

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Frank Ketter was hostess to the bridge club at her home last Tuesday evening, with three tables in play. Mrs. Harry Hooper held high, Mrs. Walter Davis second and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap low score for the evening. Others enjoying the evening were Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. C. R. Andersen, Mrs. Bruce Alley, Mrs. Mayme Gould, Mrs. Orville Ruggles, Mrs. Don Smith, Mrs. Robert Schilling and Mrs. Tom Garrett. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Sherman chapter No. 132 OES met at the Masonic hall last Tuesday evening for its regular meeting with Mrs. Jack Adams worthy matron, presiding with 12 members present. Refreshments were served at the close by Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Harry Justesen.

Members of the Grass Valley Grain Growers held a meeting at the office of the Grain Growers here Saturday afternoon and decided to build additional storage at Grass Valley for the 1954 wheat crop.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger went to Boring Thursday where they were overnight guests of his mother and went on to Portland Friday to visit relatives returning home Saturday.

Donald Clodfelter left Sunday for Newberg to spend a few days visiting his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Harland Clodfelter and his father, S. O. Clodfelter.

Mrs. Harry Hooper accompanied by her mother, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, went to Portland Wednesday on business returning home Thursday.

The Grass Valley Rebekahs met at the IOOF hall Wednesday night for their regular meeting. Mrs. Willard Barnett, noble grand, presiding with 21 members present. Joint installation of Odd-Fellows and Rebekahs will be held Wednesday evening January 20. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter will leave Friday on the streamliner for Detroit, Michigan, where they will take delivery on a new car, after which they will go east to Washington, D. C. to spend a few days going on to Miami, Florida and California and the southern states to being gone a month. Their son in law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Donald Marsh and son, Ricky, of Hood River will stay with her brother, Wendell, while his parents are gone.

Arch Cantrall left Friday for Nyssa after receiving word his mother, Mrs. A. F. McGinnis, was very ill. She passed away at the hospital on Saturday, the funeral will be held Tuesday at Nyssa. Mrs. Cantrall and son, Everett Cantrall and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap left Monday for Nyssa to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and son Wendell were dinner

guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. Mrs. Jack Adams, worthy matron, of Sherman chapter No. 132 OES accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel to Wasco Saturday night to attend joint installation of the Mason and Eastern Star officers.

Friends and members of the Baptist church enjoyed a fellowship dinner Sunday after the morning services. Following the dinner the annual business meeting was held.

Mrs. Owen Eakin and Mrs. Bernard Martin went to The Dalles last Tuesday night for installation of Eastern Star officers.

Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe took Mrs. John Engstrom to The Dalles Thursday to see her doctor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett and Bill Johnson were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer and Mrs. Claud Bayer and sons were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Trimble and as their guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lane and daughters of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Merton Sauer from Tygh Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to The Dalles Sunday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Al Leitch who arrived by train from Zion, Ill., to spend a few days here with them. Mrs. Leitch is a cousin of Mrs. May.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox left Saturday for Madras to spend a few days visiting her brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gibson.

R. A. Stow, who is spending the winter in Portland with his son, Jim Stow, was here last week for several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel and son, George, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup of Rufus were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

The Grass Valley PTA will meet at the school house Friday January 15 at 8 o'clock.

Among those going to The Dalles Friday to attend the funeral of John Brogan were Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel and sons, Carl and George, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel, Mr. and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Bird.

Robert Holmes, who is attending school at Portland university for the winter term, spent the weekend at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Barnum and sons accompanied him to Portland Sunday for medical attention.

There will be services of divine worship in the Grass Valley Methodist church next Sunday afternoon January 14 at 3 p. m. announces Rev. H. Gravenor.

County Ramblings

ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN SHERMAN COUNTY

Don't ask who counted them, but Oregon farmers alone used 4,500,000 new fence posts a year, County Extension Agent T. W. Thompson, indicates. Split cedar accounts for half of the new posts. They are useful on the average for 10 to 12 years, then, like any other post, they fall at the ground line.

Cedar is a durable wood and post tops will last for 20 years or more. Needed is a method of preserving split cedar. Sapwood can now be treated but the heartwood resists penetration. Technicians Oregon Forest Products Laboratory are working to discover a method of treating the heartwood but this far with little success. The Forest Products Laboratory is located at Corvallis operated cooperatively by the State Board of Forestry and School of Forestry, Oregon State college.

Should farmers now attempt to treat split cedar? Yes, says Charles R. Ross, extension service forestry specialist. He believes the cold-soak treatment using pentas or other cold-soak preservatives will be well worth the cost. Ross admits there preservatives will provide only surface coating and crack penetration but even the light coating will add several years to the life of a post.

Many Sherman county farmers use cold-soak preservatives on cedar posts. Thompson, however, indicates more farmers could use such treatment to advantage. For best results posts should be carefully peeled and well seasoned, bark interferes with preservative getting into the wood. Green and unseasoned posts likewise do not absorb sufficient oil, hence, will not give the expected service. Furthermore green posts will continue to dry after treatment and will frequently check through the treated wood. Peeled or green posts should be stacked for 40 to 60 days prior to treatment.

Considerable fall annual weed spraying has been done in the northern part of the county. Some of those spraying were W. L. Blau, Elton Medler, Leroy Belshee, Richelderfer Ranch, Clem Welk, A. B. and Bon Christianson, Trace and Leonard Fields.

Plots on fall spraying have been continued for the second year on the Allen Tom ranch. Valuable information was obtained last year on fall spraying along with spring applications.

Soil tests on the Joe Hilderbrand Ranch analyzed by the Soil Testing Laboratory, OSC, generally showed a very high phosphorous level. One field was somewhat lower and will need to be checked periodically to insure that a sufficient level is available. Two fields tested were on the acid side of the so called pH scale.

Land left for spring seeding and not roughed-up shows considerable erosion. One exception to this is fallow handled by trashy-fallow methods. The value of seeding corners first again shows up as an excellent practice. Excessive erosion has occurred on corner seeding. More use of early corner seeding is a practice every one can perform.

The 1953 Progress Report of the T. J. Striker Post farm operated by the school of forestry has been received. Anyone desiring to check the report please drop us a card for a copy. All types of post and preservatives are being tested for length of service and value.

Charring of posts, a practice still done by a few farmers is condemned by the laboratory. This method is not a preservative treatment and, if it accomplishes anything, it tends to shorten the



SHE'S A QUEEN!—That dazzling come-hither look is a royal command this girl is bestowing on the young man. Britain's beautiful Queen Elizabeth II is seen above with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh.

average service life of posts. This well as suspended wood and concrete floors. This tile besides checks that give spores of decay producing fungi access to interior parts of the post and by reducing the volume of wood in the critical zone. Vinyl asbestos tile is highly recommended for concrete floors in contact with the ground as well as suspended wood and concrete floors. This tile besides checks that give spores of decay producing fungi access to interior parts of the post and by reducing the volume of wood in the critical zone. Conservative estimates indicate 15 per cent of all calves die either of scours or of disease resulting from scours within a month of birth. This means over

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\$15 million loss nationally a year. Newer materials for scour prevention treatment will be on the market soon.

Trees for wind break plantings may be ordered during January through the county agent's office. Trees for eastern Oregon available this year are Ponderosa and Scotch Pine, Chinese Arborvitae, Black Locust, Russian Olive, Caragana, Chinese Elm, and Russian Mulberry. Order blanks will be sent to all farmers shortly.

Asphalt paint, lanolin and certain mixtures having lanolin as a base are highly effective as dressings for tree wounds.

field glasses belonging to R. O. Scott. On appearing before the justice of peace they are bound over to the grand jury and are in jail for want of \$1000 a piece bail money.

The boys are wanted in both Hood River and Wasco counties for break and entry charges and it is not certain that they will be tried in this county or not.

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Young Lads Held On Larceny Charge

Thomas Leslie Morton, 18, and Leslie Gene Light, 17, both of Hood River are in the county jail on a charge of larceny. They were arrested in Hood River by state officers from information given by Sherman county officials for taking tools belonging to Harry Van Gilder and a pair of

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Frank Pike



KNOWS ALL!—This cat knew a lot more than it could tell when it costarred with blonde Kathleen Hughes of Hollywood in a 3-D murder mystery. The cat was the only witness, and Kathleen—she was the victim.