

Committee of Womens Activities Meet



Seated are Cleta DeBoer, Pomona CWA Chairman and Mrs. Anna Wendt, District #6 CWA Chairman.

Standing from left are Orma Cleaver, Oregon Trail Chaplain; Polly Holub, Ore-

gon Trail CWA Chairman; Wyoma Rogers, Ontario Heights CWA Chairman; Ruth Rhuman, Oregon Slope CWA Chairman; and Dot Nichols, Vale CWA Chairman.

Approximately 35 members from five granges met Tuesday, March 15, at Oregon Trail Grange. The meeting was called to order by Pomona Chairman Cleta DeBoer who introduced District #6 Chairman Mrs. Anna

Wendt, Baker. CWA Chairmen of Subordinate Granges were introduced: Ruth Rhuman, Oregon Slope; Dot Nichols, Vale; Wyoma Rogers, Ontario Heights; Polly Holub, Oregon Trail. Cleta DeBoer is also Chairman for Boulevard. Polly Holub, presented Mrs. Wendt and each chairman with a green and white corsage.

The purpose of the meeting was to explain the various sewing, needlework and canning contests sponsored by the grange. Entries may be in subordinate, Pomona, State and National Grange. It was explained that Simplicity patterns must be used, but that any kind of fabric is acceptable. Entries in the sewing contest must be in by April 30. The needlework entries must be completed by August 31. The canning contest includes jelly and cooked jam. An added contest this year is one for cucumber pickles. Kerr jars and lids MUST be used. Other contests at the state level are candle making, pillow cases, and the cooky Fair.

Three men were in attendance and it was pointed out that all men as well as women are encouraged to enter all contests. Non-members may be sponsored by a grange member in the sewing contest.

Lunch was served at noon by women of Oregon Trail Grange. Tables were decorated in St. Patrick theme with green shamrock trees and emerald green runners. A pot of gold guarded by a perky leprechaun graced the head table. Table grace was led by Orma Cleaver who also received a corsage.

Laura Ward and Astrid Stephen had charge of the guest book. Each guest received a leprechaun name plate.

The meeting was resumed at 1 p.m. and question and answer period followed. Recognition reports were given to the chairmen. Scholarship for District #6, contributions for Parkinson's Fund and the Care Fund were explained. The National Grange Health Project for 1972 is entitled "DREAM OF THE DEAF". The Grange theme for 1972 is "LIGHTS FROM MANY LAMPS."

The meeting was closed at 2:30 p.m. Mrs. Wendt was an overnight guest Tuesday at the home of Ellen Jones, and a Wednesday evening guest of Mrs. Ruth Rhuman, Ontario.

Kecks Visit Nation's Capitol

Having their pictures taken with Senator Frank Church was the high-light of their trip to the nation's Capitol, Mrs. Sherman Keck told the Farmerette Club at their recent meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Keck went by jet airliner to Washington D.C. this month for a ten day visit with their son, Captain Kenneth Keck, his wife Merlyn, and their children Stuart, 15, Kerry Ann, 13, and Michael, 11.

Captain Keck is on the staff of the Inspector General at Andrews Air Force Base as a Computer Specialist. He has his B.A. degree in math from Florida State and a Masters degree in Computer Science from Purdue University. He graduated from Fruitland High in 1954. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Milton, formerly of Nu Acres.

A New Plymouth girl, Carlene Sasser, works in Senator Church's office, and she arranged for a meeting of the Kecks with the Senator. His staff photographer took pictures of the Kecks with him and they expect to receive copies of these snaps in the mail eventually. Senator Church gave them tickets to tour the White House and visit the Senate.

While in Washington the Kecks toured Andrews Air Force Base, visited Arlington cemetery, saw the changing of the guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier, visited the graves of Robert and President Kennedy, visited the Museum of Natural History, went to the top of the Washington Monument, visited the museum of History and Technology, visited the Air and Space building and the National Art Gallery, toured the White House, the Senate office building, the Capitol, attended a National Geographic Lecture at the D. A.R. Hall, and looked at the Atlantic Ocean.

cluded an end gate rod which was square, a hand forged chain, and a cannon ball.

Lunch was served to 31 members and guests by Clella Jamieson and Marguerite Moss. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 6, 8 p.m. The Lecturer's program will be under the direction of the Graces. Grange hosts of the evening will be Mr. and Mrs. Don Share, and Shagay and Joel Price.



Golden Rule Chapter #131 met March 20 at the Masonic Hall. Worthy Matron Lucille Steiner presided.

Escorted and introduced were Clara Cox, Grand Ruth, Grand Chapter of Oregon, Merrill Abrams, Worthy Patron of Star Chapter #69, Ontario.

Under Good of Order - Past Matrons and Past Patrons were escorted and an addendum under direction of Ida Miner was given, assisted by Star Points and Worthy Matron. Those honored were Mr. and Mrs. William Schireman, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wernick, Mr. and Mrs. George Cartwright, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bacon, Mrs. Foy Sasser, and Mrs. Theron Wheeler all of Golden Rule Chapter #131, Nyssa and Mrs. Clara Cox of Tigard Chapter #174, Tigard, Oregon.

William Schireman reported on a visit to Cambridge Chapter.

Hostesses for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Wibur Atterton.

The next meeting will be April 3.

Bernice Pounds

Honored At Party

Mrs. Bernice Pounds of Nyssa was honored at a special surprise birthday party on March 9 at Caldwell. The party was held at the Holiday Inn.

Mrs. Vernal Patterson, sister of Mrs. Pounds, made the arrangements. There were 20 guests which included Rev. and Mrs. Carl Lassiter of Nyssa; Rev. and Mrs. Ogren of Caldwell; Rev. and Mrs. Mark Burnham of Meridian; Pakistan Missionary Frances Foster of Nyssa; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Gee of Parma; Mrs. Juanita Lassiter of Nyssa; Mrs. Opal McDaniel, Nyssa; Rev. and Mrs. Perry of Boise; Jerry Boor and June Andrews Meridian; Mr. and Mrs. Everets, Wilder.

The Holiday Inn entertainment Band honored Mrs. Pounds with the singing of "Happy Birthday." They also invited four members of the party to sing "How Great Thou Art" in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Pounds received many nice gifts and cards. The party was not primarily a birthday party but more properly a party given in honor of one who has wholly dedicated and consecrated her life to the service of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Nyssa Second Ward Holds Birthday

Commemoration Party

The Nyssa Second Ward Relief Society held their annual Birthday and Commemoration party Thursday evening March 16, with their husbands and partners.

Dinner was served smorgasbord style at 7 p.m. The tables were beautifully decorated in the "Lovely Ladies" theme, and silhouettes were used in the background decoration of the stage.

Following the dinner the past presidents of the organization were honored and lovely corsages were pinned on them by a close member of their family. Those honored were: Mmes. Arvilla Swensen, Kerma Olsen, LaVern Esplin, Afton Mitchell, Donna Glenn, Colleen Froerer.

Also honored with corsages were Florence Larsson who is nearly 80 years old and has been a visiting teacher for 40 continuous years; LaVaune Peterson, as wife of the Bishop; and Iona Flinders as president at this time.

The fashion show was under the direction of Julia Jensen. Models were Darwin Jensen, Melvin Feik, Jerry Williams and Edison Child.

A novelty quartette number was presented by Glen Peterson, Melvin Cottrell, Larry Glen and Don Walker.

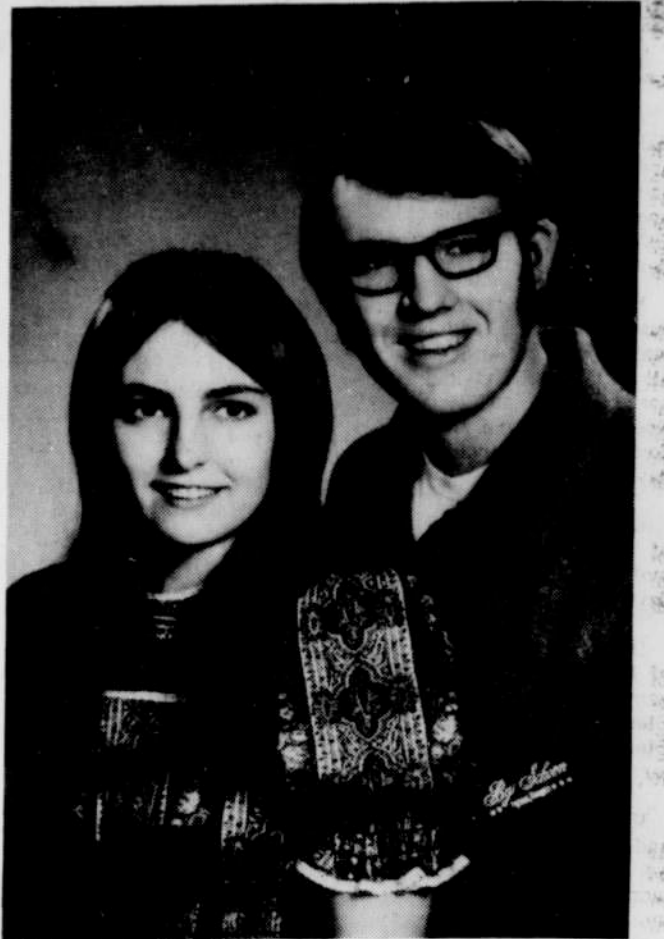
Amy Lewis directed group singing accompanied by Dorothea Mitchell at the piano, and Julie Jensen composed and danced a "Lovely Lady" dance number. A noted "European Group" entertained with a ballet number. Remarks by Bishop Glen Peterson concluded the activities.

In charge of arrangements were Iona Flinders, Leone Christensen and Eliza Fife.

Committees were: Preparing the dinner, Mrs. Flinders, Julia Jensen, Ruth Cottrell, Ruby Wight, Carolyn Blaylock, Cleo Williams and Bette Simpson. Decorations: Diane Chamberlain, Doreen Elqueszabal, Sharon Cottrell and Vicki Mitchell. Serving: Mr. and Mrs. Don Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Devere Nelson and Cleo Williams.

Assisting were Lynn Ashby, Lois Cottrell, Debbie Alvord, Laura Jensen, Lori Lewis and Danna Fredrickson. Larry and Karen Glenn were in charge of clean-up.

Engagement Announced



Mrs. Michael Holloean is happy to announce the engagement of her daughter, Patti Kay to Rodney Dean Price, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Price of Adrian.

Patti was graduated from Wallowa High School in 1970, and Rod was graduated from Adrian High School in 1970. Both are presently attending Eastern Oregon College in LaGrande. Rod is majoring in Agriculture and Patti in Elementary Education. They plan to attend OSU this fall.

An August wedding is being planned.

BRIDGE ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Jean Maughn entertained members of the Thursday afternoon bridge club March 16. There were two tables in play with Mrs. Elsie Diven taking high honors and Mrs. Loretta Candall taking second high.

The Friday afternoon bridge club met at the home of Mrs. Ted Morgan March 17. Two tables were in play with high score going to Mrs. David Sarazin and second high went to Mrs. K.A. Danford.

Mrs. Ted Morgan hosted the Thursday afternoon bridge club March 16. Guest players were Mrs. Lloyd Wilson and Mrs. A.C. Sallee. Score winners were Mrs. Wilson high and Mrs. Kay Brendle second high.

EMBLEM CLUB

The Ontario Emblem Club #192 met in regular session March 13 at the Elks Lodge.

Committee reports were given. Five women were voted to serve on the nominating committee to secure officers for the coming year. There were Ruby Stiner, Sally Fields, Louise Lancaster, Betty Collier and Mary Danielson.

New officers will be elected at the next meeting.

On Sunday April 9 at 2 p.m., new members will be installed at the Elks Lodge. State President Virginia Kernes will visit the lodge Monday April 10. All members are urged to attend.

Refreshments were served after lodge from a table decorated in the St. Patrick's theme.

30th ANNUAL REPORT TO OUR MEMBERS

This is what happened to every dollar you paid into Blue Cross of Oregon last year.

90.59 cents out of every dollar was returned to our members in health care benefits.

1.88 cents out of every dollar was added to the reserve fund for future benefits.

7.53 cents out of every dollar was used for operating expenses.



Last year, we returned almost 91 cents out of every dollar to our members in health care benefits. And added 1.88 cents to the reserve fund for future benefits. No other similar health plan in the Northwest was able to return that much prepaid health service to its members.

Total benefits paid on behalf of members to hospitals, doctors and other providers of health care increased 26% to \$44,614,885.

We also increased our membership to over 465,500. A 5.8% gain.

By controlling our costs through better systems planning, tight budget supervision and new electronic equipment, we held our operating expenses to just under 7.53%. For example, without increasing the size of our staff, we increased the number of claims we handled each day from 2,000 in 1970 to over 2,500 per day in 1971.

And right now we're involved in more programs that will help contain costs so that we can continue to provide protection to our members at the lowest possible cost.

