

### Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Alex Brander, manager of the Grass Valley Grain Growers and Luther Davis and Norris Gilkison went to Portland Thursday to attend the managers and directors meeting of the North Pacific Grain Growers. Mrs. Gilkison accompanied her husband to Portland and after the meeting they left on a trip for Santa Barbara, California to spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends and absorb some of the sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fritts are the parents of a son born January 17 at The Dalles hospital. The baby weighed 6 lbs and 12 oz. and was named Keith Edwin. Mr. Fritts went to The Dalles Monday and brought Mrs. Fritts and infant son home from the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Maxim arrived here Sunday from Albany, Mrs. Maxim will spend a few days here with her daughter, Mrs. Ed Fritts and family. Mr. Maxim returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ketter were business visitors in The Dalles recently.

Among the women of Grass Valley going to Kent Friday afternoon to attend the preliminary meeting of the basic dress workshop held at the Legion hall were Mrs. Estel Harley, Mrs. Ted Trimble, Mrs. Harold Owens, Mrs. O. N. Ruggles, Mrs. Willard Barnett, Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Boyce Blaylock, Mrs. Bernard Martin, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. Harry Stark, Mrs. James Earl, Mrs. Vernon Eakin, Mrs. Elton Eakin, Mrs. Willard Rolfe and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer.

Mrs. Nichols arrived January 10 from Michigan City, Indiana to visit her grand daughter, Mrs. Carl von Borstel and family.

Mrs. Harry Hooper and Mrs. Jack Cushman of Moro were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Cub Scouts of Den 1 met at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Bayer Monday January 14 after school with six members and den chief Jimmy Duncan present. The law and the promise were given by the Denner John Johnson with the rest of the scouts acting out a Rin Tin Tin skit. The rest of the time was spent making nail carriers. Refreshments furnished by Mrs. Bill Johnson were served by Denner John P. Reckman.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Payne and son, Jimmy, went to Portland Sunday to visit her sister, Mrs. Adam Bauder and family. Mrs. Payne stayed down for medical attention and Mr. Payne and Jimmy came home Monday. He will go back for her Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Richards, Mrs. John Rust and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

### County Ramblin's

**County Agricultural Agent**  
The Sherman County Cattle-men's association annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 31, Odd-Fellows hall, Grass Valley. We are looking for a good representation of cattlemen from throughout the county to attend. Mark the date and participate in this annual event.

The Oregon Wheat Growers league executive committee met in Pendleton January 17. Sherman county farmers attending were Elton Medlen, Don Thompson, Mac Hall, Marvin Thomas, Pat Kaseberg, Paulen Kaseberg, Ken Fridley, Floyd Root, and the county agent, T. W. Thompson.

Hog price prospects look good for 1957 according to the agricultural economist at OSC. They believe that hog prices will stay above \$20 at Portland most of the time during 1957. In 1958 the pattern could be much like 1955 if mid west farmers come back into production as fast as now seems likely. Oregon's favorable feed situation, good hog raising climate, and strong pork market put Ore-

gon's growers in a strong competitive position as usual. With about 10% of the national population in the Pacific Coast we raise only 1% of the hogs. This usually keeps the coast prices the highest in the nation.

The county ASC committee has received notice of funds available for the 1957 cost sharing program for the county. Sherman county has been allotted \$24,877 for the year. This will be used to assist cooperators in projects such as dam construction, grass waterways, sagebrush spraying, pasture seedings and weed control if all the requirements can be met from the newly released program.

The state ASC office indicates that payments to farmers for participation in the 1957 soil bank acreage program will be made as soon as possible after compliance can be determined for the crop. The department, in the case of winter wheat, expects to be in position to start issuing payment certificates about the first of June.

The Red Bluff bull sale will be held February 7, 8, and 9. A catalogue of animals consigned has been received, which include horned Herefords, polled Herefords, Angus and Shorthorns. Any farmers desiring to check this catalogue may do so at the county agent's office.

The sixth annual chemical applicators short course will be held January 28 thru February 1 on the OSC campus at Corvallis. The entire course will be concerned with herbicides, their formulations, applications, safe use and affect on crops and soils. The course is designed to raise the training level of men engaged in chemical application.

A survey to determine success of morning glory control practices is being conducted by Larry Kaseberg, a student in agriculture at OSC. The survey is being conducted specifically for Sherman county farmers to determine their feeling as to the various methods that are being employed to control or eradicate morning glory. Questionnaires were sent to 35 Sherman county farmers recently by Larry from Corvallis. We would like to encourage farmers receiving these questionnaires to fill them out and return them as soon as possible. Results will be compiled and should be of much interest to Sherman county farmers.

During the past two writings of the County Ramblin's I have presented information on grading. The two previous articles have been on grading in general—what it is; second on objectives of grading standards of livestock and the following material lists the grade standards for various classes of livestock. **SLAUGHTER HOGS**—U. S. No. 1—Slaughter barrows and gilts in this grade have an intermediate degree of finish. U. S. No. 2—Slaughter barrows and gilts in this grade have a moderately high degree of finish. U. S. No. 3—Slaughter barrows and gilts in this grade have a high degree of finish. Medium—Slaughter barrows and gilts in this grade have a low degree of finish. Cull—Slaughter barrows and gilts in this grade have a very low degree of finish. **SLAUGHTER LAMBS**—Prime—Prime lambs tend to be low set, compact, thickly fleshed and short of neck. They are wide over the back, loin and rump. Shoulders and hips are neat. The twist is

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Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Wilkinson and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg took five girls to The Dalles Sunday night to dance for the March of Dimes drive there. Those participating were Kaye Whipple, Karen and Patsy Wilkinson, Maxine Dormaier and Ginger Laughlin.

The first meeting of the church-wide School of Missions begins next Sunday at the Methodist church with a potluck dinner at 12:30 and classes beginning at 1:15. Dr. and Mrs. James Pomeroy returned Methodist Missionaries from India will be speaking.

WCS met last week in the church social rooms with Mrs. Leonard Fields and Mrs. Leroy Belshee as hostesses. Mrs. Martin Pshigoda was devotional leader and Mrs. Richard Bruner was program leader and gave reviews of several women of the Bible. Mrs. Delmer Smith donated a beautiful handmade crib quilt to go to the children's home. There were 14 members present.

Mr. and Mrs. Pshigoda and children returned recently from an extended visit in Texas with Mr. Pshigoda's family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fridley, Teresa and Stuart, were Sunday evening visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nisbet.

Friends of Mrs. J. T. Johnson

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will be sorry to hear that she has been taken to the hospital as a result of a heart attack.

Mr. and Mrs. Afton McIntyre went to Portland last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Donald Adams and brought the Adams' son Mark home with them for a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McDonald went to Portland Sunday for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tuggle were recent business visitors in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kaseberg have gone to Santa Barbara to spend about a month.

Sandra Foss celebrated her 11th birthday at the Girl Scout meeting Monday when her mother brought a cake which she served to all the Girl Scouts.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hilderbrand and Danny left this week for a two weeks visit in California. They plan to meet Mr. and Mrs. Willis Miller in San Francisco and together they will tour the rest of the way down to San Diego.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg and Kaye were Sunday dinner guests at the home of the L. L. Funks.

Robert Root of Wasco has been selected for membership in the Oregon State college chapter of Silver Wings, air force ROTC drill honor society.

Root, a freshman majoring in agriculture, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Root of Wasco. He is a 1956 graduate of The Dalles high school.

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### Wasco News

By Doris Nisbet

Sunday dinner guests at the Lloyd Royse home were Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. J. P. Royse.

Mrs. Vern Dutton returned home from a hospital in Portland Saturday, after some extensive back surgery.

Past Matrons met January 14 at the home of Mrs. G. A. Sargent with Mrs. Carl Tuggles as co-hostess. Besides the hostesses, those present were Mrs. B. Estrella Halley, Mrs. Idah Everett, Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. Ernest Shull, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, Mrs. Francis Watkins, and Mrs. Walt Bruckert. Mrs. Paul Patrick and Mrs. Rena Sheppard of New York were guests. Mrs. W. A. Nisbet won high prize and Mrs. Halley won low, Mrs. Patrick was awarded the guest prize.

The Tuesday Bridge club met January 15 at the home of Mrs. Augusta Huckin with Mrs. Idah Everett and Mrs. Paul Patrick as guests. Regular members present were Mrs. Estrella Halley, Mrs. Art Smith, Mrs. Everett Watkins, Mrs. Francis Watkins, Mrs. Harry VanGilder, Mrs. Halley won the high prize and Mrs. Everett Watkins low, with the guest prize going to Mrs. Patrick.

Tillicums met on Thursday, January 17 at the home of Mrs. G. A. Sargent with Mrs. Paul Patrick as hostess. Present were Mrs. W. A. Nisbet, Mrs. Lee Dehler, Mrs. Sam Brock, Mrs. L. L. Funk, Mrs. Leona VanGilder, and Mrs. Harry VanGilder. Mrs. Brock won high and Mrs. Leona VanGilder low.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Haines have been called to Kansas because of the death of Mr. Haines' mother, Mrs. Clara Haines.

Mr. and Mrs. Chet Brown and Mrs. Velton Reid of Athena, were

full and the legs are large and plump. Choice—Choice lambs are slightly compact, thick fleshed and slightly short of neck. They are slightly wide over the back, loin and rump. The shoulders and hips are moderately neat with a slight tendency toward prominence. Good—Good lambs are moderately rangy, upstanding, thin of neck and moderately thin fleshed. They are slightly narrow over the back, loin and rump. The twist is slightly shallow and the legs slightly small. Utility—Utility lambs are very rangy, angular and long. They are thinly fleshed, narrow of the back, loin and rump. Hips are prominent and the shoulders are open. The legs present a concave appearance. Cull—Cull lambs are extremely rangy, thin fleshed and shallow bodied. In handling, the bones of the shoulder, backbone, hips and ribs are extremely prominent and the entire body framework is very eminent. Grades for slaughter yearlings and sheep: Prime—Good—Utility—Cull. **BEEF CATTLE**—Prime—Only steers and heifers are eligible for Prime. They are superior in quality, conformation and finish. Prime cattle tend to be low set, compact, thickly fleshed. They are wide of the back and loin with the width carried out squarely into the rump. They have a full, smooth, well rounded appearance. Choice—Choice cattle may vary considerably in appearance because of the many possible combinations of the grade factors. They are moderately wide, low set, and compact. The distribution of fat may be slightly uneven. Good—Good cattle tend to be slightly low set and compact. They are slight in the natural fleshing. The shoulders and hips appear slightly prominent. Standard—The maximum maturity for steers, heifers and cows is approximately 48 months. Standard grade cattle are slightly rangy, thin fleshed, narrow and shallow in the twist and quarter. Commercial—The commercial grade for steers, heifers and cows is limited to cattle over approximately 48 months of age and therefore too advanced in maturity for the good and standard grades. Utility—Utility grade are rangy, upstanding, angular and thinly fleshed. Cutter—Cutter

cattle are distinctly inferior in conformation and quality and carry a small amount of finish. Canner—Canner cattle are normally those of advanced age and so extremely thin as to appear emaciated. **GRADES OF SLAUGHTER BULLS**—Choice, Good, Commercial, Utility, Cutter and Canner. **GRADES OF SLAUGHTER STAGS**—Choice, Good, Commercial, Cutter and Canner.

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