

Wheatland Pomona meets

By DELPHA JONES

Wheatland Pomona Grange District No. 29 met at the Spray Grange Hall Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for a regular meeting with the Master Rolland Johnson in the chair. Filling offices protem were Lulu McCarty at Ceres, Lyle Peck as Overseer, Adeline McDonald as Pomona and Executive Committee members Celia Read and Alta Lofton.

Introduced were State Ag. Chairman Barton Clark, and the masters of the following granges, AnnaBelle Yeager of Mikkalo Grange, Gus Strecker of Spray Grange, Barton Clark of Rhea Creek and Delpha Jones of Lexington and the Dist 4 CWA chairman Delta Johnson.

There were reports of various officers, stating that much work is being done on the buildings of the granges, and the community service. Those who attended the state session told of the various activities sponsored by the State and National Grange, and all expressed enjoying the fine talks given by the National Grange Master and his wife. It was also announced at the CWA breakfast, that JoJean Stevens a Heppner graduate and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stevens received the CWA scholarship for the coming year.

The CWA Chairman, Delta Johnson, told of the various entries at the state level. There were 273 dozen cookies, 59 bread entries, 1035 stuffed toys, 57 sewing entries and 135 handicraft articles. A sum of \$1500 was given to the Dogs for the Deaf project, \$359 given to Umatilla County for a hearing test device, and \$800 for the help in purchasing another device. The scholarship fund fell short this year and hereafter each district will be responsible for the scholarship for their district, and if not enough has been given, the recipient will receive only the amount raised.

The State Ag. chairman reported on the Ag. committee meeting, and told the group that they had listened to an interesting speaker who spoke on the trials of raising cranberries and their marketing problems. They also heard a most interesting talk on different trees that are being raised on an experimental basis throughout Oregon. The National Master gave a good report at this meeting.

The energy report was largely on wind power and the prospects of wind power turning into a real energy producing project with windmills, and the use of small generators, in creeks and springs. Safflower and other grains are being experimented with to produce energy and it was reported that their are hopes that some of this energy will be in use by the year 2000.

There was discussion on one of the resolutions of the prevention of noxious weeds being transported in hay from one county to another, and from one state to another. There is protection by the state in moving hay across state lines, but there is no protection county wide. This could be controlled only by weed districts.

Master Johnson read some of the state resolutions that were voted on at the meeting. All sent in from the Wheatland Pomona District were reported favorable.

The group present discussed the expenses allowed the delegates going to the State session and all agreed that the mileage allowed is not ample. A resolution to this effect will be written and sent to the State Master and the executive committee.

There was some discussion and Barton Clark, a member of the Board Directors Grange Mutual Insurance Company, told of the problem facing the company and the GIA. A merger of the two companies was discussed and a vote taken at the session in Coos Bay. It was voted not to merge at this time. Grange Insur-

ance Association could either withdraw from the State, merge with Grange Mutual, or continue as is in the state. At the State Session of Washington in Ellensburg it was decided to stay as is, at

present. Barton Clark was present at the meeting in Washington.

A lovely memorial was given with lighted candles and flowers on the altar and readings. The memorial was in honor of Alta Stevens of

Rhea Creek, Melvin Melby of Greenfield, Elsie Olsen, Clifford Trumbo, Pearl Wagner, Harold Melger, and Boyce Blaylock of Rufus.

A tribute to the American

Flag and democracy were given with readings on county, home, church, school, community, and the citizens and their part in forming our great democracy, by six ladies. A reading, "Keep Knitlin" by

Delpha Jones was given.

Thanks to Spray Grange for the fine hospitality and lovely noon dinner that was given.

An invitation to meet at the Lexington Grange October 24 was accepted. This meeting is to elect officers for the next

two years, so each of the granges are urged to have voting members present.

The needlework contest will be held the third week in September.

There were 36 members present and one visitor from

Pasco Washington. Attending from Lexington Grange were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smouse, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Peck, Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones, and Venice Hendrickson.

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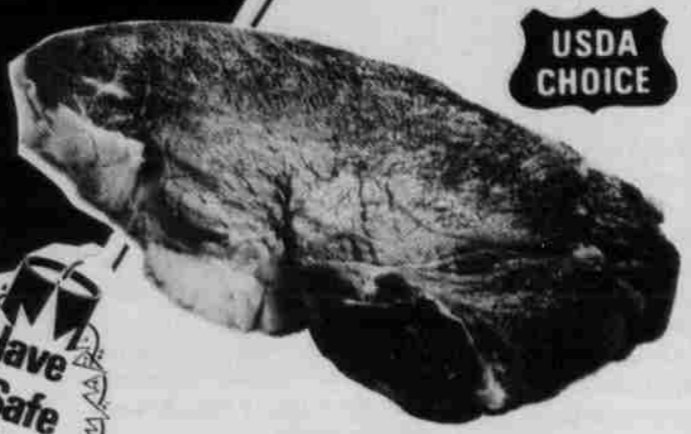


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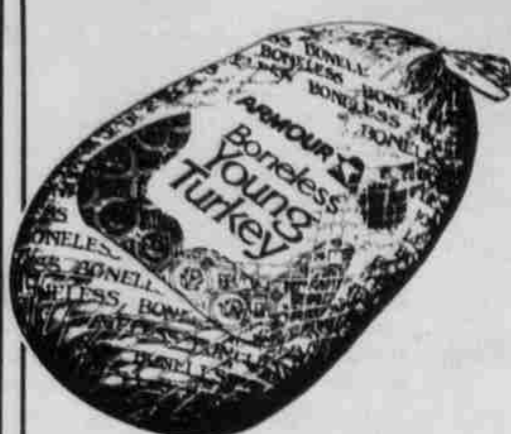


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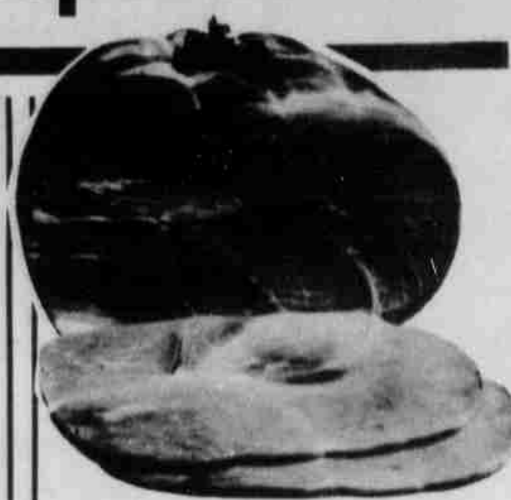
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