

Playmates Club Organized By Juveniles at Stayton

By FLORENCE CARLETON

Stayton — Did you ever wish that boy or girl of yours had an interest to keep them occupied during the hours after school is out for the day and during summer vacation?

A group of Stayton youngsters have found the answer and have provided themselves many hours of pleasure and at the same time helped those less fortunate than themselves.

Known as Play Mates club, the group was organized about a year ago and patterned after a suggested club of the Play Mate magazine for children, with Mrs. Tomina Shower as supervisor.

Each membership card bears a promise which the members agree to follow: "I promise to do my best at all times to help those who are lonely, needy, ill or shut-in."

A little girl from the Children's Farm Home near Corvallis was chosen as the playmate to help this year. She has been remembered with useful gifts as well as toys at Christmas, at Easter time and on her birthday. A short program was presented at the Eva Rebekah Christmas party by the club. They were joined at that time by their adopted playmate, Darlene Runyan. Christmas carols were sung to the shut-ins by the group at Christmas time.

A May Day program, with a queen crowning and a program of acts was presented in the yard of the C. P. Burmester home, for which the costumes were designed and made by Harry Burmester, 12. Yvonna Myers was queen; Harry Burmester, king; Ralph Shower, master of ceremonies; and the acts were presented with the program presented by other members, including Shirley Freeman, Karen Petersen, Gary and Erol Boyle, and Harriett Burmester. Bob Carleton was ticket taker. The acts consisted of songs, tumbling acts and a puppet show. Betty Caskey was away at the time of the show, and Bobby Weddle and Doris Stevens have joined the club since school closed.

Only a couple of pennies was the cost of the tickets for the May Day program but a group of parents and interested friends witnessed the show and purchased the refreshments which consisted of cake, ice cream, punch, coffee and cookies. By this means nearly \$4 was added to the club fund.

The club is quite proud that its entry in the Children's parade of the Santiam Bean festival which was held in Stayton recently, won the grand sweepstake, and of the purple ribbon given it. Using the old four-wheeled fire department trailer which has been stand-

ing in the yard of the former fire chief, the youngsters built a large brown boat of crepe paper to form a house for the "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe."

Now everyone knows who has ever prepared a very modest float that it is really work, but the boys and girls really did an excellent job on their float. The shutters in the windows of the boat house were covered in sweetpeas and the name of the club was outlined in the same flowers. Club members were the children with Yvonna Myers as the "Old Woman."

The club wishes to thank Chris Neitling for the use of the trailer, and those who were so kind in giving flowers for the float. The club is planning another program some time in the future to defray the cost of crepe paper and other items purchased for the float.

Regular meeting place of the club has been the attic of the Burmester home which young Harry has decorated in red paint to make the club rooms more attractive. Last weeks hot weather caused them to abandon their attic meeting place for a small house in the yard at the Weddle home.

Gallery by the Sea Will Show Quigley

An exhibition of the paintings of E. B. Quigley will open August 14 at The Gallery by the Sea, the Lincoln county art center at Delake.

In the show will be 22 paintings in oil of the eastern Oregon country, including horses and cattle, in which Quigley specializes.

The gallery will be open every day except Monday, from 1:30 to 5 p.m. On the opening day the gallery hours will be 1:30 to 8 p.m. The exhibition will hold until September 11, and will be followed immediately by another.

The Gutenberg Bible first book printed with movable type, was given the appearance of a hand-copied manuscript by the printers so that their invention would not be discovered.



Leaning Over Backward this Fukui building was wrecked.

SEVERE SHAKES

Speed of Earth's Moves In 'Quakes Is Great

By FRANK L. WHITE

Tokyo—The great Fukui earthquake of June 28, 1948, "ranks among the most severe of all well-known earthquakes," with an earth movement that may have reached a speed of 20 feet a second, U.S. army engineers report.

They have just concluded a year-long geological and engineering study of the Fukui disaster, which killed 5,236 persons and wrecked 35,437 buildings.

While many earthquakes have taken more lives in various parts of the world, the one centering around Fukui, in west-central Honshu, is rated as one of the major tremors of history because of its shock intensity.

The army's study rates its highest intensity at .6 gravity. This is the highest recorded figure on any recognized scale. One "G," for gravity, is 32 feet a second—the speed of the pull that gravity exercises on a free body in the first second.

Six-tenths of a "G" therefore would be about 20 feet a second, the speed at which the earth shook at the height of the quake.

This movement could be vertical or horizontal, or both. The first earthquake rated on this comparatively recent scale was that at Long Beach, Calif., in 1933, which was figured at .3 G-plus, or about 10 feet a second. Until Fukui, this was the highest recorded since the beginning of the G measurement.

The army report, compiled with the aid of Geologists John J. Collins and Helen L. Folster, notes that, "the number of casualties and the damage resulting from the Fukui earthquake were exceptionally large, considering the relatively small area in which the

GETTING TO WORK ON TIME

When Deaf, Alarm Difficult To 'Hear' So as to Awaken

By JAMES DUNNE

Cleveland (U.S.)—It is often a problem for deaf people to awake so they can get to work on time.

During the convention of the National Association for the Deaf, the delegates were asked how they managed the waking problem. The answers varied.

A tall, middle-aged bachelor described to a reporter in sign language through an interpreter that he has a hammer connected with a spring and tripped by an alarm clock that beats on the bed posts. The vibrations of the bed rather than the sounds awake him.

As much as 5.5 feet was noted at points within two miles of each other.

Fissures in the ground opened as wide as four feet but most of them returned to widths of a few inches. Seven witnesses are quoted as seeing a woman crushed to death in one of these opening and closing fissures.

Another representative has members of his family who can hear, so he could not employ such a "loud" voice. Instead he wound a piece of string around the alarm handle on the back of the clock. He passed the cord through a hook in the ceiling and tied the loose end about a pillow.

The pillow was placed above his head. When the alarm unwound, so did the cord, and the pillow fell on the sleeper's face.

A small, bald-headed delegate wagged with his hands a tale of awakening calmly and easily. He hooked a switch on the alarm clock and connected

the wires to several sealed beam lights mounted on his dresser and pointed towards his bed. The lights flashed on and off when the alarm was tripped.

Usually the ringing of the telephone in a hotel room for a few seconds would wake up a hearing person. But for the deaf delegates, the telephone bells took a beating. Usually La Du would have to ring the bell for a solid five minutes before his roomers would awake.

Sometimes the vibrations would not be great enough, and two bellhops accompanied by La Du would go to the various rooms and beat on the doors.

Sometimes even these sounds were no, enough and La Du had to enter the rooms with a special pass key.

"The people who fell in the last category," La Du said, "seemed not to be worried at all if they ever got up."

"In fact," he added, "one man said he has been late so many times that the act of not being punctual has become a habit—just like eating and sleeping."

La Du's problems started all over again when the delegates arrived at the coffee shop for a bite of breakfast before the business sessions began.

However, his worries were eased when he was informed that one of the waitresses had deaf parents and that she knew sign language.

Immediately La Du employed her as a sort of "head waitress" and all the orders were taken without a second word—or sign.

WHILE FISHING THIS LAST WEEK-END . . .

(caught only a few small fry)

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IRIS BULBS REWARD HOBBYIST

Twenty-five years ago, at the age of 57, Ben C. Offins (center) retired from lumbering to enjoy his hobby of raising Dutch irises. Soon his acre of land in Grants Pass was crowded with these white, yellow and blue flowers. Florists began buying the bulbs for force-blooming purposes.

Now 82, Offins, with his sons, Harold W. (left) and Don A., directs modern iris culture on 30 acres of land—growing approximately 8,000,000 quality bulbs annually. Their firm, B. C. Offins & Sons, relies on the Grants Pass Branch of First National for helpful banking services.

THE DILLARDS PROVIDE HOUSING

W. H. Dillard began building a small home in 1938 on an acre plot on Prineville's outskirts. Dillard, then a sawmill worker newly arrived from Oklahoma, hardly had the job started before he had rental inquiries. "If folks want places like these, let's build more," Dillard suggested to his wife, Violet. Today they own nine acres, 18 low-rental houses, a 27-place trailer park and room to build a modern tourist court. "We really 'started on a shoestring,'" Dillard says, "and we credit the First National of Prineville for much of our success. We got both financial help and sound business advice."



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