

Wheatland Pomona Grange meets

By DELPHA JONES

Wheatland Pomona Grange had a very busy meeting recently at the Rufus Grange Hall with the Master Rolland Johnson presiding. Officers filling positions' protom were Margaret and Nathan Thorpe as assistant steward and lady assistant steward; Annabelle Yeaggar as overseer; Dot Halvorsen as steward and Bernice Jensen as gatekeeper. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following guests were introduced, escorted to the masters station and welcomed: Morton Wolverton, Eastern Oregon state deputy; Joe DuPuis, Umatilla County Pomona master; a member of the state Energy Committee; Barton Clark, chairman of the state Ag Committee; Dorris Reed, District No. Six CWA chairman; and masters of the subordinate granges; Martha Baker of Greenfield; Annabelle Yeaggar, Mikkalo; Nathan Thorpe, master of Columbia Grange, Delpha Jones of Lexington and Dot Halvorsen, Wheatland CWA chairman.

Reports from the granges were heard, and all have been very busy with spring cleaning of the halls, dinners, card parties and many other projects. Many of the officers have been visiting other granges' business meetings and social affairs. Master Johnson and his wife Delta, the District No. Four CWA chairman, have been visiting conferences held for various granges in her district. She reports much work being done in her area. The granges are donating to Care, the heart fund, the eye bank, Red Cross. They have also donated hearing aid batteries and given funds for a deaf program, among others.

Reports were heard on the conference at White Eagle Grange when the state officers were present to instruct the officers in their duties. They also encouraged them to return home and give the information to the subordinate officers.

The Resolutions Committee appointed consists of Dorris Graves, Barton Clark, and Wilma Martin. This group was very busy, as there were several resolutions considering.

No. One was a resolution on the emergency number the counties have and the tax expense of the number to the counties. This was tabled until further information was available.

No. Two, a resolution that a court administrator be decided by the vote of the people. This resolution was favorable.

No. Three, concerning highway signs through the town of Heppner and area was favorable. No. Four, concerning the continuation of Amtrack as is, with no cut backs was favorable. Resolution No. five was against the curtailment of Vo-Ag programs by the federal government. The resolution was favored by grange members. Resolution No. six states that the Columbia River Gorge be left in the care of the states of Oregon and Washington, and the grange members were in favor of the resolution. The seventh resolution opposed a waterway user tax on the Columbia and Snake river systems. This resolution was also favorable. No. eight stated that the group oppose any embargo or any threat of an embargo on U.S. wheat and other grains to any country in the world. The grange found the resolution favorable. The ninth resolution was giving thanks to Rufus Grange for the dinner and hospitality, and was favorable.

The Chaplain reported that cards had been sent to the ill members and shut-ins. She also reported the death of Pearl Wright, a charter member of Rhea Creek Grange.

The Ag report was given by Ray Hughes and covered various topics, including the fruit insect infestation, problems of the wheat farmers and stated that each area had its own problems. He also spoke about the trouble in Argentina and its effect on

wheat and produce. He also reminded the group that they must keep informed about all insect infestations and weed control. He said that soil testing is being recommended.

Annabelle Yeaggar reported that her husband has just returned from South America

where a group went to promote the use of soft white wheat. She said he had visited bakeries and flour mills, and hopes to have opened a market there for wheat.

Dot Halvorsen, CWA chairman told the group that she had received four reports and that all granges in the district

were very busy and working at the CWA projects. There were four entrees from this district in a sewing contest and said she wished that there were more people taking an interest in the contest.

Dorris Reede also told of her conferences in the Eastern Oregon District No. Six. She felt that all her conferences

were well attended and she encouraged all to send needed items such as cookies, stuffed toys, etc. to the state grange and to try to attend as the need is great for Eastern Oregon members to be present at the state session.

The master appointed Wilma Martin, Frances Smouse and Ruby Pock to help the

subordinate membership committees in their work of gaining new members.

Joyce and Charles Buchanan were voted in as members.

Roll call of granges were as follows: Rufus-11; Willows-one; Clarno-nine; Spray-nine; Lexington-four; Mikkalo-eight; Rhea Creek-three; Greenfield-six; Stanfield-two;

Columbia-six; Cherry Park-five; Mill Creek-two.

A most enjoyable program was given under the direction of Delta Johnson and an interesting program of slides on Thailand was enjoyed.

The next meeting will be at Rhea Creek Grange and the program will be the yearly memorial.



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