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High School Board Holds Annual Meet

The Kerby high school board held their annual meeting and re-organized Saturday, July 1 in the high school. All members of the board were present and the re-organization did not take long.

Lucius Robinson was again elected chairman of the board, and Mrs. Effie Smith was reelected clerk.

Five new teachers have been signed up and provision has been made for a part time teacher in the shop. The teachers are:

Jerry Medcalf, principal.
Edith Osgood, from Lake Ariel, Penn., commercial and music.
Florence Minium, from Austin, Texas, science.

Esther Pickett, English.
There is one more teacher to be announced later.

There has been accumulated a surplus fund of \$3700 and this was invested in U. S. Bonds. Five hundred dollars was set aside for replacement of the school bus. The balance will be used for improvements to the school building and other equipment when available. An additional \$5,000 was set aside for the purchase of a new bus, when and if it can be obtained.

These surplus funds have accrued from several sources, some of which will not be available again. The largest part of this sum, \$2300 came from land grant sales and the final payment to the district from the O. & C. land grants. Also some was realized from the sale of COPCO stock the district held.

Harry Elroy was employed again as bus driver and janitor. The home economics room will be redecorated this summer, and other improvements will be made as soon as materials and help are available.

Farmers to Get Surplus Army Trucks Under Plan

A few surplus used army trucks are now being made available for sale for farm use and more are expected from now on, according to information received by R. B. Taylor, chairman of the Oregon USDA war board. Although only a few will be available in Oregon in the immediate future, an important procedure has been worked out that provides for orderly and fair distribution of such government material, says Taylor.

Chief change from former times requires that these trucks be handled through regular licensed motor vehicle dealers, where they will be subject to price regulations, thus assuring final sale to users at fair prices and without undue profit to handlers. County farm transportation committees and county war boards will handle farmer applications for these trucks as they become available.

Gerry Morrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison, writes that he is in France now and likes it fine, even if he can't understand the language. He says that it is warmer than England, and he can drive on the right side of the road. Gerry is Corp. E. G. Morrison, Army Air Corps.

BUY WAR BONDS

COMING EVENTS

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.

Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the fourth Friday of each month.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

"BIT" SMITH WRITES

Sunday, June 25

Dear Mr. Athey: Have been going to write for some time but seems like time is hard to spare. I also have changed stations so often I haven't had a permanent address to send you. I get the Illinois Valley News through my old address in Alabama but it takes them two or three weeks to forward it.

Arrived in Florida three days ago from aerial gunner school in Okla. I am now in an aerial bombardier training squadron taking training as a bombardier. Will be here about two months and then go to Hutchinson, Kansas for further training in B-24 Liberators. Have been here only three days and I'll safely say a third of that time has been spent in the Atlantic ocean trying to keep cool. The swimming is really swell, also aids in cooling you off. Florida isn't quite all they write about, but doesn't miss it far.

I plan on taking in Miami Beach which is about a four hour ride by train, while I am here. There are also many other places of interest that I don't expect to miss.

It's time for taps so will have to close for now. Certainly will appreciate you forwarding the News to me.

Sincerely,

EDWIN "BIT" SMITH.

P. S.: My new address is as follows: Edwin C. Smith AOM 3/c, ABTU Box 27, U. S. Naval Air Station, Banana River, Florida.

LETTER FROM MRS. BADDEN

2433 N. Williams Ave.

Apt. 4, Zone 11

Portland, Ore.

Dear Ted: I'm writing this to you as Bertman is now in New Guinea and awful homesick. I wish folks would sit down and write him a letter and write one every once in a while. Be sure to send the Illinois Valley News to him.

We are working on a rush order of troop transports now so are really busy. We are short of welders too. I have a vacation with pay earned which I will take when the kid gets his in August. Will see you then and hope you'll write B. L.

Sincerely,

JOY BADDEN.

Sgt. B. L. Badden, A. S. N., R-1264011, 622nd Engrs. Base Equip. Co., APO 503, Care Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Staff Sergeant Dudley H. Kienstra, 25, of Cave Junction, ball turret gunner on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded an Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, equivalent to another award of the medal.

The award was for meritorious achievement while participating in bombing attacks on targets in Nazi Europe.

He is the son of Mrs. Roy A. Miller of Cave Junction. He was employed as a launch operator in defense work in the Pacific islands before he entered the AAF June 30, 1942.

JAY HAYS WRITES HOME

April 24, 1944

Dear Mother, Dad and Evelyn: Well here I am somewhere in England as I have told you before but I will tell you again as you may not get my other letter. I got your letters of March 24 25 and 27 day before yesterday and also one from Gilman and Aunt Vera yesterday. I sure was glad to get them. Now all I have to worry about is getting them answered. It is hard to write every day because I have to write about the same thing as there isn't much happens that I can write about.

We are sleeping in eight man tents. We have canvas cots and straw mattresses, with three blankets, so we sleep pretty warm. This is a pretty damp climate as it has rained about every other day since we have been here. I guess it will be getting warmer from now on. The sun shone pretty warm day before yesterday and it looks like it might shine a little today.

I was on K. P. Saturday. It was pretty easy as we didn't have any dishes to wash. We eat out of our mess kits.

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New 4-H Club Fourth Was Elect Their Officers

The new 4-H club which was formed last June 26th in the Bridgeview Grange hall, elected officers for the coming year and otherwise held a very good meeting for their first effort.

John C. Williams, leader of the club, stated that it has gotten off to a good start and expects a great deal of interest in this new effort to interest the youngsters in agriculture.

The officers elected at their last meeting were:

Charlene Walton, president.
Jimmy Owen, vice president.
Alfreda Vahrenwald, secretary.

A few parents attended the meeting and they were quite enthusiastic over the results of the interest manifested by the youngsters.

The next meeting will be held Monday, July 10, in the Bridgeview Grange hall at 8:30 p. m. All children interested in a good club and all adults who are interested, are cordially invited to attend the meetings. The new county agent will attend this meeting and will show some slides on 4-H club work.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL VETERANS

Public Law 312, 78th Congress, approved May 27, 1944, provides that pension or compensation of veterans of World War and World War II, for service-connected disabilities, may be increased 15 per centum, effective June 1, 1944. (This increase is applicable to basic rates only and does not apply to special awards and allowances fixed by law.)

"Accounts will be adjusted without the necessity of a claim being filed and it is expected that the increased amounts due from June 1 through July 1 will be included in the regular check for July. Pending such adjustment it is urged that you DO NOT make inquiry regarding the increased payment, as such inquiries will only result in delaying the adjustments. For months subsequent to July, payments will be made at the regular increased rate.

Resolution Sent to Both Political Parties

A resolution calling attention to the major economic importance of the agriculture industries as the nation's largest producers of basic raw materials and requesting that the two major political party platforms "accord agriculture equal status with other parts of the national economy" was wired June 22 to chairmen of the national Republican and Democratic parties by the Oregon state board of agriculture.

The resolution further requested that "the poultry industry be accorded equal and independent status with other branches of agriculture." It pointed out that the economic condition of the nation is closely related to it not dependent upon the economic condition of the agricultural industries.

National Toll of Holiday Deaths 449

The national toll of deaths during the three day celebration over the 4th was a little larger this year than last, and amounted to 449 persons being killed.

The Santa Fe's crack train, "Chief" coming west through Arizona, had a bad wreck that took four lives and wounded 30 others, some may die from injuries received in the wreck.

Automobile accidents caused the largest number of deaths with 177 persons being killed, 142 persons drowned and 130 died from various causes. California led the nation with 22 traffic deaths.

Mrs. E. K. Vreeland of Rogue River was a guest of Mrs. Harry O. Smith on Caves highway, last week end.

Fourth Was Quiet Day In Valley

Fourth of July for the Illinois valley was a very quiet day and nothing but leisurely relaxing among the residents resulted.

A large number of local people went where their gasoline rations would allow them to go, most of them not farther than the Forest Service's recreation camp at the old CCC camp on Sucker creek. Here many residents gathered for a quiet outing and picnic lunches.

Those who could, closed store and shop both Monday and Tuesday and hid themselves to their favorite spots of fishing and other resting places for a two day vacation. Bolan Lake was quite a popular resort for others than local residents.

As far as Cave Junction, Kerby and other valley towns were concerned they were indeed very quiet and the great Independence Day cam and went without incident.

Someone was heard to remark, "Wait until after the war is over and I'll bet we have a real old fashioned 4th."

GOOD NEWS FOR MOTORING PUBLIC

Announcement was made last week by OPA that all inner tubes for automobile tires were off the ration list.

This means that you can buy inner tubes wherever you can find them now, without a certificate to get one.

However tires are just as hard to get as ever. There seems to be a very little easing up for tires, but they are still on the prize list and motorists are warned to take extra good care of their tires and get the most wear possible from them.

Another thing to remember, if you have five tires for your car and one goes bad, only a few individuals in essential industries, can get another tire. This is not a ruling from the local board. It comes from the national setup. If you have four good tires, they cannot give you another tire. Make your tires last—take good care of them.

Edna Phoebe Cross

Edna P. Cross, aged 50 years, passed away at the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass, last Sunday at 9:15 p. m., where she had been a patient for nearly two weeks. Mrs. Cross was born in Ogemaw county, Michigan, Feb. 25, 1894, and had lived in Selma for five years.

Surviving are her husband, William C. Cross, two sons, Maurice H. Cross of Kerby; Robert J. Cross of Selma; a daughter, Ethel N. Koasak of Grand Ronde, Oregon and her father, William Bart-ram of Selma. Funeral services were held under the direction of the Hull & Hull Funeral home at Selma with the Rev. E. J. Aschenbrenner officiating.

LETTER OF THANKS FROM DEER CREEK GRANGE

Mrs. Mary Nan Thompson writes to The News and thanks the paper for its courtesy shown while she was chairman of the Ways and Means committee of the Deer Creek Grange.

Mrs. Thompson is now retiring from this position and the entertainments and dances given at the Deer Creek Grange will no longer be under her leadership. She has been a tireless worker and the entertainments given at Deer Creek were always very popular under her charge.

The average person (and you are above average) doesn't like to have anyone "put anything over on them." That's one reason why we're open and above board when it comes to telling you about Fluhrer's Enriched Bread. We want you to try it for yourself—compare it with any other you may choose. The best is none too good for you.

"MY FRIEND FLICKA" FULL OF HUMAN INTEREST FOR ALL

"My Friend Flicka" which comes to the Cave City theater Saturday and Sunday is one of the greatest pictures of its kind ever made. The picture is on a par or even better than "Lassie Come Home" which broke all records at the theater recently.

Instead of a dog, "My Friend Flicka" deals with a horse, and the trials and tribulations of this particular horse are worth seeing and hearing in any man's land.

The story is about a filly and a boy. The boy loves the filly almost as much as life itself, and what the two go through with makes a story that folks will never forget. To tell all about this intriguing film would spoil the pleasures in store for those who will see the picture.

It has been said that horses are the second smartest animals in the world. Elephants come first. Well this mare, Flicka, proves that horses have an uncanny smartness, and the horse knows when she is in good hands and when she has to fight for her life, as she does when mountain tigers come looking for fresh meat.

"My Friend Flicka" ranks with the best in pictures, and those who have already seen the pictures tell their friends—"Don't miss seeing it."

EASTER LILIES OF OREGON BECOMING PROFITABLE CROP

The Pacific Northwest is now one of only two or three principal centers of production of Easter lily bulbs and has an opportunity to continue and expand this important specialized industry if the enterprise is protected against known hazards, according to information contained in the first comprehensive bulletin issued by the agriculture experiment station at O. S. C. on Easter lily production.

This mimeographed circular of information, No. 339, was prepared by Dr. Frank P. McWhorter, plant pathologist at O. S. C. and S. L. Emsweller, principal horticulturist, and Philip Brierley, pathologist, both of the U. S. department of agriculture.

Bermuda was the original source of Easter lilies in America but the industry died because of virus diseases. Next, Japan took over the production, but by 1939 diseases threatened that source, which was soon cut off completely by the war. Keeping northwest lilies free from virus diseases will be one of the most important factors in continuing the industry in this region, the authors point out.

The Oregon coast is the chief center of northwest lily production at present, although former belief that lilies had to be grown in a year-round mild climate has been proved erroneous, as the department of agriculture has grown them commercially in Maryland.

The new bulletin, which may be had free from county extension offices or from the college, contains general information and cultural methods, and a section on control of lily diseases. Under cultural methods information is given on selection of location, varieties suitable for the northwest, propagation methods, selection of planting stock, use of fertilizer, and miscellaneous cultural and marketing methods.

State Fair Won't Be Staged This Fall

Oregon will not have a state fair this year announcement was made late last week by Director E. L. Peterson of the state department of agriculture following the regular semi-annual meeting of the state board of agriculture. Members of the board of agriculture and the director considered carefully all the angles on the fair before deciding it would be unwise to hold a fair under present conditions.

Paul Johnsons, employed by Gene Brown on the High Plateau chrome mine, spent the Fourth at Brookings and vicinity.

Nat Woolley New Legion Commander

Glenn Morrison Post No. 70 of the American Legion held their regular meeting Wednesday night. The meeting was opened by Commander Les Henry with a good group of members on hand.

The question of fixing the roof was discussed but it was decided not to recover it until the braces could be strengthened.

The following resolution was passed and ordered sent to Comrade Obye at Grants Pass.

RESOLUTION

To the Supervisor of the Siskiyou National Forest:

Whereas Glenn Morrison Post No. 70, American Legion, in meeting assembled the 5th day of July, 1944, has passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that this Post, in view of the fact that at all times of the year there are in the National Forests a considerable number of miners, stockmen and other people whose legitimate business takes them into the most isolated sections of the forests, where, in case of accident, there is no available means of communication, therefore this Post feels that if the Forest Service would publicize some plan of smoke signals to be used by those in distress it might be the means of saving many lives in the future.

Signed,

L. W. HENRY, Commander.
ARTHUR KELLERT, Adjt.

After the regular business was finished the Post elected their new officers for the ensuing year: They are:

Commander, Nat Woolley; Vice-Commander, L. E. Athey; Adjutant, Elwood Hussey; Finance Officer, E. Y. Taylor; Chaplain, Maurice Sauer; Sergeant at Arms, Blake Miller; Executive Committee, Ralph Baumberger and Clyde Hays. Delegates to the state convention: Nat Woolley, Elwood Hussey and Art Kellert. Alternates, Les Henry, Blake Miller and L. E. Athey.

After more routine business the meeting was closed until the next regular meeting night, Wednesday July 19 which is social night.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President—Mildred Taylor.
First Vice President — Emily Kellert.

Second Vice President — Marie White.

Secretary—Amy Hussey.
Treasurer—Lida Miller.

Elective members of the executive board—Lucille Arnold and Millie Trefethen.

Appointive officers and committee chairmen will be named at next meeting, July 19, when installation will take place.

WHAT WAR BONDS BUY

May Save Life Overseas

The \$18.75 price of that \$25 "E" bond may be the price of saving a life overseas. The money will buy any of the following: more than five life rings, 12 life vests, four self-inflating life belts or two Mae West life belts; 75 packages of sulfanilamide tablets, 11 arm splints or 10 leg splints; a stretcher or approximately four first aid kits.

And Some for Ammunition

The government can buy a .50 caliber machine gun for delivery to the Army in Normandy or Italy for the \$375 purchase price of a \$500 "E" bond during the Fifth War Loan drive. The gun costs \$300—and there'll be some money left over for ammunition. The same investment will buy a little more than needed for a walkie-talkie radio set, or four droppable fuel tanks for planes.