

Nyssa Ladies' Club Considers Politics, Play

With the approach of spring, politics interest the Nyssa Civic club as well as other groups as April brings election. Mrs. J. J. Sarazin, who presided for Mrs. Frank T. Morgan, president, at the February meeting Wednesday, appointed a nominating committee. It consists of Mrs. Eddie Powell, chairman, Mrs. A. H. Boydell, Mrs. Garrit Stam, Mrs. Betty LaFrenz and Mrs. Ed. Wilson.

Mrs. C. C. Hunt's division was invited to give a tea in March for the purpose of raising funds. It was suggested that a program be given and more elaborate lunch, for a charge of 25 cents.

A committee consisting of Mrs. C. Klinkenberg, Mrs. H. R. Sherwood, Mrs.

Hunt and Mrs. Sarazin made amendments to the club's constitution which will be voted upon at the March meeting.

Mrs. Barney Wilson reported on a play that could be given to aid the campaign for funds for the swimming pool. A committee was appointed to consider this activity. It includes Mrs. Farnham Sills, chairman, Mrs. Barney Wilson, Mrs. Frank D. Hall, Mrs. C. L. McCoy, Mrs. Don M. Graham and Mrs. E. D. Norcott.

BRIDGE-LUNCHEON

Mrs. Howard Larsen and Mrs. F. B. Schlapkohl were joint hostesses at a delightful bridge luncheon last Thursday afternoon for sixteen guests. The first course was served at the Larsen home. Two large tables, centered with pink snapdragons and tapers, were arranged for the luncheon at the Schlapkohl home. Bridge followed and prize winners were Mrs. Dick Tensen, high; Mrs.

P. P. Greene, second; and Mrs. A. H. Boydell, consolation.

On Friday Mrs. Larsen entertained twelve guests at a second bridge luncheon. Prize winners were Mrs. Ernest Wilson, high; Mrs. Boydell, second; and Mrs. Wesley J. Browne, consolation.

HONORING MRS. RAY

Mrs. Harlen A. Diven came from Caldwell Wednesday and with her sisters Mrs. Artie Robertson, Mrs. Elmer Stradley and Mrs. Dwight Smith will give their mother Mrs. John T. Ray a surprise birthday dinner tonight. Mrs. Diven will remain here till Monday. She is at the Ray home.

TUESDAY EVENING CLUB

Tuesday evening bridge club met with Mrs. Frank D. Hall this week. Mrs. Barney Wilson won first prize, Mrs. Ernest C. Wilson, second. Invited guests who played with club members were Mrs. Ed. Wilson, Mrs. Farnham Sills and Mrs. Guy H. Bailey.

MR. AND MRS. CLUB

Last Wednesday night Dr. and Mrs. E. D. Norcott were hosts for the Mr. and Mrs. club, entertaining at three tables of bridge. All members were present. Mrs. Arthur H. Boydell won first prize and C. L. McCoy, second.

VALENTINE BRIDGE DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schireman gave a Valentine bridge dinner Sunday night for sixteen. Color scheme of red and white was carried out. Mrs. E. D. Norcott won high score for ladies; A. H. Boydell, for men; Mrs. Farnham Sills and W. W. Strane, consolation prizes.

FOUR HAVE BIRTHDAYS

Ten members of the W. C. T. U. were guests at a dinner Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Leon A. Higby in honor of the birthday anniversaries of Mrs. Jess Spencer, Mrs. Hazel D. Gildea, Mrs. Higby and Mary Jane Higby. It was a delightful occasion.

OVERSTREET'S ENTERTAIN

Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Overstreet were hosts at a dinner party last Sunday for a number of old friends and relatives. The event was in honor of the birthday of Mr. Overstreet and C. E. Peck of Big Bend, who have celebrated the occasion at dinner together the past 15 years. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Peck and Mrs. Eva Hamblin of Big Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Judd, Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Overstreet of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bruning and son of Ontario.

TAX TOPICS

MALHEUR COUNTY TAXPAYERS LEAGUE NEWS LETTER

The following figures should convince the most skeptical that taxes must be reduced if property is to avoid confiscation.

The following are extracts from the address of Governor Meier before the Oregon Taxpayers Equalization and Conservation League at Salem, July 8th, 1931. "Oregon has a net bonded and warrant indebtedness of approximately 185 million dollars—the second greatest per capita indebtedness in the United States."

"When it is considered that 25 years ago the property tax levy of Oregon for State and local purposes totaled only slightly more than six million dollars, and today more than fifty million dollars, it is apparent at a glance that

the administrative cost of government has been increasing at an alarming degree, and that the tax burden is rapidly reaching the stage of confiscation."

"But Oregon, like other states, must retrench and slash expenditures to the bone if it is to avoid confiscation of property by high taxes and ultimate bankruptcy."

"In this connection I want to emphasize with all the power at my command, that local taxes have soared to the point where we must forego not only the luxuries but many of the comforts, if we are to enjoy even a continuance of the plain necessities."

"Let us make Oregon's tax levy the lowest in the United States, and thereby attract to our state population, industry and capital for the development of its manifold and marvelous resources."

The following is from the report of State Treasurer Rufus B. Holman relative to the taxes for 1932 of the 190 incorporated municipalities of Oregon. By the combined levy is meant the state, county, school and city levy.

"The highest combined levy for 1932 of Oregon's 190 municipalities is that of Vale with a levy of 115.7 mills. Lonerock has the lowest with a levy 15.4 mills. The average of the 190 municipalities is 53.35 mills. Ontario is eighth from the top with a levy of 77.8 mills. All three Malheur county towns are either at the top of the list or not far from it. Even Nyssa with the lowest levy of the three is approximately fifty per cent higher than the average of the 190 municipalities."

These figures surely should point the way that we have been traveling and should convince not only our property owners but all citizens that if we are

to make Malheur County prosperous these tax levies must be reduced to around the average, if not lower. With your help and support it can be done.

"It is a terrible thing to consider that the government has grown to a point where property must be confiscated in order to support it. It is a terrible thing to contemplate that government has become a monster ready to eat up the substance of industrious citizens in order to maintain itself. We have reached a point where we must make a decision as to whether government is our master or our servant."

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