

Lexington news

Delpha Jones 989-8189

The Three Links Club met at the home of Kathi Tellechea for a regular meeting. The day started with a lovely luncheon of roast beef, chicken and ham, with guests providing their favorite salads and desserts. Recipes were exchanged for the dishes. A lovely afternoon was enjoyed by Ruth Robinson, Annetta Padberg, Irene Padberg, Dorothy Burcham, Leila Palmer, Donna Papineau, Joyce Buchanan, Luella Taylor, Catie Padberg, Eula Bloodworth and the hostess, Leila Palmer won the door prize.

Luella Taylor entertained the C.W.A. of a range at her home on Tuesday afternoon. The meeting was presided over by Chairman Barbara Cutsforth. Plans were discussed for the card party on Saturday evening, and plans for 1983 activities were also discussed. An election of officers was held with Josie Peck elected as chairman and Charlene Papineau as secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be held at Jean Nelson's home, with devotionals by Marie Steagall. Present for the afternoon were: Joyce Buchanan, Delpha Jones, Charlene Papineau, Frances Smouse, Barbara Cutsforth, Marie Steagall, Jean Nelson and the hostess. Lovely refreshments were served. Charlene Papineau received the door prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Hampton Cox were Lexington and Heppner callers during the past week from Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Papineau and son Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau and family were among those attending the Papineau get-together at the Beck home in Hermiston last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Papineau and family are staying at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Papineau, since their rented home in Ione burned.

Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Jones motored to Depoe Bay for a couple of days last week to visit with a brother, Mr. Bill Jones and his wife at their home in Lincoln City.

Holly Rebekah Lodge held an annual potluck dinner and Christmas party at the hall on Thursday evening. A lovely dinner was enjoyed and was followed by volunteer music by a group of children attending with their parents and grandparents. The children sang several solos as well as singing in a group. Happy Birthday was sung to Delpha Jones, Frances Peck, Luella Taylor, Richard Peck and Dorothy Burcham. A short business meeting was held and pinochle enjoyed later in the dining area.

Lexington friends are sorry to hear of the hospitalization of both Clair and Cleta Walters of Ione. Mrs. Walters (Cleta) runs Cleta's beauty shop there.

Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Bigelow are now residing Lexington at the Cecil Jones house.

Earl Miller of Boardman was a business caller in Lexington on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. L.D. Vinson from Monument were recent callers at the home of her mother, Catie Padberg.

The Lexington Christian Church held a very fun and sacred Christmas program. Music was provided by preschool and primary grade children. A tableau about Mary and Joseph, with Linda and Philip Marquardt taking the main parts, was enjoyed. Students in the upper grades provided the music. The church was beautiful with greenery and holiday decorations. On Friday, the children of the church met and did the decorating, with the tree the center of attraction. The primary children and pre-schoolers had an old-fashioned tree decorated with paper decorations and the traditional popcorn string. Decorating was done under the direction of Linda Biddlecomb and Doug Marquardt.

Again it is time to thank the person or persons responsible for the lighted Christmas tree at the City Hall in Lexington. It is nice that someone takes the time each year for this cheery decoration for the city.

Justine Weatherford, Delpha Jones and Marti Mitchell were delightfully surprised Wednesday afternoon at the Gazette-Times when the supposed Christmas party they had been invited to turned into not only that but a fun birthday party for the three ladies enjoying December birthdays. Lovely refreshments were served and each lady received a cup cake with a lighted candle and cards. How nice to be remembered for a birthday at this busy time. Thanks to the Gazette.

Doug Marquardt and his fiancée, Linda Biddlecomb, left for Portland where they will visit relatives. They will then travel to Los Angeles, Calif. where they will visit her relatives and then to San Diego, Calif. where they will visit Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Marquardt.

Settlement reached between deputy D.A. and County Court

By MARYANN CERULLO

A settlement was reached with Harold McLean, county deputy district attorney and Morrow County Court during a meeting Wednesday, Dec. 15. Negotiations began when the court received a letter from McLean earlier that week which concerned the position of county counsel.

According to McLean, Personnel Rule in Section 2.8 for the county entitled, "Lay Off," provides that if there are changes in duties in an organization, a worker may be laid off. McLean quoted the rule as saying, "a reasonable effort will be made to integrate those employees into another department if vacancies exist." According to McLean, the effort was not made when the new county counsel position was made available. Instead, the court appointed Mike Oths of Eugene, who had been recommended by District Attorney-elect, Richard McNeerney.

McLean went on to state that he had previously requested continuing employment until June 1983, which the court denied. He felt that four months severance pay was justified. He also requested that the two weeks employ-

ment originally promised by the court, January 3 - 18, be considered an absence with pay status so that "the new D.A. will not suffer the indignity of working with me, which for some reason, he finds a distasteful prospect."

According to two courthouse sources, McNeerney had previously informed the court of his desire to not work with McLean.

The court later agreed on a settlement with McLean. The amount was not disclosed.

In other business the court learned of a suit filed by Mrs. David Wayne Combes of Boardman against Morrow County. Judge Don McElligott and Don Briggs, director of

the Public Works Department.

The suit stems from the July 1982 death of her husband, who was killed when he collided with a cow on Wilson Road. The cow was owned by Gary Grieb, Lexington.

According to McElligott, Wilson Road is in a closed livestock area, where livestock is required to be fenced. The amount of the suit was not specified.

Morrow County Court also: — accepted a resignation from Jerry Peck of Boardman from the North Morrow Medical Clinic board of directors.

— discussed bids received for a civic officer's vehicle for the sheriff's department.

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ASCS County Committee election results told

Results of the December 6 election of the county Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee persons for 1983 were announced recently by Judy Buschke, county executive director.

George Miller was elected to a three-year term, replacing Charlie Anderson who served as a regular member for the past year. Mr. Miller joins as vice-chairman with Brok Tucker, chairman, and Paul Hisler Jr. as the Regular Member. Also elected was Steve Hill, first alternate, and Monty Crum, second alternate.

Ms. Buschke said farmer committees are in charge of local administration of national farm programs. At least

one committee member and two alternates are elected each year.

Last year over 60 percent of the farmers participated in one or more of the programs administered by the ASC Committee. A much higher percentage of participation is expected for 1983, she stated.

G-T office to close Friday

The Heppner Gazette-Times office will be closed Friday, Dec. 24, so that staff members may be with their families for the Christmas holiday.

The G-T staff wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Traffic check planned to detect drunk drivers

The Morrow County sheriff's office in Heppner and the Hermiston office of the Oregon State Police announced recently that the problem of dealing with drunk drivers will be the subject of a joint Sheriff's State Police traffic check on highways where accidents are occurring and determined to be caused by a person driving under the influence of alcohol and/or dangerous drugs.

For the first nine months of this year 73 percent of all drivers killed in one-car accidents had a blood alcohol reading in excess of 0.10 reported the Morrow Co. Sheriff's office. A reading of 0.10 is the limit that establishes a person as legally under the

influence of intoxicating liquor.

The increasing use of highly potent marijuana combined with alcohol is believed responsible for some of the fatal crashes, the sheriff's office stated.

The joint agency traffic checks will be held at random locations throughout the county without creating a safety hazard to motorists.

Officers have been instructed to use good judgment and not detain the motorist any longer than necessary. Any-

one suspected of having too much to drink will be required to submit to a sobriety test at the scene. Persons believed to be under the influence will be arrested and taken to the nearest jail.

Law enforcement officials are holding similar traffic checks in every county in the state. Officials emphasize that the short time a motorist is required to stop will be instrumental in identifying drunk drivers and perhaps save someone's life, the sheriff's office said.


Super Sewers hold Xmas party

By SUE PLOCHARSKY

The Super Sewers 4-H Club held their last meeting at the fairgrounds in Heppner on December 15, at 3:45 p.m. They had a Christmas party and worked on their projects. The next meeting will be February 5 at the fairgrounds.

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