

Grass Valley

by Anna Balzer

The Kent Home Extension unit met at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap Thursday for its regular meeting. Mrs. Carl von Borstel, president, conducted the meeting with nine members and eight children present. They talked about the Christmas treats for the Kent school that follows the Christmas program on December 19. Mrs. Harry Justesen, Mrs. Melvin Ericson and Mrs. Hans Bardenhagen are on the committee. A potluck luncheon followed the business meeting followed by the special Christmas project when each one told of a special project in the home including decorations, wrappings and recipes. Guests for this part of the meeting were Mrs. Boyce Blaylock, Mrs. Bill Rolfe and Mrs. Boyd Owens. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. J. M. Wilson in January. Mrs. Eddie Justesen and Mrs. Carl Watkins will present the lesson at this meeting.

Mrs. Emma McKay of Kent entered the hospital in The Dalles Thursday for major surgery.

Sherman chapter No. 132 OES was hostess for the district meeting held Tuesday evening in the Masonic hall jointly with Annie Fulton chapter of Wasco and Bethlehem chapter of Moro. Sherman chapter had opening and closing and the good of the order, Bethlehem chapter exemplified the initiatory degree and Annie Fulton chapter the escorting and balloting. Under the good of the order Sherman chapter gave an agenda. Visitors present were worthy grand matron, Mrs. Walter Jaeger and husband of Condon; worthy grand patron, Eldon Cone and his wife, who is grand Ruth of the grand chapter of Oregon from Salem; Mrs. Harry Pinkerton member of the Home Endowment Fund committee of Moro. Also visitors from Goldendale. Talks were given by some of these visitors. Refreshments of open faced sandwiches, cookies and coffee were served buffet style from a table with Christmas decorations. Mrs. Wallace May and Mrs. D. L. Reynolds, assisted by others were on the refreshment committee.

Dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Earl were Mr. and Mrs. Maynor Reed and family and Mr. and Mrs. Don Earl and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Alberty and Nancy were visitors in The Dalles Saturday. Nancy visited John Johnson at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Brinkert were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge No. 118 held its regular meeting in the IOOF hall Wednesday evening. Mrs. H. N. Riggs, noble grand presided with 20 members present. They completed their plans for the barn dance and for the gift exchange at the next meeting, December 19.

Mr. and Mrs. James Earl and

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Brinkert went to Portland Wednesday on business returning home Thursday.

Mrs. Velma Ryan of The Dalles was a house guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland from Wednesday till Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Len Garland went to The Dalles Tuesday to visit his brother, Grant Garland.

The Grass Valley and Kent Auxiliary are giving a Christmas party Saturday evening Dec. 15 at 7:30 p. m. to be held in the Legion hall in Grass Valley for all Legion and Auxiliary members and families and those eligible.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstel made a business trip to Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sayrs and family of Moro were dinner guests Sunday at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. von Borstel.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace May had as their guests from Thursday till Saturday her brother, William Walter of Hood River.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blagg and Sandra arrived here Saturday evening from Portland and were over night guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Balzer arrived Saturday night from Cove and were overnight guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Balzer. They went to her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Blagg for dinner Sunday, before returning home.

Mrs. Bill Johnson, Mrs. Sam Alberty and Mrs. Boyd Owens of Kent were hostesses at a party Nov. 30 held in the Legion hall in Grass Valley honoring Nancy Alberty, John Johnson, Angela Owens and Kent Thomas on their birthday anniversaries. About 60 high school students enjoyed the evening of dancing. Refreshments of cake and punch were served by the hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Barnett went to Portland Thursday shopping and while there visited Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ellis returning home Sunday.

Mrs. H. O. Dugger, Mrs. John Rust and Bobby Jo Wilson went to The Dalles Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mary Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin had as dinner guests Sunday his uncle Ernest Brown of Olympia, Wash., and Mrs. Donald Martin of Moro and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Padgett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Payne were business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. Marion Crews and children arrived Thursday from Stevenson and spent till Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends, who sent cards, flowers, gifts and for calls during my stay in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Dale Padgett

4-H CLUB NEWS

The How-D-Horse Club held a meeting December 9 at the American Legion hall in Moro with Leo Coelsch conducting the meeting with 19 members present including three new members.

We planned to have a Christmas party on Dec. 28. There will be a written test at the next meeting. There was a demonstration on cleaning tack by Derrie Peters and Gary Brinkert.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. John Hilderbrand, Mrs. Floyd Rathbun and Mrs. Martin Pshigoda. The next meeting will be Jan. 13 at 2:30.

Gary Brinkert, reporter

GARY BRINKERT WINS

Gary Brinkert was the receiver of a stud fee awarded by Mrs. Arthur Van Gilder and Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Watkins for the most progress or advancement during the past year from the 4-H Horse Club.

County Ramblin's

Rural Area Development is a method sponsored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture to bring federal, state and local organizations together to help develop rural resources, both economic and social. The Sherman Rural Advisory Council serves in this capacity in Sherman county.

Through the RAD program, citizen committees are helped to plan programs for resource development. One of the jobs of your extension staff, is to give educational guidance and administrative support to the Rural Advisory Council. The Council will meet at 1:30 p. m., Monday, Dec. 17, Court house, Moro. Agriculture, business and community representatives have been invited to participate. Ted Thompson, Moro is current Council chairman.

Local, state and federal agencies and private organizations are available to provide technical and in some cases financial assistance in Rural Area Development. As-

sistance from USDA agencies is available through a local technical panel. Eldon Toll, Farmers Home Administration, Madras, is chairman and Hank Grabenhorst, SCS, Moro, vice-chairman of this technical panel. This includes representatives of USDA agencies serving the county.

Pesticide Up roar

Picture an America without pesticides... without insecticides to control hordes of destructive insects... without fungicides to prevent or cure thousands of plant diseases... without herbicides to destroy unwanted weeds... without rodenticides to control injurious rodents.

Does such course of action seem amazing? Perhaps so, yet, it is being advocated all too often in the United States.

Here is how one of the nation's outstanding scientists views this philosophy. He is Dr. Emil M. Mrak, Chancellor of the University of California Davis Campus. Speaking before the opening Plenary Session of the First International Congress of Food

Science and Technology in London, England, Dr. Mrak used these words:

"The opposition to use of agricultural chemicals in some circles is indeed strong, and ironically enough, this seems to be centered in the nations where the people have been most successful in producing vast amounts of agricultural products at a low cost and also where preservation has been developed to such a state that foods are abundantly available. It makes one wonder if the accomplishments of civilization actually induce people to destroy themselves because of the lack of understanding. If we are to continue to produce highly acceptable, safe and nutritive foods, then chemicals must be used. If we are to maintain our high production in agriculture, then agricultural chemicals must be used. The question then arises: how much should be used? The answer, of course, is 'nothing in excess and at a safe level'. The food scientists must team up with the agriculturist and toxicologist to determine this level."

In a recent issue of TIME (September 28) the magazine's science editors reviewed Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring" and concluded that "Many scientists sympathize with Miss Carson's love of wildlife, and even with her mystical attachment to the 'balance of nature.' But they fear her emotional and inaccurate outburst in 'Silent Spring' may do harm by alarming the non-technical public, while doing no good for the things that she loves."

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