

Grass Valley

by Anna Balzer

Mrs Alfred Koek entertained her bridge club at her home in Moro Thursday with additional guests including Mrs Kenneth Hatrup, Mrs Charles Burnett, Mrs Henry Barnum of Moro, Mrs Don Cox and Mrs Donald vonBorstel of Grass Valley. Dessert served at individual tables centered with miniature bouquets preceded the afternoon of bridge at four tables. Scoring honors for club were held by Mrs A. A. Dunlap; Mrs Arzell Lemley and Mrs A.F. Balzer. Mrs Hatrup held high score for guests and Mrs Burnett low score for the afternoon. Mrs D.L. Reynolds won the traveling prize. Others present were Mrs Eben Kee, Mrs Herman Peters, Mrs Harold Eakin, Mrs Bill Pausch, Mrs Jack Adams and Mrs Don Clodfelter.

Mr and Mrs Gary Alden of Lubbock, Texas are the parents of daughter Lynn Lee weighing 9 pounds, 2 oz. born in January. She joins two brothers and one sister. Her mother, Mrs Art Bibby of Portland is there with her.

Members of Sherman chapter OES held their regular meeting in the Masonic hall Tuesday evening. Mrs Harold Eakin, WM, and Harold Eakin W.P. presided. Distinguished guests present were Mrs Jean Reed, Grand Marshal of the Grand chapter of Oregon, Mrs Alice Jones, Grand Representative of Ohio in Oregon and Mrs Nina Pinkerton, member of the endowment fund committee of the Grand Chapter. Following the regular business meeting the visitors each gave a report. Mrs Eakin was given the commission of Grand Representative of the State of Vermont in Oregon by Mrs Reed. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley had as dinner guests Monday Mr and Mrs Elmer Helgestad and family and Mr and Mrs Bill Pausch.

Mr and Mrs Boyce Blaylock and Ivan Blagg and Kenneth and Sharyl were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs Glenn Perry was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening when relatives and friends called to wish her a Happy Birthday. Those present were Mr and Mrs Earl Olds and Robin, Mr and Mrs Dick Rust and Neuta, Mr and Mrs Roy Schilling, Mr and Mrs Frank Ketter and Mr and Mrs John Rust. Bridge was in play at two tables with Mrs Perry and Mr Ketter holding high score and Mr Schilling and Mrs Ketter low. One table of pinocle with Mr and Mrs John Rust holding high score. Refreshments of cake ice cream and coffee brought by the guests was served.

The Grass Valley Rebekah lodge held its regular meeting in the IOOF hall Wednesday evening. Mrs John Alley, noble grand, presided with 20 members present. After the session they had degree practice.

Mr and Mrs John Decker of Kent went to Portland Tuesday on business and to visit their son, Art and wife, returning to Kent Thursday.

Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel drove to Mercer Island, Wash., to visit her brother and wife, Mr and Mrs Harland Clodfelter and family. Mrs Harland Clodfelter

who had been attending her family reunion at the home of her mother in Batavia, Wash., in honor of her brother Vern. Greg the noted New York cartoonist, who spent a few days in the west for the Portland symphony orchestra benefit, accompanied them from Vancouver to her home at Mercer Island. The vonBorstels returned home Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Donald vonBorstel went to Portland Wednesday to attend the funeral of her uncle. Mr and Mrs Kenneth Hatrup had as dinner guests Sunday evening Mr and Mrs Bud Koek and family, Mr and Mrs Donald vonBorstel and Mrs. A. von Borstel and Phil.

Mr and Mrs Herman Peters went to The Dalles Saturday and on to Hood River to visit their son, Herman jr. and family, and to visit Mrs Peters and the new baby at the hospital, returning home Sunday.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Lemley and family were dinner guests Saturday evening at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Arzell Lemley.

In the article on the stork shower honoring Mrs Don Verstrate (Nancy Decker) it will be held at the Kent Baptist church Tuesday, Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. instead of Feb. 9 as was in last week's paper.

Mr and Mrs Herman Peters jr of Hood River are the parents of a daughter born Feb. 8. She weighed 6 pounds. She joins two brothers and a sister. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Herman Peters of Grass Valley and Mr and Mrs Ellis Lary of Kelso, Wn.

Mr and Mrs Frank vonBorstel were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mrs J. E. Norton in Kent.

Mr and Mrs Len Garland were business visitors in Madras on Wednesday and business visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

Mr and Mrs Duane Dunham and family of Portland and Mr and Mrs Shelton Fritts were visitors Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr and Mrs Ed Fritts in Moro. They all attended the services at the Presbyterian church that evening. The Dunhams then left for their home.

Frank T. Bayer, Mrs Tom Bayer, Mrs Frank E. Bayer and Helen were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Mr and Mrs Don Smith were business visitors in The Dalles Thursday.

Mrs. Chester Briedwell returned home Wednesday from Corvallis where she spent several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs Latha Guthrie.

Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin and Mona and Mrs Bill Pausch went to Portland Friday on business returning home Saturday.

The Rev. and Mrs Duane Dunham and family arrived Saturday from Portland and were overnight guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Bill Todd. Rev Dunham held morning services at the Baptist church followed by a pot pucker dinner.

Mr and Mrs A. F. Balzer had as dinner guests Sunday her sister and husband, Mr and Mrs Gus Hartmann of Wasco, the occasion being the birthday anniversary of Mrs Hartmann.

Mr and Mrs Bert Cox, Mrs Don Cox and Mrs John Rust were business visitors in The Dalles Tuesday.

FFA Observing Its Annual Farm Week

Agriculture students in Sherman High school will join Future Farmers of America members throughout the nation in activities to focus attention on the importance of agriculture during National FFA week, February 16-23.

"Agriculture—Vital to America" is this year's FFA week theme. The boys will undertake a campaign to inform the public about the importance of agriculture to America, and of the numerous and wide variety of opportunities that exist in this field for young men who have a background to farm experience and training.

"We have such an abundance of food in America that the people are taking farmers for granted" said Marvin Robertson, vocational agricultural teacher and FFA advisor. "Actually, agriculture is our largest and most important industry, and it is be-

coming increasingly important with our expanding population."

Locally, members of the Sherman FFA chapter plan to have several window displays, one parent and son banquet, and a radio program.

Membership in the FFA is made up of boys interested in agriculture who are students of agriculture in high school. The organization's activities are designed to help develop rural leadership and good citizenship, and to stimulate boys to better achievement in their study and work toward successful establishment in farming and other agricultural occupations.

The Sherman FFA chapter has 30 members. Officers are: Doug Medler, president; Mike Lane, vice president; Doug Reid, secretary; J. P. Reckmann, treasurer; Dick Grabenhorst, reporter; Don Mobley, sentinel.

The national Future Farmer organization has 383,000 members, with 9,000 local chapters in 50 states and Puerto Rico. In

Oregon there are 3800 members.

Future Farmers chose the week of George Washington's birthday each year for the observance of National FFA week. Although usually recognized as a Revolutionary war general and our first president, Washington had farming for his first love. He was one of the first in the nation to practice contour farming, crop rotations, fertilization and other soil conservation and improvement methods.

Judge Vernon Miller Proclaims FFA Week

The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of, by, and for boys who are studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools of the nation. A local chapter of this fine organization is active in Sherman High school.

As America's future farmers, these young men hold in their minds and hands the progress that this county and this nation may make in the years to come.

because a prosperous and productive agriculture is the very foundation of our American standard of living. We will need good farmers in our future.

As students of vocational agriculture in public schools, they study the scientific, economic and mechanical aspects of modern farming. As members of the Future Farmers of America, they learn through active participation how to conduct and take part in public meetings; to speak in public, to market farm goods, to solve their own problems; to finance themselves; and to assume civic responsibility.

The population of America and of the world is undergoing tremendous growth. Despite the great abundance of agricultural products today, it is vital to our future happiness and security that we maintain a supply of skilled farmers and other agricultural workers to assure that there always will be plenty of farm products to supply our needs. Future Farmers of America are training for this important work.

It is fitting that we honor them. I, therefore, join with others throughout the nation in proclaiming February 16-23, 1963, to be Future Farmers of America Week. I urge all people of this county to become acquainted with and give full support to the program of vocational education in agriculture and to its students, the Future Farmers of America. They are the successful leaders and farmers of tomorrow.

Vernon I. Miller, County Judge

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