

Grass Valley

(By Mrs. A. F. Balzer)

Rev H. Gravenor announces there will divine worship at the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday afternoon August 30 at 3 p. m.

Word received from Mr. and Mrs. Dan Keiper is that Don will be principal of a grade school right out of Eugene this coming school term and that they will be living at 351 W. 10th Ave in Eugene.

Mrs. Roy Schilling entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon with two tables in play. Mrs. Arzell Lemley held high score and Mrs. Alfred Kock low score for the afternoon. Refreshments were served later by the hostess. Other members present were Mrs. Glenn Perry, Mrs. J. S. Newcomb, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Max Brown and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mrs. John Decker and children called at the Frank von Borstel home Saturday evening for Kenneth Bekkedahl who spent the weekend with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox took their grandsons, Ronald and Rodney Roberts to Oregon City Sunday where they took the bus for their home in Corvallis after spending a week here with their grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. John Block went to Tygh Valley Saturday and were guests at the home of her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Feely until Monday when they went to The Dalles and were over night guests of her sister, Mrs. Ed Alley, who accompanied them home and stayed until Friday.

Mrs. Gordon Lemley and children left this Friday for Portland to visit her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crews and family returned home Friday from a vacation trip to San Francisco, California where they visited her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Peters. They called on the Ross Fields' who recently moved to Los Gatos from Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Ferguson and family of The Dalles spent Sunday visiting at the home of her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne. Alia Jean and Lois Payne went home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Balzer and children, Carcel and Annette of Portland were overnight guests

Thursday at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. They were on their way home from Le Grande where they visited her sister and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl were in The Dalles Sunday to visit their son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Morgan of Los Angeles, California were over night guests Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert of Yakima, Wn., stopped Wednesday and visited a while with Mr. and Mrs. John Block.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bash had as their guests from Wednesday until Sunday their daughter, Mrs. Charles Rathburn and children, Sandra Jodene and Michael of Toppenish. Guests there last

week were her uncle and aunt, Ted von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones from Woodland, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark of Bend, Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst of Roseburg and Mr. and Mrs. of Rufus and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hubert Wagers and daughter, Pausch were dinner guests Sun-Carolyn of Summer Lake spent day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. the weekend here visiting relatives.

Mrs. Parkhurst remained for a longer visit.

Frank E. Bayer and David Bayer made a business trip to Pendleton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bayer and family of Enterprise spent the weekend at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Bayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and sons, Jerry and Ronald, went to High Rock on Mt. Hood Saturday



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SEPTEMBER 11-12-13 SHERMAN COUNTY FAIR



On the entertainment side horse racing is a distinctive feature of the Sherman County Fair. Despite all the other things that are included in the annual program for Saturday and Sunday afternoons of the fair the cash customers have always insisted that there be horse races.

This is in addition to the rodeo which is a full time rodeo in itself and about all you see at ordinary fairs.

Not that there isn't horse racing at other fall shows but too often it is conducted on a haphazard, hit or miss basis wherein a bunch of horses and riders, wearing what comes handy in the way of saddles, shirts, etc., come onto the track and someone says "Go" so they have a race. Nobody knows who belongs to the horses,

who is riding what, how far they are going to run or what direction. As they used to say "He doesn't know who's on third" in a somewhat similar situation.

Sherman Countians wouldn't stand for that kind of horse race. They were trained in the days when everyone or his neighbor had a horse that could run or some one thought he could. Also the county one-time had a good bunch of trotters and pacers that made the fair programs lively.

So the sentiment around here is that if you're going to have a horse race, why, have it. Get 'em out on the track. Let everyone know what they are and who they belong to, how far they can run, what they did yesterday and such other information that might seem pertinent to the occasion.

And that's the way we do it.

The fair board provides six or seven races each program day and that is a good two-thirds of a regular race meet day on the big tracks. All this in addition to the other stuff which includes rodeo events, (the full treatment), clowns, track exhibitions, parades and other entertainment.

Some of the horses that race



here next month are now at the Portland Meadows, Gresham and will go to the state fair at Salem before coming to Moro. Among those listed as running are Transbar, Topper Booter, Antone Rose, Drifting Sands. Locally there's Fair Fun, Bang Flight, Whiz Bang, and some new ones are



expected. Other horse owners always drop by to try out the local horses.

Nothing makes the stands shake with spectators getting to their feet like a horse race. Some events cause a sort of a hushed gasp from the crowd, some a shiver; a close horse race brings them up standing and shouting things at the horses as if they would hear and understand. A listener might think that every man and woman in the stands had the meat and milk money on a horse's nose from the way they yell.

The track is good and this year will be better, partly because it has rained although track wetting is always done here anyway. And partly because a whole new fence and new rail has been built. Jockeys can dangle their feet if

they want to (they don't) and the rail won't rake 'em.

There's new chutes and new fences and some other new construction on the grounds. For horse race men perhaps the most important is the high fence built along the south side of the track so horses can get down to the ramp gate without getting into the crowd or ducking any incorrectly parked automobiles. It gives the horses and horse men a monopoly on a spot of ground they need to get onto the track quickly.

And speaking of quick there is seldom much delay about getting the races off. Sure, the horses have to come before the stands, be announced and get to the starting line but that usually goes on while something else is happening. Every race has its time set on the program and every effort is made to run it then. There's more races on in less time at the Sherman County Fair than almost anywhere. The fair board doesn't like to brag about that but they do, every last one of them. Only it's the truth and the truth moderates a brag immensely.



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