

Rebekah Group To Hold Party

The Mt. Heart Rebekah social committee will meet tomorrow evening, December 2 at the home of Mrs. Otto Goertzen, 363 North street at 8 p.m. All members of the Rebekah lodge are automatically members of the committee and eligible to attend.

Election of officers for 1967 will be held. Other business will include plans for sending Christmas gifts to this group's adopted resident at the IOOF home in Portland and plans for other Christmas observances locally.

This will also be the annual Christmas party with an exchange of gifts. A one dollar limit has been set on price of gifts.

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P.E.O. Chapter Programs Present Handel's Messiah

Chapter BS of the P.E.O. Sisterhood met at the home of Mrs. Owen East November 22.

A beautiful pre-Christmas program, "The Messiah" on records, was presented by Mrs. Sam T. Hearing. After giving a brief account of the life of George Handel, author of the Oratorio, the first part of it was played. The balance of the program will be given when Mrs. Hearing entertains the chapter at her home December 13.

Oregon Fair to Undergo Study

Preliminary report of the San Francisco consulting firm studying the programs and future of the Oregon state fair will be heard at the upcoming state fair commission meeting slated for Monday, December 12, in Salem, according to Fair Manager Howard Maple.

Louis J. Kroeger, executive vice-president of Griffenhagen-Kroeger, Inc., will make the report. Existing programs and facilities in light of present and future needs including location of fairgrounds itself will be among topics discussed in the report, Maple said.

The commission will also set dates for the 1967 state fair which in recent years has been a 9 day event beginning on a Sunday in late August, and continuing through Labor Day. Some thought has been given to a Saturday opening which would result in a 10 day fair.

Maple also announced the 1967 Oregon Job Fair, which brings together thousands of Oregon high school students and dozens of Oregon industries, in a 3 day conference, will be held again this year at the State Fairgrounds in early April.

Display Shows Artist's Work

Of considerable local interest is a display in the window of Fashions 'n Fabrics which features the Three Wisemen fashioned of paper which were designed by Ron Andregg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andregg.

Ron is employed in art work for a Los Angeles firm but also has a home studio and does free lance art work. The wise men were designed for a company which manufactured them for sale and has placed ads for them in Better Homes and Gardens and other magazines. They come in a sheet to be cut and completed.

Study Club Meeting To Observe Holiday

The Vernonia Study Club will meet this evening, Thursday, December 1, at the home of Mrs. Harry Sandon for their annual Christmas party. There will be a program in keeping with the spirit of Christmas and exchange of gifts.

Plans will also be made for preparing Christmas baskets for families where there is felt to be a need.

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L. H. Thomases Honored at Observance of Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd H. Thomas were honored Sunday on the occasion of their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary at a very lovely reception in the social room of the Evangelical United Brethren church for which their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas of Vernonia, acted as host and hostess. They were assisted with plans for the event by the Thomas's daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ross of Huntington Beach, California who were unable to be present for the occasion.

Betty Crocker Search Slated

Senior class girls in Vernonia high school here will be among more than 500,000 throughout the nation who will sit in classrooms Tuesday, December 6, to take a written knowledge and attitude test dealing with homemaking.

One of these may go on to earn a \$5,000 college scholarship from \$110,000 in scholarships available. National runners-up will receive \$4,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 scholarships, respectively. State winners will be awarded \$1,500 grants with \$500 awards going to state runners-up. Their schools will be presented sets of Encyclopaedia Britannica by Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc. Local winners will be presented specially designed silver charms and will have their test papers entered in state competition.

The girls here are among those in approximately 15,000 public, private and parochial schools which are participating in the 1967 Betty Crocker Search for the American Homemaker of Tomorrow. The program is sponsored by General Mills, Inc.

Happy Cooks 4-H Club Organized

The first meeting of the Happy Cooks 4-H club was held at the home of Mrs. Ralph Higginbotham November 29.

During their business meeting the girls elected officers. They are as follows: President, Donna Walker; vice president, Susan Miller; secretary, Lorna Westlund; news reporter, Helen Higginbotham; treasurer, Susan Smejkal and song-leader, Pam Caron.

After the meeting the girls had cookies and punch.

Heather Higginbotham became a junior leader this year. The club welcomed two new members, Melody Strong and Susan Miller. Mrs. Ed Miller drove the girls home. Also, on November 22 the girls met to get acquainted and have a Thanksgiving party. After the meeting Mrs. R. Peterson drove the girls home.

Helen Higginbotham, reporter.

Gathering in Portland Held Thanksgiving Day

MIST — Norman Hansen took Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hansen as far as Linnton Thanksgiving morning where Mrs. Ted Kulju met them. The Kuljus and the elder Hansens were Thanksgiving day guests of the Tom Ford family in Portland and returned to Mist that evening. Week end guests at the Hansen home were the Kuljus, George Pry, Ben Berry and Al Becker, all of Portland. The men hunted with no success.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser and family visited the Claude Kyser at Vine Maple Wednesday evening. Mrs. Claude Kyser had slipped and fallen earlier in the day and sprained her ankle quite badly. The Bill Robbins family visited Roy and family Sunday afternoon enroute to their home in Port Orchard, Wn.

Mrs. Carl Dawson Jr. called from her home in Glendale, Calif. Thanksgiving morning to wish her folks, the Lloyd Garlocks, a happy day.

Guests Thanksgiving day at the Larry Garlock home were Lloyd Garlock, Mist; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Simmons and Jerry, Mrs. Myrtle Simmons and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Simmons all of Clatskanie. Sunday Larry and Pam, Jerry, Kenneth and Ruth Simmons were in Portland to attend the auto show.

The Norman Hansen family spent Thanksgiving with her folks, the Howard Thompsons, in Clatskanie. Mrs. Hansen and Sandra were in Longview Saturday on business.

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Veteran's Home Loan Tax Paid

The average ex-GI with an Oregon veterans' farm and home loan paid a property tax of \$337 this year, a 5.3 percent increase over the \$320 he paid last year and 9.4 percent above his 1964 payment of \$308.

This figure was reported by H.C. Saalfeld, director of the State Department of Veterans' Affairs, which paid \$10,519,611 in 1966-67 taxes this month on the properties of 31,463 World War II and Korean veterans who have state loans. Last year's tax payment was \$9,410,005 on 29,407 properties.

This year's tax increase was higher than last year's. However, in some counties there was a decrease from last year.

In Columbia county, the tax on 353 properties this year was \$103,958.86. The average tax here was \$294, against last year's average of \$305 and as compared to the statewide average this year of \$337.

The borrower pays his taxes monthly to the state veterans' department along with his loan repayment. The department in turn pays the tax collector, and does it by November 15 to earn the veteran a three percent discount. The discount this year saved the veterans \$324,349.

Engineer Corps-OSU Cooperate

Flood control and major drainage problems on the lower Columbia River from Bonneville Dam to the mouth are scheduled to be discussed by the Portland U.S. Army Engineer district and interested parties on December 6 at Astoria, December 8 at St. Helens and December 13 at Longview, Washington.

Colonel William J. Talbott, Portland District Engineer, said the public hearings are being held to obtain data for a new Army Engineers' flood control study of the lower Columbia river which was requested by congress.

The study will include the entire flood plain of the Columbia river from Bonneville dam to the mouth, and is to be accomplished during the next three to five years. It will recommend to congress for authorization those projects needed to provide a high degree of flood protection which have economic feasibility for Federal assistance.

The St. Helens hearing on December 8 at 10 a.m. will be for Columbia and Multnomah Counties, and will be in the Agate Room of the Village Inn Motel.

Alternative flood control measures to be considered in the study are levees, pumping plants, bank protection works and tide structures. The works can be entirely new or rehabilitation of existing inadequate structures.

Family Gatherings Are Thanksgiving Highlight

BIRKENFELD — Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beach went to Vancouver Thanksgiving day and had dinner with his sister, Clarice.

Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson and Joey had their Thanksgiving dinner with his mother, Mrs. Elsa Richardson at Seaside. His mother came back with them and will spend a few days with her daughter, Marie Bellingham.

The Larson families, Francis, Gene, Fred, Bud and a friend of Larry's the Herbert Rodgers and Al Berg all had a nice Thanksgiving at the home of Al Berg.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Berg entertained with a Thanksgiving dinner at their new home in West Slope. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Russell Berg of Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills, Roger Berg, Shirley and Erik Berg and J. J. Lonquist.

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