's Letha Archer and others at the hospital and nursing home in Heppner.

**District No. 20 Officers**  
District 20 officers include: Hilda Yocom, District Deputy President, Holly No. 139; Esther Bergstrom, Noble Grand; Jo Huston, Vice-Grand; Adelle LaTrace, Secretary and Betty Rood, Treasurer of Heppner's Sans Souci No. 33. Vera Rietmann, Noble Grand; Ruby Roberts, Vice-Grand; Edith Matthews, Secretary and Gladys Drake, Treasurer of Ione's Bunchgrass No. 91. Carolyn Howard, Noble Grand; Irene Padberg, Vice-Grand; Delpha Jones, Secretary and Linda Jones, Treasurer of Lexington's Holly No. 139.

**Meeting Officers**  
Officers of the district meeting included: Ruth Robinson, chairman; Mary McMurry, vice-chairman; LaVerne Henderson, secretary; Delsie Chapel, treasurer; Lucile Rietmann, warden; Edna Fetsch, conductor; Delpha Jones, R.S. to chairman;

Gladys Van Winkle, L.S. to chairman; Florence McMillan, chaplain; Ruby Roberts, musician; Adelle LaTrace, R.S. vice-chairman; Freida Slocum, L.S. vice-chairman; Norma Rea, inside guardian; Ola Ruggles, outside guardian; Ruth Bergstrom, jr. past-chairman; Ida Coleman, R.S. chaplain; Valda Smith, L.S. chaplain; Esther Bergstrom, L.S. jr. past-chairman; Ferida Majeske, R.S. jr. vice-chairman; Donna Papineau, right altar bearer; Alma Vinson, left altar bearer.

**Convention Committees**  
Committees for the district meeting were: Registration, Edna Fetsch, Alice Soward and Florence McMillan; Courtesy, Carolyn Howard, Vera Rietmann and Irene Padberg; Resolutions, Marion Robinson, Mary McMurry and Norma Rea; Introduction, Delpha Jones, Thelma Smet-hurst and Donna Schmittle; Finance, Helen Pettyjohn, Ruth Bergstrom and Linda Jones; Memorial, Lucile Rietmann, Ferida Majeske and Eula Bloodworth; Publicity, LaVerne Henderson and Adelle LaTrace; Thanks, Ruby Roberts, Donna Papineau and Jo Huston.

**Program**  
The program for the fifty-sixth annual meeting began with an 11:30 luncheon in the dining room of the Lexington I.O.O.F. Hall. Registration took place at noon in the

Rebekah Hall. The opening Rebekah Degree was at 1:00. Introduction of Brothers and Sisters from other jurisdictions were made. The Holly No. 139 officers then surrendered their chairs to the convention officers.

After the invocation by the chaplain, Maureen Davis gave the Address of Welcome for Holly No. 139 and Freida Slocum responded from Sans Souci No. 33. The Assembly Officers were introduced. Minutes of the 1976 District meeting were read as were various communications.

The chairman announced committee appointments. Holly Lodge gave the obligation; Bunchgrass Lodge No. 91 presented a tribute to 50-year members.

## Fifty-Year Members

Those who were honored for fifty years of membership from Morrow County included: from Sans Souci No. 33, Tina Scott, Evelyn Farnes, Etta Parker, Shirley Holdaway, Mary McMurry, Ruth Bergstrom, Letha Archer, Bernice Disney, Mabel Chaffee, Anna Graham, Alma Clouston, Elsa Leathers, Eva Wright and Pearl Steers; from Bunchgrass No. 91, Ruby Roberts, Eleanor McMillan, Vida Heliker, Lucile Rietmann, Lovely Sisk and Norma Rea; from Holly No. 139, Annie Keene, Carolyn Kuns, Maude Pointer and Cora Warner.

As the program continued, the secretary called the roll and requested reports from

the lodges. Bunchgrass Lodge presented a clever tribute to the Assembly President.

Bills were considered before the afternoon recess. When the meeting reconvened, a tribute to the flag was presented by Holly members in red, white and blue formals. Then, committee reports were presented. Holly Lodge gave a memorial service. Melvina Mellinger gave the president's address. Sans Souci No. 33 presented a tribute to past chairmen.

**Heppner Chosen for 1978**  
Heppner was selected as the place for the 1978 meeting. Officers were elected for the 1978 meeting and supporting officers were appointed. Each new officer was presented with a carnation as she was

seated. The convention closed with the Rebekah Degree led by Holly No. 139.

**Officers for 1978 Meet**  
Officers elected and appointed for the 1978 Annual Meeting of District 20 in Heppner are: Mary McMurry, chairman; Margaret Akers, vice-chairman; Adelle

LaTrace, secretary; Betty Rood, treasurer; Edna Fetsch, warden; Ruth Bergstrom, conductor; Edith Matthews, R.S. chairman; Ferida Majeske, L.S. chairman; Ruby Roberts, chaplain; Shirley Connor, musician; Delsie Chapel, R.S. chaplain; Vera Rietmann, L.S. chaplain;

Esther Bergstrom, inside guardian; Hilda Yocom, outside guardian; Ruth Robinson, jr. past chairman; Helen Pettyjohn, R.S. vice-chairman; Lula Palmer, L.S. vice-chairman; Delpha Jones, R.S. past chairman; Gladys Van Winkle, L.S. past chairman.

## Bookworms review 'Yesterday's'

Ruby Becket, president of the Bookworms, chose to review GOLDEN YESTER-DAYS at the club's Mar. 14 meeting in Marion Abrams' home.

Mrs. Becket read various selections from the sold-out first printing of this book which were written by residents of Morrow and Umatilla counties. She had high praise for the book and the work that the Retired Senior Volunteers and their leader, June Wagner, Pendleton, had put into the book. She announced that

a new printing of the book will make more copies available soon.

Persons wanting to order a copy are to leave their names at the Heppner Neighborhood Center.

Bookworms will journey to the home of Helen Proudfoot near Ione to be guests of the Topic Club. This meeting will complete the two clubs' exchange for 1976-'77. The Bookworms entertained Topic Club members here last fall.

## BMCC plans greenhouse

The National Science Foundation has awarded \$16,800 to Blue Mountain Community College for construction of a greenhouse on the campus. The award, added to \$32,800 awarded the college earlier, brings to \$49,600 in federal funds for the greenhouse.

The College Board of Education was notified of the award Mar. 16 by Karl Urban, botany instructor, who prepared the college's application for funds. The board authorized construction of the greenhouse and awarded the bid for construction to McCormack Construction Company of Pendleton.

Total cost of the project is \$66,000, of which \$61,900 is for construction and the remainder for architectural and engineering fees. BMCC will pay the balance of \$16,400 toward the structure, in accordance with NSF requirements that the institution pay 25 per cent of the cost.

In other business, the board reaffirmed an earlier decision to realign the Indian Education position into an Indian Education and Placement post. The current position calls for the Indian Education director to teach in the college art department three-quarters

time and to devote the remaining time to Indian Education affairs. Under the new post, the job will be split half-and-half, with Indian Education occupying at least half of the time and the remainder devoted to Placement of students.

The board approved two upper division classes to be offered on campus spring

term by Eastern Oregon State College. Both will be taught by EOSC teachers with part of the fee to be paid BMCC for use of facilities. The courses, both junior level, are Philosophy of Religion, to be taught 7-10 p.m. Mondays, and Advanced Drawing, 7-10 p.m. Wednesdays. Students may register the first day of each class.

## Masons, Locusts receive 50 year pins at joint meet

Many members and guests arrived at the Masonic Hall in Heppner on Monday evening to attend Friendship Night at Ruth Locust Chapter No. 32, Order of the Eastern Star. Presiding at the meeting were Mrs. Mary Bryant, Worthy Matron, and Claude Graham, Worthy Patron.

Distinguished and honored guests present were Mrs. Florence Jaeger, Past Grand Matron of Condon; Mrs. Sharon Livingston, Grand Adah of Long Creek; Grand Committee members, Mrs. Galena Sandwick, ESTARL; Milton-Freewater; Mrs. Margaret Jorgensen, Cancer Research Committee, Irrigon; Miss Janis Friedly, Blood Program, Pilot Rock; Mrs. Marlene Abercrombie, Youth and Membership, Echo; and the following Worthy Matrons, Mrs. LaVelle Holmes, Long Creek Chapter No. 90; Janis Friedly, Pilot Rock, No. 180; and Mrs. Grace Grant, Jasmine Chapter No. 74.

Several 50 year members were honored and presented their pins by Mrs. Jaeger, assisted by Mrs. Livingston. Those present to receive their pins were Mrs. Mabel Krebs, Arlington; Mrs. Hila Timm, Pendleton; Mrs. Etta Parker, Mrs. Anna Graham, and Mrs. Martha Van Schoiack of Heppner. Others entitled to wear new pins but unable to be present were Mrs. Hazel Feldman Rizzio, Paramount, Ca., and Mrs. Ruby Roberts, Ione.

Mrs. Frances Smouse, accompanied by Mrs. Juanita Carmichael at the piano, played a medley of Irish tunes on the violin dedicated to the 50 year members.

The social committee for the evening was Mrs. LaVerne Van Marter, Mrs. Don Bennett, Mrs. Mildred Connor, and Mrs. Gene Hall. The tables were decorated with red and white checked cloths, red patio candles and flowers made of checked gingham. The tea table was centered with a bouquet of red berried foliage and yellow forsythia. Mrs. Dean Hunt and Mrs. Charles O'Connor served.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Graham greeted guests and Mrs. John Wood and Mrs. Harold

Becket assisted with the guest book and pin-ons.

Mrs. Mary Bryant, Worthy Matron of Ruth-Locust Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, accompanied by Mrs. Howard Bryant, Mrs. C.C. Carmichael, and Mrs. Roy W. Lindstrom, attended Friendship Night at Umatilla and a reception honoring Mrs. Margaret Jorgensen, a member of the ESTARL committee of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.



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