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Local People Attend Bethel Installation

Grants Pass Bethel No. 13, Daughters of Job, held one of the most impressive ceremonies last Monday night, when they held installation of their new officers.

A large number of members from Bethel No. 36 of Kerby attended the ceremonies, and all came home full of enthusiasm over the wonderful meeting they attended.

What made the installation of such importance to the local girls was the fact that one of our valley girls was installed as honored queen for the ensuing term. Miss Dorothy Thrasher, who is a member of the Grants Pass Bethel and has worked her way up the ladder, was installed honored queen.

Miss Thrasher has been of great help to the local Bethel in helping them get started, and the girls greatly appreciate all she has done for them. During the ceremonies, Miss Margaret Smith, honored queen of Kerby Bethel, presented Miss Thrasher with a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the Kerby Bethel, and Past Honored Queen Alfreda Vahrenwald presented her with an honorary membership in the Kerby Bethel.

The new honored queen of Grants Pass received many gifts, and she was doing all right until our local girls presented her with the honorary membership, this gift coming as a very great surprise was just a little more than she could stand and keep her eyes from filling. But her appreciation to all for their wonderful gifts and cooperation was adequately expressed in her radiant expression of gratitude to everyone.

The local girls and others from the valley who attended the meeting were, Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mrs. Helen Ulrich, Mrs. J. J. Villair, Mr. and Mrs. George Thrasher and Harold Bowerman; Margaret Smith, Ruth Smith, Mae Bowerman, Diane Morey, Alfreda Vahrenwald, Patsy Wright, Marilyn Masters and Margaret Dillard.

Members Hear Reports On V. F. W. Convention

Ladies Auxiliary to Post No. 4390 met at the high school Friday evening, June 25.

Veola Davis, president, Irene George and Isabel Mellow, delegates to the 20th annual encampment held at Pendleton, gave very interesting reports. They brought back a message of inspiration to greater effort for the good of our fellow veterans and greater unity in community service among the various organizations.

The building committee will meet this week to study plans for the proposed building soon to be erected on VFW property.

Refreshments were served to members of the Post and Auxiliary after the meeting and a social hour enjoyed.

WHO'S NEXT

Secretary of State Earl Newbry has asked all newspapers in Oregon to write an editorial on safety driving over the Fourth holidays. We are very happy to comply.

Did you ever read a piece about the man who insisted on maintaining his right of way. The piece ended with "he's just as dead as if he was right."

If statistics repeat—a lot of us won't be running around come next Tuesday. Those of us who will be missing will be in a wooden box waiting for someone to dig a hole in the ground. That's because we were in too much of a hurry to get there, and we mixed alcohol with gasoline. Result—the wooden box.

We urge all drivers in our section to drive carefully and do not mix ingredients when we are at the wheel. It isn't what we will do, it's what the other fellow does, and of course we're always right.

A good thing to remember is this—Everybody's crazy but me, and I am going to come back home altogether in one piece. If you do this, you will drive safely and carefully over the holidays, and then keep up the practice 365 days every year.

COLBERT AND FONDA STAR IN SUPERB ACTION - THRILLER

For Saturday only Drums Along the Mohawk will be shown at the Ivy Theatre. Seldom has a film been filled with so much power-packed glimpses of hand to hand encounters, fierce battles with marauding Indians as are seen in this drama. It is a story of the city-bred girl who goes with her husband into the Mohawk valley, accepting hardships and perils of frontier life. She learns to hold her ground when warning drums tell of Indian attacks.

Bob Hope, America's top laugh-getter is seen Sunday in Where There's Life, in the role of a glib disk jockey who finds himself heir to the throne of a mythical kingdom. Bendix is determined that Hope marry his sister and from there you will have to see the finish to really enjoy this comedy of laughs.

Double feature for Tuesday, Thunderbolt, a highly maneuverable airplane, the pride and joy of the men who flew it. It is a hair raising depiction of operation strangle behind the German lines in Italy. The Lost Moment combining romance with mystery and suspense stars Robert Cummings with Susan Hayward as the heart interest.

Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney are romantically teamed in The Iron Curtain on Wednesday. They are seen as the couple destined always to live in danger in consequence of one of the most amazing plots in the history of recorded intrigue.

4-H Club Report News Of Activities

First Summer Meeting

The 4-H Clubs of the Illinois Valley held their first summer meeting Friday, June 25, with about 30 members attending.

Due to circumstances beyond the leaders control, busses scheduled to make the trip were unable to do so, therefore the program was carried on as best they could.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 13, at 9 a.m. when the busses will definitely run, time and place that each member was notified before, will be followed for this meeting.

Anyone who is interested in working with children are extended an invitation to attend the meeting and see what a fine number of children there are in the Valley.

LIVESTOCK CHAMPIONS

The 4-H Livestock Champions held a meeting at the Carty home Monday evening at 8 p. m. with President Duane Cross presiding. The evening was spent in discussing the coming summer camp at Lake o' the Woods. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Carty at the close of the meeting.

The next meeting will be held at the Carty home August 3rd.

STOCK ON HIGHWAY IS "BAD MEDICINE"

There have been some real accidents and many near accidents on account of a large number of horses on the highway north of Kerby, and just recently an automobile hit and killed two horses and the driver was cut and bruised, and after examining the automobile, one marvels that he came out alive.

If there is a herd law on the highway, it should be strictly enforced. Summer traffic is now under way, and if the cattle and horses are allowed to go at large, there may be a lot of serious accidents.

The owners of the horses and other animals allowed to go loose, should get them corralled and keep them off the highway.

NOTICE

Everyone burning rubbish must have a fire permit from the city fire marshal in Cave Junction, and outside of the city get it from the state fire marshal. This is the law and must be followed explicitly to avoid trouble.

BPW Hold Installation of New Officers

The home of Edith Hall was the setting for a solemn candlelight ceremony Thursday evening, July 24, when new officers of BPW were installed. Installing officer was Florence McAnahan, president of the Grants Pass chapter, and a large delegation of Grants Pass members attended.

Officers are Valeria Rauber, president; Hazel Ingham, vice-president; Edith Hall, secretary, and Hazel Prairie, treasurer. Mrs. Rauber later announced the chairmen of the standing committees as follows: Hazel Ingham, program; Hazel Prairie, education; Beulah Hamilton, finance; Marie Wilson, health; Lucille Arnold, Membership; Julia Williams, international relations; Helen Evans, legislation and public affairs; Elizabeth Burnette, publicity; Eleanor Whitehead, hospitality; Helen Sullivan, music, and Amy Hussey, custodian.

Mrs. Rauber presented the outgoing president, Lucille Arnold, a token of appreciation from the club, for her services during her term of office.

The Caves Club was newly organized last March, receiving their charter from Grants Pass at a formal installation on May 26. Lucille Arnold as president; Bertha Bouche, vice-president; Edith Hall, secretary, and Isabel Small treasurer.

At the conclusion of the installation Betty Ferris of Grants Pass presented a vocal number. Nell Robinson and Margaret Grunze gave reports on the recent BPW convention in Eugene.

CAVE JUNCTION HOSPITAL STUDIED

Reports that an effort is about to be made to promote hospital facilities at Cave Junction were discussed by the members of the Josephine County Medical Society at the regular monthly dinner meeting in the Cave Shop Friday night.

"The discussion disclosed that the members of the association realize that provisions for better medical care of residents of the Illinois Valley should be provided," President T. A. Kerns stated.

"The association stands ready to provide any technical advice to the backers of the project which may be desired."—Courier.

Lions Club Guest Gives Splendid Talk

Last Monday evening the Lions Club held their regular dinner meeting in the Todelope Cafe, and Lion Combest gave them a fine fried ham dinner which all greatly relished.

Tail Twister Fred Culp was busy as usual and fined all members who were present that did not have their Lion emblem pin on their lapel. Most of the members came in their shirt sleeves and only a few thought about their pins, so the Tail Twister's Tail twister got quite a few dimes.

Lion Sydney Bouch of the Grants Pass club, was a guest and gave the members a mighty fine talk on Lionism, and it made the Lions feel rather proud that they belonged to such a grand club.

After the dinner and the usual business that was necessary to transact, President Harry Holmes asked the directors to stay for a while and also invited all members who wished to stay and hear some of the business of the club transacted.

New Enterprise To Open Doors in Valley

A new enterprise that will find a ready market starts this week in Selma, when Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kent open their upholstery shop, where they will do all kinds of fine upholstery for those desiring their services.

Mr. Kent was formerly with the Universal and Republic studios in North Hollywood, where he was a specialist in upholstering furniture and fixtures for the studios. The Kent's guarantee all their work and solicit your business in this line.

Their shop is the first door south of the Pine Haven Courts near Selma. They have a large stock of materials for upholstering. If you need anything in this line, stop and see them.

Engagement of Miss Greene Announced by Parents

Mr. and Mrs. Odus Greene have announced the engagement of their daughter, Welcome Joyce Greene to Harry Allen Kellert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellert of Kerby. The wedding will take place, Friday, July 9, at the Community Church of Cave Junction, with Rev. George Gray officiating.

CROP PROSPECTS GENERALLY GOOD SUMMARY SHOWS

General good crop prospects for major items, are indicated in a summary of the agricultural situation at mid-1948 just prepared by L. R. Breithaupt, Oregon State college extension agricultural economist. Meanwhile, the buying power of consumers continues at a near record high level.

The summary is contained in a regular agricultural outlook circular which also contains data on price trends for all major farm products. Copies may be had free from any county extension office or direct from the college.

No clear sign of much recession, if any, in this country in 1948 is seen. Exports of food are expected to continue large, although probably below 1947-48. Thus the 1948-49 marketing season starts with demand again exceptionally strong.

United States production of all crops combined is expected by the United States department of agriculture to equal the average of the past ten years, at least. On the other hand, the output of animal products for food may be the least since 1941. Meat production this year may fall 10 per cent below 1947, with milk output somewhat smaller, and egg and poultry production down considerably.

Fruit production prospects are also mostly less favorable than a year ago. Other food crops have variable outlooks. Grain crop prospects are exceptionally good. Wheat and rye production may exceed any other year except 1947. The supply of feed grains and hay in relation to animal numbers may be the largest of record, nationally.

Price trends and outlooks are also variable, with the exchange value of some farm products higher and others lower than a year ago. Overall, farm cost prices advanced more than the average of prices received by farmers.

Mock Wedding Scheduled For Saturday Night

Through the efforts of Mrs. Naomi Carty, a mock wedding will be presented to the residents of the Valley in the American Legion hall, Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

The affair is being presented for the express purpose of getting the people of the Valley together to discuss ways and means of obtaining a hospital, and everyone interested in this project should attend the ceremony, for it will be freely discussed and speakers will be there to enlighten the people about a hospital, which the Valley needs.

Those who attend will witness a very unusual formal wedding which will be composed entirely of men, and the identity of the bride and groom will not be revealed until after the ceremony.

The hospital features will be discussed after the wedding.

FOURTH OF JULY DANCE SATURDAY

Someone said it isn't the Fourth Saturday night. That's right, but we will be dancing Sunday morning until about 1:30, and then it's the Fourth — So we have the Fourth of July dance Saturday night, July 3rd in the American Legion hall in Cave Junction.

This is going to be a great dance, and all those who attend are going to have a swell time. Ham and His Gang will be on hand with a lot of new tunes for the "Good Old Fourth" and you can step it out with new rhythm next Saturday night.

As usual, the ladies of the Auxiliary will have something unusual in the way of eats. Have you ever tasted a Red, White and Blue sandwich? Stick around next Saturday night about 12 bells and see what's in store.

Mrs. Sam Bunch of Bridgeview, shopped in Grants Pass Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Farlien and daughter, Miss Barbetta, made a trip to Grants Pass this week on business.

County School Enrollment Doubled

The following table of figures will give residents of the valley some idea of the necessity for school houses and equipment. The schools of the county, outside of Grants Pass, has more than doubled since 1944-45, and is still increasing.

If the valley could get a new high school this year, it is no certainty that in another two years we will still be in the same boat we are now in, no place to put the large increase of pupils.

However, we are not going to cross that bridge before we get to it, and it may be possible that with a new high school, we will be in good condition for several years to come. What is apparent right now, is the forthcoming bond election, which will give the board \$700,000 to build and equip new schools in the county system. With this amount, it is on the program, to build a new high school in the valley, and use the present high school for a grade school.

The bond election has been postponed on account of a bad error The News made last week, necessitating postponing election until July 17th. This date falls on Saturday, and we hope all those qualified to vote on a bond election, will go to the polls and vote.

Remember the date, Saturday, July 17th. Following is the table of pupil increase:

AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP			
School	44-45	grades	47-48
Selma	48.6	8	65.5
Kerby	250.8	12	621.0
Wilderville	39.5	8	69.1
Provolt	17.3	8	10.9
New Hope	19.5	8	18.5
Murphy	52.8	8	149.8
Williams	58.7	8	80.94
Ft. Vannoy	27.5	8	72.9
Hugo	17.0	8	61.9
Oak Grove	22.4	8	63.8
Merlin	45.7	8	96.1
Wolf Creek	65.1	12	93.5
Fruitdale	49.3	8	142.2
Dimmick	30.2	8	68.8
Jerome Prairie	195.2	8	347.8
O'Brien	33.4	8	33.8
Central	30.1	8	10.0
Sunny Valley			25.9
Galice	6.0	8	8.9
Totals	1009.1		2041.2

I. V. Cleaners Have Installed New Boiler

What is fast becoming the best equipped cleaning and pressing establishment in Southern Oregon, is our own Illinois Valley Cleaners, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sherier, proprietors.

As fast as machinery can be delivered, this enterprising establishment is installing it. Recently a new boiler was put in the big fire-proof boiler room, which provides steam for quicker and better cleaning.

Other new pieces of machinery will be installed when and if available. The cleaning shop already was right up to "snuff" with other cleaning establishments in Southern Oregon, but with new equipment all ready in and more coming, there will be nothing in this section that will be better.

We also want to tell our readers that all cleaning and pressing is done right here in Cave Junction in this modern cleaning establishment.

SMOKE JUMPERS TRAINING IN VALLEY

Permission has been obtained from Mr. Castleberry to use his ranch to train the Smoke Jumpers this season. Ten new men are in training now with nine more soon to follow.

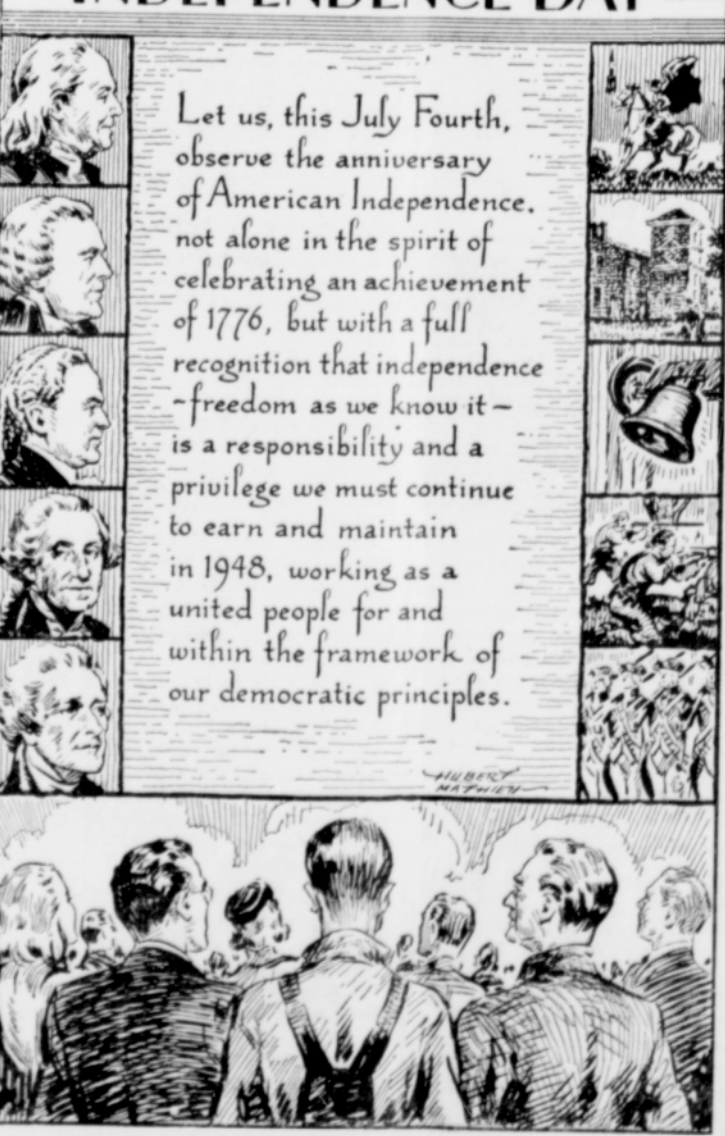
The Forest Service appreciates the courtesy extended by Mr. Castleberry in letting us use the field which is one-half mile west of the Cave Junction Shell station.

Jumpers are stationed at the edge of the field to direct vehicles. The people's cooperation is asked so that no damage results to the property.

CLIF MARSHAL
Smoke Jumper Foreman.

OUR DEMOCRACY—by Mat

INDEPENDENCE DAY



Let us, this July Fourth, observe the anniversary of American Independence, not alone in the spirit of celebrating an achievement of 1776, but with a full recognition that independence—freedom as we know it—is a responsibility and a privilege we must continue to earn and maintain in 1948, working as a united people for and within the framework of our democratic principles.