

GRANT COUNTY SENIORS

Monument Seniors

Soo Yukawa



We have received our first real snowstorm of this winter! We just got, oh, maybe 3 inches of snow. It has covered up the ground and I am loving it. I praise the name of Jesus for this much-needed moisture! I am going to keep praying that we receive a steady snowfall and the ground would receive it.

I was not there for the Tuesday lunch but I did partake of the delicious meal at home. Terry Cade and Diana Harvey made us a most scrumptious lunch of Swedish meatballs with egg noodles and gravy, green beans, garlic bread, and cheesecake for our dessert. Oh man, it was a very hearty meal and very satisfying if you know what I mean. We thank our lovely cooks.

A friend of ours came over the other day and just happened to look over at my raised garden bed. This was before the snow came, and he noticed the

forks. He asked if I was growing forks, LOL. So then of course I had to go into my spiel of how the cats love to poop in my garden and I put the forks there to poke them in the butt if they try to squat. I think he thought I was crazy. But, to me, they do the job and it works.

Scotty is going to stay intact. I am definitely going to leave him as my little billy goat. I hope I don't regret it when he is older, stinky, and tries to rub on me. He really is a very sweet goat. He loves me to scratch and pet his face. He follows me around and he is not a troublemaker.

Belle, I think she likes to look for trouble. She always gets herself tangled up in her cable. She cries early in the morning, really really loud I might add, wanting to be fed. I think I need to start weaning these guys. They are almost 3 months old and are ready to be weaned. Scotty is no longer the runt. He is just as big as his big brother. Belle is huge too.

I hope I will have some blue-eyed baby goat kids in the spring. Fern is a short little Nigerian dwarf doeling, and she has blue eyes. She is cute.

Fern is one of the new goats from my neighbor.

You know, God is so good. Minnie, Darla's twin sister, was out in the pasture and I could not catch her to bring her back into the pen. Well, one day while feeding the goats, here comes Minnie. As I watched, she squeezed through a big hole the goats had made and came right in! Well, I quickly got some twine and patched up those holes with extra fencing and I was gleefully thanking the Lord that I didn't have to worry about catching Minnie!

Minnie was not thrilled after she found out the holes were covered up. Too bad for her. Ha!

*Deuteronomy 11:13-14 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto My commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy wine, and thine oil.*

Prairie City Seniors

Rose Coombs



A lot of people have a device in their house with the name of Alexa or Siri. I've seen and heard them work. Spooky. We have Shrewdy — an antique mantle chiming clock. His claim to fame is that in a house filled with music of one sort or another, he keeps the beat and strikes at just the proper time to underscore what has been played or perhaps said. We get a big kick out of that! (Doesn't take much to entertain us, huh?)

One time son No. 2 had a whole bunch of Skatechurch kids staying overnight up at the ranch house. Several had to camp out in the living/dining area — where Shrewdy sat on his shelf. Having lived with Shrewdy for nigh on to 50 years, we were used to the noise of his striking of the hour and half-hour. But the kids who had never encountered such a sound didn't sleep

very well that night. They didn't settle down until after 10 p.m., so they got the full benefit of his "midnight call" of 12 gongs. ... I'm so very thankful that he is mechanical and not wirelessly connected. Ahem.

I forgot to mention that one of our sponsors this month was Mills Building Supply. We thank you for your donation, and we appreciate it very much.

The meal prepared by cook Pam consisted of a hot turkey sandwich with mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, applesauce, Jell-O, and a chocolate chip cookie bar. Super yummy and plenty of it!

Volunteer helpers to deliver home deliveries and pickups included Gwynne, Ginger, Carla, Carlos, Mary, Tom and Del. We appreciate all who help in any way in this endeavor.

Our Christmas meal will have ham and yam, so be sure to call and make your reservation. There will be no meal served on the 22nd, but we will be back on the 29th with a good between-holidays meal. And then — would you

believe — it's a new year!

It's rewarding to have these holidays at the end of the year, to remember what God did for you in this 365-day span of time. Sometimes it will be hard to accept that what happened to you was for your good, but *if God be for us, who can be against us?*

Christmas reminds us that God came to be with us, to live a perfect life before us and His Father, and remove the penalty of sin from us — if we will accept His payment of death on Calvary.

Christmas makes us remember that He came for a purpose. Just as you are here for a purpose. Have you found yours? May you be able to answer that question in the new year — to His glory.

*2 Tim., 3:10-11 You ... know my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, ... sufferings. ... Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.*

*2 Cor. 5:4,5 ... we groan and are burdened ... but ... it is God who made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

OUT OF THE PAST

75 YEARS AGO Breeding Program gets new 4-H Club emphasis

The 4-H club member in each Oregon county who develops the best livestock breeding program will receive a scholarship to the 1947 4-H club summer school at O.S.C., announced L.J. Allen, acting state club leader. The awards are sponsored by Safeway Stores.

Winners will be selected by county committees on the basis of project work, management of livestock projects, completeness and accuracy of record books, participation in club activities, and the qualifications of the candidate as revealed through an interview.

These annual scholarship awards for livestock breeding projects represent an important addition to the program of club training, Allen commented. War-time emphasis was on market stock projects — baby beeves,

fat lambs, and fat hogs. The new awards for breeding stock projects will focus attention on the long-time benefits that these projects provide by encouraging the club member to start a herd that can be continued and developed in adult life.

50 YEARS AGO Mount Vernon Grange gives cash to ambulance

Just about eight months old now as an operational unit, the Grant County Volunteer Ambulance Service received a \$100 gift from the Mt. Vernon Grange Friday night.

Ambulance Board member Merven Schouten, John Day, told the Grangers it was the ambulance unit's first donation from a community. The money will be used to buy a converter to modify the vehicle's 12-volt electrical system so 110-volt medical apparatus on emergency equipment can be

plugged in, he said.

Schouten said the power would permit transporting an infant in an incubator or the use of power saws to cut victims from wrecked autos, for example.

Another equipment need of the volunteer unit is a portable suction unit for patients with respiratory troubles, he added.

Dick Lawton made the presentation on behalf of the Grange. Mrs. Mary McKern, Grange master, said the ladies of the Grange raised the funds catering the monthly dinner meetings of the Christian Women's Club.

Schouten explained the function of the Ambulance Board and introduced three drivers who were present, Howard Daggett, Bill Dalrymple and Cliff Stull, and Jean Dayton, an attendant.

The ambulance is a county volunteer service, he said. "When you call and need them,

they'll be there," he added.

Daggett said the unit has traveled some 11,000 miles, to date, and has responded to about 150 calls. A charge for services is made, he continued, to help pay the operating expenses of the ambulance and to build a reserve for a new vehicle.

Drivers and attendants are on call for 12-hour shifts for a week at a time, and six teams and a comparable number of backup teams are trained and on schedule, he said. Noting that many of the volunteers are federal and state employees subject to transfer, Daggett observed that new volunteers will have to be trained periodically to provide replacements.

The presentation was made during the Mt. Vernon Grange's Christmas program, preceded by a potluck dinner. Members of the Grange inspected the ambulance as it stood by outside the door.



Eagle file photo

Dick Lawton (right) presents a \$100 donation to the Grant County Volunteer Ambulance Service in this 1971 file photo. Receiving the gift is Merven Schouten, Ambulance Board adviser. Grange Master Mary McKern (left) and ambulance squad members look on.

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