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## Farm Bureau Meeting

The Illinois Valley Farm Bureau center, organized last fall, has been meeting on the second Thursday night of the month, first at the homes of its members, later in the high school library.

Thursday, June 14, Louis Gentner, entomologist of the Southern Oregon Experiment station, gave a talk before the group. He showed mounted and live specimens of a beetle which is being introduced from Australia into this region. The beetles live only upon St. Johnswort, commonly called goatweed. This weed has spread through the range, crowding out the grass and other grazing material. Cattle eat goatweed only under starvation conditions, and then develop skin irritations.

This beetle progresses by flying but has been planted in several places throughout the county to breed and spread. When the host plant is destroyed, the beetle moves on to find more goatweed. After the weed has been completely wiped out, the beetles will die, being no menace to food crops or other plants. This has been thoroughly tested at the experiment station before distribution.

Mr. Gentner also explained that the reason the aphids are so plentiful this year is because the cool season has allowed them to hatch in large numbers. Their natural enemies, the ladybug beetles, require warm weather, and have not hatched in sufficient quantities to exterminate the aphids. Only lately have many ladybugs been observed.

It was announced that Field day is to be held at the experiment station on June 21 and that all farmers are invited to inspect the grain and forage experiments carried on at the station at Talent.

Mrs. Broeffle, the Associated Women's Farm Bureau chairman, called attention to the five-point program that the Farm bureau is sponsoring.

"1. Increase production. By that we mean going back to common sense acceptance of a job to be done. Maybe we have to work 48 hours instead of 40. Maybe all of us have to give just a little bit more of our effort and forget about feather-bedding.

"2. Strict governmental control. By this, we are not pointing at the other fellow but have insisted, and now insist, on drastic cuts in the Department of Agriculture, cuts that if placed in the right categories would do no more than to cut our existing, overlapping and duplications.

"3. Pay-as-we-go taxation. There again the farmer does not talk about the other fellow, but is willing to pay his share of the taxation providing government economy can be achieved.

"4. Effective credit controls have already been tried and are a satisfactory inflation curb.

"5. Sound management of the public debt. By that we mean the balancing of the federal budget and the cessation of the Fabian philosophy that an individual or a government can spend itself out of debt."

The next meeting will be a pot-luck picnic at the Elk Creek recreation area Sunday, July 22. Farm bureau families are invited to attend.

## Worthy Matron Attends Grand Session In Portland

Mrs. Mary Lloyd, Worthy Matron of Western Star chapter, O. E. S., returned home Friday from grand chapter session which was held in Portland June 12, 13 and 14.

Members of some 20 chapters of O. E. S. of the Southern Oregon association put on an addendum for the retiring Worthy Grand Matron Pearl McClay and Worthy Grand Patron Conwell Davy. Baskets of pears were presented by Mary Shephard of Josephine chapter and Grant Todd of Adeler chapter.

The theme for installation held Thursday night was "Alice in Wonderland" at which time Alice Robinson of Independence was installed Worthy Grand Matron and Leon Baketel of Portland was installed Worthy Grand Patron.

## Medical Center Benefit Auction Is Successful

The auction held for the benefit of the Illinois Valley Medical Center building fund which took place at the American Legion hall last Sunday was well attended and a success from every standpoint.

The success was due to the hard work and splendid cooperation of many people of the Valley. Special thanks goes to the Legion and Auxiliary, whose members helped in every possible way and donated the use of their hall for the occasion.

As the opening hour for the sale approached, the board members were faced with the fact that their auctioneer, Charles Morrison of Grants Pass, had not shown up. He had promised his services for that date, but for some reason was unable to come. Les Milligan was quickly contacted, as was Tex Clifford. These two local men stepped into the breach and did a professional job of auctioneering that astounded all present.

Many useful articles were offered for sale and for the most part brought fair prices. At this writing the money is not all in, but \$446.50 has already been realized from the sale.

Space does not permit further detail or naming of individuals, but to each and every one who helped make the auction the outstanding success that it was, the board tenders its sincere appreciation and everlasting thanks.

## Sporting News

(by Joan Burnett)

Peeping Polly didn't see this! At least we hope she didn't!

It all started when Mrs. Purdy (the beauty shop owner) heard a terrible commotion in her chicken house at one o'clock in the morning! She rushed to the door and boldly yelled "GET OUT OF MY CHICKEN HOUSE!" No answer. "Get out of there, do you hear?" Still no answer. This commotion, of course, aroused Glenn Perry who immediately went out to see what the ruckus (the noise) was about. When the two investigated, they discovered that it (the noise) was not in Mrs. Purdy's chicken house, but in Paul Palmer's.

Glenn called Paul (at one o'clock, mind you) and said that something was bothering the chickens. He evidently thought that someone wanted a chicken dinner awfully bad. Anyway, Mr. Palmer quickly jumped out of bed (yawn) and put on his jacket. (It was too dark to see good, but we think his pajamas were polka-dotted.) He grabbed his 22 rifle and went stealthily down to his chicken house. (He was shaking so much his knees sounded like a drummer at a Saturday night dance!) He boldly marched into the chicken house and said "STICK 'EM UP!" Suddenly a bright light shone on his face—relief! It was only Glenn. So the two of them looked around the chicken house, Glenn holding the flashlight and Paul holding the bag, er, no—gun. Yawn)

Ah, ha! The culprits, two huge coons (names withheld by request) were spotted enjoying a nice raw chicken dinner. Paul quickly pointed his gun at one and bang! One down and one to go. He then hit the other coon with the butt of his gun and before it had a chance to recover the terrible blow (the coon, not the gun) bang! Two down and none to go. (Yawn) The two dead coons were then dragged into the yard and the two men, victorious but still sleepy (yawn, yawn) returned to their homes to finish a good night's sleep.

It sure is a shame that nothing exciting ever happens here in the Valley. (Yawn)

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Freeman and "Wally" were away over the week in eastern Oregon celebrating Father's Day together and also looking after business and returned Monday noon. Becky carried on on their absence and will be leaving Saturday for the University Medical Center in Portland to continue her studies there, where she is working hard and enjoying her work. She is living at the Nurses Home.

## Manchel's Is Expanding

Manchel's first made its appearance in the Valley on September 20, 1947 when it moved into the north half of the Johnson building. It was a branch of the Grants Pass store which has been a leader in the county in the furniture field for over 15 years.

The original idea was to afford better service out of the Grants Pass store, but the Valley's enthusiastic acceptance soon forced enlargement and a complete stock of furniture, appliances, and floor coverings was moved in to make the Cave Junction branch of Manchel's a full-fledged store in its own right.

Now a further demand for display space due to an increase in the lines and models of merchandise has forced expansion into the south half of the building and Manchel's now occupies the entire ground floor. Hal Moore Jr., manager of the local Manchel's store stated that "we are very grateful indeed for the co-operation and patronage the people of the Valley have given us and by our expansion, we hope to make Manchel's a bigger and better store enabling us to satisfy the needs of our customers."

## Girl Scout Day Camp Closes

Girl Scout Day camp closed June 14, and was voted by all to have been a huge success. All girls who attended enjoyed swimming, crafts, hiking, outdoor living and cooking.

Thanks go to Hollis George, Verda Nealy, Daisy Nassen, Wanda Sowell, Jackie Soares and Joy Kellert for volunteer transportation of girls to and from camp. Also, to Bill Raines of Cave City grocery for Hershey bars and a crate of oranges for treats; to Bill, Fluhrer's bakery driver, who donated bread and buns, and to Marie Gibbons of Ma's grocery for sausage and potatoes. Last but not least is a great big thank you to all the women and high school girls who donated their time and ability to make the camp a happy and enjoyable eight days for our Illinois Valley girls.

## City Council Meeting

Several important matters were discussed at the last city council meeting, held Monday, June 18. An ordinance was passed providing for a charge of \$29 for all water installations to the property line as in the past. This will not include a meter and as when the city is able, it will refund to all meter users the installation cost of said meter.

A building permit will be required before construction is started on any building. Permit fees will be \$5 for construction work, the valuation of which is more than \$50 but less than \$500; \$10 for work valued at more than \$500 and less than \$1,000; \$2 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, total valuation up to \$15,000; \$2 for each additional \$1,000 or fraction thereof, total valuation over \$15,000; and \$5 minimum for moving ability.

Burl Garner has been appointed city marshal for a probationary period of 30 days, starting Saturday, June 23.

## Bridge Built At Kerby

A crew of Q-X ranch hands with the aid of Charles Trefethen's men completed construction Tuesday of a low water bridge to replace the swinging bridge which was washed out in the winter floods.

The Josephine County Court reports that work on permanent replacement of the swinging bridge will commence soon and be finished by this fall.

## Betrothal Is Announced

Dr. and Mrs. A. N. Collman of Cave Junction have announced the engagement of their daughter, Cecily Hawk, to Howard Olson of Portland. They became engaged on Miss Hawk's birthday, May 29. No definite marriage plans have been made as yet.

Mr. Olson is employed by the Borden company in Portland, and Miss Hawk is attending the Northwestern Business college in Portland.

## School Election Results

The results of the county school election, unofficial because of incomplete returns, were revealed yesterday by Mrs. Marguerite Stanton, clerk of the Josephine County School board. At least 78 persons in the Valley were recorded as voting for a county school board member. On a basis of incomplete returns (the O'Brien sub-district returns were not yet in) Richard Woodson of Wolf Creek, zone V, polled 234 votes; while N. A. Waters, also of Wolf Creek, had a total of 157 votes.

The sub-committee members for the Valley schools are as follows: Selma, Wilmer Wheeler was elected for a 3-year term with 11 votes; Kerby, Louis Maurer was re-elected with 51 votes; Central, H. E. Splithof, 7 votes, and the O'Brien returns are not yet in.

Also unofficial are the results of the election of an advisory committee for the Illinois Valley high school, but Mrs. Stanton reports that John W. Smith received 16 votes out of 24.

## Three Break-Ins Are Reported In Past Week

Three robberies, two in Cave Junction and one in Kerby, occurred Sunday and Monday nights, according to the Josephine county sheriff's office.

Sunday night the Kerby Market was broken into and the latch was broken off of the door but nothing was taken. Also in the same night the Cave City Grocery was the scene of a burglary. The intruder came in through the attic but took nothing from the store.

The Illinois Valley Bakery was robbed Monday night and \$20.50 was taken out of the cash register.

Deputies of the sheriff's office are working on the robberies but declined to give any information which might aid the criminals in covering their tracks.

## BEEF PRICE LISTS TO BE POSTED BY JUNE 25th

Official charts of retail beef ceiling prices will be posted in meat shops throughout the county on June 25, according to an announcement received from the Portland office of the OPS. The date for posting ceiling prices is a week later than previously announced and was finally selected as the date to allow for last-minute price revisions and distribution.

Housewives can refer to the price charts, which must be posted by butchers in a readily visible place, to be sure they pay no more than the ceiling price for beef set for this area.

## Local Girl To Run For 'Posse' Rodeo Queen

Jerrine Masoner, Illinois Valley high school senior, representing the Valley, has been selected to be the Grants Pass Sheriff's Posse Rodeo sponsored by Christensen brothers. The rodeo will be held at the fair grounds in Grants Pass, June 29 and 30.

The candidate selling the most admission tickets for the rodeo will be crowned queen at the Queens Ball, Thursday night, June 8.

Jerry and the three other candidates for queen will present trophies to 4-H contest winners Friday evening.

## Civil Defense Law Enforcement Meeting

There will be a law enforcement meeting Wednesday, June 27 at 8 p. m. at the city recorder's office. All assistants of the law enforcement group are asked to attend.

Training for this group will begin at the meeting with a lecture by the assistant director of law enforcement (Illinois Valley), Phil Kellar, who has recently attended training sessions at both Salem and Ashland.

## B. P. W. Meeting Sunday

The B. P. W. members are asked not to forget the tea and installation of new officers, Sunday, June 24 at 2 p. m. at the home of Sus Martin on the Caves highway. All members are urged to be present, each bringing a prospective member.

## Christie Sets New Track Record At Grants Pass

Thrills and spills marked the midjet races Saturday night at the Caveman Speed Bowl as Bob Christie set a new track record for the A Trophy dash. In this five-lap race, his time was 1:10.62, compared with the old record of 1:11.74. In the B Trophy dash, Dave Chambers set the time at 1:17.78.

Bob Gregg, Portland owner and driver of an Offenhauser racer, the first one on the Grants Pass track, showed what the car really could do. He had the fastest time trials of the evening, marking up 14.08 for one lap. This put Gregg in last position in the lineups but he passed the other cars to take second place in the A Trophy dash.

In the second semi-main event, Gregg, again starting in last position, passed five of Grants Pass' fastest cars to take first place in this event with the time of 5:00.44.

The last event of the evening, forty laps, brought on lots of action as 11 cars started in the race with only 7 finishing. Early in the race Bob Gregg went out with bad brakes. In the 28th lap car 33 smashed into the guard rail and the driver, Warren Moore, was taken to the Josephine General hospital, where it has been reported that he has a broken pelvic bone. Also in this lap, Gregg re-entered, 9 laps behind the other drivers. Bob Christie, who was in the lead, went on to win the last event with a time record of 10:01.58.

Mrs. Phyllis Mills, wife of driver Dick Mills, presented the award to Bob Christie, and starter Everett Longanecker presented Mrs. Mills with a bouquet of roses.

## Activities Of Bethel No. 36

The last spring meeting of Job's Daughters was held Monday, June 18 with the new officers presiding. Honored Queen Marilyn Masters was absent, as she is attending Girls' State. Senior Princess Carol Burr officiated as queen, Ruth Smith was senior princess and Diane Morey was junior princess in the absence of Jonelle Bengé.

Initiation was slated for the meeting, but the candidate was unable to attend so the regular meeting was held. A gift was presented to Mrs. Masters in appreciation for making the new robes.

Plans were started for a week-end camping trip to Bolan lake in July.

Any Job's Daughters wishing to attend the installation of the Grants Pass Bethel should contact Carolyn Covington or be in front of the Masonic Temple at Kerby by 6:30 Monday night.

The next meeting will be held in September and all officers are expected to know their parts.

## F. O. E. Activities

The chairman for Illinois Valley Medical Center Fund Drive, Clarence McDaniels, and committeemen Buck Smith, Ted Ewers, Harvey Towle, and Ed Cooke, will represent the aerie for this worthy cause.

Worthy President Curly Robinson and his initiating team are ready to function this Friday night, June 2, so please bring your candidates and have them ready. There will also be a nomination for trustee to fill Don Beer's vacancy.

Mayburn Campbell announces a baseball game between the Cave Junction Eagles and the Eagle Point Eagles is scheduled for Sunday, June 24 at 2 p. m. at the Ramblers Field. The home team has not lost a game this season.

Mervyn Hogan announces the Eagles Building Bond drive is really under way and will be of interest to those who have not purchased a bond. These bonds can be obtained by members only.

## Local Boy Enlists In Navy

Alfred Ernest Hale, son of Mrs. Margaret H. Gates of Takilma, enlisted in the Navy and left the Valley Monday for basic training at San Diego, California.

Al graduated from high school this year and was deferred until he could complete his high school education.

## Medical Center Fund Drive To Begin July 2nd

The fund-raising drive for the Illinois Valley Medical Center building will be launched Monday, July 2. It is being sponsored by the Business and Professional Women's club.

They have as their helpers chairmen representing the various organizations of the Valley, who in turn have their own committees.

A meeting of enthusiastic workers was held in the Auxiliary room of the American Legion hall Tuesday evening, when the chairmen and committee members were given materials and instructions for the drive by Enid Burch, B. P. W. chairman. The list of territories and their chairmen follows:

Cave Junction, east side of Redwood highway, Grade School P. T. A., Chairman, Margaret Crowl; High School P. T. A., chairman, Elenora Whitehead.

Cave Junction, west side of Redwood highway, V. F. W., chairman, Otto Tryon; V. F. W. Auxiliary, chairman Charlotte Tryon.

Kerby, Oddfellows, chairman, Al Hembree; Rebekahs, chairman, Pauline Hembree.

Selma, Lions club, chairman, Luther Sherier.

Deer Creek areas, Deer Creek Grange, chairman, Edna Cooper.

Rockydale road, Eagles, chairman, Clarence McDaniels.

Redwood highway from East Fork bridge to O'Brien, Junior Women's club, chairman, Peggy Fulk.

O'Brien, O'Brien Women's club, chairman, Blanche Lackey.

Takilma, Rough and Ready Ramblers, chairman, Les Milligan.

Holland, Garden club, chairman, Gladys England.

Bridgeview, Illinois Valley Grange, chairman, Al Mellow.

Caves highway, American Legion, chairman, Kenneth Deaton; American Legion Auxiliary, chairman, Vivian Deaton.

"Stationary and stationery" chairman, Ruth Rausch, Business and Professional Women's club. (Additional materials for chairmen and committeemen may be obtained from Ruth Rausch at the Bob and Ruth shop.)

After due consideration of the many sites offered for the Medical Center building, it has been decided that the cost of building an entirely new structure would be prohibitive, so a building that is centrally located and adaptable to remodeling has been decided upon. The Penguin cafe building, on the Caves highway just above the junction is under consideration and will be purchased as soon as sufficient funds permit. The owner of the property will hold it for 60 days.

It would be impossible to choose a site or building acceptable to all concerned, but after much discussion the above named property was decided upon as the best solution. It is hoped that everyone will work to attain the goal set by the board and other workers.

So when the solicitors contact you, please meet them with courtesy and give to the extent of your resources. Your own contribution might be the means of saving a life in your family or that of your neighbor. The Valley has had many needs, but never a greater one than this.

## Plans For Fourth of July

Plans for Illinois Valley celebration for the 4th of July, sponsored by the V. F. W. post 4390, are under way. There will be entertainment for young and old. Every organization in the Valley is cordially invited to participate in the parade and concessions on the V. F. W. grounds, east of Cave Junction. Anyone wishing a concession please contact Otto Tryon, commander, or Vice-commander John Clayton.

Each organization in the Valley is asked to sponsor a girl for Miss Liberty between the ages of 15 and 20 and single. The lucky name will be drawn on June 28 at the regular V. F. W. meeting. Each organization sponsoring a girl will have a committee there for the drawing at 9 o'clock.

The parade will begin at 10 a. m., July 4.

Anyone wishing more information please come to V. F. W. grounds clubhouse between 8 and 9 p. m. Saturday, June 23.