

Arago News Items

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Edgmon and Kenneth, of Klamath Falls, visited at the home of Mrs. Daisy Doyle several days last week.

Mrs. Chester Willson and Chloa left last Tuesday for Rogue river to visit Mr. Willson for a few days.

The Ladies Aid has been busy getting things ready for their bazaar, which will be held May 4 at the Arago store.

Miss Nola Crawford was a Sunday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ward Evans.

Kenneth Sumerlin was a Thursday overnight guest at the home of Miss Sylvia Sumerlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kellison and Bobby came in from Sutherlin Saturday evening. Mr. Kellison returned to Sutherlin Sunday but Mrs. Kellison and Bobby are going to be at home again.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mason, Phyllis, Dennis and Becky, visited at the home of Mrs. Mason's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dority, in North Bend last Sunday.

Jake Moomaw conducted the evening services at the Methodist church in Myrtle Point last Sunday night and the Arago choir furnished the music for the evening, which was as follows: piano prelude by Mrs. O. H. Aasen; vocal solo, "The Lord is My Light," by Mrs. S. C. McAllister; ladies' trio, "Transformed by Grace Divine," by Mesdames Werner Pless, Stanley Halter, Wayne Woodward and S. C. McAllister; and a choir number, "Praise Ye The Father," by Mesdames Werner Pless, Stanley Halter, Wayne Woodward, S. C. McAllister, Messrs. Wayne Woodward and Meiden Carl.

The Methodist church of Myrtle Point has asked that it be announced that they will give a May Day breakfast, May 1st, in the church basement from 7:00 a. m. until 9:00 a. m. They will serve sausages, waffles, coffee, etc., and everyone is invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Moomaw and family have moved to Coquille. Their son, David, who has been in training in the U. S. Navy camp at San Diego, was home on a few days furlough last week.

Lynn Schrader left Monday for induction into the service.

Mrs. O. H. Aasen returned home Tuesday after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hoberly, in Portland, and other relatives for about two weeks.

Communion services will be held at the church here May 8, at which time Jake Moomaw will be in charge of the morning church service.

Mr. and Mrs. Nils Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Ithamer Robison and grandson, Wendell Robison were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Widmark. The dinner was in honor of Mr. Robison's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish were Friday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orvus Miller on the North Fork.

Misses Dona Moomaw and Maureen Evans, Messrs. Junior Gulstrom and David Moomaw were Sunday dinner guests of Dona's and David's grandmother, Mrs. Johnson, in Myrtle Point.

The Arago community was saddened again last week by the accidental death of Albert Gulstrom, who had lived in the Arago district for quite a number of years. He was instantly killed, when the shot gun he had taken out in his yard to kill a hawk, was accidentally discharged. The load entered his neck and pierced the jugular vein. He was born in Tillamook, Oregon, in 1887 and was married to Bernice Robison about 22 years ago. He was 57 years old and is survived by his wife, two sons and three brothers. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Schroeder Chapel in Myrtle Point, with interment in the Norway cemetery. Rev. J. W. Barnett was in charge of the funeral service with Rev. M. G. Blickenstaff of the Brethren church in Myrtle Point assisting. The Arago ladies sang two numbers, "Nearer, Still Nearer" and "Beyond The Sunset." Relatives attending the funeral services from outside the county were: Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Gulstrom, of Tillamook; Alfred Gulstrom, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robison and Mr. and Mrs. Walter McHugill, of Weed, California; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Lewis and Miss Laura Bernice Lillie, of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schroeder and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Robison, of Corvallis.

The W.C.T.U. Institute was held at the Methodist church in Myrtle Point last Friday, April 20, with Mrs. C. C. Farr of Coos Bay, County W.C.T.U. president, in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Ruth Tooze, of Portland, state W.C.T.U. president, was present at the meeting and was introduced by Mrs. Farr and welcomed by the members. Mrs. Wm. Phillips, of Coos Bay, who resigned as county

Local V.F.W. Post Installs Officers

A joint meeting held April 11 in W. O. W. hall, Coquille Post 965, V. F. W., staged a joint installation of the newly elected officers. Comrade John Follock, of V. F. W. headquarters in Portland, officiated as installing officer to swear in the men who will direct activities of the Post for the coming year. Officers of Post No. 965 are: Commander, Geo. M. Keeney; Sr. Vice Commander, Don McClellan; Jr. Vice, H. H. Oerding; Quartermaster and Adjutant, J. A. Berg; Chaplain, Cliff Yarbrough; Post Surgeon, Dr. R. F. Milne. Arnold W. Rice was appointed Service officer and he will be a good man for the job.

Comrade John H. Shilling was appointed to act as head of the committee to handle the sale of poppies, with the co-operation of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Coquille Post will be the host for the next District No. 10 meeting, to be held in W. O. W. hall Saturday evening, May 5. Arrangements have been made to have some entertainment after the business meeting, after which refreshments will be by the ladies. Commander Geo. Keeney cordially invites all service men and their ladies to attend this important meeting on May 5.

Coquille Girl Married To Eastside Man In California

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Campbell announce the marriage of their daughter, Florence, to Mr. Richard Tucker, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Tucker of Eastside.

The ceremony, which took place recently, was performed by Rev. Donald DeWitt, in a setting of white blossoms and candlelight, in the Chapel of the Christian College at San Jose, Calif.

The bride wore a wedding gown of white satin with finger-tip veil and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds. Miss Fern Peterson was maid of honor and Miss Dora Mae Francis, bridesmaid. Soloists were Francis McClure and Kenneth Willis of Coos Bay. Mrs. Tucker was a Coquille High graduate with the class of 1942 and entered Christian college at Eugene, later transferring to San Jose, where she met her husband.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held on the Campus.

treasurer a short time ago, after serving over 20 years, and because of the death of her husband, was succeeded by Mrs. H. Schear, who is also very capable and understands the work. She was present and was introduced and welcomed by the members. Coos Bay had decided to buy a Bible for Mrs. Phillips as a token of her faithful service, but it was suggested by Mrs. Farr that all the county might like to help and a vote was taken and all were in favor. The treasurer's report was \$27.21 balance on hand.

Mrs. Tooze explained that all money sent in should first go to the county treasurer and she in turn would send it on to the state treasurer. All Union budgets have been paid and refunds will be coming in soon. Mrs. Bessie Cooper, of Coquille, gained 20 new members since last Institute. Neckties and brightly-colored things may be sent to the Veterans Hospital at Roseburg, where they are used in making rugs.

The Coquille Union will give a cafeteria dinner at the Pioneer Methodist church May 11. A lovely luncheon was served by the Myrtle Point ladies at noon and was very greatly enjoyed by all. The afternoon session opened by singing, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations," with Mrs. Tooze leading. Miss Lonna Lett, 2 1/2 years old, was taken in as the youngest member of the Myrtle Point White Ribbon recruits. Mrs. Orlin Lett and Mrs. O. H. Clark were also taken in as new members of the Myrtle Point Union. Mrs. Tooze gave a very interesting address. She said, "We have three enemies—Germany, Japan and liquor," and added: "What will it profit us to win, if we surrendered to Satan?" As we have a new Congress, all bills must be presented again. A motion was made to send a night letter to the Senate Appropriation Committee that expense money for entertainment be kept at \$300,000 instead of \$585,000. Motion carried. Mrs. Orlin Lett favored the group with a vocal solo, accompanied by Mrs. O. H. Clarke. Roll call showed attendance as follows: Myrtle Point 22, Coos Bay 3, Coquille 6, Arago 7, and visitors 1. Those from Arago attending were: Mesdames Nils Miller, Harold Fish, Tyrrell Woodward, Arney Willson, Ward Evans, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett. Interesting short talks were given by various members. Another highlight of the Institute was a tything gift of \$30.00 given for the Farm Home by two Arago members, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fish.

Calling cards, 50 for \$1.00.

Coquille Cubs Have Birthday

Cub Pack 314, sponsored by the Episcopal Church, celebrated its first anniversary Friday evening, April 20th. Following the awarding of several badges of merit, for the achievements accomplished, the boys were surprised with a party planned by the pack cubmaster and den mothers. Through the cooperation of Mrs. Lela Elrod of the County Health office, a thirty-minute movie, "The Scouting Trail to Citizenship" gave the boys a good picture of what lies before them in both Cubbing and Scouting. After the showing of the movie, refreshments were served to both boys and their parents.

A highlight of the evening was the roll call of members to determine the amount of paper each had collected during the last month. A total of 32,742 lbs. was reported, with Douglas Liechty and Bobbie Swinney of Den No. 2 tied for first place, each having gathered 3002 lbs., and Fritz Peterson, second, who reported 2950 lbs. Many of the boys have topped 1,000 lbs. and a number have but a short way to go before hitting the 1,000 lb. mark.

Cub Pack 314, which will request a new charter in May, and thus begin a new year, has kept 38 boys busy, passing tests, and working on Pack projects, all of which will fit them eventually for Scouting.

During the past year, under the fine supervision of Cubmaster Stan Sherwood and four Den Mothers, the pack has enjoyed a real fellowship play and training. Some of the projects undertaken by the pack as a whole include: the making of bird houses, scrap books on "What I want to be when I grow up," collections of the boys' own choosing, puzzles, Indian headdress, musical instruments, weather vanes and thermometers.

In keeping with the policy of Cubbing, four new Den Mothers will take over the work of those who have served during the past year. While it is too early to announce the names of the new Den Mothers, much credit must be given to those who will relinquish their positions at the end of April. These Den Mothers are: Mrs. R. A. Jeub, Mrs. Harold Stevens, Mrs. Morris Harvey and Mrs. Alva Perkins. Mrs. William Brown, who was Den Mother of Den No. 1 until she moved to Idaho also should be thanked for her splendid work.

Attending his last Cub Pack meeting was Gerard Jeub. Gerard will be twelve years old in May, and will be eligible for the rank of Tenderfoot Scout, having passed the qualifying tests as a Lion Cub.

A new Cub Pack committee is to be named and will serve during the coming year. Both the committee and the new den mothers will have an opportunity to attend a planning and instruction conference under the leadership of a Scout Executive who will be in Coquille for two or three days to aid in the reorganization of the Pack.

Many boys are on the waiting list for acceptance as Cubs. But, due to the present size of the pack, only a vacancy in one of the dens makes it possible to receive a new member.

Neighborhood Club Honors Member Now Living at Tulelake

Mrs. Frank Jameson was honored by the members of the Neighborhood Club on Wednesday, Mrs. Irving Larson being hostess for the afternoon. The Jameson family have left Coquille to make their home at Tulelake, Calif., and Mrs. Jameson was presented with a lovely candlewick bowl.

A letter to was club was read from a former member, Mrs. Don Gillespie, who is now living at Klamath Falls, saying she has met twelve former Coquille families there; also that she is anxious to get her garden planted but finds the season much later over that way.

Members present for the 1:15 luncheon were Mesdames George Johnson, Kenneth Lawrence, Frank Martin, Fred Hudson, Harold Stromquist, Dan Melton, Frank Jameson and a guest, Mrs. Johnson, of Richmond, Calif., sister-in-law of Mrs. Hudson.

Hose are being rationed! Get your order in now at Amy's. Amy also is taking orders now for the Hoover white uniforms, priced from \$2.98 to \$5.98, and has the lovely white, sheer rayon hose to be worn with them. The dainty, lace-trimmed uniforms in pastel shades, and the white aprons that look so well with them have come in, too. 142s

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Coquille Unit Red Cross Notes

Coquille Red Cross will meet Friday, April 27, from 1:30 to 4:30 p. m. to sew, knit, crochet, etc. Cut-out pajamas, bedside bags and kit bags will be ready for distribution. Sewing machines are available for those wishing to sew there.

Mrs. Candlin reports yarn for sweaters and white yarn for regulation socks. Anyone having finished knitted articles are asked to turn them in as it is hoped to make a shipment very soon.

Mrs. Schraeder, one of our willing workers, moved to Eugene on Friday, to make her home. We know that she will be carrying on her good work through her new Red Cross Center there.

The Unit is grateful to Mrs. John Martin for a donation of pearl buttons and to Mrs. Robert Medley for a lovely afghan, which she had partly finished.

Remember the Allied Clothing Drive, which continues through the month of April. Take your donations to the Community Building or to the Red Cross Work rooms.

Anyone interested in donating blood to the Blood Bank at Eugene, may contact the American Red Cross, Eugene, for an appointment. Gas coupons will be provided but not paid for by the O.P.A. This applies to a group of not less than five or six persons.

During Mrs. Kesner's absence, the work rooms will be in charge of Mrs. K. P. Lawrence and Mrs. F. C. True.

Rural Life Sunday Church Services To Be Held May 6

Coos County 4-H club members will again participate in Rural Life Sunday church services, which this year fall on May 6. All 4-H Clubs in the county will be asked to participate. Rural Life Sunday occurs the fifth Sunday after Easter, having its roots in the Rogation Days. It was established in 1929 by the National Council of Churches.

Spiritual education is as much a part of 4-H Club work, as the required project material and young people should be encouraged to identify themselves with those institutions that stand for high ideals. The observance of 4-H Club Sunday provides an opportunity for 4-H Club members to start in this direction, particularly in the Heart H.

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Railroad Noises

An editorial from the San Jose, California, "Evening News". (San Jose is on the main line of Southern Pacific's Coast Line)

WE HAVE always resented those snooty expressions, "across the tracks" or "down by the tracks," with their implication that there was something disreputable and socially low-life about living near railroad tracks. After living many years a block from the Espee's rails, we rise to say that there are many worse places to live.

Living close to the railroad has its obvious advantages when you are a boy. Where is there a more romantic place than the right of way, with wheezing switch engines, puffing freights (which travel so much faster now than they used to) and speeding passenger trains? Morning, noon and night railroad holds attraction for a boy, which is why so many of them go into it, finding a romance which never dulls until they die.

"But how can you stand the noise?" someone asks. Far from being bothered by the noises, you get so you find them soothing and conducive to repose. You get so you can tell the freight trains from the passengers, and you distinguish the touch on the whistle rope of that individualistic engine man who makes his blasts so short, sharp and distinctive.

The various whistle notes represent to you these giant creatures of fire and steel talking to one another over long distances and on winter nights, when the wind is blowing and the rain is pelting against the windows it is pleasant to think of engineer and fireman, snug in their cab with the fire roaring below them, shunting lines of cars up and down the glistening wet tracks.

If these night noises from the tracks are comfortable and appealing to you during peace they have

even more of these qualities during war. You realize that both the wars in which we are engaged are transportation wars and must be won not only in the foxholes and workshops but on the railroads as well. Some of the particularly long trains you hear puffing and snorting these nights are troop trains and others are weighed down with war's material. It is comfortable to reflect what a great job the railroadmen are doing, driving their trains and switching their cars 24 hours a day, even while you are asleep.

Back a few years, when trucks and buses started to cut more and more deeply into railroad revenues, with the airplane as an additional competitor just ahead, as a boy living near the tracks you may have wondered a little worriedly if they would put your old friends, the freights and passengers, out of business. It took the war to show that a nation's need of railroads continues, that no nation can be great and strong without them. You are reassured by that, and by the articles and drawings that have been published of vastly improved equipment which will help the railroads get their share of traffic after the war. Such things mean your friends will be able to stay alive and that, drowsily safe and comfortable, you will continue to hear the trains chugging and puffing through the night.

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