

Lexington News

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--Holly Rebekah Lodge met at the hall for the regular meeting on Thursday evening. Delegates for the State Assembly were elected, those being first delegate-Virginia Peck; second delegate-Leila Palmer and first alternate-Delpha Jones. The recommendation for the DDP was Leila Palmer. These ladies will be attending the State Assembly at Seaside later in the year.

Plans were discussed for a bus trip to the Hologate Center in Portland for May 11. It is hoped that several ladies can be found to fill the bus for the trip. Anyone interested, either Bunchgrass, Holly or San Souci may contact Geri Martin.

The card party prizes for the series was discussed and the date changed to Saturday May 13. The Second Saturday for the last of the series. The committee for this party will be Kathy Tellechea and Luella Taylor. This will be the same as all the others and the grand prizes will be presented.

A letter inviting the lodge to Pendleton, on Thursday, April 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the IOOF hall for a reception honoring Inez Wright, State Assembly Chaplain was read.

Club will meet on Thursday, April 13 for the regular clean up day and installation of officers at the Rebekah Hall in Lexington. A no-hostess luncheon is planned for the V & G Restaurant at noon.

Refreshments were served by Luella Taylor and Annetta Padberg.

--Mike and Lyn Burcham visited his mother, Dorothy Burcham one day last week and they all motored to Spray for the day where they visited friends and relatives.

--Harley and Bertha Sager were Virginia visitors this past week.

--Franklin and Gloria Messenger visited his parents over the weekend

where they helped prepare Truman and Leita's yard for the coming summer.

--Jerry Hudson of LaGrande was a Lexington caller on Monday.

--Geri Martin NG of the Holly Lodge and Delpha Jones, secretary, attended the meeting of Sunbeam Lodge on Wednesday evening in Hermiston. This was Sister Patricia Anderson, president of the Rebekah Assembly, official visit to that Lodge. A no-hostess dinner was enjoyed at the Golden Corral prior to the meeting.

The president gave a fine talk and those present enjoyed a drill by the ladies of that lodge.

--Several lots in Lexington are having a clean-up with burning of old abandoned buildings and a general clean-up.

--Carol Bennett, Ruth McCabe and Delpha Jones attended a Blue Mountain College short course, in Milton-Freewater on Saturday concerning Ghost Towns of Oregon. There are several of these in one days drive from our area. Slides and talk presentations to the class were most educational and interesting.

--Three Links Club met at the Rebekah Hall for a clean-up day and installation of officers. Installed were chairman, Dorothy Burcham, who was presented a small gavel engraved with the lodge name and number, and a committee record book, secretary Joyce Buchanan, was presented a record note book and matching pen and the past chairman Leila Palmer was presented miniature rose bush in appreciation of her term as chairman. Installing officer was Delpha Jones. Following the meeting at which time repairs on the hall windows and bathroom were discussed, a no-host luncheon was enjoyed at the V & G Tavern.

--Lexington Grange met on Monday evening for the regular meeting starting with a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Carl and Geri Martin hosts. Preceding the meeting slides of South Africa were shown by Snider of Heppner, who was born in South Africa when his parents were stationed there. He returned later as a member of the Peace Corp. The meeting was conducted by past master Delpha Jones. A resolution about the VA hospitals was prepared. This will be sent to the veterans administration, senators, representatives and state grange. Barbara and Margaret Wright of Pendleton were accepted as members by transfer. Club minutes were discussed with next club meeting at Barbara Gilberts. Tallman from Boardman will be the speaker at the next meeting. Pomona Grange will meet at Clarno Grange Hall on Saturday April 29.

--Jim Gates and mother Bertha Gates are moving to Boise, Idaho where they have purchased a home.

--George Irvin of Irrigon and son Bill of Twin Falls, Idaho were Lexington callers Sunday with friends and relatives.

--Donna Papineau was admitted to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Tuesday.

Chief Rathbun's Tips

Spring is here, remember home gun safety.

Your family also shares responsibility for firearm safety. Not just the handgun owner. All family members should know the rules of safety and how to handle your gun. Do not keep handguns a mystery to children.

Store your guns under lock and key. Never store ammunition in the same place as your guns.

County agent remembers Heppner 40 years ago



Mabel Flint

How much has Heppner changed in the last forty years?

The best way to answer that question is to ask someone who has been gone for that long.

Forty years ago Mabel Flint was an extension agent here in Heppner, and Tuesday she returned for a visit. "I had one of the first electric refrigerators in Heppner," Flint told the Heppner Chamber of Commerce luncheon Tuesday.

The REA was just coming into the county she says, and there wasn't a lot of electrical appliances around.

"Sewing machine salesmen were coming through the county selling sewing machines for \$550, and that was about a months wages for me back then."

Presently an extension agent in Duncan, Arizona, Flint says she came to Heppner in 1948, "fresh off the farm in Iowa."

"To tell you the way things were in Heppner then, our office was located over where the bank is now, and a lawyer named Ralph Currin had an office there." (Currin is now a district judge) Flint says Nels Anderson was the county extension agent then, there wasn't any hospital, motel or golf courses.

And there wasn't any irrigation either. "When I left here in 1949 they were just beginning to bring

materials up the river for the McNary Dam. There wasn't any dam, they were just beginning construction."

She said she was suprised at all the irrigation going on in the county now, especially in the North end.

"Who would believe there would be grapes in Morrow County," she said.

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Sincerely,
David Sykes, Publisher

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