

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

The Grass Valley PTA met at the school house Friday evening for its regular meeting. Mrs. Owen Eakin, president, presiding with a very good attendance. Jim Jones, scout master, introduced John McGraw, Gordon Acker and Robert Niece, all of The Dalles who gave talks on the organization of cub scouts. The PTA voted to sponsor the organization and the following committee was appointed: Mrs. B. C. Baumgartner, Elton Eakin, Ted Kelly, Mrs. Jack Brady and Mrs. Walter Davis. Mrs. Charles Myers sang several solos accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Elton Eakin. Refreshments were served later in the cafeteria. Some of the people had difficulty getting home as the storm of blizzard proportions was drifting the snow badly in places.

Mrs. Herman Peters entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday afternoon with three tables in play. High score was held by Mrs. Arzell Lemley and low score by Mrs. Mayme Gould. Others enjoying the afternoon were Mrs. Clair Adams, Mrs. Max Brown, Mrs. Ted Kelly, Mrs. Roy Schilling, Mrs. Earl Olds, Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Walter Davis and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mrs. Arzell Lemley was hostess to the bridge club at her home last Tuesday evening with three tables in play. Mrs. Don Smith held high score and Mrs. Walter Davis second high. Others enjoying the evening were Mesdames Bruce Alley, C. R. Andersen, Earl Olds, Frank Ketter, Robert Schilling, Harry Hooper, Orville Ruggles, Alfred Kock, and Sadie Alley from The Dalles. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

Theo. von Borstel was taken to The Dalles hospital Friday night after suffering a stroke at his home. His condition is reported as critical.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith DeCoursey and children of Prineville came Sunday and Mrs. DeCoursey will take care of her father, Theo. von Borstel at the hospital. Mrs. Kenneth Hattrup will take care of her children. Mr. DeCoursey returned to Prineville.

Mrs. C. J. Kulick arrived here Monday from Gary, Indiana after she received word of the illness of her father, Theo. von Borstel. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hooper returned home Sunday from Portland where they spent several days on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams and sons were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were dinner guests Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and son, Tony, of Moro and her parents Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel and son, Phil, were dinner guests Friday evening at the home of

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Sayrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allegre of Hood River spent the week end here visiting at the home of his brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Clair Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Bayer and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morgan arrived Wednesday from Condon after receiving word of the death of his uncle, Orville Gibson. They were guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox, until Sunday when they returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May took her cousin and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Al Leitch of Zion, Ill., to Hood River after spending several days with them. They will visit her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Walter and Williams Walter a few days.

Mrs. Donald von Borstel was hostess to members of the American Legion Auxiliary at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. W. Fields, president, presiding with 12 members and two junior members present. Everyone enjoyed the slides shown by Mrs. Frank von Borstel of pictures taken of the Christmas party. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Esslinger were in The Dalles Thursday and brought his father, Ernest Esslinger home to Moro after spending several days in the hospital for medical attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg and family, Mrs. Bud Brinkert and Miss Kathryn Kuhn were dinner guests Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin. They all attended the PTA meeting at the school house that evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Mrs. Herman Peters were dinner guests Thursday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee.

Bill Johnson was a business visitor in The Dalles Saturday. Mrs. T. M. Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolfe were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

The first real snowstorm of the season deposited almost a foot over the Grass Valley area over the weekend. Snow started falling Friday night and continued through Saturday with between nine and ten inches by Saturday afternoon. About three inches fell Saturday night. The temperature was around 12 degrees and in some places lower. The strong east wind drifted the snow badly in places.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox returned from a trip to Phoenix, Arizona where they visited her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis.

Fred Cox took Mrs. Cox to The Dalles Monday for medical attention as she had the misfortune to get the index finger of her right hand caught in the clothes wringer.

County Ramblings

ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN SHERMAN COUNTY

The second issue of Oregon Agricultural Progress is off the press. This publication is prepared by OSC experiment station staff. Research findings, progress report, and outlook information material will be covered in these quarterly magazines. The publication is a service to Oregon agriculture. Farmers desiring to receive this publication should call or drop a line to the county agent's office.

Last spring grazing alfalfa trials were established on the Dean Fuller and Damon Field ranches. We would like to get two or three more of these trials established this spring. At least twenty acre fields are needed for the trial. Five varieties of alfalfa are incorporated in the trial plots in combination with grass and are seedling without alfalfa. These trials will give us leads to the best type of alfalfa to use in combination with grass. Trials in the Grass Valley and Kent areas are needed. Anyone interested should contact this office.

The Sherman county soil conservation district has a grass-legume press type drill and sheeps-foot roller for rent to the county farmers. Charge for the use of this equipment is 25 cents per acre for the drill and \$4 daily for the roller. The sheeps-foot roller is an excellent piece of equipment for constructing dams and packing permanent sod. The roller has been used by John Buether, Frank von Borstel and Bernard Martin. Folks desiring to use this equipment should see the soil conservation office or the county agent's office.

Young men and women between the ages of 20 and 30 are needed for the summer exchange under the International Farm Youth Exchange program. This program is one of the best to promote international understanding and friendship among people. Exchange of young men and women is made where each live on farms for six month periods. Applicants must have had farm experience and are interested in promoting friendship and understanding with other countries. Farmers having problems of an-

Eyes of Nation on Southwest Hotel



This is a scale model of the 1,001-room Hotel Statler in Dallas, Texas, where each guest room will have television-radio. The hotel will be completely air-conditioned. New type bathrooms will have a dressing room atmosphere. The main banquet area will seat 2,000 in one group. "Flat-slab cantilever" construction to be used for the first time.

Construction has begun in Dallas, Texas, of one of the largest hotels to be built anywhere in the world in more than a quarter of a century, the 1,001-room Dallas Statler.

The hotel's design is unique in that exterior walls are of glass and aluminum like the United Nations building in New York. This new kind of construction makes possible use of the cantilever principle which eliminates about half the columns and footings necessary in older type buildings. Use of this ultra-modern design has aroused nationwide interest on the part of architects and engineers.

The new 18-story giant will have banquet facilities that will seat 2,000 persons in one group, largest capacity west of Chicago. Every guest room in the hotel will have television-radio and the entire building will have air-conditioning with individual controls in each guest room. Most

of the rooms will be of the studio type, a bedroom at night and a living room in the daytime. All guest rooms will have outside exposure and will feature "picture windows" which will extend across about two-thirds of the room's width. Bathrooms have been designed to have a dressing room atmosphere. The top of the wash bowl in each bathroom will be extended under a wide mirror to form a vitrious china shelf for make-up or shaving accessories. Dallas' newest skyscraper will be constructed in the form of a huge "Y". Two prongs of the Y will converge on the main street leaving a part of the site available for a landscaped garden. The hotel will be the only downtown Dallas building not built flush to the street but with an approach for taxis and guest cars on its own property. The Dallas Statler will be opened in the summer of 1955.

conditions in bulls that have just been wintered casually. A thin bull is not a vigorous bull. There's another twist to this story, and that is the objection of some range operators to buying at bull sales because the bulls are too fat. In an attempt to overcome the objection, the Grant county Beef Center Bull sale committee at its sale in November tried to give an indication of the finish on every bull sold through the ring and passed along to the buyer a few suggestions for managing his bulls.

The sale committee set up the following indicators of degree of condition fat.

Definitely over conditioned for immediate use and are the kind that may be difficult to let down without affecting their usefulness as breeding bulls. (Comparable to choice or higher).

HIGH CONDITIONED: These are in satisfactory breeding condition providing they are exercised and hardened before use. Unless this is carefully done they may be overfinished for rough breeding conditions. (Comparable to low choice).

WELL CONDITIONED: Condition is one of the important factors in percentage of calf crop and bulls in this category are generally considered to be in desirable breeding shape for most range situations. (Comparable to high good).

FAIR CONDITIONED: These bulls need to be kept coming and should be continued to be fed a gaining ration up to breeding time. (Comparable to good).

UNDER CONDITIONED: These bulls are definitely under conditioned for immediate use under most breeding situations. Continued good feeding up to breeding time is necessary to bring them to a satisfactory breeding vigor. (Comparable to low

EVENTS COMING:

January 26: Sherman County Rural Advisory Council

February 3: Public hearing by County Court on Compulsory Bang's Control-2:30 p. m. County Courthouse.

February 15: State Water Resource Public meeting, Arlington.

February 18: Sherman County Cattlemen's Association Annual Meeting, Odd Fellows Hall, Grass Valley, 10:00 a. m. to 4 p. m.

February 22: Cereal Meeting—Sponsored by Sherman County Association of Oregon Wheat Growers.

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Every country newspaper is part farm magazine. We have always maintained that it had to be; at any rate it ought to be. National farm magazines cover the nation, regional farm magazines cover a district. Both have to be general in coverage. A local newspaper that interests itself in agricultural problems has a local coverage and deals specifically with farm problems in its county.

What you read in such a newspaper about agriculture is almost certain to concern you. And, in fact, most of the information is available to a small newspaper the same as to a large magazine.

There are in Sherman county some agricultural developments that originate here from the experiment station and from the county agent and the extension service. We try to get all of these.

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