

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee spent Christmas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Pete Watts and family of Rockaway. Her niece, Sandra Squire came home with them for a visit. Mrs. Kee took her home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. McConaughy went to Wasco and spent Christmas visiting their daughters and families.

Frank von Borstel Jr. of Roseburg left Wednesday after spending the holiday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. He stopped in Portland and visited his grandmother, Mrs. C. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Ruggles and family had their Christmas dinner in Portland Sunday, Dec. 23 at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. L. Boyce along with other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Roberts and family of Corvallis arrived Dec. 23 and spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox. They returned to their home Thursday. Other dinner guests Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and family of Condon and Charles Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel and Frank Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and Tony were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mrs. Frances Mathews and Mrs. Bob Rolfe and Yvonne were business visitors in The Dalles Monday and visited the former's brother, John Rolfe at the hospital.

Mrs. Charles Davis spent Christmas in Portland with her son, James Dykstra and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson and family and Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and Ruth were dinner guests Christmas day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett.

Dinner guests at the home of Mrs. T. M. Rolfe Christmas day were Mrs. Harriette Wells of Roseburg, Mrs. Frances Mathews of Seattle, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wells and family of Cannel, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe and Ronald, Roger Hans of Kent and Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Brockway and family of The Dalles.

Mrs. Harriette Wells left Sunday for her home in Roseburg accompanied by her son, Donald Wells and family, after spending a week with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Alley and Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Barnett went to Portland Thursday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thornton and family returning Saturday.

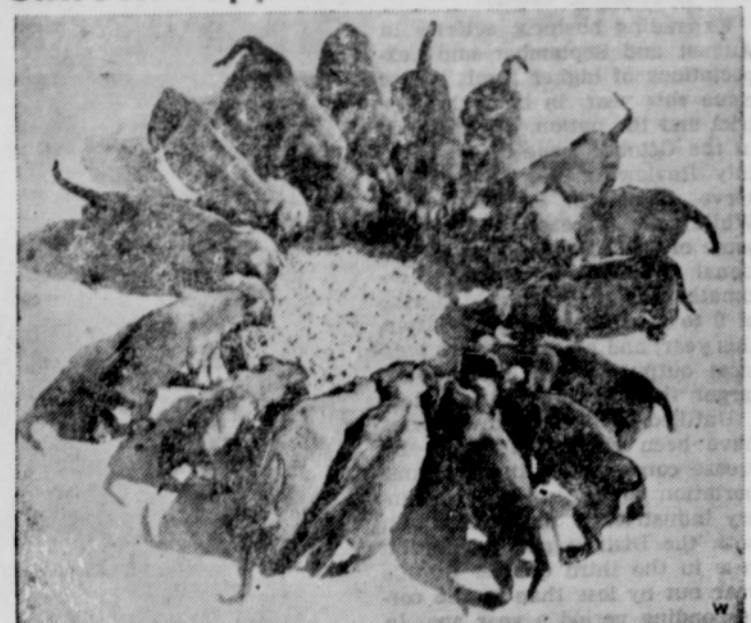
Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Wilhoir of Coulee Dam were over night guests Saturday of the Bill Johnsons.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe had as dinner guests Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Willard Rolfe and family, George Wilde of Portland, Mrs. Harriette Wells, Mrs. Frances Mathews, and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wells and family. Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer were callers later.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe had as weekend guests her brother and family from California.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Charles Perrigo and family at Astoria and visited his brother in law and sister, Mr. and

Sixteen Puppies—A 'Litteral' Record



Dinner time—and these sixteen German Shepherd puppies, all from the same litter, gather round a giant bowl of dog food at the home of Mrs. Lela Patrick, 1032 East 28th Street, Los Angeles. They're all doing fine and so is the puppies' proud mother. Believed to be a record-setter as far as the size of litters are concerned, she was weaned and raised on Walter Kendall's kibbled dog food. Along with the more than 22 million other dogs in the U.S., these puppies will share the spotlight of National Dog Week this year.

Mrs. Milo Elliott at Sheridan and her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Vinton at Corvallis returning Saturday.

A preliminary meeting of the basic dress workshop will be held at Kent January 15 between 1:30 and 3:30. All those interested please call Mrs. Boyce Blaylock for further information.

Mrs. Jessie Brander left Friday for her home in Harrington, Wn., after spending a week here with her son, Alex Brander and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and family and their daughter, Mrs. Eugene Spencer of Seattle, drove to Portland Christmas day and had dinner with Mrs. Blaylock's sister, Mrs. C. L. Tallman and family. Mrs. Spencer left from there on the train for Seattle.

Harold Duncan of the U. of O. and Miss Ida Janssen of Eugene arrived Dec. 21 and spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Bucky Brady arrived Sunday from California to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brady. They will leave for their home after the dance at Kent New Years eve.

Dewayne Duncan, U. S. Navy, arrived Friday from Alameda Naval Air Base, to spend the New Year holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Syron drove to Estacada Monday and spent Christmas eve with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Syron and to Oregon City where they spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin C. Gerber.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Fritts had as holiday guests their sons Scott Fritts from OSC and Pvt. Doran Fritts from Fort Hood, Texas, who will leave January 1 for Fort Hood for eight week training before he leaves for Germany where he will be stationed.

Alan Willett of Pensacola, Florida and Mary Lou Burning of Portland were dinner guests Friday at the Donald von Borstel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty had as dinner guests Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Williams and family who arrived Dec. 22 from Mont Vista, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor and son of Moro.

Ronald Rolfe of OTI at Klamath Falls spent the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gurley of The Dalles came Sunday and spent the New Year holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Duncan.

Mary Brady with the WAVES arrived Dec. 23 to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brady.

Ronald Rolfe took his father, John Rolfe, to The Dalles Thursday where he entered a hospital for medical attention.

Howard Garland, A 2c, has returned to Forbes Air Force Base at Topeka, Kansas, after spending six weeks at the air base on Newfoundland.

Other students home for the holidays were Ross Norton of OSC, Gene Knott and Carol Kopp from EOCE at La Grande.

Fred von Borstel went to Toledo recently and spent a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Elmer Sondenaa and family. He visited his grandmother, Mrs. C. von Borstel in Portland.

Employment Down But Above 1955

Oregon non-agricultural employment dropped 14,900 last month but remained 13,900 above a year ago according to reports received from about 2,000 representative employers. Estimates prepared by the Unemployment Compensation commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicate that 494,600 persons were engaged on non-farm jobs in mid-November, about 30,000 below the peak of last September. Seasonal lumber, food processing and construction groups were responsible for over 1/4 of the month to month employment drop.

The lumber industry reported 6,900 fewer employed than in mid-October and was 4,200 below a year earlier when freezing weather and snow had forced curtailment of much outside activity. In comparison, this year was highly favorable for outside activity with few shutdowns attributed to the weather. The depressed lumber market was the big factor in employment layoffs. Plywood employment at 13,100 was 800 below October and 300 under a year earlier as several plants closed down due to the low price being received for plywood.

Food processing also recorded a seasonal drop in employment, down 2,400 from mid-October and 300 below 1955 as harvests were completed earlier this year, which in turn enabled processors to complete their packing operations at an earlier date. Contract construction declined 2,100 as activity slackened seasonally in most lines.

In manufacturing, the metals, transportation equipment and other durable goods groups showed substantial gains over 1955 while practically all major industries in non-manufacturing recorded year to year increases. The most significant gains occurred in construction up 3,600, trade up 2,500, service up 3,200 and government up 5,500.

County Ramblin's

By "Tommy" Thompson

Fall spraying for weeds in winter wheat was done prior to Christmas on the Blau-Larimore and Bon Christianson ranches in the northwest section of Sherman county. Cal Butler Air Service of Redmond did the spraying. Half pound of Butyl Ester of 2,4-D was used for the application.

Leonard Fields, Howard Ross and the county agent visited Gilliam county recently to become acquainted with the use of Stilbestrol as an implant in the ear of steers on feed. Gilliam county started comparative trials a year ago and continuing them this year.

The agent has secured the implanting equipment and Stilbestrol pellets for use on animals. Art Christianson, Bill Todd, Hildred Zell, and Orville Ruggles have indicated an interest and implanting will be done on some of these cattle. It is hoped that some of the trial work can be used in connection with scales to weigh all animals prior to implanting and then have some with the material and some as a check. We would be happy to visit with anyone about this material and doing some trial work on his farm.

The following dates have been set for meetings during January: Weeds Control committee meeting, 1:30 p. m. January 11; Annual Soil Conservation District meeting, 1:30 p. m. January 15; Sherman County Rural Advisory committee meeting, 1:30 p. m. January 18; Sherman County Cattlemen's association annual meeting at the Odd-Fellow hall in Grass Valley, January 31; the state 4-H Leaders' association annual meeting at Corvallis January 22, 23, and 24th; the Wheat Industry conference requested by the Oregon Wheat league and being coordinated by Oregon State college extension service will be held at the Multnomah Hotel February 19-20 in Portland. This conference will be similar to the one held in Moro during the 20s. It is hoped that direction for the wheat industry for the next 25 years will come from this conference work.

The monthly meetings of the Livestock 4-H clubs in Sherman county will be held as follows: Sunday afternoon, January 6, Gordon Ridge club; Monday evening, January 7, Moro Livestock club; Tuesday afternoon after school at Kent, the Kent Livestock club will organize Saturday, January 5, 1:30 p. m., Orville Ruggles ranch. The Tractor Maintenance club, 4-H project organized a year ago, will continue during this coming year with Doug Alley and Jack Cushman of Moro as the 4-H club leaders. The club will get organized Wednesday evening, January 9 at 7:00 p. m. at the Moro school house. Sherman county boys in the three upper grades of high school are welcome as members. This year's project will involve tractor care, saving fuel, steering and front wheels, care of tires, winter care, engine ignition system, valve and valve service, power transmissions and trouble shooting. Boys interested in the project can contact the 4-H leaders above mentioned or Jim Belshie or Bob Olsen, tractor club members.

We recently received a special report from the Agricultural Research service on the "Meat Type Hog". The report discusses the background, breeding, feeding, and general use of the meat type hog in the United States. In simple terms it has defined the meat type hog as a hog that runs more to lean than to fat and is a select hog. They have defined the hog in measurement terms which are of interest to me and might be to folks giving consideration to this type hog.

Research of production traits and carcass desirability indicated that the dimensions of a meat type hog at market weight of 225 lbs. should be about 40 to 42 inches in length from the root of the tail to the point between the ears, 11 or 12 inches wide, and 14 or 15 inches deep back of the shoulders. Back fat thickness should not be more than 1 1/2 inches. The cold carcass should dress out 50 per cent or more of the preferred lean cuts—hams, loins, picnic shoulders and shoulder butts. Many indicators point to a gradual increase in acceptance to

the meat type hog. The trend has been 50 years in the making. There is increasing approval of lean type animals by producers, processors and the consuming public. Folks that are interested may secure one of these special reports from the county agent's office since we have ordered additional copies for distribution to anyone interested.

A combination aureomycin-sulfamethazine treatment has proven 100 per cent effective in preventing mortality of chicks with cecal coccidiosis under experimental conditions, according to USDA parasitologists. Sulfamethazine controls the coccidial organisms. The antibiotic aureomycin stimulates chick growth above normal despite the presence of pathogenic organisms. Best experimental results were obtained from feedings 100 grams (roughly 3 1/2 ounces) of aureomycin per ton of feed with 0.125 percent sulfamethazine. The aureomycin-sulfamethazine treatment must be started when chicks are exposed to infection. No deaths occurred in the chicks given this treatment, compared with a mortality rate of 43 per cent in the inoculated, untreated, group. Inoculated, treated chicks made better gains than healthy, untreated chicks. Commercial chick feed with these materials is well worth the money.

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