

Pomona holds Jan. 25 meeting at Willows

Wheatland Pomona Grange District No. 29 met at the Willows Grange Hall in Ione, on January 25 for a regular meeting. The Overseer, Dot Halvorsen, presided over

the meeting in the absence of the Master. All officers were present with the exception of the Master and the vacancy of Steward left by the death of Vernon Root.

Joe DuPuis, Master of Umatilla County Pomona, an honored guest, was escorted to the master's chair, welcomed, and introduced. Subordinate Masters present and introduced were Mildred Wright of Rhea Creek Grange, Martha Baker, Greenfield Grange, and Wilma Martin of Mikkalo Grange.

The Officers' reports were most interesting with the Subordinate Granges, all working for the good of the Order and the community.

Bert Akers, the Legislative Chairman had a fine report, on the Grem-Redman bill. He commented on its effect on the farm bill, attempt to increase exports, lower interest rates and balance the budget. The Ag Chairman, Barton Clark, also spoke of the bill, and interest rates, balancing the budget, and subsidy payments.

There are about 180 farms in our area with only about six in difficulty. That is very good in comparison to the other areas in the U.S. There is a deficit and it does look as if there may be a tax increase in 1986-87. Oil prices are dropping which would be beneficial to the farmer. Many areas are getting subsidies, in tobacco, dairy and wheat. What seems to help one group does not help another. There was an increase in exports, but there was also an increase in imports. Hopefully good times are ahead.

The Lecturer reported on good reports and that the Granges are doing much for the community, in education and entertainment with their programs and lectures. The CWA report was also good with the subordinate Granges raising money for the needed projects such as hearing dogs for the deaf, scholarships and other local projects.

An election for Steward was held with Charles Buchanan of Lexington Grange receiving the votes to make him Steward for a term of two years.

Dot Halvorsen then installed the following officers, Barton Clark, Mildred Wright, and Rolland Johnson on the Executive Committee. Mildred Wright as Master of Rhea Creek Grange, Delta Johnson as Lecturer of Rufus Grange, Jean Nelson Secretary of Lexington Grange, Charles Buchanan as

Steward from Lexington Grange, Nyna Knights as Pomona, from Mikkalo Grange.

The County Deputy reported that she had received a report from each of the eight granges, and that we have lost 11 members, and gained three. Due to severe winter there was not too much visiting but she was sure there will be more now. We must get more interest in the Grange and especially the attendance of farmers at the meetings. This is an organization that was organized for the benefit of the farmers and through the resolutions to the state and federal governments make our needs known.

A letter was read from Imnaha Grange in Willowa County on the Packwood wilderness bill asking that they be supported in their stand against this bill. A vote was taken and the secretary instructed to write a letter to the Master and legislators stating that we stand with Imnaha Grange on this.

There was much discussion on Bonneville and the sale of power to private industry. Grangers voted "not in favor" and directed a letter to be written telling of the stand of this Pomona on that issue.

Discussion continued on the need for ramps for Grange Halls and letters of inquiries about this will be written and reported at the next meeting.

Rufus Grange invited Pomona to meet with them in April and was accepted.

A short prayer was held in memory of the departed brothers and sisters.

Umatilla County will hold their Pomona on February 1 at Columbia Grange in Hemiston, and issued an invitation to Wheatland to visit and bring candidates for initiation.

Several people were reported in the hospital, Mabel Ring of Ione with a broken hip from a fall, and Margaret (Mrs. Elby Akers) from a stroke. Cards will be sent. A report on Bill Seehofer was heard, he recently passed away at a hospital in Pendleton.

A lovely program of slides was shown by Mary Goheen of her trip to China. She narrated the slides making the presentation most interesting.

Roll call was as follows: Mikkalo - 7; Lexington - 11; Rufus - 2; Greenfield - 4; Rhea Creek - 4; Willows - 4; Columbia - 2; and Stanfield - 2.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Heppner girl on Linfield dean's list

Renee Struthers of Heppner is among more than 100 students named to the fall term dean's list at Linfield College, Kenneth Goodrich, Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced.

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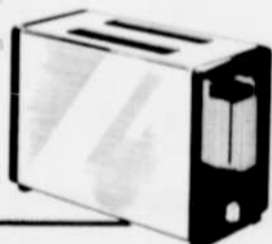
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10 Years Ago
Nine employees of the county road department were temporarily laid off January 5 by the Morrow County Court until the equipment operated by the employees can meet State Safety Standards.

25 Years Ago
One thousand textbooks have been sent to the Asian Foundation from Morrow County School District, reports Robert VanHoute, Administrator.

50 Years Ago
Joe Bryant Green, former Heppner High School basketball star, is a reserve on Honest John Warren's University of Oregon freshman hop team this winter. Though he has seen little action in frosh games to date, Green is considered an outstanding prospect and may at any time crowd out one of the regulars.

Three of Morrow County's most-traveled young Hereford aristocrats continued their triumphal tour when Herb Ekstrom and Sons, registered Hereford breeders of Ione, departed with them January 6 for the National Western Livestock Show in Denver.

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