

Prophet Without Honor



Legend has it that if old Gus Groundhog sees his shadow on February 2 we're in for six weeks more of cold weather. Though Gus has been debunked as a reliable weather prophet he's always the center of attention on that date. However, every groundhog still has a few followers who believe in him.

KERBY GRADE SCHOOL NOTES

County semester testing in the fourth and eighth grades were completed in the Kerby grade school. The scores in these tests are taken by the county school superintendent and grades given each pupil on the basis of his comparative standing with other pupils of his grade throughout the county. These examinations which are made up by committees of teachers, replace the former state examinations.

Merle Inman has enrolled in the seventh grade. His father is employed by the dredge company.

Smallpox and vaccinations and diphtheria immunization have been given the grade school pupils whose parents desired this protection. The treatments were given by Dr. Osgood and Miss Ganiere of the county health office. Only a small percentage of the pupils applied.

Kerby grade school has played three basketball games. Jerome Prairie defeated our boys 20-7 and Prairie defeated our boys 20-7 and won over the Kerby high school Freshman team 13-11 in an afternoon game. The player group includes Charles Smith, Frank McLean, Duane LeVan, Bobby Reynolds, Walter Goldsby, Francis Badden, Dean Tyer, Robert Schnieder, Charles Fox, George Kellert and Richard McCready. Efforts are being made to secure outside games.

The Kerby Grade School enrollment is now 66. Of this number 42 are boys and 24 girls.

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LARGE CROWD AT GARDEN CLUB MEET

One of the largest and most interesting meetings of the Illinois Valley Garden club was held last Friday afternoon when club members and visitors met at the lovely and spacious home of Mrs. George W. Martin on the Caves highway. Mrs. C. C. Babcock, president of the club, called the meeting to order and the program was opened by a roll call of the New Years resolutions.

A reading by Mrs. Martin was in tribute to the memory of two honorary members, recently passed away, Mrs. Harriet Viola Fattig and Mrs. Mary Valen. Another interesting reading was given by Mrs. Raphael Leonard on "History of Rose Culture." Mrs. Frank Miller gave an article on "Snowdrops and Their Culture."

The first list of botanical names of the 1940 contest for club members was given out by Mrs. Harry O. Smith.

A most effective and cleverly arranged dish garden, representing a desert oasis, was displayed by Mrs. J. J. Villair and drew much comment.

Following the program a white elephant auction sale took place with Mrs. Ruth Smith acting as auctioneer. Proceeds from this sale are to purchase seeds for distribution among club members.

New members to join at this meeting were Mrs. Leonard Grizzell and Mrs. O. W. Green.

The February meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Galeno, O'Brien.

MORE OREGONIANS TAKE 1940 WHEAT CROP INSURANCE

Growth in popularity of federal crop insurance is shown by the fact that around 2200 Oregon farmers will have policies protecting this year's wheat crop, as compared to about 700 in 1939, according to the state AAA office in Corvallis.

Oregon farmers have until February 29 to apply for insurance on spring wheat. Applications will be taken at county agricultural conservation offices.

Will Steen of Milton, chairman of the state agricultural conservation committee said that nearly one-half of Oregon's 1940 wheat crop will be protected from all risks by the federal insurance, according to the present outlook.

"This means a lot from a financial standpoint, since it opens a new source of credit," he declared. "Any farmer who has assured himself of three-fourths of a normal crop by taking out insurance is a much better credit risk to his creditors than the farmer who is going out on his own. Banks and other lending agencies are a lot more willing to advance him money."

Crop insurance was in effect in 17 Oregon counties in 1939. Out of the 708 policies sold, 181 paid loss claims to their holders because of poor crops. Five counties had no losses.

Federal crop insurance is unique in that premiums and losses are handled on a "wheat basis." Farmers who insure their wheat crops can pay the premiums in wheat, and in the event of a loss can be repaid in wheat.

The premium rate that each grower pays is calculated from actual losses that he has experienced during the base period, a 13 or 20-year period, depending on the area. In other words, the grower's premium payment represents his average annual cost of crop failure. Insurance won't reduce the amount of loss a grower may expect over a similar period of years, but it enables him to pay his cost of failure in annual installments rather than in one ruinous loss.

KERBY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 2—Kerby vs. Gold Hill at Kerby.
February 6—Kerby vs. Sams Valley at Sams Valley
February 9—Kerby vs. Central Point at Kerby.

MILK DELIVERIES ARE ENORMOUS

Farmers delivered nearly a half billion pounds—an exact 452,696,487 — of whole milk to Oregon creameries and milk plants during 1938. Nearly \$77,000 was paid for the whole milk which contained more than 20 million pounds of butterfat, according to figures compiled by the federal and state departments of agriculture. These figures do not represent, however, true production of milk for the state for they do not include milk fed and otherwise used on the

farm or milk produced by small dairies that handle their own distribution.

Forest Ranger Station Reports Mild January

The month of January has been unusually mild in the Illinois and Umpqua valleys. The Forest service made a "snow-measuring" trip to the Bolan lake road snow course on January 30. They went prepared with lunches, road maintenance tools and rubber boots. The truck, however, rolled into the Redwood Ranger station at 11:30 a. m. after having made the entire trip over a dry, clear road. A few skiffs of snow were seen on the way in but there was no sign of snow at the junction at the Bolan lake and Happy Camp roads.

R. A. Work of the Soil Conservation office in Medford, drove a pickup to Diamond lake and 22 miles west to the Toketee Falls trail on January 26. This is very unusual indeed as this country is usually snowbound by December. Cave Junction has had 9.65 in. of rain during the past month. A dry season is ahead if a good fall of snow does not arrive soon.

CCC Enrolees Aid in Search for Lost Child

Last Saturday little two year old Vern Carlisle McCaughey wandered from his parents' home before breakfast and was found two days later scrambling through a dense growth of brush and ferns two miles from the home of a Cy-Dean of Eureka, one of the searchers.

The child is gradually recovering from his experience and was speechless from fatigue, but otherwise seemed to have suffered no other ill effects. He was promptly put to bed by his mother.

A call at the ranger station came from the sheriff of Humboldt county through the sheriff of Del Norte county last Sunday and immediately a detail of 90 men and three foremen left Camp Gasquet shortly after midnight to help in the search and at noon Monday, CCC enrolees found the tot still going but weak and a slight fever, at apparently none the worse for his experience. Vern is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCaughey, pioneer settlers of Eureka, California.

CLASSIFIED ADS

NOTICE—Electric Appliance repairing. Will be equipped later for motor winding and testing. F. W. Cooper, Kerby. 39-1tp

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NOTICE
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY, OREGON
In the Matter of the Estate of Karl Horstman, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Karl Horstman, deceased, and all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased are hereby required to present the same, properly verified, as required by law, to the undersigned administratrix or at the office of her attorney, O. S. Blanchard, in the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, within six months after the date of this notice. Dated this 12th day of January, 1940.
Evelyn Steele,
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LETTERS

Editor, Illinois Valley News:

A real question confronts the people of the Illinois Valley and one that needs careful consideration and study, and one that perhaps should be thoroughly discussed at public gatherings at the Granges and the American Legion. And the question is What are we going to do about Consolidation of Grade Schools as recommended by the State Board of Education. Are we going to give the children of the Illinois Valley the educational and vocational advantages that they deserve, or are we going to let individual jealousies and selfishness interfere with progress of proper educational facilities? Why not each individual in the Illinois Valley carefully consider the advantages and disadvantages of the proposed consolidation of grade schools, and what it means to the children and the community? Some of the advantages are as follows: the majority of us realize that one teacher with eight grades and with various subjects in each grade is greatly handicapped as her time with each subject is very limited, in comparison one teacher to each of the eight grades is an improvement that one can hardly question. Vocational facilities can be offered at a consolidated school that are impossible at a one teacher school. Recreational advantages would be offered at a larger school. A network of transportation would bring high school facilities to every youngster in the Illinois Valley, especially important to those youngsters who are unable to attend high school through lack of these facilities. To those people who are considering the problem from a financial standpoint, it will mean efficiency of operation over a period of years at a minimum cost, and receiving a dollar's worth of value for every tax dollar spent for education. The selection of a site is of secondary importance, and every district will have a voice in the selection as they have the right to vote on the location.

What Consolidation Means To This Community

The growth of each community is advanced or retarded by the educational and religious advantages that are available. How many families seeking homes in the Illinois Valley ask this question:

"What are your school facilities?"
What do you have to offer them?
This valley is one of the best God created. Why not take advantage of the facilities offered,

Perhaps those people who have been fortunate to have been born and raised in the Valley may be apt to overlook their advantages, but if they have lived in some of the states that are subject to various kinds of nature such as Dust Storms, Cyclones, Floods, and Zero Temperatures, they would realize that the Illinois Valley is really God's country, and that we should be thankful that we live in this valley, and that we owe it to ourselves and to our communities to give our youngsters every possible advantage, as after all our struggles in this life are to see that our youngsters are clothed and fed, and when they go out into the business world on their own, that they have the proper educational training that is so necessary when you realize the competition for very existence in this age of unemployment. Let us lay aside our petty personal grievances and community jealousies and to unite solidly to give our youngsters the best advantages that is possible to offer them.

Sincerely yours,
Wm. J. McLEAN



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