

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer was hostess at a party for pre-school children held at the Masonic hall Wednesday afternoon with 18 children and nine mothers present. Games were played under the direction of Mrs. Bill Rolfe. Refreshments of cookies, punch and coffee were served by the hostess.

Members of Sherman chapter No. 132 OES going to Moro Thursday evening to attend the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May, Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Mrs. Harry Justesen. Others coming later for school of instruction by Mrs. Daisy Thompson, were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mrs. Alfred Payne took her daughter, Alfa Jean, to The Dalles Wednesday for medical attention.

Mrs. John Reckman was honored at a layette shower held at the Masonic hall last Tuesday afternoon with about 25 guests present. Games were played with prizes going to Mrs. Olan Stark, Mrs. Joe Hammond and Mrs. Harry Justesen. A lace covered table decorated with a stork held the many lovely gift wrapped packages, which were opened by Mrs. Reckman assisted by Mrs. Hammond. Refreshments of cookies, nuts, mints and coffee were served from a decorated table.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and son, Jimmy, went to Portland Saturday and brought her mother, Mrs. Christine Maldaner of New Westminster, B. C. home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family went to Bend Saturday and spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Stark.

The home extension unit met at the school last Tuesday at 1:30 p. m. when Mrs. Ina Hanson gave a talk on the preliminaries of basic sewing. All the women made wrist pin cushions. The next meeting will be lesson on "Cake Decorating" by Mrs. Joe Hammond as hostess at the school Wednesday March 28. Mrs. Estel Hartley served cookies and coffee to Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Willard Barnett, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Elton Eakin, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Joe Hammond, Mrs. Harold Owens, Mrs. H. N. Riggs, Mrs. Wallace May, Mrs. Jim Duncan and new members, Mrs. Jack Adams and Mrs. Jack Brady, and guests Mrs. Harley McKay and Mrs. Kenneth Sather from Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters went to Hood River Sunday to visit their son, Herman Peters Jr. and family.

Sherman chapter No. 132 OES held their practice meeting in the Masonic hall last Tuesday evening. Mrs. Frank von Borstel, worthy matron presided. Mrs. Luther Davis was installed as associate conductress. The altar was draped in memory of Ernest Eslinger. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting by Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

Mrs. A. F. Balzer was hostess to the bridge club at her home Thursday with a 1 o'clock dessert followed by bridge at two tables. Mrs. A. A. Dunlap held high score. Mrs. Alfred Kock second and Mrs. Balzer low. Mrs. Dunlap also won the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter, Mrs. Ted Kelly and Mrs. Loy Cochran of Moro.

Mrs. Harry Hooper was hostess to the bridge club at her home last Tuesday evening with three tables in play. High score was held by Mrs. Bob Marvin, second by Mrs. Don Smith and low by Mrs. John Rust. Mrs. Alfred Kock won the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs. Bob Schilling, Mrs. Frank Ketter, Mrs. C. R. Andersen, Mrs. Joe Bibby, Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap, Mrs. Ted Kelly

and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. Refreshments were served by hostess. Mr. and Mrs. Dell Oids, Mr. and Mrs. Don Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling and Mrs. C. R. Andersen called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oids Thursday evening and surprised Mrs. Oids on her birthday anniversary. Mrs. Oids received several gifts from the group. The evening was spent playing bridge with refreshments brought by the guests served later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard McNeely of The Dalles spent Sunday afternoon at the Alfred Payne home. Mrs. Art Bibby, Mrs. Herman Peters and Mrs. Eben Kee went to The Dalles Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oids and Robin went to Portland Monday on business and were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry at Fairview.

Phil von Borstel returned home from Toledo where he spent a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Elmer Sondenaa and family, stopping enroute home at Oregon City to visit his grandmother, Mrs. C. von Borstel at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Walter Koch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Alsop are the parents of a son born Sunday, February 26 at The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rust went to The Dalles Friday evening to meet their daughter, Mrs. Rex Richards, who arrived on the train from Portland and spent the weekend here with them, they took her back to The Dalles Sunday.

Phil von Borstel left Thursday for Portland where he will take a plane for San Diego to report for duty on a repair ship, after spending a ten day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May went to The Dalles Friday and Mrs. May went on to Hood River to spend a few days visiting her brothers, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Walter and William Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and son, Arden went to Hood River Wednesday to visit their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters Jr. and the new baby.

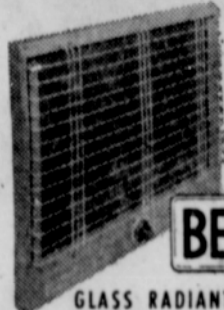
Mr. and Mrs. Blair Shadle of Olympia, Wn., spent several days last week at the Fred Cox home. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis returned home Sunday from Phoenix, Arizona after spending several months there this winter.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Harry Hooper and Floyd were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Riggs went to Portland Monday to be with their daughter, Marjorie, who is to undergo an operation at the Shrine hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg went to Bend Sunday where they attended the wedding of her cousin Miss LeAnn Blackwell, at the First Baptist church.

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Mrs. Earl Snell of Salem, widow of the former governor of Oregon, has accepted appointment as state chairman of the 1956 Easter Seal campaign March 10 through April 10. Ernest M. Jachetta of Portland, president of the Oregon society for Crippled Children and Adults, has announced.

Mrs. Snell has been closely identified with the work of the society since its inception and is a former member of the executive board.

Early Calves Wean At Better Weight

Some recent research work on the effect of date of birth on weaning weights is very interesting. The date of birth had a significant effect on weaning weight of calves due to the age at weaning time. Daily gains were similar on calves dropped from January thru July, but were lower on calves dropped September thru December, indicating the need for adding grain to the winter rations of the fall calf and its dam. The percentage of calf crop saved was as high in January, February and March as in spring and summer months and generally more profitable.

A total of 197 beef calves were used in studying the value of creep feeding in an Oklahoma experiment. Calves were dropped in February and March by high quality grade Hereford cows grazing native grass pastures when abundance of forage was available.

In these tests, creep feeding increased the gain approximately 45 pounds per calf over a number of years tests. The creep fed calves were fatter at weaning, but their value per hundred pound as feeders was little if any higher than similar calves not creep fed. Creep feeding did not increase the profit from calves sold as

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We want to express our thanks to friends and neighbors who gave us spiritual and material support while Joe was in the hospital and since his return home to slow convalescence.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hammond

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Grass Valley PTA And Cub Scouts Have Joint Meeting

The Grass Valley PTA and the Cub Scout pack No. 362 held their monthly meeting in the school auditorium Friday evening with about 25 present. Joe Bibby, president of the PTA conducted the business meeting. Program was by the Cub Scouts and follows: Den 1 opened the meeting with the flag salute and a yell; Den 3 put on a skit "Quiet Please".

Cubmaster Bill Rolfe presented the following awards: Byron Bayer and Curt Middleton, webelos badge and silver arrow and a service star; Michael Eslinger, silver arrow, gold arrow and a service star; Kenneth Blagg, David Eakin and Lowell Smith, silver arrow; Ronnie Eakin, service star; Curt Blagg, wolf badge and a gold arrow; Victor Johnson, wolf badge, gold arrow and a service star; Tom Barnum, Dick Barnum, Kenneth Lemley and Dean Ruggles, a silver arrow; John Reckman, silver arrow, service star; John Johnson, wolf badge and a gold arrow; Bob Sant, service star and Roy Easter a service star.

The Cub Scouts presented outgoing Cubmaster Bill Rolfe with a tie clasp and cuff links in appreciation of his work during the year. Cubmaster Bill Rolfe presented all the Den mothers with a pin. Den 1 closed the meeting by singing "God Bless America" and "He is a Jolly Good Fellow" for all those leaving the Cub Scouts.

They all went to the cafeteria for the Blue and Gold birthday party for the Cub Scouts. The tables were decorated with yellow candles surrounded by blue pom poms and place cards in the form of a birthday card with the name of each Cub Scout. A large cake made by Mrs. Joe Hammond and decorated by her in blue and gold with the inscription "Happy Birthday Cub Scouts" and a cake by Mrs. Sim Duncan and decorated by Mrs. Hammond with the inscription "Den Mothers" centered the tables. Ice cream, punch and coffee were served with the cake by Mrs. Duncan and Mrs. Fern Kelley.

County Ramblin's

County Agricultural Agent
ABOUT AGRICULTURE IN SHERMAN COUNTY

Clifford Hope during National Wheat Growers meeting said if it were not for 55 million acre minimum for wheat acreage we would need only 18 million acres next year. Mr. Hope, the oldest representative in congress as to tenure of office, was very enthusiastic about the domestic parity or the two price plan for wheat. He cited several points in favor of the two price plan.

Farmers share of the food dollar has gone down to 33 cents. Food prices since 1947 have gone up 3 per cent, but farm prices down 16 percent.

Particular emphasis was given to wheat and its conversion to flour. A pound loaf of bread consists of only 2 1/2 cents worth of wheat. A 40 percent raise in wheat prices would be necessary to raise the bread loaf price 1 cent. Since the war price of bread has gone up 43 percent, but farmers share of ingredients has gone down 10 percent.

Farmer National Wheat Grower president, Ken Kendrick, Texas, cited the most difficult obstacle in adoption of a two-price wheat program was the corn growers resistance to the use of wheat for feed. President Kendrick cited the historical 1942-52 wheat feed use of 250 million bushels compared to a 75 million bushel use in 1953-54.

Claude Gifford, Farm Journal, gave an inspiring address during a luncheon meeting of the N.A. W.G. Public relations was his theme and defined it as "Doing right and telling the public about it." He indicated the wheat farmer's job was broken down into two factors (1) Produce good farm products and (2) Develop good will with the public in the form of understanding not sympathy.

For treating spring grain, barley or wheat, for control of smut and other disease organisms, we would suggest the use of Panogen, Ceresan or Agrox. At this time we recommend Hexachlorobenzene or HCB only for winter wheat.

Even though present hog prices are extremely low, this might

be a good time to consider going into the hog business. In this area we can convert feed barley into pork cheaper than corn in the Midwest. This state needs more local pork production. At the present time two-thirds of our pork supply or about 250,000 head of hogs are shipped in from the corn growing states.

An excellent presentation of "More Hogs With Cheap Barley" is found in the recent quarterly Oregon Agricultural Progress magazine published by OSC. Many farmers are now receiving this magazine. It is a free publication. We have a few copies on hand and will be happy to place you on the mailing list for copies in the future.

Last year various tomato varieties developed by the Oregon Agricultural Experiment Station were available for testing in the counties. Tests were conducted at the Sherman station by Bill Hall and the Frank Sayrs ranch. Anyone interested in carrying on testing work this year should let us know. Six varieties are assigned interested growers. These varieties are grown from seed and compared to a standard variety grown locally. About 1/2 dozen plants of the six varieties are needed. Cooperators need to record throughout the growing season information about the plants and record of the fruit itself.

A sweet corn variety called "Canearly" is also available for testing for home use. Any orders for these trials are needed by February 29.

Due to the freeze injury it is best to delay pruning of cane and trailing berry plants and ornamentals until quite late. The total injury cannot be seen at this time and plants need all the foliage possible to help in recovery to a normal condition. If the berry plants come out later with no crop, they can then be cut back severely and let the new plant develop from the crown.

The most satisfactory temperature for holding hatching eggs is from 50 to 60 degrees with a relative humidity above 85 percent. Temperatures below or above this will decrease hatchability. When eggs are held under ideal conditions, there is some decline in hatchability when held more than seven days. If they are held longer than a week, they should be turned once a day.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

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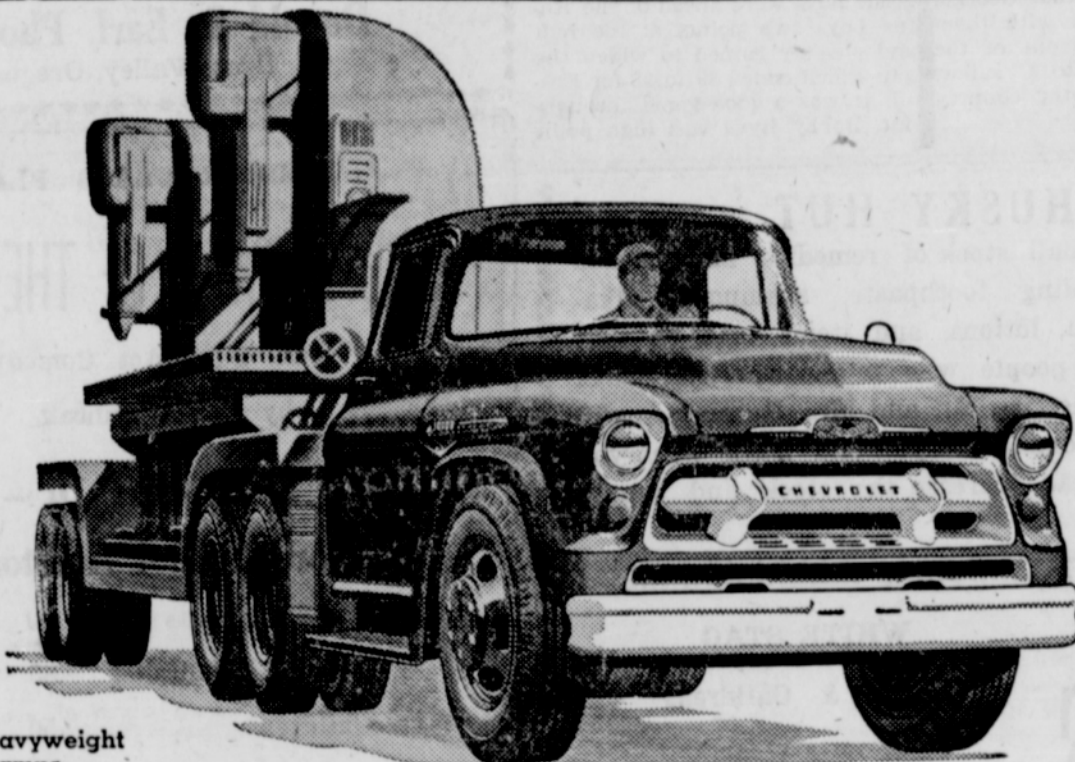
Monk McCarthy's almost as good at publicity stunts as he is at servicing and repairing cars—which is pretty darned good.

His latest gimmick is a hand-bill titled: "Do-It-YOURSELFERS! Why Not Grease Your Own Car?" Then he follows with two paragraphs about all the greases you'll need—the full set of wrenches, spray gun, grease gun, four jacks—the ability to work flat on your back with a face full of goo. And at the very end there's this line: "Or, if that's too much trouble, we'll do the job for 75¢."

From where I sit, I'll have to admit Monk's schemes attract attention. They often seem far-fetched to me, but he and I always had different opinions on how to run a business—just as we have different opinions about what's the best beverage. He likes hot tea—I prefer a glass of beer—which doesn't keep us from having a "smooth-running" friendship.

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