

Dodge Doings

(By ANNE JUSTICE)
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Peterson of Bemidji, Minnesota were week end guests at the Howard Westberg home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bryan became the proud parents of a

7 pound baby boy at the Oregon City hospital at 12:30 on Tuesday morning. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bryan of Eagle Creek and Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cyrus of Estacada. Great grandparents are Mrs. Cadonau of Estacada, Mrs. Hattie Cyrus of Sisters, Mrs.

Wm. Taylor of Oregon City and Charles Morris of Los Angeles. The baby's name is Raymond Dee Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akins of Three Lynx became the parents of a daughter Janet Lorraine at the Oregon City hospital Sept. 19. Janet weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Connor and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Akins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hetu of Weston, Oregon were visitors in Dodge for a short time Saturday. They formerly lived on the Palmeteer place.

M. F. Ott who was seriously injured in a car accident on the new road last Wednesday afternoon is in good condition at Providence hospital in Portland.

Mr. Ott is suffering from seven broken ribs, cracked left shoulder, cut nose, an 8 inch cut on his right knee, plus multiple bruises and various cuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beguein drove down the coast to Crescent City, Cal. this week end. They saw the trees of mystery and stopped at Grants Pass. On the way home they stopped at Crater Lake and Diamond Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Slane and family drove to LeGrande this weekend to visit Mr. and Mrs. Darald Harmon. Mrs. Harmon is Mrs. Slane's sister.

Jack and Max Kishpaugh are taking advantage of the good weather to finish remodeling Jack's home. They are building on 3 rooms and reroofing as they go.

County brush cleaning crews began clearing the corners along Hillockburn-Dodge road Monday morning. They are doing an excellent job. The residents of Dodge hope it won't be long before the bad corners are straightened out.

But trees are of great value today. It is likely that boomers are costing the State of Oregon millions of dollars annually. Tree farmers are just finding this out. There is no county wide systematic control program but many Clackamas County farm foresters are finally getting at the job of protecting seedling stands from boomer damage. Boomers eat almost any green plant—sword ferns; salal; salmonberry; bracken; wild blackberries; hardwoods and the like. They are especially fond of forestry tree seedlings. They are responsible or lack of natural reforestation in many cutover areas.

At times they attack vegetable gardens taking vegetable plants and flowers alike. A short time ago a Redland resident complained of boomers destroying his potato patch. And boomers are numerous. One of our friends who prefers to remain anonymous has a large cutover area near Springwater. He badly wanted a successful natural reseed from the 1956 cone crop. So early in his summer he kept one man busy trapping boomers. At the last count his helper had caught over 500.

The mountain beaver or boomer looks somewhat like a tailless muskrat being a heavy bodied and short legged rodent from 12 to 13 inches long with coarse fur of a general brownish color.

Extension Bulletin 629 "Controlling Rodents and other Small Animal Pests in Oregon" provides the following description of the life history and habits of the boomer:

The Mountain beaver is one of the most curious rodents found in the Northwest. While much like a tailless muskrat in appearance it lacks the soft underfur that makes the skin of the muskrat so valuable.

It digs long tunnels with several entrances; usually on hillsides. It is only within the past few years as man began to clear more and more of the hillside lands that the mountain beaver has appeared in the role of a crop pest. The animals seem to feed on all garden and field crops. They usually cut the tops of various plants and pile bundles of them like tiny hay shocks at the entrance of their burrows; after these are dried they are carried into their underground storerooms.

The young are born in April. The litters are small compared to most of our rodent pests; two or three being the usual number.

Notes by the Wayside

(By John J. Inskip, County) Anyone have an old fashioned steel drum grain treating outfit lying back in the barn gathering dust. They are not used much anymore. Most of our grain is treated for smut commercially. We want one for mixing poison baits for mountain boomer control.

And that reminds us—we know some folks out Marmot way who planted 100 forest seedlings with great care last winter. They started growing well but only five or six remain. Mountain boomers cleaned them out.

This little experience illustrates a point. On the average about one year in seven is a good seed year for forestry trees. Last year we had the big seed crop. In boomer infested areas the natural reproduction from these trees will be cleaned out before they reach a foot in height.

Boomers and mountain beavers have been with us long before pioneers came across the plains. At that time they were a blessing because folks did not want trees to grow. The pioneers wanted cleared land for raising farm products.

Eagle Creek

(By Margaret Ross)
Tragedy struck one of Eagle Creek's newest families on Wed. Sept. 18 when Kenneth Ralph Vaughan of Rt. 1, box 15 was killed near Estacada by a log rolling from his loaded truck as he was adjusting the chains. The Vaughans had just moved here recently to the house formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Claud Potts who left here in Aug. to live in Renton, Wash. Two of the Vaughans' children had enrolled in local schools. Mr. and Mrs. Z.P. Coop returned last week from a 4 day trip

thru Washington accompanied by Mr. Coops' sister Mrs. Milton Matthews and her small grandson. They stopped in Brewster, Wash. to see Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Dodson and family and then stopped in Seattle to visit Mrs. Matthews' daughter and son in law, Rosaleen and Elmer Hicks. They also made the trip via Grand Coulee dam.

Houseguests of the Wm. Dunstons from Wed. to Mon. of this past week were Mr. and Mrs. A. Scheithing of Florence, Colo. cousins of Mrs. Dunstons. Friday the group made a trip to Multnomah Falls accompanied by Mrs. Della Henry of Portland who had once lived in the house the Dunstons now occupy. Last Sunday 31 relatives from different places gathered at the Dunstan home for a family reunion and pot luck dinner.

A Sunday afternoon guest of the Enel Wilsons was Mrs. Florence Stainbrook (daughter of Mrs. Mae Munger) of Portland, Ore.

Sunday visitors of the Oscar Judds were their daughter's family Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Todd and children of Portland and Anne's nephew Charles Blaisdell, his wife Anne and their baby from Salem.

Sunday visitors of the Virgil Nelsons were Edna's uncle, Adolph Swanson and his wife and her brother and sister in law. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Swanson and family from Portland.

On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Berry with Don, Jimmy and Larry Melton and George Suter went to Short Sands Beach (Oswald State Park) near Cannon Beach for a picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tacheron Sept 25 attended the funeral in Gresham of Frank's sister-in-law Anna M. (Mrs. Henry) Perret, late of Sandy.

The Eagle Creek Ladies Aid, holding its first fall meeting on Sept. 18 at the church, decided to sponsor two programs in the coming month. Saturday night, Oct. 12, they will have a musical program at the pre social, and on the evening of Oct. 22 they will hold a Tupperware party. Also a committee is assigned to compile an Eagle Creek cookbook composed of favorite or original recipes for local cooks and they invite all ladies of area to contribute something (male cooks can also contribute!).

(Correspondent's Note:) Please pardon our brevity, but

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we are moving to our 'new' home and haven't much time this week for 'chasing up' news. If you have Eagle Creek news items for next week's issue, we will be glad to receive from you before next Tuesday, post-cards or phone calls at CR 9-6533 (whenever we are there). Thanks for your forbearance. (M. R.)

ALICE ZAKRZEWSKI WEDS BOB MARCHBANK
Saturday afternoon, Sept. 21 Alice Zakrzewski and Bob Marchbank were united in marriage in a double-ring ceremony at St. Aloysius Church in Estacada with Father Norbert Fritz officiating.

The bride, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Zakrzewski of Eagle Creek was given in marriage by her father. She was dressed in a white knit suit and white hat and wore an orchid corsage. Her only attendant

was her sister Maryann Zakrzewski. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Marchbank of Estacada. Serving him as best man was the bride's brother, James Zakrzewski. Both Alice and Bob are graduates of Estacada high school. Following honeymoon trip to the coast they will reside in Corvallis. Bob is a student at Oregon State College.

SHOWER HONORS MRS. RONALD GOSSETT
Mrs. Ronald Gossett (Shirley Hayden) was honor guest on Sunday afternoon at a bridal shower at the home of Miss Claudia Pifer with a large number of friends present.

After the many lovely gifts were opened and viewed, cake and coffee was served. The newly married couple are making their home in Portland.

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