

Valley Briefs

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Victor Point — The annual Christmas party of the McAlpin Stitches Club will be held Thursday at the home of Mrs. Richard L. Barnes. A gift exchange revealing "secret pals" will be held and members will bring gifts to be sent to the WCTU Farm Home at Corvallis.

Falls City — Norman Davis was host for a pinocle party at his home Saturday night. A midnight supper was served to guests.

Victor Point — Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goodall, formerly of Victor Point, now living in Silverton, are parents of a baby girl, their first child, born Nov. 20. The little girl has been named Kathryn Lenore.

Falls City — Conley Poe, his sons Steve and Stanley and Frank Lefever, returned from a hunt in the Tillamook Burn area last week with a 600-pound elk. The hunters are not certain which one of them killed the animal as three shots were fired.

4-H Groups Keep Busy Schedules

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FOUR CORNERS — There are three 4-H Clubs in the Four Corners School—two sewing I clubs and a cooking I club.

All have completed their projects to date with nine girls in each club. The Busy Corners Sewing I had a display of finished articles at the open house. It meets every Wednesday after school in the home of leader Mrs. Alfred Knieling, assisted by Mrs. R. W. Clements. A Christmas party is planned.

The Pins and Needles Sewing I meets every second and fourth Tuesdays after school in Room 8 at the school. Mrs. Virgil Lamb is leader, assisted by Mrs. E. M. White.

The Salt and Pepper Cooking I also meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays after school in the Hager home. A Christmas party is on its schedule. Mrs. Orville Rehfeld and Mrs. Arthur Roloff are co-leaders.

The Rickey Rustlers Live Stock Club meets on the last Friday in the month in the members' homes. The November meeting was in Larry Vogt's home. He conducted the meeting. It has six members this year, all carrying livestock projects. Darrel Stafek and Vernon Vogt were awarded a county 4-H summer scholarship for young breeders with Darrel taking first place. Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stafek are the leaders.

4-H Sheep Club Gets Under Way

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WOODBURN — A 4-H Sheep Club has been organized here with Thais Haller as president.

Other officers include Marie DuRette, secretary; Carolyn DuRette, news reporter; Joe Davis, song leader; Annette Davis, and yell leader, Peggy Albertz. Next meetin gwill be Dec. 11.

School Census Indicates Increase Over Last Year

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VICTOR POINT — The annual school census here shows a total of 161 school age residents. There are 90 boys and 71 girls, seven more of the former and two more girls reported above last year's total, according to the school clerk, Robert W. Humphreys.

The meeting of the School-Community club postponed last week because of Thanksgiving, will be held Friday at the school.

Evabelle Ames Elected Noble Grand of Lodge

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FALLS CITY — Evabelle Ames has been elected noble grand of the Magnolia Rebekah Lodge for the coming year.

Other officers include Vivian Royer, vice-grand; Marie Neal, recording secretary; Leona Nelson, financial secretary, and Gunda York, treasurer.

Installation of officers will take place Jan. 13.

REDS TAKE OVER

VIENNA (INS)—Recent newspaper reports in the Romanian Communist press revealed that soldiers have taken over several of the Romanian railroads. The Communist papers didn't say why troops were used in running the Romanian railways, but observers in Vienna expressed the view that the measure was taken to prevent increasing acts of sabotage against the railway system.

Un-American Probe Board Coming West

SAN FRANCISCO — Against a background of controversy, the House Un-American Activities Committee comes west for hearings this week into possible Communist infiltration of this vital defense area.

Chairman Harold Velde R-III became a national storm center with his decision two weeks ago to subpoena former President Harry Truman in the Harry Dexter White case.

Locally, the committee already has had to go to court to uphold 13 of its subpoenas.

Harry Bridges' left wing International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union has threatened stop work meetings if it comes under the committee's fire.

San Francisco city school superintendent, Herbert Clish, announced that he personally would attend and stand by teachers who once joined what now are listed as Red fronts.

Supt. Clish said in a statement that "it should be recalled that during the Second World War, when Russia was supposed to be an ally, many loyal Americans were encouraged to join organizations which would promote friendship between the two countries."

Dr. Barnes, Ex-Anglican Bishop, Dies

HURSTPIERPOINT, Eng. (AP)—Dr. Ernest William Barnes, former Anglican bishop of Birmingham and frequent storm center of religious controversy, died Sunday. He was 79.

Until ill-health forced his resignation last May Bishop Barnes was an outspoken advocate of unorthodox views.

He rejected belief in miracles—"The Bible is wrong," he once said. He campaigned for euthanasia—mercy killing—or sterilization of unfit persons.

He urged church leaders to cut out from the Bible its story of the creation as related in the book of Genesis. Science had proved it could not be accepted as fact, he said.

He doubted validity of the Virgin birth and Christ's physical resurrection. "The time has come," he said, "when the mistaken assumptions of the pre-scientific, pre-critical era must be repudiated."

These views—expressed with brilliant oratory and an incisive pen—earned him bitter criticism from many Church of England leaders and a public rebuke from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

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Benson Asserts Rigid Price Supports Could Bring Unemployment

CHICAGO — Secretary of Agriculture Benson declared Monday that rigid price supports and companion production controls for farm products could bring unemployment among non-farmers and "terrible repercussions in our entire economy."

In criticizing current federal agricultural programs, the GOP farm chief asked farmers to recognize that the effects of reduced agricultural output do not stop with the producer himself.

"Actually," he said, "the number of people who earn all or part of their daily living through transporting, processing, packaging and merchandising of products of our farms exceed those actually engaged in agriculture itself."

Repercussion Feared "An over-all reduction in farm output can have terrific repercussions in our entire economy," he said.

Benson offered this criticism of present farm programs in a speech prepared for the National 4-H Club Congress.

He promised that the Eisenhower administration will offer to Congress proposed improvements which, he said, "will help farmers gain full parity of price and income in our market places—rather than some fraction of parity in a government warehouse," as well as enlarged markets.

Efficiency Real Goal While conceding that farmers must shift production from product to product to meet demand, the secretary said "we should never lose sight of our real goal: A constantly increasing and more efficient production of farm goods" to meet needs of growing domestic and world population.

"Let those who would shackle agriculture with more and more controls from Washington study well the experience of Russia and the Iron Curtain countries where regimentation of the farmer has reached the ultimate," he said.

"The situation has become so bad that even the Communist masters, who hardly ever admit mistakes, have been forced to confess that food output has fallen alarmingly and that the state must relax some of the harsher controls to secure increased production."

Benson called upon the rural youth of America to help preserve the "traditions of self help and free enterprise which have made America great." He said farm people through the ages have been in the forefront of a continuing battle against tyranny.

Storm Flags Fly at Coast **SEATTLE** — The Weather Bureau ordered small craft warnings hoisted at 8 p. m. Monday from Tatoosh to Astoria, Ore., on the Strait of Juan de Fuca and along the inland waters of Washington.

The forecast was for southwest to west winds of 20 to 30 miles an hour late Monday night and Tuesday morning, and locally gusty 35 to 40 miles an hour early Tuesday.

Lumber Firm Buys Plywood Mill Interest **PORTLAND** — A part interest in the Western Veneer Plywood Corp. has been acquired by the Willamette Valley Lumber Co., Willamette President William Swindells said Monday.

He would not disclose how big is the interest and what sum was involved.

Harold Jones, Eugene, is president of Western Veneer, which has a plant near Lebanon. Jones also has plywood mills at Eugene and Cottage Grove.

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