

Farm Body Protests Further Reclamation Work Just Now

At its recent national session held in Washington, D. C., the National Grange, one of the leading farm organizations of the U. S. went on record as opposing any further government reclamation of land for agricultural purposes.

Strong opposition to the Columbia River irrigation feature of the Boulder dam scheme was expressed by the delegates on the grounds that there is too much land under cultivation now, and that to increase the acreage would make the farmer's problem more difficult than it is at present.

It is perhaps significant that two of the delegates who were most active in their opposition to further government appropriations for reclamation were Albert S. Goss of the state of Washington and George P. Harrison, master of the California state grange. These gentlemen represent the states in which the largest reclamation projects now before congress would be located. A resolution introduced by Mr. Harrison contained the following:

"That the National Grange does hereby vehemently protest against any legislation which will by the use of public funds add another acre to that already under cultivation." Whether the farmer or the land speculators shall have their way in congress remains to be seen.

Halsey Students Who Are Now Attending O. S. C. at Corvallis

(By George Cross)

Halsey is represented by nine students at Oregon State Agricultural college, there being two in industrial arts, two in commerce, two in home economics, one in forestry and two in vocational education.

Fred Heinrich, junior in industrial arts, is specializing in shop administration. He is also a member of the Achean and Industrial Arts clubs.

Georgina Clark, freshman in commerce, is a member of the Physical Education club and the Xantippe club of Waldo hall.

Dorothy Abraham, sophomore in commerce, is a member of the Wytomchee club, a club for women living in their own homes.

Ethel Quimby is doing graduate work in home economics by specializing in textile and costume designing. Miss Quimby is also a member of the 4-H and Winona clubs.

Other students in school are Helen Williams, sophomore in home economics; Vondis Miller, junior in forestry; Thomas Miller, freshman in vocational education; Frank Koontz, sophomore in industrial arts; and George Cross, junior in vocational education.

Former Peoria Man Dies

Z. H. Rudd, 66, died at his home in Albany early Wednesday morning following a prolonged illness.

Funeral services will be held at the Fortmiller chapel in that city Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Dr. D. V. Poling will have charge of the services. Burial will be in the Masonic cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

Mr. Rudd was a son of Harry Z. and Lydia A. Rudd pioneers of Oregon, and was born on their farm near Peoria on August 27, 1862. He had spent practically all of his life in Linn county. About 30 years ago he went into the abstract business in Albany and has made his home in that city since. On September 25, 1901, Mr. Rudd married Mary Rieland of Lebanon, who survives him.

Merry Christmas

By Mary Graham Donner

MERRY Christmas to you all,
Whether you are short or tall,
Whether you are young or old,
Whether you are shy or bold.

Merry Christmas to each one,
May you all have lots of fun,
May you have of presents many,
May you not wish to change any.

Merry Christmas to each neighbor,
To idle ones or those who labor,
To those who're rich and those who're poor,
May each one feel the Christmas lure.

Merry Christmas to you now,
Here's my finest Yuletide bow,
And while I still am wishing here,
May I add—"A glad New Year!"



SCHOOL NOTES

MURIEL LAKE, REPORTER

The basketball game last Friday evening was a fast and exciting one. The fighting spirit but good sportsmanship was shown by all the players. Although beaten by a score of 24 to 8 the locals did well. Those playing for Monroe were K. Miller, r f; A. Miller l f; Perry c; Oakes r g; Bales l g. Halsey lineup was Koontz r f; Tuttle l f; Hussey c; Underwood r g; McCord l g. Brown substituted for A. Miller, Sinclair for Perry and Bennett for Bales.

Six weeks grades are out and there are some good ones, too. Those receiving "A" averages are: Ruth Sturtevant, Gertrude Robins, Beverly Isom, Charles Bierly and Howard Tuttle. Those with "B" averages are, Nellie and Grace Falk, Muriel Lake, Jennie Nicewood, Frances Norton, Ernestine Coleman, Jack Underwood, Wanda Veatch, Donald Bramwell, Roger Fairfield, Bruce and Richard Harding, Rova Jackson and June Layton. The senior class received the highest class average this six weeks.

The basketball schedule has been arranged as follows: Crabtree at Crabtree, December 21; Sweet Home here January 5; Shedd at Shedd, January 25; Crabtree here February 1; Shedd here February 15; Monroe at Monroe March 8; Sweet Home at Sweet Home March 15. The program for the year's activities include socials after all basketball games here and the one on January 11 a necktie and apron social; April 5 a school vaudeville; May 30, commencement; May 31, school picnic.

A student body meeting was held Wednesday. The drawing of names for Christmas and selecting of delegates for the conference to be held in Eugene, January 11-12, and for the exposition at Corvallis February 22-23. Those selected to go to Eugene are Herman Koontz and Muriel Lake and to Corvallis, Nellie Falk and Herman Koontz.

Halsey Gun Club Meet Sunday

The Halsey Gun Club will give another shoot Sunday, December 16. This is the second of a series of three being sponsored by the club and promises to equal that of two weeks ago when when a record crowd attended. The excellent equipment and comfortable quarters of the club are becoming so favorably known throughout the valley that sportsmen enjoy a day with the local club and attend in large numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Miller and daughter Kathleen from Illinois are visiting at the home of the former's brother, R. M. Miller.

HALSEY AND VICINITY BREVITIES

Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Miller of Halsey spent Wednesday in Eugene.

Carl J. Hill returned to Halsey Wednesday evening from a business trip of two days in Portland.

Last Friday B. M. Bond and family, Mrs. M. C. Bond and La Velle Palmer drove to Albany and spent the day transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Chance were visitors in Albany Friday where they went to see Mrs. John Wilbanks of Halsey who is at the General Hospital following an operation.

Mr and Mrs. W. H. Cline arrived in Halsey last week from Alturas, California, and at the present are at the Dan Hays farm on Route 2. They like this part of the state and will probably locate in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Munson of Halsey and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Munson of Nebraska, left today on a pleasure trip to Newport and from there expected to go to Astoria where they would visit Robert Gansle.

Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Albertson arrived home Sunday from an extended trip of several months in the middle west. The greater part of the time was spent with relatives at Goodland, Kansas. They report a fine trip and pleasant visit.

Tomorrow afternoon the members of Vine Maple Thimble club will be guests of Miss Mary L. Smith at her home on north First street. At this time the club members will enjoy a Christmas tree and the exchange of gifts. Roll call will be answered by a Christmas quotation.

Postmaster Karl Bramwell has asked that Christmas packages be mailed early in order to assure delivery. Write address plainly on one side of package, only, and on upper left hand corner, on same side, write sender's name and address and on upper right hand corner affix stamps. Be sure to have sufficient postage and save delay.

A large number of Halsey people spent Saturday in Eugene, among them being Mrs. Bert Clark who visited her sister, Mrs. Donna Cross who was a guest at luncheon and recital; Miss Gladys McCornac who visited her parents. Others spending the day there were La Velle Palmer, George Cross, and Cleona Smith and Mesdames E. A. P. LaFollette, Elden Cross, James Drinkard, Karl Bramwell, W. H. Robertson and Harry Leeper.

Mrs. M. A. Rossman has returned to her home in Eugene after a visit of two weeks in Halsey at the home of her son, D. C. Rossman.

Amos Ramsay and Robert Ramsay and wife returned Wednesday evening from Portland where they spent two days on business.

"Apple Blossom Time" by the senior class of the Shedd high school will be given Friday evening, December 14 at the W. O. W. hall in that city.

John Bramwell spent Monday in Albany. He spent all of last week in the county seat where he served on the jury. A. A. Tursing also spent the greater part of last week and the first part of this week in Albany on court business.

Next Wednesday evening the members of Vice Maple Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, will hold their annual Christmas program and tree with their families as guests. Presents are to be exchanged, each member bringing as many gifts as there are people in their party. The presents will be put in a grab box and each one will draw. The lodge will furnish the treat and a short program will be given.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wells have had as their guests recently their daughter, Mrs. Emil Helseith, her husband and family of Palouse, Wash., and Mrs. Wells sister, Mrs. Charles Deckman and son of Los Angeles. The latter has also spent several days in Portland. Friday Mr. Helseith made a trip to Marshfield and on Monday he and the two oldest boys returned home but the others remained for a longer visit.

Senior Class Play Postponed

On account of illness of several of those taking part in the senior class play Friday evening it has been postponed indefinitely.

Ash Swale Rodent Hunters Ready for Annual Roundup

Shedd. --The annual rodent hunt of Ash Swale will start tomorrow and will continue until the evening of December 18, when the "game" will be counted and the losing side will serve an oyster supper to the winners. C. C. Carlson is president of the club succeeding J. R. Gamble.

The banquet is to be given at the Ash Swale-community hall. The captains of the two teams are Charles and Ed Bowers.

Tommy Tucker Has a Bank Account



Tommy Tucker, here seen in the arms of his mistress, Miss Erika Newman, New York actress, is said to be the most photographed dog in the world. The little wire-haired terrier also is distinguished by the fact that he has a bank account. He buries his money in the Bank of America, and though he is thrifty in financial affairs he has no respect for such things as ladies' silk stockings.

A FABLE FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

By Lowe W. Wren, In Missouri Farmer.

WHEN Christmas candles start to glow,
Fittingly here below,
High angels come with merry grace
To view old Santa's smiling face
Tonight I thought I heard them sing,
"With Bethlehem, the heavens ring."

"But what did you to swell the tide?"
An angel asked, from side to side.
Then as I vainly tried to speak,
A man beside me puffed his cheek—
"One-tenth my gold," he proudly crowed,
"Went to the poor to ease their load."

To this the angel answered, "Nay—
Gold is easy to give away;
And so are words, however wise,
It is but little to advise.
Yet there is much which you can give—
Consider, O man, the life you live!"

A silence fell, and thereupon
A woman, burdened with a son,
Arose and asked with plaintive voice,
"Oh Angel has my gift been choiced?"
At which the heavens seemed to stir,
So many angels answered her.

"Oh, merry is the Christmas day
When Christ through mother love can say
"Devotion nobly, not in part,
Gives cheer to every aching heart,
And he who tells another's thrift
To all men makes a Christmas gift!"

SOCIETY NEWS

From Our Regular Correspondents

ALFORD

Honoring the birthdays of Mr. J. H. Rickard and Miss Letha Jenks a birthday dinner was given at the home of the former last Sunday. Those present for the day besides Mr. Rickard and family were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jenks and daughter Letha, Mr. and Mrs. William Jenks and Oliver Jenks all of Tangent, Miss Anna Drinkard of Halsey, and Jack Severt of Corvallis.

PINE GROVE

Mrs. Floyd Nichols entertained the members of the Krowledeen club at her home Wednesday afternoon. The time was spent in fancy work and a turkey modeling contest in which Mrs. John McNeil received first prize and Mrs. George McNeil second prize for being the best artists with chewing gum.

Luncheon was served at a lovely appointed table with a prettily decorated Christmas tree forming the center piece.

PEORIA

Thursday afternoon the members of the Potter sewing club were pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Mary Porter, with 16 members present. The afternoon passed quickly with fancy work and contests, Mrs. Freerkson and Mrs. Ella Lumar winning first prizes, and Mrs. Zimmermann and Mrs. Ronankamp the consolation prizes. A dainty luncheon was served by the hostess late in the afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Jessie Clay and Mrs. Dale Forrest.

Guests of the club were Mesdames Jessie Clay, Martha Davis, Marcia Margason and Dale Forbes. At this meeting the club made up a nice Christmas box of many useful gifts, for a needy family.

Conference at Lake Creek

Rev. H. S. Shaugle, presiding elder of the Portland district, will hold quarterly meeting at Lake Creek Saturday evening, December 15. He will preach at the morning hour Sunday.

The Lake Creek league have been invited to join the Peoria league Sunday evening. The leader is arranging a good program. The topic is "Christmas in Story, Poetry and Song." Everyone is invited to come.

Rev. Orcar Gibson will preach following league. Rev. Gibson, it has been announced, will be at the Lake Creek church Sunday morning and not at Peoria although it is his regular day there.

Izaak Walton League Chapter Of Halsey Meets Next Monday

The local chapter of the Izaak Walton League of America will meet at the Gun Club club house next Monday evening at 7 o'clock, for the transaction of business and also to enjoy another pleasant time discussing various phases of the league, its work and aims.

A special invitation is extended to every farmer near Halsey to attend this meeting, get acquainted with the league members and help them eat oysters and drink coffee.

A very pleasant time was had at meeting December 3, and there's promise of even a better time next Monday night, so the officers report. A delegation of league members of Harrisburg are expected to be present.

Mrs. Mary Driver Dies

Mrs. Mary E. Driver, widow of Dr. I. D. Driver pioneer Methodist minister of Oregon, and she, herself an Oregon pioneer, died at her home in Eugene Saturday evening at the age of 77 years.

Funeral services were held at the Branstetter chapel in that city at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning after which the body was taken to Salem where a second service was held at Rigdon and Sons chapel. Burial was in the family lot in a Salem cemetery.

Born in Illinois on February 18, 1851, the deceased came to Oregon with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Williams, in 1852, when she was only a year old. The family located east of Albany where Mrs. Driver grew to womanhood. She attended the Santiam academy and later was a student at Albany college.

Fifty years ago she was married to Dr. Driver, who during his life served as pastor of many Methodist churches in the state and also at one time was superintendent of the southern Oregon district of the Methodist church.

Previous to going to Eugene recently Mrs. Driver had made her home in Tangent for a number of years.

Eight children survive. They are Grace I. Driver of Turner; Lena E. Driver, Mrs. Frances Milton, R. D. Driver, and L. L. Driver all of Eugene; W. A. Driver of Los Angeles; Paul S. Driver of Portland; and R. A. Driver of San Jose, Cal. Frank Williams of Halsey is a brother.

CHARITY GRANGE

(By an Enterprise Reporter)

The men of Charity grange put a new roof on the hall last week. They also dug out all the brush from the yard and along the road and took out the old kitchen stove and replaced with a better one.

The annual election of officers of Charity grange will be held Saturday, December 15, at 11 a. m.

The American college of music of Kansas City, Missouri, has a representative in our county placing free scholarships, one in each district. They hope by this means to advertise their system and eventually have it adopted by schools.

Curtis Veatch went to his farm at Cottage Grove Friday and spent several days looking after his stock.

The Brandon school boys who belonged to the Muddy Creek Pig Club have been requested by Prof. Weber to be in the parade at Harrisburg Friday. Edgar Grimes, who is the winner of the Moses trophy in the national 4-H club contest, was the leader of this club.

The big rain Sunday night filled Spoon river to the point of overflowing—the first time this winter.