

Grass Valley

by Ann Balzer

Mr. and Mrs. Don Maxfield of Kent were hosts at a dinner party at their home Saturday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maxfield, Eugene Knott and family, Mr. and Mrs. Max Nogle and family, Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Olan Stark and Kathy of Kent and Mrs. W. D. Barnett were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter were there Monday.

Mrs. Boyce Blaylock returned home Jan. 30 from San Diego, where she spent over three weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Spencer and family and the new grandson.

Mrs. Pat Sharp and Mrs. Robt. Holmes were hostesses at a layette shower honoring Mrs. Tom Kasberger of Bakeoven at the former's home Tuesday afternoon Jan. 13. The gift table was decorated with a ceramic cradle with flowers and held the many lovely gift wrapped packages. After Mrs. Kasberger opened the gifts assisted by Mrs. Holmes refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostesses. Out of town guests present were Mrs. Phil Kasberger of The Dalles and Mrs. George Ward and Mrs. Verne Woodside from Bakeoven.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May were in The Dalles Sunday visiting their son Clarence May and family to take their grandson Wally May back after spending a few days here with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Blagg Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stark and daughters. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Ivan Blagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hatrup and Rita were dinner guests Wednesday evening at the Donald von Borstel home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Hartmann of Wasco spent Sunday visiting the A. F. Balzers.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Cantrall and family and Juanita McClain and Mike went to Portland Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Gurley and new daughter, Wendy Lee, born Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Busse of Moro spent Thursday evening visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Rust.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garland of The Dalles are the parents of a daughter born Feb. 3, named Cathy Renea and weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland of Grass Valley and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Norman of Topeka, Kansas. Howard Garland came up Saturday and took his mother home with him for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald von Borstel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Eakin and Susan and Mrs. Myrtle Smith were business visitors in Portland Thursday.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 held its regular meeting in the IOOF hall Wednesday evening. Mrs. Frank Ketter, noble grand, presided with 26 members present.

Dinner guests at the Arden Peters home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Gable and children of Maupin and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Alley and children of Wasco.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett and her mother, Mrs. O. N. Ruggles went to Hermiston Sunday and spent the day visiting Mr. and Mrs. Earl McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin, Arthur Buether and Clarence Higley of Moro were in The Dalles Sunday where the men went bowling.

The Grass Valley Home Extension will meet Tuesday, Feb. 14 at the home of Mrs. Don Cox at 8 p. m. Everyone is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hatrup and Rita and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pausch spent Sunday and over night as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ted von Borstel in The Dalles.

Mrs. A. von Borstel, and Phil and Mrs. Claus Bardenhagen were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mrs. Bruce Eccles and daughters arrived Tuesday from Hood River and spent till Friday afternoon visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clodfelter.

Mrs. Estel Hartley visited Mrs. A. von Borstel Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert had as dinner guests Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Norris Gilkison and Mrs. Dorothy Anderson of The Dalles.

Don't forget the Cubscout Blue

and Gold pack meeting to be held in the Kent school auditorium Friday Feb. 10 at 8 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Clodfelter had as dinner guests Thursday evening Mrs. Bruce Eccles and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May. The occasion was the birthday anniversary of Mr. Clodfelter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrigo and daughters of The Dalles spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Bayer. Sunday was the birthday anniversary of Leslie Perrigo.

Mrs. Frank E. Bayer and Helen were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs. Frank von Borstel was a dinner guest Friday at the Donald Clodfelter home and visited with Mrs. Bruce Eccles and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Olds went to Portland Tuesday where they were over night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Perry.

Mrs. Kenneth Hatrup was hostess at a party at her home Thursday. Following dessert, bridge was in play at two tables. Mrs. Bill Pausch held high, Mrs. Arzell Lemley second and Mrs. Alfred Kock low. Others present were Mrs. Art Christianson of Moro, Mrs. Helen Patel and Mrs. Ted von Borstel of The Dalles and Mrs. George von Borstel.

Frank von Borstel went to Portland Monday to attend the funeral of Albert Haffenden, held at the Ross Hollywood chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Lemley and family went to Portland Saturday and returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Kock of Moro were dinner guests Sunday at the Arzell Lemley home.

Mrs. Eben Kee, Mrs. Harold Eakin and Mrs. Dell Olds went to Portland Thursday where Mrs. Olds saw her doctor and went on to McMinnville for medical attention, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and Mrs. Kendrick Dunlap were business visitors in The Dalles Monday.

The Kent Community Bible church has affiliated itself with the Conservative Baptist Association of Oregon and will bear the name: Kent Baptist church. The church has been cooperating with that group for several months, having received contact through them of their present pastor, Rev. Melvin E. Erickson.

The Conservative Baptist movement hold to the autonomy of the local church with only associational relationships to other churches or church bodies. There are about 150 churches in Oregon affiliated with this group.

County Ramblings

County Agricultural Agent

The Sherman Soil Conservation District has been granted a Model 12 motorized road grader. The equipment is now in the county ready for rent to Sherman ranchers. The purpose of the grant is to enable the district to carry on soil and water conservation and erosion work more effectively.

The grader will be stationed at one of the Board of Supervisors' ranches while not in use. Resident board members are John Hilderbrand Wasco; John Shipley Moro; Bill Todd, Grass Valley; and Luther Davis, Kent. Contact to secure the grader may be made through these men or the Soil Conservation Service or County Extension Agent's office.

Charges for rental are a minimum of \$25.00 per day for first day and \$10.00 for each day thereafter, with a \$5.00 per hour charge for each hour of use. The grader may be picked up at a supervisor's ranch and returned to the supervisor in your community if different.

Cheat and Rye Trials

Selective control of cheat and rye in growing wheat or barley are being tried again in trial plots in Sherman County. Investigations during the 1960 crop year were conducted but no satisfactory results obtained without significant damage to the grain itself.

This year two 40 acre selective trial plots by plane were established last October. These are located on the Charles Burnet and Clem Weik ranches. Randox in a granular form was used. Control of cheat and rye has been observed but damage to grain is uncertain.

Smaller type trial plots are located on the John Shipley and Al Dormaier ranches. These trials include a variety of many materials at different rates, and time of application in relation to grain growth. These trials will be harvested and affects on yields determined. Some of the materials

in this trial include Randox, Atrazine, Simazine and several unnamed materials.

A detailed chemical fallow trial plot is being established on the Gail Holzaphel ranch, north of his house. Both winter and complete chemical fallow are included. Cultivation will be done on certain plots at given times by experiment station equipment. Combinations of atrazine, simazine, amitrol, dalapon, and others are included.

Swine Day

Sherman County hog producers have been invited to participate in the Swine Day scheduled for The Dalles Auction Yard, Friday, February 10, 10:00 a. m. to 3:00 p. m. Wasco County has been holding a livestock short course this winter as Sherman County did a year ago and this is a special requested session.

The program or lecturers will include Breeds and Breeding Programs and Nutrition Feeding by Dave England, animal husbandry department OSC; Parasites and Disease Control, Dr. Milt Skov, The Dalles and Management and Equipment by another speaker not known at this writing.

Cattlemen's Annual Meeting

The Sherman Cattlemen's Association has scheduled its annual session for Saturday evening February 18, Odd Fellows hall, Grass Valley. The session will include a social hour prior to family style banquet, musical entertainment, guest speaker, business meeting, and election of officers. All producers are invited to participate. Reservations for dinner are requested to enable planning with the Rebekah lodge.

Tested Boar Sale

The next sale of boars performance tested at the Oregon Swine Evaluation Station will be held on Saturday, March 18, at 12:30 p. m., at the station at Hermiston, Oregon.

To be eligible for this sale, boars and the two pen mate market hogs must meet the following specifications:

1. Average daily gain not less than 1.6 pounds per day.
2. Feed efficiency of 100 lbs. gain on not over 350 pounds feed.
3. Average backfat of not over 1.4 inches on each boar; probes taken at three places.
4. Market hogs must have at least 3.5 square inches of loin eye area.

5. Neither carcass may be less than 28.5 inches long.

6. Neither carcass may have over 1.6 inches average backfat.

7. Neither market hog may exceed 180 days of age at 200 lbs.

The Operational Board will act as a sifting committee prior to the sale.

Identical Twins Wanted

The Department of Daily and Animal Husbandry, OSC, is anxious to obtain pairs of identical twins beef type calves for research studies. Twins must be of the same sex and have the same color markings. Anyone having identical twin calves and willing to sell please give us a ring. Blood tests will be made to test for positive identical identification.

This And That

Three "ready-to-serve" meals costs a family of four \$6.70. Prepared at home, these meals would cost only \$4.50, but require four hours more work by the housewife.

Sometimes the package may cost as much as the food itself.

WHEAT DISEASE FOUGHT

Oregon farmers worked hard to combat the black fungus disease, smut, in their wheat crops last year, and came up with the cleanest crop on record, according to a report released in Portland Tuesday.

Results of the annual wheat inspection program in Oregon, Washington, and northern Idaho showed only 0.2 percent of all samples grading smutty, said J. A. Browning, USDA agricultural marketing service grain supervisor who made the report.

In Oregon, biggest decrease in amount of smut last year was recorded in the Pendleton area, which includes Umatilla, Union, Baker and Walla Walla counties. Only 0.2 percent of the samples checked in this area were found smutty, compared to 2.1 percent in 1959.

One of the effective weapons used against the disease was the release of Omar, a highly smut-resistant wheat variety adapted to the Pacific Northwest. Omar, a white club variety, now makes up 94.5 percent of the identified varieties of the white club class.

Omar made up 9 percent of the Pacific Northwest wheat crop in 1957, 52 percent in 1958, 63 percent in 1959, and 70 percent in 1960. The new variety was developed by Dr. O. A. Vogel of the USDA Plant Breeders Station, at WSU.

The other effective weapon has been the use of seed treatment with the recently developed smut-killing chemical, Hexachlorobenzene, (HCB). Thorough seed treatment with this fungicide protects wheat against infection from both seed-borne and soil-borne smut spores.

Use of HCB for wheat seed treatment was developed under a regional program headed by Dr. C. S. Holten of the USDA Regional Smut Laboratory, Pullman, Washington.

A new race of smut that attacks Omar was found in another state four years ago, but hasn't been found in Oregon wheat fields to Oregon slaughter lambs. Good date.

It is not so very often we get a chance to advertise for ourselves. We are generally occupied in doing it for some one else, but now and then we get an opportunity to say something about our own business.

Basically our business is retelling the news about people and digging out, listening to, putting together the news about things—things that affect Sherman County and its people. If there is a new highway possible we want to know of it, if farmers are building an elevator it is grist for our mill; if someone discovers or invents a better way to kill weeds, till soil or sell wheat we are interested; new and better ways to educate kids excite our attention. Anything that is newsworthy in our dish.

While this is a very pleasant occupation and one we have done so long we have gotten used to its peculiarities and disadvantages it is not a profitable occupation in itself. We have to sell advertising.

Sometimes we can sell advertising to the very same people who read the paper which is nice; sometimes we sell advertising to people who want the people who read the paper to notice their ads. That is nice too. The point is that if we don't sell advertising to some one we could not spend our time thinking about the county and its people.

Sherman County merchants have good goods to sell. They know that's the only kind that are acceptable over the long pull. They seldom have sales or cut prices and because they are not dramatic they are sometimes overlooked and the steadiness of their service not considered. This is, we think, an error—an error on the part of the local merchants to be so inconspicuous and an error on the part of the consumers to overlook them on account of their modesty.

It would surely be a very dreary county without local merchants and a very expensive county as well. The use of gasoline would be greatly increased if we had to drive far away from home to find a ham, a file, a 2x4 or a bottle of ink.

We think it would be advisable for merchants to call attention to themselves so they will not be forgotten and overlooked. The best and easiest way is by advertising in the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL.

Did you ever notice that most firms that go bankrupt are little firms that were seldom heard of. Of the 3200 that went broke in Oregon only a few were big, well known ones. There's an antidote for it. The way for a firm to be well known is to advertise.

