

Pomona Grange meets, elects officers

By DELPHA JONES

Wheatland Pomona Grange met on Saturday at the Lexington Grange Hall for a quarterly meeting and election of officers. Jean Nelson filled the chair of the secretary, Martha Baker as Overseer and Marie White as Flora.

The meeting was conducted by the Master Rolland Johnson. Honored guests were Veral Larson, the C.W.A. District No. Four chairman, and her husband, Palmer. The Masters of Greenfield, Rufus and Multnomah county granges were also recognized.

The Pomona master gave a fine report on the state session, stating that all the resolutions sent in from Wheatland Pomona were passed. There were over 100 resolutions presented from around the state. He also reported on the pomona picnic held at Cutsforth Park with the day spent in visiting, hiking, playing cards and enjoying a bountiful dinner.

Martha Baker, from Greenfield Grange, reported that they had attended the state session and felt that it was much better organized with less conflict than the previous meeting.

Delta Johnson reported on the fine time held at the

visitation meetings sponsored by the Past Master's Club. She told that she had attended the state session and feels that there are too many inconsequential resolutions that take up valuable time, not leaving enough time for major issues.

Lexington Grange representatives reported that they had held their Booster Night, a Blue Mountain Fiddler's Concert, hosted the Morrow County Historical Society Annual Meeting, and of course, Pomona, and they will be serving the Columbia Basin Electric Co-op Dinner.

Chaplain Mildred Wright reported that she has been very busy sending cards and letters to the ill and sorrowing members.

Vernon Root reported on a trip to Canada where he saw many round bales of hay and heard of many new varieties of hay.

Dot Halvorsen, the C.W.A. chairman, told of the various activities of the club, such as sewing for the nursing home, cleaning halls and money making projects.

The Membership Committee Chairman Wilma Martin, told of the Ag Day held in Condon, where various organizations tell of their activities. A Legislative report was

given on the sales tax proposal and it was urged that all study the proposal earnestly before voting on this very important issue.

Vera Larson, the District No. Four C.W.A. chairman, told of their visit to Eastern Oregon and how enjoyable it is to meet fellow grangers. There is a need for 10 table favors from each grange for the National Session, to be held in Eugene in 1985.

Suggestions for the Good of the Order was the fine article written by Wilma Martin on "What the Grange Means to Me," which was printed in the Condon paper and which was sent to the state master, and to the Grange Bulletin.

The next Wheatland Pomona meeting will be held January 28 at Willows Grange Hall.

Officers elected were: Master - Rolland Johnson; Overseer - of Halvorsen; Lecturer - Delta Johnson - Ste-

ward - Vernon Root; Assistant Steward - Kenneth Smouse; Lady Assistant - Frances Smouse; Chaplain - Mildred Wright; Treasurer - Cecil Jones; Secretary - Delpha Jones; Gate Keeper - Glen Pock; Ceres - Ruby Pock; Pomona - Mary Wright; Flora - Nina Knighten; Executive Board - Dorris Graves, Barton Clark and Wilma Martin.

A dinner was served at noon by the members of the Lexington C.W.A. group.

Installation of Pomona and subordinate officers will be held at the Lexington Grange Hall on Sunday, Nov. 27 at 2 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 4 p.m.

Morton Wolverton and installing team will preside at the installation. It is hoped that as many officers as possible can be present, so that the grange will be able to start the new year with the elected officers duly installed.

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owner of Coast to Coast in Heppner, discuss a parking problem at the side of the building that houses his store. With increased office space being used in the building, he explained, employees' vehicles are taking up most of the parking space, leaving few if any spaces for his customers. City Police Chief Dean Gilman advised that the present parking area, which is graveled, should be black-topped and striped with paint. Gilman also recommended that Limanen discuss the problem with the employees so that other parking arrangements can possibly be made. The police chief also noted that a rubber stop sign should be placed in the center of the highway at the intersection of South Main and May streets. The council decided to approach the State Highway Department about installing such a sign.

— withdrew a previous decision to accept the new city water system within 30 days since a pressure valve isn't working properly. Marshall Lovgren, city administrator, stated he would contact Barrett, Harris and Associates of Portland, who installed the Cla-valve, about the problem.

— approved the renewal of a surety bond for Heppner City Police Officer Merle Cowett.

— will accept sealed bids for the construction of a new well until December 5, when they will be opened at 2 p.m.

— heard from Heppner City Attorney Bill Kuhn that he plans to meet with the committee appointed to study the feasibility of hooking of the fairgrounds and some local residences to the city sewer system to discuss a problem concerning shutting off water of people who have delinquent accounts.

— heard from Ralph Limanen,

" 'Tis not a lip, or eye, we beauty call, but the joint force and full result of all." Alexander Pope

PIONEER HOSPITAL EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Rita Worden has been selected for November by her fellow employees based on effort, friendliness and courtesy.

Heppner resident leaves area after 31 years



Ola Ruggles

By JUSTINE WEATHERFORD

The 1952, Ola Ruggles and her husband, Walter, came to Heppner to live because their older son Charles was in business here. They bought the Fred Mankin place where they lived until Walter's death in 1960, when Ola moved into one of the Green Apartments. Last Saturday she left there to move to The Dalles.

Because she is a descendant of Virginia Dare, the first English child born in the ill-fated American colony at Roanoke Island where Virginia's parents settled in 1597 and also of Samuel Osgood (1748-1813), the first postmaster general to serve under the United States Constitution, as one talks with Ola Ruggles one gains glimpses into unusual chapters in U.S. History.

Before coming to Heppner, Ola and Walter and their children lived in Sherman County in the Wasco-Moro area where Walter and his brother, Oscar, who married one of Ola's sisters, were pioneer farmers. Ola was a leader of women's groups and very active in the Federated Womens Clubs of Oregon. She continued being active in Morrow County with her membership in the Methodist Church, the Rebekah Lodge, the Eastern Star and White Shrine, the Heppner Garden

Club and the Tuesday Morning Pinocle Club of which she is now the only original member. Several of these groups have had farewell parties for her recently.

Ola says that when she came here to live and knew very few persons, the then extension leader Mrs. Purvine took her to visit the various county extension units, and later Ola became county chairman for extension groups.

She speaks proudly of her husband Walter whose grandparents came to Oregon via California from Missouri. They brought 18 slaves with them to California where they set them all free. The descendants of these slaves, who all adopted the name Ruggles, are now prospering. Walter went to Fort Lewis at the beginning of World War I, but was released and sent home because he was a farmer with a family. The Ruggles children were Charles, Laura (now Twillegar) who lives in Prineville and a younger son, Phil.

Ola recalls having an invitation to the dedication of the Hill Museum at Maryhill and seeing Sam Hill and Queen Marie of Rumsnia. Ola has done some china and some oil painting. She has several proofs of her talent — an interesting view of the Indians fishing at the Celilo Rapids and another attractive painting of three geese in flight. She started painting when her older sister was taking lessons from a Mr. Roberts and let young Ola use whatever paint was left on her palette.

Although Ola still has old friends in Sherman County and in The Dalles whom she expects to see again in her new location, she is hoping that her Morrow County friends will write to her and will stop to visit her when they are in The Dalles. Her new apartment is in the Camlu Retirement Home at 910 Cherry Height Road, The Dalles, 97058.

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