

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

A number of parents and friends attended the meeting of Cub Scout pack No. 362 held in the school auditorium Friday evening. The meeting was opened with flag salute by Den 3 followed by a tumbling act by Den 1 and a skit, "Death of One Eye" by Den 3. Awards were presented to the following: Bobcat pins to Eddie Estlinger, Jimmy Wilson and Kenneth Smith; Kenneth Lemley received his lion badge and one gold and two silver arrows. All the new members of the last two months received their neckerchiefs and slides. A film showing was shown after which refreshments were served in the lunch room with Mrs. Jim Brown and Mrs. Alex Brander as hostesses.

Mrs. Bob King was hostess at a party at her home Saturday honoring her daughter, Kathleen, on her 9th birthday and her son, Babbie, on his 8th birthday. Guests invited for the afternoon were Jessie and Robbie Brander, Ricky Cantrall, Cathy von Borstel, Julie Reynolds, and Maureen King. Mothers present were Mrs. Donald von Borstel and Mrs. Gene Reynolds. The center of attraction was the birthday cake which was decorated with a winter scene of a mountain and tiny skiers, was served with ice cream and punch by the hostess. The honor guests opened their gifts before refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley and Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lemley and family were dinner guests Sunday at the Gordon Lemley home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. von Borstel spent several days last week in Toledo visiting their daughter, Mrs. Elmer Sondena and family.

Among the people going to Maupin Saturday to the jamboree were Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and family, the Frank E. Bayers, Mrs. Bill Rolfe, Mrs. Clyde Stradley, the Vernon and Owen Eakins, the Malcolm Estlingers, Mrs. Jerry Wilson, the Bob Helvers, the Olan and Harry Starks, the Ivan Blaggs, Lester Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Berry and family, Mrs. Bill Jefferies, the Bill Bowdens, the Bob Tatums, Eugene Knott, the Bill Todds, Harold Eakins' and Alfred Payne. Schools participating were Kent, Grass Valley, Maupin, Wannie and Petersburg. The girls player volleyball in the afternoon and the boys basketball in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern McGowan and daughter, Sharon, of Pilot Rock were overnight guests last Friday at the Arzell Lemley home. Saturday they took their daughter to Sisters where she will teach school.

The Baptist Mission society met at the church last Tuesday afternoon with 13 members present. Mrs. Don Leach, president, had charge of the meeting. They spent the afternoon working on material for flannelgraphs to be sent to Mrs. Lawrence Todd in Japan. The Todds recently returned to Japan, where they are missionaries, after spending a year here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Oles had as their guests last week her brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. James Walkenshaw of Taft.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and family of Astoria spent the weekend here visiting her parents the Frank T. Bayers.

Ivan Blagg and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were business visitors in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker of Kent were business visitors in Portland Monday.

William Brinkert and Mr. and Mrs. John Alley and son were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morgan of Condon are the parents of a son born Tuesday, January 21 at Heppner. They have three daughters. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Madison, Wisconsin.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Rich and Miss E. J. Anderson of Boring were visitors Sunday at the H. O. Dugger home.

Mr. and Mrs. Estel Hartley returned home Sunday from Mountain View, Calif., where they spent a few days visiting his uncle who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall were hosts at a dinner at their home Sunday honoring their son, Gene, on his birthday anniversary. Present were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrall and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Rodda and daughter, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, and Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap and family of Moro.

Mrs. Oran Raven, Juanita McClain, John Rust and Mrs. Rex Richards and son Tommy, were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

The Grass Valley Extension unit met at the Baptist church Friday from 10 a. m. to 2:30 p. m. with 25 women present. The lesson was cutting and fitting under the direction of Carol Armstrong, county extension agent, assisted by Mrs. James Earl, Mrs. Curt Neal and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap. A sack lunch was enjoyed at noon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bowden were dinner guests Sunday at the Donald von Borstel home.

Gene Cantrall, a student at Lewis & Clark college in Portland, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Cantrall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were in Moro Sunday evening to visit Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse and Vee and the new baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Reynolds and family were business visitors in Portland Friday.

George Wilde of Portland spent the weekend at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Bill Rolfe and family.

Gordon Smith, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Myrtle Smith, spent several days in the hospital last week.

Arlen Peters and Keith Barnett drove to Portland Saturday to visit with Edwin Peters before he returned to California. They came home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lemley and family of Portland arrived Friday evening and spent the weekend with his parents, the Arzell Lemleys.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco were dinner guests Sunday of the A. F. Balzers.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Dugger and Mrs. Rex Richards were in The Dalles Friday and brought little Tommy Richards home from the hospital where he spent several days, having broken his arm on Tuesday.

Mrs. Eben Kee and Mrs. Herman Peters were in Portland Friday and visited Mrs. Art Bibby.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters Jr. and son of Hood River spent the weekend with his parents, the Herman Peters.

County Ramblin's

County Agricultural Agent

Three methods to cut baby pig losses due to iron deficiency are outlined in the "Oregon Agricultural Progress," quarterly Oregon Agriculture Experiment Station magazine for farmers, just off the press. The methods are: providing a shallow pan of clean (parasite-free) soil in the farrowing pen, drenching with an iron ammonium citrate solution, or injecting with "Armidxan" a new form of iron supplement. Details are explained in the experiment station publication.

The referendum on the proposed beef commission will be held February 10 through February 21. Ballots will be mailed directly from Salem to registered producers. Seventy-seven producers in Sherman county registered and are eligible for voting.

For or against farm program government supports, it is interesting to note some of the government subsidies enjoyed by other segments of the economy. "Grain" the North Pacific Grain Growers publication recently cited the yearly subsidies from taxpayers enjoyed by publishers of some large magazines in low second-class postal rates. According to postoffice figures in the last ten years second-class mail (magazines and newspapers) has shown a loss of over \$2 billion dollars and third-class mail (advertising, circulars, etc.) has shown 1.5 billion dollar loss. Of 15 magazines, cost to taxpayers amounted to \$40 million in one year, above postage paid.

Selling grain by the hundredweight rather than by the bushel will probably be the custom in 1959 for Sherman county farmers. A move to change to hundredweight has been underway several years. A study has been conducted by the USDA and plans were to initiate the method for 1958. Further study and a delay in shift was asked by the grain trade. The principal advantages were found to be: 1) Elimination of the need to convert quantities of grains from pounds to bushels at the time of sale. This would save much time, work and confusion and might prevent errors now made while making conversion. 2) It would greatly simplify the comparison of the relative feeding values of the different grains since the pounds per bushel vary so widely. The disadvantages: 1) There would have to be adjustments in the habits of thinking by the grain trade. 2) Some changes in legislation would have to be made in forms and office procedures. 3) Changes would have to be made in forms and office procedures. 4) The historical statistical data would not be comparable to the new statistics. 5) There would be some other changes needed in the trading practice.

Swift and Company's Chicago plant discontinued lamb and calf dressing operations January 25. President of the plant indicates a drastic reduction in supply of animals—40 per cent in 10 years—necessitated the decision.

Size and efficiency are and will continue to be the key to profit in farming. Profit from hogs in Sherman county will hinge on this factor and is important for small grain farmers who want to stay in business. A study of 50 Indiana farmers by Purdue university shows marked increase in net returns as size of sow herd increases. With labor at \$1.00 per hour, a 10 sow operation netted \$270, a 30 sow operation \$1,950 and a 60 sow operation \$5,800.

Total investment per sow and two litters was greater on smaller herds than on the larger ones. Investment per sow was \$506 in the 10 sow herd and \$381 in the 50 sow operation. Larger hog producers use the same equipment more times during the year, contributing to the greater economy.

Wasco has a fifty year rainfall record. Recording was started in 1907. From 1907-1930 the average rainfall was 11.45. The 50 year average gives Wasco 12 inches.

Grass Valley presently doesn't have an official weather bureau station, but did have from 1889-1918. Does any one know who manned this record keeping during those years? The average during those 20 years was 11.16 inches.

A standard farm lease developed by the USDA is available thru the county agent's office. The lease covers most things of mutual interest to tenant and landowner. The lease is divided up into various sections including description of property, terms of lease, rental arrangements, operating expenses share, soil conservation and capital improvements, payment for preparing or seeding land and general agreements of



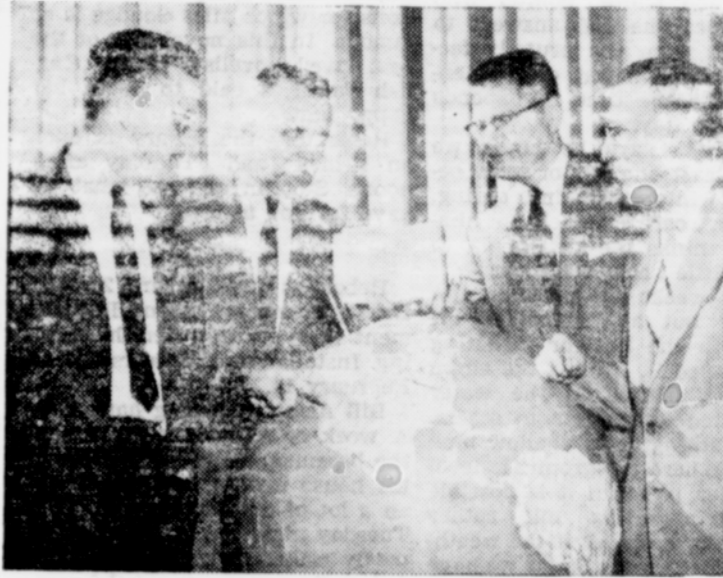
Oregon's Centennial Exposition and International Trade Fair, in Portland June 10 to September 17, 1959, is receiving excellent publicity in foreign countries as a result of the "Oregon Ambassador" certificates shown here. These colorful certificates are being presented to top governmental and industrial leaders throughout the world, commissioning them to serve Oregon by publicizing the 1959 centennial celebrations in their respective nations. Presentations to date have resulted in stories and photographs in some of the world's largest newspapers. Certificates are presented by Oregon residents traveling abroad, and by mail.

Employment Down As Lumber and Farm Work Decline

Employment in Oregon dropped 15,400 last month to 471,600 with practically all lines sharing in the downturn. Seasonal industries, however, led the decline, accounting for 10,000 fewer non-farm jobs and representing the major share of the decrease from 485,900 a year ago.

Estimates made by the State Unemployment Compensation commission in co-operation with U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics showed 50,200 logging and sawmill employes, comparing with 54,600 last year. Plywood employment, however, gained 600 to 14,700. Food processing with 16,400 jobs also fell short of the 1956 mark, and construction at 22,500 was nearly 2,000 under last year's report.

Holiday trade plans gave retail employment a lift but the November report showed only 78,900 working against 83,100 a year ago. Transportation, utilities and finance also eased off somewhat. Service and governmental jobs remained slightly higher than in 1956.



These four Oregon ministers circle the globe to emphasize the theme, "God's Word for God's World," which will be the slogan of the North American Christian Convention to be held in Portland Oregon, July 9-13, 1958. Harold Lyman is the minister of the Court Street Christian Church in Salem, Alger Fitch, minister of the Milwaukie Church of Christ is platform chairman for the convention, Jess Johnson, minister of the St. Johns Christian Church in Portland is local arrangements chairman, and Lynnton Elwell, minister of the West Side Church of Christ in Eugene is local publicity chairman.

Sunday, February 2, is the kick-off for pre-registration for the July gathering, with 3500 Oregonians from Christian Churches and Churches of Christ expected to participate.

More Drivers Lose Licenses in 1957

Stepped-up activity in the driver control phase of Oregon's traffic safety program resulted in driver license suspension for slightly more than 11 percent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents in the state last year, the Department of Motor Vehicles traffic safety division reports.

The percentage is based on an estimated 590 drivers involved in fatal crashes, a figure that holds fairly steady from year to year. Exact number of drivers in fatal accidents will not be known until late February.

In 1956 only 6.6 percent of the drivers involved in fatal mishap drove license suspensions.

Department officials said they are authorized by law to suspend the license of any driver when the department has reason to believe that "such person has, by incompetent, reckless or unlawful operation of a motor vehicle, caused or contributed to an accident resulting in death or injury to any person or serious property damage."

The 56 drivers who received suspensions last year under this section of the law represent a 70 per cent increase over the 33 drivers whose licenses were suspended for the same cause in 1956.

Such action now is taken only when all reports of investigation clearly indicate that a driver's irresponsible actions have caused one or more traffic deaths. All police and driver reports on fatal accidents are carefully screened by a review board composed of the manager and assistant manager of the driver license division and the driver improvement section supervisor.

Decision to suspend under this section of the law usually results in grounding a driver for 90 days, the department said.

PT&T HAS MORE PHONES IN COUNTY THAN EVER

Pacific Telephone was providing service to a total of 235 telephones in Moro at the start of 1958, Manager Cal Horn said today.

Recently compiled figures show there was an increase of 10 telephones in service here during the past year.

In August of last year, the company passed the 500,000 mark in the number of telephones it was serving in Oregon. On January 1, 1958, that total had increased to 508,089, for a gain of 14,548 over the 12-month period.

"To meet the statewide demand for more and better types of service," Horn added, "the company spent \$27,000,000 in Oregon during 1957 and is planning construction amounting to \$21,000,000 throughout the state in 1958."

There are three reasons for reading—at least that many, there may be more. The reader wants the news, information about something in which he is interested, or to get ideas and for many people the field of ideas is unlimited.

This newspaper contains some news—most of the important news of Sherman county which is the particular field of this newspaper and all of the area for which the newspaper can be responsible.

This newspaper contains a good bit of information on various subjects, usually the subjects the readers are most concerned about—eye hope, information about farming, about roads, about schools, about government, about markets, about nearly everything that affects Sherman county.

This newspaper contains ideas on a great many subjects. They are accepted as good or bad depending on the previous prejudices of the recipient. But they are ideas. And there is never any surplus of ideas, those accepted today may be discarded tomorrow and those thrown away may become the keystone of an arch later.

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