

Ione news

• Eva Hamlett

• 422-7557

Mrs. Laura Holtz entertained with a birthday party in honor of Mary Wright, Ruggs, on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 30. Other guests present were Loreen Montgomery, Ruggs, Muriel Palmer, Lexington; Maryann Palmer, Geneva Palmer, Norma Rea, Helen Pettyjohn, Lou McIntosh, Vera Rietmann, Carmen French, and Beulah Sherer, Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Matthews returned home on Friday after spending a week in Salem visiting Mr. and Mrs. Pat Thornton, and seeing their new grandson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lindstrom returned home last week from and trip to California where they visited with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Wiper, of Kelseyville, and with Mr. Lindstrom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mortensen at Palm Springs, Cal.

Saturday and Sunday were busy days for most Ionians. Saturday, a large number attended the Artificery in Heppner, either working or just looking around and buying articles they wanted. On Sunday a number of people spent the day at Columbia Center shopping, however the majority attended the Cardinal Club's Carnival held at the American Legion Hall Sunday afternoon. Those attending reported a good time was had by all, and Mr. Perry Morter was the winner of the door prize, a turkey donated by Bristow's Market.

On Sunday morning following services at the United Church of Christ, the coffee hour was held in honor of Mrs. Bill Graham, the occasion being her birthday. The group sang "Happy Birthday", and the large decorated cake, punch and coffee were served by Jean Jepsen, Bev Wilson and Betty Rietmann.

Skye Krebs has returned home from Montana where he has been working on the family ranch this fall.

Installation of all Grange members in the county will be held Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Willow's Grange Hall. Following the installation a potluck supper of sandwiches, salads and dessert will be served.

Officers of Willow's Grange to be installed for the coming

year are: Master, Ed Martin; Overseer, Loy Keene; Steward, Bryce Keene; Secretary, Dot Halverson; Treasurer, Maryann Palmer; Assistant Steward, Perry Morter; Lady Assistant Steward, Cathy Morter; Lecturer, Wilma Martin; Chaplain, Carmen French; Gatekeeper, Lewis Halverson; Ceres, Geneva Palmer; Pomona, Louise Keene; and Flora, Marilyn Childers. Members of the

Executive Committee are Barbara Keene, Berl Akers and Lee Palmer.

CWA of the Willow's Grange will hold their Christmas party Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Grange Hall. A turkey dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Members are to bring salads or desserts. After dinner there will be a Christmas program followed by a visit from Santa Claus. Grange meeting will start at 8 p.m.

Lexington news

• Delpha Jones • 989-8189

Holly PNG club and their guests motored to Hermiston Wednesday where they enjoyed a luncheon and spent the afternoon shopping. Each person present received a small corsage and the Secret sisters were revealed with the drawing for new ones for the coming year.

Those present were Dorothy Burcham, Leila Palmer, Irene Padberg, Freda Majeske, Virginia Peck, Jo Irvin, Florence McMillan, Delpha Jones, Lee Miller, Valda Smith, Catie Padberg and Eula Bloodsworth. The next meeting will be at the home of Leila Palmer.

Three Links Club met at the home of Delpha Jones Thursday to finish the articles for the Artificery. Plans were further discussed for the Christmas party and potluck dinner. Refreshments were served.

Present were Leila Palmer, Dorothy Burcham, Lee Miller, Florence McMillan, Eula Bloodsworth, Maureen Davis and Alma Vinson. The door

prize was won by Dorothy Burcham.

Lodge met later in the evening with the NG Carolyn Howard presiding. Visiting for the evening was the District Deputy President Mary Murtry from Heppner, who

qualified and the new officers. Refreshments were served by Hilda Yoco Virginia Peck.

Mrs. Homer Hughes has returned home after major surgery at a Walla Walla hospital.

Senior youth give Advent drama

Three modern plays suited to the Advent Season were presented by the Senior High Methodist Youth Fellowship at the family potluck and program last Sunday evening. Vicki Tollefson and Lela Breidenbach were directors for the productions which were selected from the book "Signs of His Coming" by W.A. Poovey.

The first play, "The Baby", featured Barbara Devine and Ron Young as Edith and Bob Rogers and Tim Hedman as Jim Rogers their older teenage son. It was set in the Roger's living room a week before Christmas.

The next production, "The Book", took place in a simple Palestinian home about 50 A.D. Its cast included Linda Bier as Mary, the elderly mother of Jesus; Deann Connor as Deborah; Janice Sherman as Rachel and Steve

Tollefson as a replacement for John Bier in the part of Luke the author of the second gospel.

The evening's final play, "The Wreath", concerned the Fredericks family as they were seated in their dining room just after finishing a devotional reading from their home Advent Service. The players were Bruce Young as Henry Fredericks and Dee Hedman as his wife Blanche; Debbie Klaus played their teenage daughter Kathie and Coleman Devine was their 12-year-old son Phil.

The potluck dinner in the church basement preceding the plays was attended by a sizable group which moved upstairs afterward to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree and to sing carols. The M.Y.F. sang a special number they had prepared, "Angels We Have Heard on High".

Lack of children threatens Day Care

The Heppner Child Development Center will close its doors permanently on Friday, Dec. 23, unless more children are committed to using the day care facility before that time.

"Everything is fine financially. We have more community support than we have ever had and help available in getting a permanent building. We have an extremely well qualified person ready to take over as permanent director," said Dawn Stuchell, chairman of the Center's Board of Directors. "What we don't

have right now is enough children to make it worthwhile to continue operating the Center."

The Center was forced to close on Oct. 1 after losing the Seventh Day Adventist gym which had been its home since opening three years ago. It reopened on Nov. 8 in the 4-H Annex building at the fairgrounds after a six-month agreement was reached with the Fair Board.

Many mothers who formerly used the Center on a regular basis, continued with child care arrangements made dur-

ing its month plus closure.

"We understand the uncertainty behind parents' decisions to stay with other arrangements, but we still feel there is a need in the community for a day care center," Mrs. Stuchell summed up. "We feel that now, with the kind of support we have, we can provide a superior and stable facility for child care."

Directors attend FLBA meet

Milt Morgan, Ione, and Dick Wilkinson, Heppner, were two directors of the Federal Land Bank Association of Pendleton who joined more than 200 directors of 39 other associations on Nov. 17-18 at the 27th Annual Federal Land Bank Association Directors' Conference in Spokane, Wash.

The association directors heard a keynote address given by Donald E. Wilkinson, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, the independent agency which supervises the nationwide farmer-owned Farm Credit System.

Reception set for Laura Holtz' 75th

A reception for Laura Holtz in honor of her 75th birthday will be held at her home in Ione on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. with all friends cordially invited.

The families of Elmer and Harold Holtz of Ione are hosting the occasion and ask that guests bring no gifts. Refreshments of cake, coffee and punch are planned. Mrs. Holtz was born on Dec. 24, 1902 in North Dakota.

Sunday Singspiration

The Community Singspiration for December will be hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church Sunday evening, Dec. 11. Beginning at the usual 7:30 p.m. hour, it will feature much-loved Christmas carols, musical talent from local churches, and audience selection and participation of songs, all woven around readings about the birth and life of Christ.

Those who usually attend the Singspirations are warmly invited, and a special invitation is given to anyone who is already tired from the "Christmas Rush". Take a break! Enjoy an evening devoted entirely to the Person Christmas is supposed to be all about. Plus friendly fellowship with other Christians from the entire Community in the social hour following.

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