

CENTRAL POINT NEWS

by Mabel Van Horn

Members of the William H. Harrison Woman's Relief Corps of Central Point held a potluck picnic August 15th at the Grants Pass City Park.

President Mrs. Grace Stafford was in charge of the business meeting which followed the picnic.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Mainwaring and daughter, Carol, recently returned to Central Point following a two weeks vacation. They toured Grand Teton, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park and Grand Coulee.

Members of the Central Point Royal Neighbors of America attended a potluck luncheon on August 15th at the home of Mrs. Frank Ward at Fish Lake.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomas and family were Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McCarty from North Hollywood, California.

Mrs. McCarty is a sister to Mr. Thomas.

Monday evening, August 7th, Mr. and Mrs. John Booth from Orangeville, California, (the former Nita Maxey of Central Point) and children, Mike, Randy, LeaAnn, Virginia and Mary Kay enjoyed a picnic at TouVelle Park with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Thomas and children, Jeff, Laura, Valerie, Lyn and Marty.

The Booths also visited Mrs. Booth's aunts, Mrs. Anna B. Davis of Central Point and Mrs. Pauline Hawley in Medford.

Central Point Camp No. 3219 Royal Neighbors of America met at the Girls Community Club August 8th with other Southern Oregon Camps for a 12:30 luncheon.

After the social hour State Oracle Betty Howell called the meeting to order to discuss plans for the State Convention to be held in Medford in the spring of 1970. A lot of plans were covered, but there are still many more to take care of in the future.

All camps can now start making favors, etc. for the tables. There will about four hundred Royal Neighbors at the convention.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gebhard of Central Point and their daughter, Mrs. Roland Smith and her daughter, Lynne, of Dixon, California returned Friday from a trip to Kansas and Nebraska.

WORTH TRYING

PLATTEVILLE, COLO., HERALD: "District Judge Lester H. Loble of Helena, Montana, says publication of the names of juvenile offenders, and their parents, has been directly responsible for cutting the crime incidence in his area--in half."

"How much longer," the small boy inquired, "will I have to eat spinach to be able to whip anybody who tries to make me eat spinach?"

STATE FARM HOME

The Children's Farm Home has overcome financial problems which nearly caused its closure three years ago, Treasurer Alden L. Toevs, Corvallis, reported to the Board of Trustees at their July meeting.

Teenagers from 23 of Oregon's 36 counties lived at the home during the last year and a half. The Children's Farm Home borders the Willamette River on Highway 20 between Corvallis and Albany.

Although the auditor's report just completed for 1966 shows a deficit of \$6,440, Toevs explained that the year began with a \$21,805 deficit. "If it hadn't been for that, we'd have closed 1966's books with a \$15,000 surplus," he pointed out.

Expansion and improvement of both facilities and program will be contemplated when the entire deficit is erased, Toevs added.

Director Don Miller explained that residents of the Farm Home are youth who have problems of one kind or another which prevent them from living in their own homes or in foster homes, yet are able to adjust to group living in the Farm Home. He says the most important goal of the Farm Home is to return a child to his own community.

At present, the Children's Farm Home is set up to care for 50 teenagers - 8 girls and 42 boys. It is unique among Oregon's 15 licensed private child-caring agencies in that it cares for disturbed adolescents in a coeducational setting with girls and boys going to school together and eating together in a central dining hall.

The program at the agency is financed by Oregon United Appeal, gifts and bequests of private individuals, and state tax funds which are used to purchase care for children who are the state's responsibility. About half the children at the Farm Home fit this latter category.

Last year approximately 50 per cent of the Farm Homes' current income came from the state's purchase of care program; about 30 per cent from Oregon United Appeal; and the remaining 20 per cent from all other sources, including gifts, sale of farm products and money transferred from the Home's capital funds.

Miller credits the brightening financial picture to two things: the state's purchase of care plan and the willingness of the staff to work long hours at low wages.

Now that finances are in better shape he plans to add more staff members and to renovate of the existing cottages. During the past year three cottages, built in 1920's were torn down because they were fire hazards.

The agency's financial problems really began about 10 years ago when it had to start drawing heavily on reserves and capital funds. By 1964 the financial situation was critical and the Farm Home appeared on its way to extinction.

This crisis attracted the governors attention and he appointed a committee to study financial problems of all private child-caring agencies in the state. From this committee's recommendations grew the purchase of care plan established by the 1965 legislature by which the State Public Welfare Commission pays the appropriate agency to care for children who are the responsibility of the state.

Cal Monroe, Corvallis, is chairman of the Children's farm Home Board of Trustees.

He credits the board under leadership of past chairman, R. W. Henderson, Corvallis, with developing financial support that has enabled the Children's Farm Home to continue to improve its program.

The trouble with good advice is that it usually interferes with our plans.

AIR POLLUTION WOES

CORVALLIS - Representatives of Oregon's forest industry and the Oregon Legislature met with officials of Oregon State University's Forest Research Laboratory this week to review proposals for a two-year study of disposal methods of wood and bark wastes.

The OSU Laboratory has launched the study of air pollution problems with special research emphasis on wigwag burners. The 1967 legislature passed a measure which will provide funds for the study.

A grant proposal has been submitted by the laboratory to the U. S. Public Health Service under the Solid State Disposal Act of 1965 for additional funds to conduct the research.

Laboratory engineers Stan Corder and George Atherton, directors of the research, outlined the program to the representatives.

They noted that the forest industry in Oregon must dispose of over 2 million tons of wood and bark waste each year.

Corder said that the study has the immediate objectives of reducing air pollution caused by wigwag burners and in finding acceptable ways of disposing of material now burned. He pointed out that the research also will prove various utilization methods of bark disposal.

The Forest Research Laboratory will survey the industry and other agencies with similar air pollution problems and then give a choice of alternate solution to the problems, the engineers said.

After the preliminary survey has been made, the laboratory is planning to make full scale tests of acceptable methods of burning wood and bark wastes.

During the study, the laboratory will cooperate with the State Sanitary Authority and other investigating agencies studying the pollution problems of the forest industry, the engineers noted.

Under terms of the measure passed by the Legislature, the FRL will report its findings to the governor, legislature, State Sanitary Authority, and the forest industry.

Periodic meetings are planned with the agencies of the state's forest industries and with the air quality control and improvement committees prior to the final report scheduled on Aug. 31, 1969.

Attending the meeting were representatives of the American Plywood Assoc., the Pulp and Paper Industry, Southern Oregon Timber Industries Assoc., Western Wood Products, Western Forest Industries Assoc., Western Wood Preservers Institute, Willamette Valley Lumberman's Assoc., West Coast Lumber Inspection Bureau, Industrial Forestry Assoc., Oregon State Department of Forestry, and the State Legislature.

Other agencies represented were the Oregon State Sanitary Authority, the Lane County Air Quality Control, the associated Oregon Industries Air Quality Committee, and the Western Wood Products Air and Water Improvement Committee.

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MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT SHADY COVE

The Shady Cove Civic Association held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, August 9th in the Shady Cove Grange Hall with 36 persons attending. The luncheon was served by the Grange ladies, topped with a wild blackberry cobbler, courtesy of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Houston. In charge of preparing the food was Mrs. Walter Sattler, assisted by several members.

In the absence of Chairman Charles Bridges the Business Meeting was conducted by Mr. James C. Wilson who gave a brief history of the origin and purpose of the group. This is a pet project of Mr. Wilson's and he works diligently on getting guest speakers on subjects of interest to the people and pertinent to the needs of the community. This association was started as a monthly luncheon, to get the business people better acquainted and to promote understanding and discussions of the needs facing the community. Mr. Wilson spoke of one problem of the immediate future as being the need of a water system. With the inevitable influx of people this growing population cannot survive without adequate water supply. The Shady Cove-Trail Fire District has made application for domestic water from the Rogue Basin Water Resources Project, but a legal body is not now established to accept and administer this water when it is available.

Guest speaker was Mr. Carnegie of the Bureau of Land Management who talked on ways and means of acquiring a suitable location from BLM for a reservoir sight for future distribution of domestic water in the area. It was affirmed that this would have to be a political taxing subdivision of state, county or municipality to secure the BLM sight for this purpose.

Future meetings of the Association are to remain on the second Wednesday of each month at the Shady Cove Grange Hall with a 12 o'clock luncheon served by the grange women.

September 13th is the date for the next luncheon when Mr. Orle Moore, of the County Sanitation Department, is scheduled as guest speaker to discuss our sanitation problems and alternate means of handling them.

Mrs. Virginia Carpenter is secretary for the organization. Anyone wishing any information about the group may call her at 878-2274.

REVIEWS FOOD OUTLOOK

CORVALLIS - If present supply and demand expectations materialize, families will probably pay from 1 to 2 per cent more for their food in 1967.

This is in line with the 1.7 per cent average annual price rises of the past decade according to Velma Seat, Oregon State University Extension foods marketing specialist.

Although food costs are likely to increase less than the cost of many other goods and services, consumers are particularly sensitive to price increases on food. Food is purchased oftener than other items, so "irritation is more constant," Mrs. Seat says.

Canned and frozen fruits that may cost more this year due to weather-caused crop losses include apples, peaches, pears, sweet cherries, prunes and apricots. Mrs. Seat suggests that shoppers might do well to watch for sales on "old pack" fruit often cleared from stock before the current year's processed food puts pressure on storage facilities.

Protein foods take the biggest bit out of the food dollar, according to OSU's food marketing specialist, and prices on beef and pork are up from recent months. A bright spot, from the consumer standpoint, is turkey. Heavy supplies may be reflected in attractive prices at retail stores.

Although egg prices rise during the summer, this year they are expected to stay well below 1966's high level.

A large tuna catch, and larger-than-usual stocks of canned salmon should result in the "sale" tag being hung on these two protein foods. Watch for specials on your favorite brands, advises Mrs. Seat.

In spite of increase costs, the per cent of disposable income spent for food at home this year should be down from last year, OSU's food marketing specialist says.

Consumer spent 18 per cent of their take-home pay for food in 1966 - but this year 17.5 per cent is expected to cover families' expenditures on purchases of food for home consumption.

A thought for the day - Italian criminologist Cesare Lombroso once said: "The ignorant man always adores what he cannot understand."

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