

### Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

The Cubscout Blue and Gold pack meeting was held Feb. 22 in the school auditorium with parents and friends in attendance. The meeting was opened by the flag salute led by Danny Rolfe and Malcolm Eslinger, Den Chiefs followed by the Lord's Prayer; group singing led by Orville Ruggles, Cubmaster; American Creed by Danny Rolfe; A Creed by Den 3; Mrs. Orville Ruggles played three selections on her accordion; three selections by Vernon Berry on his electric guitar accompanied by Mrs. Ruggles at the piano; Bill Rolfe Thursday for the funeral, all returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May had a dinner guest Sunday her brother, William Walter of Hood River.

Mrs. John Rust and Mrs. Rex Richards and Tommy were business visitors in Portland Friday and home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary at their home Saturday evening with a party. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schilling. The evening was spent playing bridge with Mrs. Olds and Roy Schilling holding high scores and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock low. Mrs. Kock also won the traveling prize. Refreshments were served later by the hostess.

Mrs. Bob Rolfe Delores and Yvonne and Mrs. Harold Owens were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mrs. Alex Brander, Skeet and Jessie and Sally Bibby drove to The Dalles Sunday to see the show "Old Yeller."

Mrs. Dell Olds and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were guests when Mrs. Jack Adams entertained the bridge club at her home Thursday with dessert luncheon followed by cards at two tables. Mrs. Olds held high. Mrs. Adams second and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap won the consolation and traveling prizes. Others present were Mrs. Herman Peters, Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and Mrs. A. F. Balzer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox went to Vancouver Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bertha Currie. They went to Silverton to visit Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brie-well returned home Saturday from Corvallis after taking her mother, Mrs. Litha Guthrie, home after spending several months with them.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Bruckert of Wasco and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Platt of The Dalles were among those taking the Grange tour to Mexico, sponsored by the Oregon State Grange. Mexico City and Acapulco were cities visited on the itinerary. They left Portland February 4 by chartered bus returning there February 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rolfe and family drove to Clarno Sunday where they met her father, Geo. Wilds and friends from Portland for the day.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and Mrs. A. F. Balzer were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and family and Mrs. A. S. Alberty and Dean, were business visitors in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields were callers Sunday afternoon at the Sam Alberty home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rolfe and children were in Portland Friday and Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel are the parents of a son born, February 25 at The Dalles. The baby was named Larry Carl and weighed ten pounds and twelve and one half ounces.

Arnold Sharp of Olympia, Gill Nichols of Tacoma and Mrs. Nichols of Valparaiso, Ind., came Saturday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Carl von Borstel. Mrs. Nichols, the grandmother, stayed a week with them, the others returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Archer of 204 N. 19th St., Springfield, Oregon announced the engagement of their daughter, Connie Sue, to Gary L. Schilling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy G. Schilling of Grass Valley, on February 24. An early spring wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel of The Dalles, Mrs. Kenneth Hat-trup and Rita of Prescott, Wn., and Mrs. George von Borstel and children were dinner guests last Tuesday at the Donald von Borstel home. Callers in the afternoon were Mrs. Gene Reynolds, Mrs. Bill Pausch, Mrs. John Pausch of Milwaukie and Mrs. Bud Kock and children.

Don Cox spent the weekend in Portland visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox had as dinner guests Saturday Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Collins of Hood River and the Rev. David Gaunitz and family of Kent.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap and Judy of Moro to Yamhill and Carlton Friday where they visited relatives returning home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Haynes of Cherry Grove arrived Sunday to visit his sister, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Kee drove to Portland Thursday evening and met her niece Sandra Squire of Rockaway who spent the week end with them, they took her back Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and family and Mrs. Josephine Parkhurst of Kent went to Bend Sunday and spent the day visiting relatives.

Orville Ruggles and Max Nogle of Kent were business visitors in Portland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and Lorraine were in The Dalles on business recently.

### JOHN DAY FIELD TRIP

By Manya Neal

The seventh and eighth grade of Grass Valley grade school went on a field trip, February 6, 1958, to the John Day river. The purpose of the trip was to see examples of rock formations, which we have been studying in one of the units of science books. Bob Rolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Elton Eakin and Mrs. Vernon Berry were along on the trip also. Mr. Berry took Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Eakin, Mona Eakin, Virginia Todd, and Katie Reckman. Mr. Rust took Sharon Taber, Danny Martin, Francis Gabrielson, Larry Brown, Curt Middleton and myself. Mr. Elton Eakin took John Eakin, Malcolm Eslinger and Mike Todd. Mr. Bill Rolfe took Danny Rolfe, Byron Bayer, Gene Eakin and Jerry Kelly.

First we went to see the Indian writing which was on a huge rock. It was written in red. The red writing looked like it had been made from some plant, which red dye could be made from.

Along the way we saw good formations of weathering rocks, some balancing rocks and others with holes in them. We also saw several caves.

We found five different kinds of crystal, quartz, and agate. Some agate was blue, white and also green. We also found pieces of lava rock.

When we were looking for a place to eat, we saw a good example of a fault. It was about two hundred feet high.

After we passed the fault we stopped to eat. Sharon Taber, Mona Eakin, Katie Reckman, Virginia Todd and myself climbed to the top of a high hill to eat lunch. Before we got there, some of the boys had gotten there. So, several of us ate our lunch up there. After lunch we headed back toward home. We stopped about half a mile from where we ate, and climbed up the hills to see the weathering rocks and caves of sandstone.

While heading home, Sharon Taber and I opened the gates and closed them. Between gates we sat on the fenders of the bus. We did that till we got to the Rolfe cabin.

From the cabin we headed for home. We stopped at Antelope. We went into an old saloon owned by John Silvertooth. In one room he had a collection of different kinds of rocks. He had agates that he himself had cut and polished. He also had huge rocks with crystal inside them. Other things were rattlesnake rattles, two human skulls, one kind of a wild cat's skull, two old barber chairs, an English saddle, Chinese sword and a collection of old guns. There were other things, also. The bar was shiny and smooth. You wouldn't think of it being so shiny after so long a time.

There was a huge mirror on the wall facing the bar. There were also stools to sit on at the bar. I think everyone had a drink (pop of course).

After we drank our pop, some of us went to see an old jail. The door to the jail cell was made of wood maybe seven or eight inches thick. There was a wooden bed in the cell and in the cement like wall were bullet holes. It was the first time I had seen an old jail.

We left Antelope going next to Shaniko and car trouble started. The Willy's bus bearings burned out and flattened the crank shaft. Then Mr. Berry had a blow out. We were ahead of Mr. Berry and couldn't do anything about it. We coasted a little way until the bus started to stop, so the kids in the bus got out and pushed. We pushed about a mile. Mr. Rolfe was behind Mr. Berry, so he picked up he and the girls he had with him. They caught up with us and pushed us the rest of the way to Shaniko. From Shaniko Mr. Eakin towed us to Grass Valley. We arrived home about 5 o'clock and Mr. Berry and Mr. Rolfe arrived at 5:30. I enjoyed the trip and I am sure everyone else did.

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### Spring May Relieve Unemployment

Slowly improving lumber operations and sustained mild weather have combined to ease downstate Oregon's heavy unemployment load slightly during the past month but an increase of nearly 5000 in the Portland area lifted the total of Oregonians seeking work to 75,000, highest number since the cold winter of 1949-50.

Coastal areas made the best showing over the first month of the new year but the number of active jobseekers continued well over the figures reported by the employment offices a year ago. The metropolitan four-county district counted 30,700 persons without jobs against 22,300 at last winter's peak, while downstate had 44,300 unemployed, comparing with 41,500 in early 1957.

Many sawmills and logging operations were re-opened after year-end shutdowns, but about 15,000 from this top industry still were filing claims, slightly fewer than a month ago. Increases among construction, miscellaneous industries, utilities, and trade and service were heavy up to nearly double.

Insured claimants remained close to the recent peak of around

50,000 a week but a gradual decline was anticipated if the weather continues favorable. About 105,000 workers have filed since the start of the benefit year last July and first payments have gone to 70,000. Maximum annual benefits have been recorded against 6,000 persons and the number is now rising at the rate of nearly a thousand a week.

Payments for January broke all records with \$6,884,704 going out in 200,801 weekly checks. The monthly total was two millions higher than the former high of \$4,802,113 for January 1950. The average check now has passed \$34 a week compared with \$21.50 at that time.

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