

### Legion Auxiliary Plans Busy Month

Silverton — Mrs. Ralph Francis, chairman of the rehabilitation committee, has announced a busy schedule for members of Delbert Reeves unit, No. 7, American Legion auxiliary, for the month of December and the latter part of November.

The unit met this week. Under the direction of Mrs. Francis, \$10 was sent to the Portland Veterans facility for the cigar fund; \$5 for Christmas cheer; and \$5 for child welfare. The donations were given by check. In the work of community service, Mrs. John Demas, chairman, Mrs. William Bloch, child welfare chairman, said donations for a Thanksgiving basket are to be left at the Dickerson store before Thanksgiving day and children's and women's gifts for the Portland Veteran gift shop are to be brought the third Monday in November, in order to get the donations to Portland by December 1. And wearable or usable gifts for the sick veterans' families are acceptable, together with toys and other articles for smaller children. Persons not members of the Legion or auxiliary, who wish to make a veteran family happy at Christmas time, are welcome to contribute to this fund and may do so by getting in contact with Mrs. Ralph Francis.

Mrs. Victor Howard, sewing chairman, had on display the results of the first day's work of the unit year, in men's scarves, pillow tops and other articles made the past week when 14 members met at the Lewis Hall home for work. Mrs. Crete Crennell told of special hospital work she was preparing to be sent to the veteran facility, or to be used for a hospital benefit fund. Mrs. Crennell is a guest of her daughter, the sewing committee chairman, Mrs. Howard, and is active in auxiliary work. Two events were announced for Friday evening, November 13, the Marion county council and assembly at Aurora, and the local past presidents parley at the Arthur Gottenberg home.

### Toastmistress Club

Stayton — The Stayton Toastmistresses met Tuesday evening at the high school with Mrs. B. Hoag, president, in charge. Invocation was given by Mrs. Walter Frey. Mrs. Vincent Starr served as lexicologist. Miss Agnes Kirsch, topic mistress, chose "Questions I would like to have answered for me." Each member replied to the individual question selected. Mrs. Edw. J. Bell, education

chairman, introduced the new phase. "Speaking before a mike," Jerry Butler, speech instructor at Stayton high, gave rules and suggestions to be observed when using the mike. Mrs. Edward J. Bell and Mrs. E. A. Ditter were the hostesses.

### Halversons Speak For Garden Club

Woodburn — Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Halverson of Silverton were guest speakers at the regular meeting of the Woodburn Garden club Tuesday night at the library club rooms. They talked on the growing and culture of chrysanthemums and exhibited some of their prize blooms. They also showed colored slides of their garden. Slides were also shown by Mrs. Harold Colgan of her garden.

An invitation was extended by the Halversons to visit their gardens and a group is planning to leave at 2 p.m. Sunday from the library to make the tour. Mrs. James Livesay acted as program chairman in the absence of Mrs. H. F. Butterfield. Plans were made for a Christmas party at the next meeting, December 8, beginning with a no-host supper at 6:30 p.m. with Mrs. Ralph Bair as chairman of arrangements. There will also be a gift exchange. The officers of the club will be hostesses. Christmas centerpieces will be featured.

Further plans were made for the green show to be December 12, with Mrs. George Sweeney as chairman.

Roll call Tuesday night was "Thanksgiving Verses" and the horticultural specimens were chrysanthemums. Floral arrangements featured the harvest season.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. James H. Livesay, Mrs. Ray Gantt and Mrs. Mark Thompson.

### Miss Vickers Is Married at Idanha

Idanha — Miss Maria Vickers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edison Vickers of Idanha, was wed to David Rex Lindley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lindley of Feathers Falls, Calif., in a candlelight ceremony Monday evening at the Idanha Community church. The Rev. Elvin Fast of Salem officiated.

The bride wore a white ballerina-length frock, with a spray of stephanotis circling her hair. She was given in marriage by her father. Miss Mary Gordon was maid of honor, and James Wright attended the bridegroom. Little Bonnie Vickers was flower girl, and Becky Stoll was candlelighter. Ushers were Freddy Taylor and Gerald Vickers. The church was decorated with fall flowers and fern.

### Ankeny Grange Elects Officers

Talbot — Ankeny Grange members met in the hall Saturday night for the regular meeting and election of officers. Elected were:

Master, Wayne Johnston; overseer, Kenneth Van Cleave; lecturer, Edoise Mariotti; steward, Loyd Mariotti; assistant steward, Walter Wuff; chaplain, Hattie Gilmour; secretary, Winnifred Zehner; gatekeeper, Jake Gilmour; treasurer, Jay Van Cleave; Pomona, Irene Gurgurich; Flora, Louise Johnston; lady assistant steward, Nancy Davidson; executive board, Delmar Davidson, John Zehner, and George Mariotti.

Officers will be installed at the Dec. 5 meeting with Roberts Grange officers to be installed also.

Plans were made for the harvest dinner Dec. 3, for members and their families.

Home Economics meeting will be Thursday, Nov. 19, at the hall for a day of cleaning with a pot luck dinner.

During the refreshment hour at the close of the meeting Wayne Johnston told of his recent trip to Kansas City, Mo., with other members of the FFA.

Modern brass is an alloy mostly of copper and zinc, although in early times it referred to the alloy of copper and tin which we call bronze.

Soloist, Eva Lou New, sang and Mrs. Ruth Skidmore played the wedding music.

Following the ceremony, the reception was at the home of the bride's parents for immediate friends of the family. Assisting were Mrs. Clyde Storey, Mrs. Warren Stoll and Mrs. Quincy Smith. Among those present for the ceremony and reception were the bride's two grandmothers, Mrs. Ann Vickers of Manzanita, and Mrs. H. Steinbrueck, of Centerville, Washington.

The couple will be at home in Detroit following a short honeymoon.

### Reading Stressed as Basic Factor in Learning Process

Dallas — With reading, key-stone of the learning process as the focal point of discussion groups, the Polk county elementary teachers' institute opened its two-day session in Dallas Wednesday at the Morrison school.

Phillip Newitt, Dallas, is chairman of the planning committee, assisted by Mrs. Nada Hassler, Salt Creek; Mrs. Dorothy Suing, Oak Grove; Mrs. Cleone Williams, Peede, and Ralph Farrow of Monmouth.

Special music under the direction of Mrs. Alice Frantz by the sixth grade and junior high school and also by the eighth grade and the junior high school under the direction of George Thompson opened the session. Boy Scouts led the assembly in the Flag Salute.

Opening address was delivered by Miss Bernice Hughes, representative of Scott, Foresman and Company, publishers.

Topics listed for group discussions are: Reading Readiness, Oral and Silent Reading, Remedial Reading, Reading in Correlation to Other Subjects, Visual Aids in Teaching Reading, Tests for Silent and Oral Reading, Spelling Contests as a Reading Aid, Determining Vision Defects—as it relates to poor readers, Interpreting Reading Programs to Parents, Help for the Superior Reader and Reading for Understanding.

Rotating among the groups throughout the session will be the key figures, consultants from the Pacific Northwest Bookmen's Association.

These authorities in their fields are Wade Arstall of Row-Peterson & Company; Stanley Hastings, American Book Company; Dean Hartung, McMillan Publishing Company; Dean Kind, Ginn and Company; Walter Clark, John C. Winston Company; Ken McGuire, L. W. Singer Company.

Leaders for the various grades are: first grade, Miss Mildred Kane, Monmouth; sec-

### Texas Farmers Back Benson

Mineral Wells, Texas, (AP)—Texas Farm Bureau Federation, speaking for some 50,000 farmers and ranchers in 183 counties, stood behind Secretary to Agriculture Benson Thursday in his opposition to cattle price supports.

In a tumultuous 6-hour session which closed their annual convention here Wednesday, the federation delegates over-ruled in two decisive votes a stubborn minority of cattlemen shouting for federal props under sagging cattle prices.

Instead, the group called for stepped-up government beef buying and a promotion program to boost retail sales.

The 504 voting delegates, an intensely concerned, sweating group, painstakingly adopted policy on virtually every other major national and state farm issue.

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Following the noon luncheon special speakers were Miss Margaret Perry of the training staff at OCE and Miss Thelma Tallent, representative to the teachers' convention this past summer in Miami, Fla.

Friday the morning address will be given by Miss Emma Henke, Associate Professor of Education of Oregon College of Education.

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### Births Top Deaths, Linn Co. Reports

Albany — Dominance of births over deaths continued at a better than three and a half to one ratio during the three months period ending Sept. 30, it was revealed today by Dr. John W. Guepe, Linn county health officer.

The county vital statistics records of the health department show that during the quarter 364 babies were born, 187 boys and 177 girls, while death took but 103 persons, including 66 men and 36 women.

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### Medal Presented to Lt. Oren McDowell

First Lt. Oren C. McDowell, acting adjutant for the 929th Field Artillery battalion, Army Reserves, at the unit's meeting Tuesday night was presented a 10 year reserve medal.

McDowell, a member of the unit since it was organized here, was an enlisted man prior to May, 1945, when he attended Officers' Candidate School at Fort Benning, Ga.

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