

Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Mrs. Joe Hammond and Miss Barbara Alley were hostesses at a bridal shower honoring Miss Dorothy Kelley, a teacher at Pendleton, held at the IOOF hall Saturday afternoon. The piano held a bouquet of blue iris and the paper bridal cloth covered gift table held a bouquet of snowballs. Mrs. Orville Ruggles played two piano solos and a game was played with prizes going to Mrs. Gordon Jakes and Mrs. H. N. Riggs. Mrs. Joe Hammond presented Miss Kelley with a corsage and Miss Alley escorted her to the gift table where she was assisted by her sister, Mrs. Guy Powell of Klamath Falls and Mrs. Everett Contrall.

The refreshments were served buffet style from a paper bridal cloth covered table which held little umbrellas and candles.

Out of town guest included Mrs. Gordon Jakes, mother of the bride to be and Mrs. Gikerson from Odell, Mrs. Bob Draga of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and daughter of Corvallis spent the weekend here with his parents, the Don Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Brander and family took a trip to Maryhill Museum Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg were in The Dalles Sunday to visit their daughter Mrs. Clair Balzer at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Draga of Portland spent the weekend here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were business visitors in The Dalles Friday. They and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Helyer attended the Oil Co-op dinner held in the Blue room of Hotel Dalles that evening.

Malcolm Eslinger, scoutmaster, and Elton Eakin and John Reckman took the Boy Scouts to Rock Creek dam Friday evening on a camping and fishing trip. Scouts going were Malcolm Eslinger Jr., Victor Johnson, Danny Rolfe, John P. Reckman, Byron Bayer, Gail Stradley, Kenneth Blagg and Sam Billows. Mrs. Bill Rolfe and children and Mrs. T. M. Rolfe drove to Rock Creek Saturday to pick up Danny Rolfe.

Harold Eakin, Boyce Blaylock and Bill Rolfe took the Explorer Scouts to Pelton dam Friday evening for the dedication on Saturday. Scouts going were Orville Blaylock, Tommy Eakin, Jerry Kelley, Joe Billows, Gene Schill-

ing, Dick Stradley and Johnny Duncan.

Miss Joan Gilman of Moro was a dinner guest Friday evening at the Herman Peters home honoring Arden Peters on his birthday anniversary.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge met at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening for its regular meeting. Mrs. Claud Bayer, noble grand, presided with 24 members present. After the business meeting Mrs. Marie Brady was presented with a wedding gift from the Rebekahs. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served by Mrs. Joe Hammond, Mrs. Bill Rolfe and Mrs. H. N. Riggs.

Mrs. Willard Barnett, color bearer of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, left May 18 for Corvallis to attend the assembly. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds went down Tuesday where Mrs. Olds attended a Rebekah meeting that evening and they returned home Wednesday and Mrs. Barnett on Friday.

The Cub Scout pack meeting was held in the school auditorium Friday evening with parents and friends attending. The meeting was opened with the flag salute led by Skeet Brander. Orville Ruggles, Cubmaster and Harold Owens presented the following awards: Skeet Brander a lion badge, one gold and one silver arrow and a two year pin; Kenneth Lemley a webelos badge and two silver arrows; John Johnson two silver arrows; Mike Billows a bear badge and one gold arrow; Clifford Brown a bear badge, one gold and two silver arrows; Jimmy Wilson two silver arrows; Kenneth Smithee one silver arrow; Steve Rolfe two silver arrows; Harold Owens two silver arrows and Leonard Eakin, Eddie Eslinger, Jimmy Payne, Curt Blagg and Michael Eslinger all received two silver arrows. Several movies were shown with the compliments of the Union Oil Company. Refreshments were served in the cafeteria by Mrs. Alex Brander.

Mrs. Alex Brander was hostess at a weiner roast at her home Wednesday evening for the cubscouts of Den 1, assisted by Den Mothers Mrs. Lester Barnum and Mrs. Bill Rolfe. The boys played ball in the park awhile and then came for the eats. Cubscouts present were Kenneth Smithee, Harold Owens, John Johnson, Steve Rolfe, Skeet Brander, Clifford Brown, Mike Billows, Kenneth Lemley and Danny Rolfe. Den Chief.

Mrs. T. M. Rolfe and Mrs. Bill

Rolfe were hostesses at a dinner at the former's home last Monday evening. Present were Vernon Berry, principal, Bill Rolfe and the eighth grade graduating class, John Eakin, Danny Rolfe, Malcolm Eslinger, Myna Neal Jerry Kelley, Gene Eakin and Mike Todd.

Members of Sherman chapter met at the Masonic hall last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Harry Justesen, worthy matron, presiding. The room was beautifully decorated with flowers by Mrs. Donald Clodfelter and Mrs. Lester Wilson. The initiatory degree was conferred on Mrs. Robert Schilling and Mrs. Harry Hooper. Mrs. Bernard Martin was welcomed into the chapter on a petition of affiliation. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Harold Eakin, Mrs. Jack Adams, Mrs. J. W. Blagg and Mrs. Frank von Borstel. Out of town guests included Mrs. Guy Pound and Mrs. Herman Schilling of The Dalles, Mrs. O. C. Wisner of Tacoma and Mrs. John Reckman and Mrs. Chester Briedwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel were in Portland Saturday when returning Sunday they stopped in The Dalles to attend the district caucus meeting of the American Legion and auxiliary. The auxiliary meeting was conducted by Mrs. Mildred McDonald, district president, with Mrs. von Borstel as secretary. Mrs. Phyllis McClary of Bonneville was elected district president for next year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence May and family are now living at the Harold Eakin ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Kelly of Portland were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rolfe Sunday celebrating the 7th birthday of Freddie Rolfe.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds and Robin, Miss Barbara Alley, Dick Rust and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Draga and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Perry of Portland went to the Mt. Hood golf course Saturday for some golf, returning to their homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrie Smith and family enjoyed dinner on the lawn at the Donald von Borstel home Sunday.

Mrs. Genn Jerry of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds last Tuesday while Glenn was fishing at Sherar's bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer left Saturday for Carlton, Wn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Guy Vintin.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Eslinger of Forest Grove arrived Sunday to visit their son, Malcolm Eslinger and family and the J. W. Blaggs and to attend 8th grade graduation Tuesday evening.

County Ramblin's

County Agricultural Agent

Morning Glory control measures will be presented during an informational meeting the evening of June 13, county court house, Moro. Results and recommendations of the new chemical TBA to replace sodium chlorate will be presented. TBA is an organic chemical based on the dimethylamine salt of trichlorobenzoic acid. Costs, rates and dates of application will be included. Chemical company representatives and OSC weed specialists will be in attendance. We hope Sherman county farmers with morning glory problems will attend.

Frequently we are asked what is meant by "agribusiness". The total process of growing, processing and purchasing of food and fibers is call agribusiness. Almost 40% of the nation's work force is employed in some phase of "Agribusiness".

Canada Thistle, a perennial plant is the scourge of Western Oregon and is present in a few locations in Sherman county, has finally met its match. ATA sold as Amina Triazole and Weedazol, a new herbicide, is dealing this plant a lethal blow. ATA cannot be used selectively in crops so spot treatments are necessary. Control can be achieved using one pound in 12 gallons of water or 8 pounds per acre. Spraying was done last year in the Grass Valley area for this plant.

Still big news on range land is the control of Sagebrush with 2,4-D. Once, rangeland infested with this plant was considered to be something that had to be "put up with". Research trials and field spraying prove otherwise.

The really startling information is the increase in forage production resulting from control of sage brush. Wherever there is a partial stand of forage to serve to fill in when sage is killed spraying has been beneficial. However, control of the sagebrush alone will not improve the range unless there is something to grow in its place.

Applications of 2,4-D should be made in April or May while there is still moisture to support good growth. Esters of 2,4-D are recommended and the butyl ester preferred. Rate of application is 2 pounds of the 2,4-D per acre with higher rates giving toward 100% kill. ACP Federal cost sharing at 50% of cost is available for this practice.

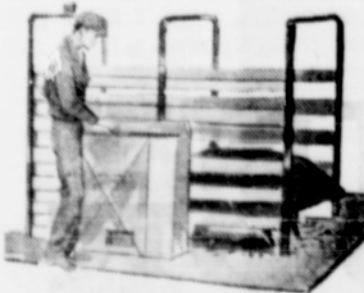
The Wheat Head Worm which caused such a stir last June has not shown up in Sherman county wheat fields to date. A survey of last years more heavily infested area was made last week by Robert Every, extension entomology specialist, OSC, and your county agent. No signs of the worm could be found on the ground or plant growth in six fields inspected. Any farmers discovering these worms are asked to notify the county agent's office, Moro.

The past season appears to be upon us. For those of you having trouble with aphids, we'd suggest the use of 1 to 2 teaspoonful of Malathion per gallon of water sprayed thoroughly on the insects.

Lindane and the nicotine sulphate materials may also be used. For use by the home gardener, we like Malathion because we have had such good results with the material. For tender rose leaves, better reduce the rate to under 2 teaspoonful per gallon.

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For field control of aphids, Parathion is very effective. This material is hazardous and should be applied only by qualified people who know what they are doing. Last week a survey was made of the aphid problem on grain. Some aphids exist, but are insignificant to date. Build up of aphids may be possible with heavy field infestation occurring in Umatilla county. Economics of spraying is difficult to determine, but rule of thumb to date has been 25 aphids per head of grain. Damage can be done up until late cough stage.

The manufacture's directions and particularly his precautions relative to the use of any chemical or spray material should always be followed.

For gardeners, we'd suggest you get a copy of the OSC bulletin 747, entitled "Vegetable Garden Insect Pests". Other bulletins on the control of insect pests and diseases of vegetables are available on request at the office of your county extension agent.

Many of you have wondered about the value of Mondo grass for lawn purposes. The claims for it were too good to be true. The Federal Trade Commission is prohibiting it being advertised unless it is clearly disclosed that it is not a grass, it will not serve all the uses of a lawn, it will have to be mowed if a lawn height is maintained, it does not remain evergreen, is not hardy in all regions and does not have the ability to withstand traffic.

Wheat growers will decide in a referendum on June 20 whether marketing quotas will be used for their 1959 wheat crop. Marketing quotas will go into effect if approved by at least two thirds of the growers voting in the referendum.

If growers approve 1959 wheat quotas—Marketing quotas will be in effect in all 38 "Commercial" wheat states. A farmer who exceeds his acreage allotment will be subject to a quota penalty on his "excess" wheat. Price support for growers who comply with their allotments will be available at a national average of not less than \$1.81 a bushel (75 percent of estimated parity.)

If growers do not approve wheat quotas—there will be no marketing quotas or quota penalties for the 1959 crop. Acreage allotments will remain in effect for the 1959 wheat crop as a condition of eligibility for price support. Price support for growers who comply with their allotments will be available at an average of about \$1.20 a bushel (50 percent of estimated parity, as directed by law.)

Mulching of shrubs, berry plants

and the garden vegetables saves on moisture, prevents weed growth, keeps roots cool and growing and takes the place of cultivation. Cultivation must be very shallow during the summer months or many valuable feeder roots are destroyed. Many of these roots are within two inches of the surface and most of them are found in the top six inches of soil.

Good mulching material includes sawdust, peatmoss, leaf mold, straw, lawn clippings and of course black polyethylene plastic. The plastic is especially good for such heat loving plants as tomatoes, egg plant, peppers, squash and melons. All of the other materials add organic matter to the soil as they break down giving them a double value. The plastic can, however, be used over several times if carefully handled.

Two thousand acres in Gilliam county has been sprayed for Mormon Cricket control. Farmers having land bordering the Columbia and John Day should be on the look out for any build up in cricket population. A survey of infestations report will be made to determine whether spraying should be done in this county.

"Livestock Poisoning Weeds of Oregon" is a new bulletin just off the press. Copies will soon be available from your county agent office. "Weeds of the Pacific Northwest" is the first comprehensive key to weeds of the region. Dr. Helen M. Gilkey, botanist at OSC for 50 years is editor and is a summary of collections and work over this long span. Copies of this book are being sold through the OSC book store.

Pelleted feed secured from the Pendleton Grain Growers feed plant at Hermiston has proven to be very successful on the Earl Gentry farm. One crop of pigs on

the Gentry farm gained one pound for 3.8 pounds of pelleted feed. The pellets were a 14% protein ration feed from weaning to market. One ton of pellets has the following pounds of feed: 1,557 barley, 100 alfalfa hay, 75 tankage 100 soybean meal, 50 cottonseed meal and 6 each of salt, limestone and bonemeal. Feed cost ran \$56 per ton with a 10.6 cents feed cost per pound of gain. The hogs sold on the Portland market for 21.5 cents per pound.

Stubble busters purchased this spring by Paul Fraser and L. E. Kaseberg have proven very successful. Both used the stubble buster before plowing on extremely heavy stubble. No difficulty was encountered in plowing or spring toothed afterwards. The stubble busters were run by a power take-off from a wheeled tractor. Iron chains or teeth beat and cracked the stubble sufficiently to reduce stubble plugging equipment. Here's results of a tool that can help more farmers utilize their stubble.

When's the best time to cut grain hay. Farmers are still debating this question, but really there is no reason to do so. The answer depends on what you want from an acre of hay ground—quality in terms of protein or volume. Results right here at the Sherman station show a protein percent of 9 at first heading to 4.5 at stiff dough stage. Yield in tons are 1.25 at first heading to 2.75 at stiff dough. Total protein per acre varies little from first heading to stiff dough meaning the protein is just less concentrated. Hay cut at the bloom stage will give near two tons of hay with a six percent protein. Time to cut hay is thus determined by individual farmer desires as to a little more quality or more tonnage.

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