

# Ione news

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More than 100 people attended "The Twelfth Night-Burning of the Greens" Jan. 7 at 2:30 p.m. The program consisted of the history and significance of the burning, explained by Jean Nelson, singing of Christmas carols, and a prayer by the Rev. Cathy Barker. Students and teachers from grades one to six attended the event. Norman Nelson and Eldon Tucker were in charge of the burning. Following the program, members of the Ione Garden Club served cup cakes.

Because of the snow storm a few weeks ago, I did not have any news last week, as most activities were postponed. School was closed one day, and buses ran early or were limited to highways only.

Saturday morning when the snow was melting so rapidly, people began to wonder if this would be like the flooding last year, however the creek bed was able to hold all the water this time.

Last summer, under the direction of the members of the Lions Club and with the help of men and women volunteers, the creek bed was cleared of bushes, dug deeper and widened. I am sure all who had damage last year would join me in a belated thank you to the Lions Club and all the volunteers who helped.

Some were not as fortunate as we were. John and Marie Bristow, who live in the former Lloyd Rice house, had six to eight inches of water in the house and had to leave. Several other places the roads were washed out, and people could not get out for a couple of days.

The American Legion Auxiliary met at Beechers Restaurant Jan. 15 for a luncheon. Eighteen members and one guest, Ruth McCabe, were present. The members presented a plant to Beverly Doherty for her planning and supervising the dinner put on by the auxiliary for Helen and Paul Pettyjohn's 40th anniversary party. The next meeting will be Feb. 5 at Beechers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Doherty attended the memorial service for Willie Smith at Pilot Rock Jan. 16.

Mike Matthews is a patient in the Pioneer Memorial Hospital in Heppner.

Paul Snow was injured in the basketball game Friday night, and spent the night in the hospital. He was released Saturday but will be unable to play basketball for a week.

Hollo Crawford and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pettyjohn, returned from a Caribbean Tour last Thursday. They spent a week touring and sightseeing the Virgin Islands. The name of the ship was Mardi Gras, and there were 1,040 people in the tour, and 420 personnel.

Bunchgrass Rebekah Lodge met at the home of Eva

## Wheat topic for seminar in Ione

A wheat seminar will be sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Willows Grange Hall at Ione.

Speakers and their topics will be: Jim Cornelius, Extension Service marketing specialist, "Ownership Issues of Grain in the Marketing Channels;" Norm Goetze, agronomist, "How a Wheat Plant Grows;" Bob Bowelson, plant pathologist, "Management Practices Affecting Soil Borne Diseases of Wheat (Foot Rot);" Don Rydryeh, agronomist at the Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, "Chemical Fallow for Minimum Tillage."

Women of the Willows Grange will serve lunch at \$1.50 per person.

A similar meeting will be held in Hermiston Jan. 30 at the Hermiston Elks Lodge.

Hamlett, Jan. 17. The following officers were installed: Warden, Helen Pettyjohn; Conductor, Ruth Bergstrom; Chaplain, Lucille Rietmann; R.S.N.G., Vera Rietmann; L.S.N.G., Margaret Akers; R.S.V.G., Norma Rea; I.G., Ruby Roberts; and O.G., Eva Hamlett. Thirteen members

were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gale Gray have their new mobile home completed on the hill across from Dolbert Emerts and are moving from the Ekstrom home on Main and B streets. John and Marie Bristow will be moving into the Ekstrom house.

Many simple errors that can cause weeks of delay in the processing of federal income tax returns could be avoided if taxpayers used the label and envelope that accompany their tax packages, said Ralph B. Short, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service in Oregon.

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to expedite processing at IRS Service Centers and prevent common errors that can delay issuance of refund checks.

One of the common and yet most troublesome errors that can be avoided by use of the label saves the government about ten cents in processing costs due to automation. error can take weeks or even months to unscramble, Short said, and is one of the major causes of delayed refund

checks. The label should be used even if the taxpayer has moved. Short advised. Taxpayers should check the label to make sure the information is correct. Any erroneous information should be crossed out and corrections made directly on the label.

The IRS also noted that each label is the listing of an incorrect or illegible Social Security number. Such an

Additional savings can be realized if taxpayers used the preaddressed, coded envelope which speeds sorting of tax returns during the annual deluge of mail that arrives at the ten IRS service centers. Tax returns of Oregon residents are handled at the Ogden, Utah Service Center.

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