

Eight 4-H Clubs Function In Area

Eight 4-H clubs are now regularly meeting in this area and that of the Winchuck.

The first saddle horse club to be organized in the county has eight members, led by Rev. J. L. Mumbower.

Miss Mary Pyrates is leading a club of seventh grade girls in Clothing 2 project.

Mrs. Joe Zumpfe and Elaine LeClaire are leading cooking clubs.

The Winchuck Livestock club has been re-organized with the majority of its members taking sheep projects.

The Hatful of Health Club and Healthy Crabs club are being led at school by Mrs. Frances Henry and Mrs. Lynn Hampton, respectively.

Fourteen members of the upper Chetco Health Club have been meeting with their leader, Mrs. Esther Waldien, since early October.

4-H club leaders are still being needed and any one interested is urged to contact the county extension office.

Along Azalea Row

By B. Miller

Recently, I received a bulletin from a friend interested in the activities of her community. I offer without comment, some observations from this report, for friends and neighbors along the Azalea Row.

The report has to do with Montgomery County, Maryland, one of the thirteen original colonies, admitted into the union in 1776, and so having nearly 200 years of democratic government.

It lies adjacent to the District of Columbia and has now a total population of 139,000 people, most of whom work in the city of Washington, but live in Maryland, are not native to this state, but come from all over the United States to work as scientists and administrators in the federal government, and thus bring with them, a knowledge of their own local government set-ups, both good and bad. And tired of endless rise in tax burdens, the overlapping of functions, the duplication of petty officials, and inefficient and expensive government, they have set up here, where they now make their new homes, a NONPARTISAN county administration which functions for at least ten towns ranging in population from three to 25,000 persons. It works very well, and they are enthusiastic about this plan. Quoting:

"This plan (the council-manager plan) is styled after, and uses the best practices known to private business, with the voters of Montgomery county as stockholders, electing the county council as directors, who in turn appoint a county manager as business manager.

Council members (from the 5 districts) serve in both a legislative and executive capacity. The public is invited to attend the weekly executive sessions, and the closed executive sessions are recorded in the public journal for all interested.

All matters pertaining to health—police, fire, safety, finance—all county matters which include as well as the local administration of the cities is handled thus. By avoiding a duplication of officials, they are able to pay an efficient, trained county manager. From my own experience residing in Silver Spring, a small city of Montgomery county, I must say that the police and fire departments, the schools and public libraries were adequate and efficient, although it was an unincorporated town. I have a report of this bulletin, should anyone

care to learn more about it.

While on this subject, a bouquet of azaleas is certainly due to the members of our own local school board who in county matters pertaining to their own department, have demonstrated an unselfish interest in obtaining the best possible administration.

Elsewhere in this issue is a report of program for Azalea Garden Club meeting to be held Thursday, Feb. 8 (today). Much interest has been manifest in Luther Tisdale's talk on organic gardening. We understand he is even going to bring some of his worms! And Mrs. Frank Pallady and Mrs. Rapraeger, Mrs. Struebing and Mrs. Charels Grayshel all have contributions to a delightful program. A Valentine plant exchange is contemplated, and the usual sociable tea hour will follow. All women of the community are invited to an afternoon together.

LOCAL NEWS

John Porisch, district ranger, Gold Beach, and county head of the March of Dimes campaign, was a caller here Monday. He reported Brookings and Harbor leading the county drive, but was unable at that time to release any figures.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crissey are on a tour of California at present, leaving here Jan. 28.

Mrs. Nellie Hawks wrote her friends here that Mr. Peck, who died at her cabin here some time ago, and was taken to Portland

Jan. 22, was cremated as was his request.

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