Grass Valley

By Mrs. A. F. Balzer

Diane Schilling, a student at Northwestern School of Commerce in Portland came Thursday and spent the time until Tuesday with her parents, the Art Schillings.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 met at the IOOF hall Wednesday evening for its regular meeting with Mrs. Claud Bayer, noble grand, presiding and 14 members present. After the regular session Sharon Belshe of Moro winner of an essay contest from this district, as a member of the United Nations Youth Pilgrimage gave a report and showed slides of her visit to the United Nations in New York and other places she visited. Refreshments were served later.

Mrs. J. W. Blagg is recuperating nicely from a recent operation at The Dalles General hospital. She returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tatum and family of Kent were dinner guests Sunday at the Donald von Borstel home.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel went to Portland Wednesday to take Mr. von Borstel who was released from the hospital to the Danmore Hotel until he is able to return home.

Gary Schilling, a student at the University of Oregon, spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Schillings.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and family and Francile Gabrjelson drove to Bend Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Willis Brittain and family and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Draga of Portland spent the weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ziegler.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Owens had as dinner guests Monday evening November 3 honoring their daughter, Carol on her birthday anniversary her grandmother, Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Peters and Arden called later in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Schilling brought their son, Gene, home Sunday from the hospital in The Dalles, where he spent a week for medical attention.

Dick Rust of Portland was a weekend guest here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jones of Forest Grove were over night guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blaylock and are now visiting the E. R. Blaylocks.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Eakin had as weekend guests their son, Harry Dean Eakin of OTI and his fiancee, Miss Margarette Morgan of The Dalles. Harry returned to Klamath Falls Tuesday.

The Explorer Scouts of Troop No. 362 will take their life saving test at the Harold Eakin pool Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap had as an over night guest Wednesday her brother, Donald Haynes of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cushman and daughter of Moro and Mrs. Dorothy Abbott and son drove to Heppner Sunday and spent the day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Watkins and brought little Michael Cushman home after spending a week with them.

Harry Hooper, Bob Schilling and Alton Olds returned home Saturday from an elk hunting trip to Elk Flatt in the Toll Gate area.

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

Bernard Martin, Fritz Rohweder and Owen Eakin each took a truck load of cattle to Madras Thursday for the sale.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox spent the weekend in Portland on business.

Dinner guests Sunday at the Arzell Lemley home were Mr. and Mrs. Duane Lemley and family of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Mel Watterson and family of Salem and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arzell Lemley drove to Gresham this Thursday to visit her mother, Mrs. Charles Lemley and to Monmouth to visit their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. David Stump and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tetz and family.

Mary Jean Duncan of Grass Valley is enrolled this fall term at Oregon College of Education. She is the daughter of and Mr. and Mrs. Sim Duncan of Grass Valley.

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

By Ardine Todd

Friday, Nov. 7 the students of the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades visited the Oregon Van of History in Moro. Everyone enjoyed it very much.

The absentees during that week were Carol Owens and Byron Bayer.

The 3rd and 4th graderoom had a meeting in the auditorium Friday. They invited the 1st and 2nd grades up and showed them flannelgraphs.

KENT LIVESTOCK CLUB

By Reporter Don Mobley

The Kent Livestock club organized for the year of 1958, with Bob Martin, acting as leader.

The club met November 4 at 4:00 p. m. at the school house.

At this meeting we elected officers as follows: Erin Wilson, president; J. P. Reckman, vice-president; June Jefferies secretary; Don Mobley, news reporter; Pat Jefferies, song leader; Paul Sather, game leader.

We have four new members, Sally Bibby, Teresa Bardenhagen, Jimmy Wilson and Gary Carlson.

County Ramblings

Wheat League Fall Meeting

Everyone is invited to participate in the fall Sherman County Wheat Growers association meeting next Monday, Nov. 17 county courthouse. Committee meetings start at 9:30 a. m. with reports to the general group in mid-afternoon. These sessions are policy meetings and each wheat grower has a stake in what is recommended. Committee recommendations from the county will be submitted for consideration of the state meeting December 4-6, Portland.

4-H Club Work

The 4-H boys and girls from all over Sherman county were recognized for their past year's achievements Monday night. Special honors were bestowed on Sherrie Fraser, state clothing winner, who will attend 4-H Club Congress, Chicago, the last of November and Jean Ross, ten-year 4-H club member.

No sooner do we complete recognition of our past achievements than we start activities for the coming year. Many 4-H clubs have already started the new year. The Kent 4-H Livestock club with leader, Bob Martin, got underway this past week with five new members. A new wildlife 4-H project was organized in Moro with Hank Grabenhorst local leader. The club is known as "The Rod and Reel Club".

The Moro Livestock club will get under way, Friday, November 14, at the W. E. Hall home. Leaders are Mrs. Earl Gentry, Lloyd Henrichs and Howard Ross. The North Sherman Livestock club was to get started November 11.

Do you have a boy or girl interested in some type of 4-H project. This is the time of year to get them started. Many types of projects are available. If there is not enough in a community for a club, individual projects may be taken. Check with 4-H leaders in your community or your county agents if you have a boy or girl interested in a 4-H club project.

State Soil Judging Contest

The second annual statewide soil judging contest will be held in Baker, Nov. 19. This is the day preceding the Oregon association of Soil Conservation Districts state meeting. Competition will be divided into several groups. They are teams composed of district supervisors, individual competition for men, individual competition for women, and a youth section.

Advanced registration is desired. Contest headquarters will be at the Wingville Grange. northwest of Baker. Special prizes and awards have been donated by Pacific Supply Cooperative.

cific Cooperative. Anyone interested?

Sorghum Grass

Sorghum grass or Sorghum Almum has been claimed to be a new forage wonder. The plant is considered to be a cross between Johnson grass and a sorghum. From all indications Sorghum grass has few if any advantages over Sudangrass for forage. Some states have classified it as a prohibited noxious weed. From all information available we can see no advantage in trying the plant. Its ability to overwinter in eastern Oregon is questionable, and in western Oregon, if it does, it may be a menace. The plant is thus not recommended for use in Oregon.

Feeding Laying Hens

What's in the mash bag, must be known before a satisfactory program for feeding laying hens can be developed. Laying mash varies as to (1) complete feed with no grains added or (2) mash plus up to equal parts of scratch grains.

All-mash or complete feeds should be fed on a free choice basis. Protein for this type feed should run 15 to 16 per cent.

A 20 per cent mash can be supplemented with up to equal parts of scratch grains. Farmers, even with only a few birds, should be sure of "What's in the Mash Bag" and feed scratch grains accordingly.

Cost of either type program depends on availability and price per bushel of feed grains. An all mash ration may be desirable for some growers while others may find a higher protein mash with grain supplement more economical.

Livestock Shipping Losses

Every year, crippling and killing of animals transported to market by rail and truck constitute a heavy annual loss to the nation's livestock industry. Some information on rates of loss for livestock in transit was developed in a study by the Farmer Cooperative Service. Application of those rates to total animals slaughtered in1955 and 1956 indicates that the loss for dead and crippled animals approximated $8,000,000 a year.

With the tremendous price tag attached to bruising, crippling and death of animals in transit, the livestock producer will usually find his time well spent if he does everything possible to keep shipping losses at a minimum. This applies whether the haul is a long one or just a local auction. It is essential that their trip be made as safe and comfortable as possible. By following the precautions below, shipping losses can be measurably reduced and returns increased: (1) Don't overload or underload. (2) Use partitions—separate classes and species. (3) Use adequate bedding—prevent floors from becoming wet andslippery. (4) Keep stock racks free of interior projections. (5) Avoid crowding livestock through narrow gates. (6) Avoid shipment during extremely hot or cold weather, if possible. (7) Provide adequate shelter overhead and on sides in cold, wet weather. (8) Handle livestock as quietly as possible during loading and unloading—avoid use of clubs, slappers, electric persuaders, whenever possible (9) Have attendant on long shipments. (10) De-horn or clip horns of animals.

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Wheat League May Change Policy

Possible changes in the Oregon Wheat Growers League position on Domestic Partiy and other Federal farm programs will be discussed during the fall meeting of the Sherman Wheat Growers association, to be held Monday, Nov. 17, county courthouse, Moro. Bill Todd, president, says committee meetings will get underway at 9:30 a. m. with a general program in the afternoon after lunch at the Moro Hotel Coffee shop.

In view of possible changes in the league position on Domestic Parity, we feel a detailed discussion is desirable at this time, Todd reports. The Oregon Legislature will also take up next January and recommendations as to taxation and legislation will be especially important at this time. The meeting is open to all wheat growers and we hope many will utilize their democratic opportunity in helping formulate the county recommendations, Todd added.

Committee meetings will be the main order of business during the day, starting at 9:30 a. m. Various committees will meet in separate groups to formulate county recommendations. A general session will be held at 2:30 p. m. in the circuit court room, to discuss the Federal Farm program, adopt committee reports and elect officers for the new year.

Chairman, meeting place, and committees are: Production and Land Use, County Court Room, Allan Pinkerton, Chairman; Taxation and Legislation, Circuit Judge's Office, Leland Medler, Chairman; Youth Activities, County Agent's Office, Marvin Thomas, Chairman; Marketing and Transportation, Jury Room, Ted Thompson, Chairman; Federal Agricultural Programs, Circuit Court Room, Hildred Zell, Chairman; Domestic Wheat Utilization, Social Room of Moro Church, Mrs. W. E. Bruckert, Chairman.

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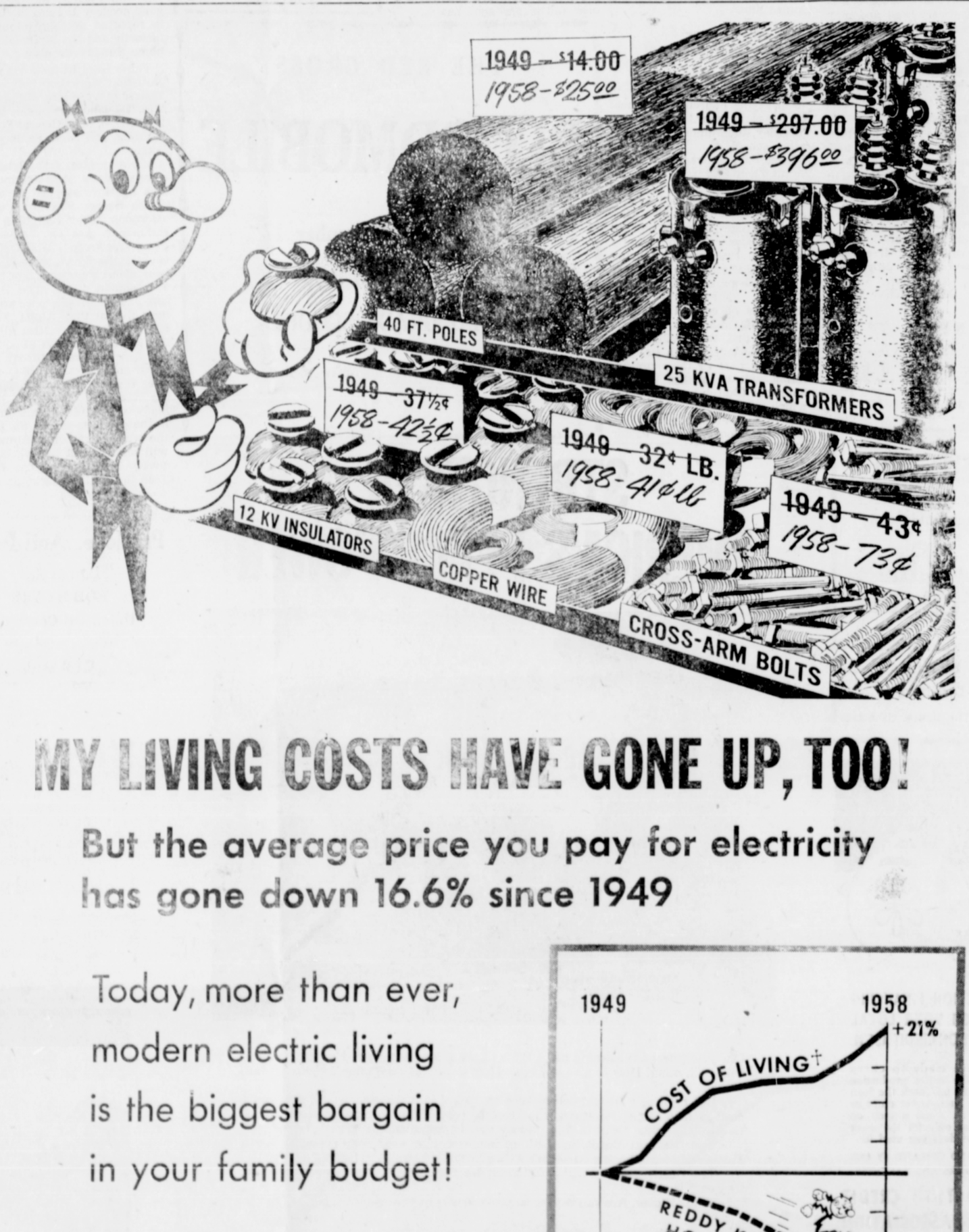

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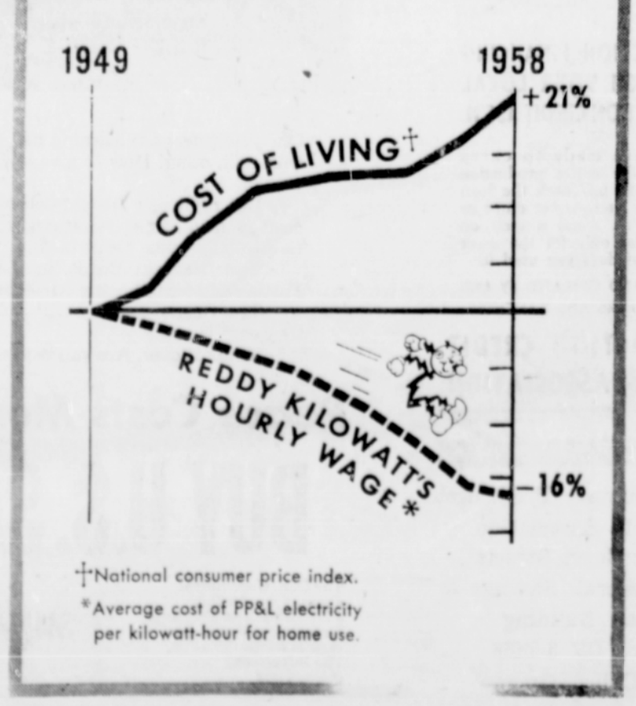

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