

50 attend OES meet

Fifty were present last Wednesday evening for the monthly meeting of Echo Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

Fourteen officers answered roll call. There were three visitors from Decker Chapter, Worthy Matron Sue Ellen Ryan, Lucille Fleming, and Sadie Saigon.

Organist Glenda Wilson played the new organ purchased last month.

During the business meeting, it was decided to again have a float and food stand during the 4th of July celebration.

Secretary Ruth Whittaker read a letter saying that past Grand Matron Margaret Jones died. Word was also received that all chapters are to hold a short vesper service at their March meeting.

Tables in the dining room were decorated with a Valentine theme and pie and ice cream were served by George and Beverly Hartman, chairmen, and Ed and Frances Golding, Ed and Thelma Mellendorf, Les and Inez Beach and Stanley and Ruth Morell.

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EXTENSION MEETING

The Greenleaf Extension group met Thursday at the home of Mrs. Leander Rivard for a luncheon. Following lunch a short meeting was held with election of officers.

Chairman is Mrs. Curtis Cleland; vice-chairman, Mrs. Lynn Spencer, and secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Herman Umpfenbach. Council member is Mrs. Curtis Cleland with alternate council member, Mrs. Jim Dolecki.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hiram Keyser in March.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ron Berridge and son of Utica spent the week end at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Profit in Cass City and Mr. and Mrs. Burton Berridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marty Felmlee and daughter in Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weind and Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gil Maurer at Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Thursday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Buynak of Clarkston were godparents at the christen-

ing of Angela O'Bea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bea, at St. Joseph Catholic church in Argyle at 12 o'clock Sunday. A dinner was served at the home of the Tom O'Bees following the christening.

Lynwood Lapeer was a Saturday breakfast guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer.

Mrs. Lynn Spencer and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were among a group of 42 women who participated in the Huron Daily Tribune Cookbook and recipe contest, held at Bad Axe High School Saturday forenoon. First prize of \$80.00 was won by June Sampson of Filion on Sweet and Sour Chicken. Second prize of \$55.00 was won by Mrs. Glen Maust of Bay Port on pork crown roast with stuffing. Prizes of \$25.00 were won by Mrs. Cliff Jackson, Patsy Cuthrell, Sophie Connors, Donna Gonetwicha, Sharon Uptegrove, Otellia Wessells and Irma Collison.

Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming were Wednesday lunch guests of Anne Pelton in Cass City.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Kevin O'Connor went to Uby Heights Country Club for Valentine's Day dinner Thursday evening.

Jack Ross spent Monday and Thursday at the Earl Schenk home.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart were Monday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Lori Hewitt was a Saturday overnight guest of Sherry Hutchinson at Bad Axe.

Mrs. O'Bert Regal and Nancy of Plymouth spent from Saturday till Monday at the home of Mrs. Tom Gibbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Rumpitz were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Tittjung and family in Sterling Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweeney and family in Uby.

Johnathan Sweeney celebrated his second birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cleland and Douglas Cleland of Bad Axe were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs.

Curtis Cleland. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jackson visited Rose Strauss Tuesday afternoon.

Clara Bond spent Tuesday and Sunday with Mrs. Emma Decker in Cass City.

Bob Cleland Sr. of Pontiac spent Sunday overnight and Monday with Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Wietek of Detroit spent from Sunday till Tuesday with Mrs. Louis Naples.

Mr. and Mrs. John Young of Caro were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mike Schenk and son, Al Hammerle and Jack Ross of Uby and Bryce Champagne were Saturday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mrs. George Barber of Royal Oak spent last week at the home of Mrs. Tom Gibbard while Mrs. Gibbard was a patient at Hills and Dales Hospital in Cass City.

Mrs. Gibbard came home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Timmons and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Sunday afternoon and supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Karr at Gagetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dolecki, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis

Cleland were Thursday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Shagena of Sebewaing were Wednesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Shagena.

Jennifer and Jill Felmlee of Bay City spent from Friday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sofka.

Carey Tyrrell was home all last week, ill with the flu. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Weindard were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Bea Hundertsmarek was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland was a Saturday guest of Mrs. Alex Cleland and Carol Laming.

Mr. and Mrs. Don McKnight of Bad Axe were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt and family.

Mrs. Tom Gibbard, Mrs. Carl Gibbard and Kathy were Monday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. O'Bert Regal and family in Plymouth.

Tuesday Mrs. Tom Gibbard and Kathy Gibbard entered University Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sweeney of Romeo and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Sweeney and family of Uby were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Sweeney.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Cleland and family of Bad Axe,

AROUND THE FARM

Seed vigor in beans

By William Bortel



Farmers may obtain better field performance in dry seedling bean and soybean seedlots if they plant seed that has been tested for vigor.

Seed vigor testing is a means of measuring seed quality. It is relatively inexpensive but affords significant payoff, say Larry Copeland and Dennis Greenman Copeland is a seed specialist for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. Greenman is manager of Michigan Crop Improvement Association (MCIA).

MCIA now offers two vigor tests in addition to the standard warm germination test that is normally used for marketing seed.

Information from such tests can be very useful to farmers as a supplement to the standard warm germination test, because they indicate the potential for seed performance in the field. The standard warm germination test used for seed labeling reflects the potential germination under optimum conditions in a seed germinator.

One vigor test offered by MCIA is the cold soil test, which indicates the ability of a seed to germinate under cool and wet (early spring) conditions. Another is the Tetrazolium viability and vigor test, a chemical test which detects weak areas and deterioration within the seed.

By using results of vigor tests as well as the standard warm germination test, farmers can avoid the risk of planting poor seedlots and help eliminate poor seed

quality as a deterrent to crop productivity.

Farmers need to use every possibility they have to strengthen their economic position and return. A farmer cannot afford to take risks any more by planting low quality seed.

Some seedsmen throughout the north central soybean and navy bean area are beginning to sell seed on the basis of vigor ratings. Therefore, farmers need to know what's meant by all of this and take advantage of it. The recent growth in interest in seed vigor is due to a growing awareness of seed quality.

Today's inputs in raising crops are more expensive and more crucial than they once were. That makes it necessary that all inputs pay off.

A vigor testing program provided by a laboratory needs to be supported by sound research.

The MSU research program is exploring other vigor tests — the four-day germination count, the accelerated aging test and the conductivity test. The goals of this research are to establish the relationship between laboratory seed vigor ratings and field performance, and to develop vigor tests to identify high field performance potential.

So far, the conductivity test has shown a higher correlation with field performance than any other test — including those now used by the MCIA. One or more of these tests may be used by the MCIA in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Decker were Tuesday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson.

Mrs. Kim Anthony, Matthew and Katie were Monday lunch guests of Mrs. Jim Doerr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jackson Jr. of Oxford were Saturday dinner guests of

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell and family. Other afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Morell and son (Minden City, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Czewski and Wall Hagen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Depcinski and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Depcinski attended the Agrico Fertilizer dinner meeting at the Rapson Sportsman Club Hall Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Lynn Spencer and Mrs. Jim Doerr met with the Holbrook Helpers 4-H sewing and crocheting groups Saturday at the Fraser church.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Gracey spent Friday in Rochester and were dinner guests of Delpha Duvall in Pontiac and Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Johnson and family at Rochester. Saturday they visited Carrie Gracey at Avondale nursing home and Helen Collins at her home in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell were Friday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mammel at Sebewaing.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Deachin, Tim, Todd, Debra and Laura and Ronnie Deachin of Lake Orion were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mrs. Mike Stine and Mrs. Russ Schneeberger of Cass City were Friday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hewitt were Saturday supper guests of Carol Ross in Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Buynak of Clarkston spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bea and family and were witnesses when Mr. and Mrs. Tom O'Bea exchanged marriage vows at St. Joseph Catholic church at Argyle at 6:30 Saturday. They later had dinner at Uby Heights Country Club.

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HILLTOPPERS

The Shabbona RLDS Hill tappers group met Sunday for a polluck lunch in the church annex with Mac Holcomb, hostess.

Mrs. Curtis Cleland has charge of worship and Curtis Cleland was in charge of recreation.

The March meeting will be held at the home of Marie Snell.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Blades of Cass City were Tuesday afternoon guests of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Gracey.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell met Rita Tyrrell of Belzoni, Central America, at Tri-City Airport Sunday evening.

Rita will spend a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tyrrell, and family.

Albina Maurer of Bad Axe and Mr. and Mrs. Gil Maurer of Elkton were Saturday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reynold Tschirhart.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Cleland were Monday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alibel Gray.

Rodney Talaski and Bryce Champagne were Tuesday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Schenk and Randy.

Ira Robinson and Clayton Campbell were Sunday dinner guests of Sara Campbell and Harry Edwards.

Lori Hewitt was among a group of young people from the Bad Axe Free Methodist church who attended a Valentine's party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brian Burke at Elkton Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Lapeer and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Jackson were Saturday supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Copeland.

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