



FRANK SERAFIN, front row, third from left, was installed as worshipful master for the Vernonia Masonic lodge at public ceremonies last Friday evening at which Glen Hawkins, third from right, back row, was installing master. Others pictured are front row, from left, Ralph Bergerson, senior deacon; Reggie Bruce, junior warden; Serafin, Richard Nightwine, senior warden; Harry Culbertson, treasurer; Walter Linn, secretary; back row: Ralph Sturdevant, senior stew-

ard; Marvin Kamholz, junior steward; Charles E. Miller, Tyler; Horace Hertel, marshal; Hawkins; Harry Sanden, installing marshal and David Zamarripa, installing chaplain. Mrs. Serafin was organist for the ceremony and the Serafin's son, David, sang Just A Closer Walk With Thee and a vocal benediction. The Masons hope to continue the practice of public installations.

## Club Party Is Festive Affair

Nine members of the Past Chiefs club met Thursday evening of last week at the home of Mrs. Irma Chance for a gala Christmas party for which her rooms were festively decorated. Secret pal gifts under the Christmas tree added interest to the occasion.

The group regretted the absence of Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson who had been hospitalized the previous day and they signed a card to send to her to let her know she was thought of.

In memory of two other club members who were recently deceased, the club voted memorial donations to the Pythian Home for Launee Cousins and Tressie Michener.

Plans were made for participating in the making of homemade candies for boxes to be sent to the guests at the Pythian Home. This project, carried out by Vernonia Temple Friday at the home of Mrs. Faye Davis, resulted in boxes being packed for all the guests at the home.

After the business session, conducted by President Murel Folken, was concluded, Mrs. Olivia Wood played the organ and the group sang Christmas carols. This was followed by refreshments which featured an assortment of tea sandwiches, crackers and dips and Christmas cookies and candies. The opening of gifts climaxed the evening.

The club will meet January 20 at the home of Mrs. Harry Culbertson.

## Attendance Cut By Snow Storm

Snow and icy roads combined Thursday evening of last week to keep many members away from the meeting of Mt. Heart Rebekah lodge and Christmas party but failed to dampen the good spirits and fun of those who were able to brave the storm and attend.

Mrs. Marie Elliott, vice-grand, presided at the business meeting in the absence of Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson, noble grand, who was ill.

There were three Odd Fellows present who also are Rebekahs. They were Albert Tandy, Frank Lentz and Henry Anderregg. Several other men joined the group after the meeting for the Christmas party in the dining room.

At the Christmas party, delicious sandwiches and Christmas cookies and candies were served by Mrs. Catherine Lentz and Mrs. Marie Shafer with the assistance of several others. The tables were decorated with holly and Christmas ornaments and figurines and the Christmas tree was most attractively decorated with ornaments made by Mrs. Lentz.

Christmas gifts were exchanged by secret pals and names were revealed but the drawing of new names was postponed until the next meeting so that more members could attend.

The next meeting, January 13, will be installation of officers.

The Adirondack mountains are fast becoming popular resort areas for U. S. Easterners.

## Sunday School Program Draws Good Attendance

BIRKENFELD — The Mist Birkenfeld Sunday school program December 19 was well attended. The children did well with their music and recitations. Group singing of the traditional carols was done, and before all went home, bags of Christmas candy and nuts were passed out.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Chouinard and Amy, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ramsey and family and Anna Hanberg were at the Shirley Berg home Sunday afternoon for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crawford, Butch and Rocky were at the Berg home one evening during the week and they all enjoyed singing Christmas carols.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Berg and family and Mr. and Mrs. Phil Layman and family spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Berg, parents of Mr. Berg and Mrs. Layman.

Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills had planned to be with some of his relatives in the state of Washington on Christmas day but because of weather conditions, they did not go. Saturday afternoon, they had Christmas dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sundland in Mist. On Thursday, the Mills attended the funeral of Ed Salomonsen in Vernonia. Mr. Mills was a pallbearer. Mr. Salomonsen and the Mills family had been friends for nearly 50 years.

## Birthdays Fall On Christmas

MIST — Christmas eve at the Roy Kyser home was the scene of celebration and glad tidings for little Douglas Kyser who was celebrating his sixth birthday. Present to wish him many more were Mrs. and Mrs. Claude Kyser, Billy Kyser and family, Forest Grove and Warren Kyser, Brian Kyser, Billy's boy, was six on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hansen and children spent Christmas eve with her folks, the Howard Thompsons in Clatskanie. Mrs. Thompson returned to the hospital for more treatments Sunday. The Hansen family called on the Sulo Sanders family, also.

Mr. and Mrs. David Crawford were in Portland Thursday and visited with Mac McGarrity at the Providence hospital. They found him in good spirits and much better, but he has both legs in casts.

Mrs. Wayne Kyser and boys were Christmas day guests at the home of her folks, the Harold Sparks in Delena. Mr. and Mrs. John Bergman and children and Shirley Sparks, Everett, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Bryce Ostrander and children of McMinnville and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Skeans and son joined the family members. Mr. and Mrs. Ostrander, Mr. and Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Kyser and Warren were in Portland Christmas night to attend the hockey game.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Shetler and family were in Albany Christmas day with his relatives, numbering around 80.

Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. George Mathews entertained Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mathews and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mathews and Marian.

## Pythian Party Is Gala Affair

Vernonia Temple Pythian Sisters met Wednesday evening of last week for a short business session conducted by MEC Leona Haverland which was followed by the annual Christmas party.

Illness kept several members from attending, among them Mrs. Harry Culbertson, Mrs. Mathilde Bergerson, Mrs. Wilbur Davis and Mrs. Nels Hogberg.

Mrs. Murel Folken, chairman of the gift committee, thanked members for their wonderful response with homemade candies which permitted the packing of lovely boxes for all residents at the Oregon-Washington Pythian home at Vancouver. The load of attractively wrapped packages, each decked with a festive candy cane, was taken to the home last week by E. E. Garner.

Plans were made for a practice session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening of next week, December 29. Initiation is scheduled for January 12.

Following the meeting, the group adjourned to the festively decorated dining room for delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Mary Markham, Mrs. Amelia Zamarripa and Mrs. Murel Folken who was acting for Mrs. Isabel Culbertson who was ill. Tables were gay with holly and Christmas decorations.

A tree decorated with handmade ornaments by Mrs. Catherine Lentz set the proper mood for the exchange of gifts by secret pals who were revealed with this gift, thus causing a lot of surprises. New names were drawn for the coming year.

Guests at the social part of the meeting were Mrs. Jacqui Scott and Mrs. Dottie Wilson, Dane Brady, who had accompanied his wife to Vernonia that evening, joined the group for refreshments.

Many greetings were received from members who live elsewhere at the present time.

## Artists Due at Crafts Society

Erich Porshman, sculptor and painter, who is well known in art circles in the Portland area, and his wife Burnace, who does craft work with plastics, will be guest speakers at the meeting of the Vernonia Society of Arts and Crafts to be held Monday, January 3, at 8 p.m. at the West Oregon meeting room. The Porshmans are known for their exhibits in Portland and other areas. Mr. Porshman is also well regarded for his work as an instructor in sculpting and painting and for his combining of music with art in concert which he has presented on several occasions at the Portland Museum of Art.

Mr. Porshman will display examples of his work, paintings as well as sculptures. He will also show color slides of some of his favorite photographs, his sideline or hobby being photography as an art form. Mrs. Porshman will display articles she has crafted from plastic materials. This should be an outstanding program to all who are interested in art and craft work.

Although the Porshmans now reside at Beaverton, they plan to retire soon to their tree farm at Manning. Mrs. Porshman is a cousin of Welcome Rumbaugh, Vernonia high school principal.

The Society meeting will begin with a short business session and the balance of the evening will be turned over to Mr. and Mrs. Porshman, to present their program. The meeting is open to all who are interested in attending.

In the event the weather should be severe enough that road conditions would prevent safe traveling of the Porshmans to Vernonia, they will postpone their visit here to the first Monday in February, in which case alternate program plans will be presented consisting of color slides and commentary on Early Flemish Painting.

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## Health Board Warns Public

The Oregon State Board of Health has warned Oregon residents that the water filled plastic balls, commonly referred to as "ice balls" which have been manufactured in Hong Kong contain grossly contaminated water. Dr. Richard H. Wilcox, state health officer stated, "that the water contained in the Hong Kong manufactured "ice balls" has been tested by the board of health laboratories and found to contain large numbers of coliform bacteria indicative of sewage contamination."

This warning should also be heeded in regard to other water filled plastic objects which carry the Hong Kong label, Dr. Wilcox emphasized.

Common use of the "ice balls" requires freezing after which they are used to cool beverages. The freezing and thawing causes the plastic to expand and contract and may result in cracking of the plastic shell which allows the water to leak out.

Consumption of the contaminated water may result in serious illness such as infectious hepatitis, typhoid fever, dysentery and many other communicable diseases.

Persons who possess the Hong Kong manufactured "ice balls" or other plastic water filled objects are strongly urged to dispose of them. They should not be given to children as toys. Wholesale and retail merchants are likewise urged to discontinue sale of the water filled objects. If the manufacturing source cannot be deter-

mined, it is recommended that they not be used or sold. . .with full cooperation of all concerned, the possibility of serious outbreak of communicable disease can be greatly reduced, Dr. Wilcox concluded.

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