

Brownie Troop Is Studying Handicraft

Brownie Troop 46 of Central Point have been studying handicrafts, folk dancing and silent drills under the supervision of Mrs. Bert Caster and Mrs. Harry Elden.

Evelyn Brock and Gail Colvin represented the troop at the Juliet Lowe Tea in Medford during Juliet Lowe Week.

The troop is working very hard planning a tea to entertain their Mothers on April 13 in the local Scout rooms.

Members of the troop are: Janet Anderson, Nancy Barnes, Janice Burroughs, Evelyn Brock, Marilyn Cordy, Betty Cook, Arvilla Conklin, Joyce Cowden, Betty Jo McCann, Sally Elden, Sandra Straus, Patricia Medley, Marlis Geyer, Geraldine Geyer, Barbara Swanson and Kathleen McQuade. The girls are all looking forward to Brownie Fly-up in Girl Scouts.

Letter from Washington

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Although the debate on the Interior Department appropriation bill was heated in spots, total appropriations for Northwest power projects were substantially as recommended in the budget. During the debate, the Bonneville Power Administration was attacked by Representative Jensen of Iowa, a member of the Interior Department Subcommittee of the Committee on Appropriations, but another member of the same committee, Representative Jackson of Washington, as vigorously came to the defense of B.P.A. Unless some unexpected change in the bill is made in the Senate or in conference, appropriations for the coming fiscal year (July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950) will permit Bonneville transmission line and generator construction to proceed as planned.

When all the generators are completed and installed at Grand Coulee, the power supply problem will be eased. This work is going ahead rapidly. When McNary dam is completed, there would be ample power for our Northwest states. Construction on McNary will go ahead at full speed now—\$40,000,000 is to be appropriated for the

next fiscal year.

I am indebted to Congressman Scrivner of Kansas, a member of the Appropriations Committee, for supplying the following figures:

In 1932 the Federal tax per person was \$14.13. Today it is \$263.99.

In 1932 the Federal government took about 25% of all taxes (City, State and Federal). Today Uncle Sa takes 75%.

In 1932 Federal grants to States were \$269,000,000.

In 1948 Uncle Sam redistributed \$½ billion (\$500 million) dollars.

The program which President Truman is now asking Congress to approve would step up both taxes and spending by several billions annually.

Members on both sides of the aisle are wondering, now that he has praised the rent control bill, what President will do next. The rent control bill was nothing like the one he requested except it does continue a rent control authority for another 15 months. A reasonable guess might be that his new "soft approach" may be applied to the rest of his demands.

Several extremely controversial measures will be reaching the floor of the House during the next few weeks. These include the E.C.A. (Marshall Plan) authorization, and after that the appropriation for foreign aid; minimum wage bill; repeal or modification of the Taft Hartley law; and a bill to remove the Federal taxes on oleomargarine. Meanwhile, the Senate is debating the North Atlantic Agreement—one of the most important and far reaching suggestions to be considered in recent world history.

Oregon School Kids Have Tooth Trouble

Oregon school children suffer from up to twice the average amount of tooth decay as do children in many other parts of the country. Children in Oregon coast counties are much worse off in this respect than those in central Oregon counties. Children in the WCTU Children's Farm Home near Corvallis have markedly less trouble with tooth decay than the children of the state as a whole.

These are just a few of the find-

ings to date of the research carried on by the school of home economics here into the relationship of nutrition to tooth decay. This study was started about three years ago as a state project and now is a federal-state cooperative project as a part of a western regional study of rural health in relation to nutrition.

Much additional research remains to be done before explanations can be found for facts uncovered to date. Those in charge of the study believe that the better condition of children at the farm home results from an adequate, well balanced diet plus lower consumption of sweets in the form of candy and carbonated beverages.

No explanation has been found yet as to why coast counties are the worst and central Oregon counties the best in respect to dental decay. Analysis of water supplies so far has failed to reveal significant differences either in fluorine content or "hardness" as between the two areas.

The study here is conducted in close cooperation with the dental school in Portland, the Oregon State Dental association and the Oregon State Board of Health.

City Council to Build Sewer Line (Continued from Page 1)

A petition asking for the vacation of the east and west alley in Block 61 was received. This matter was laid on the table for further investigation.

Fire Chief Tharp reported that the fire department has urgent need for additional fire hose at this time, with the danger season approaching. A representative of the Howard-Cooper corporation explained the relative quality of the B. F. Goodrich hose handled by his company and the council decided to purchase 600 feet of 2½ inch and 200 feet of 1½ inch hose from that company.

On account of the fact that the pavement on South First street between Cedar and Bush streets was not constructed to stand the movement of heavy trucks and is already showing signs of breaking down on that account, the council voted to have the street committee erect signs forbidding all heavy trucks from using the street in that block.

The city attorney was instructed to prepare an ordinance regulating building within the city. The present building code was adopted many years ago and is obsolete. The idea is to prepare a more modern law which can be enforced.

An agreement between the city of Central Point and John Ellstad for the purchase of land needed for the new sewage disposal plant was read for the final time and unanimously adopted. The recorder was empowered to deposit the city's check with the Jackson County Title & Abstract Co. to be delivered to Ellstad upon receipt of his deed and title insurance policy.

At an adjourned regular meeting of the council held Friday evening it was voted that the city build an extension of the Pine street sewer to the intersection of Freeman road. At a former meeting residents of that section to be served by this sewer agreed to build a line along the west side of Freeman road to connect with the new sewer to be built by the city. Now it appears that there is some dissatisfaction among some of the people living in the district about the cost of the project. No further action was taken in the matter at Monday's meeting.

Don Faber appeared before the council asking that water be piped to the ball park west of town. The council had promised, some time ago to buy the necessary pipe for this purpose whenever it was available. However some opposition appeared among some members of the present council to spending city funds for such a purpose and no action was taken in the matter.

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Then came the matter of building a grandstand. Money was donated, lumber suddenly appeared—with no

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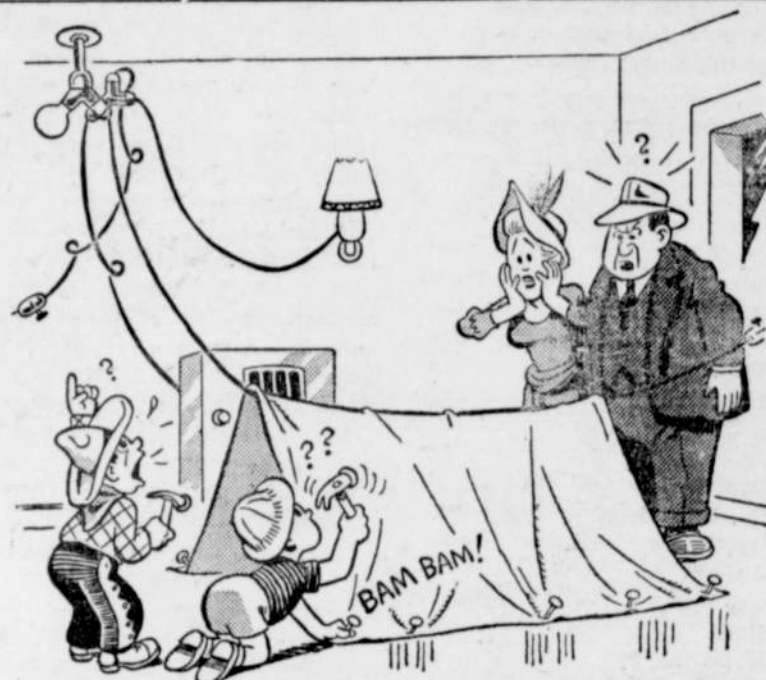
bill attached. And big crews of volunteer workers worked and sweat for days until the thing was ready for use. Finally a fence was built about the whole field and it was ready for regular use. And all this, mind you, at absolutely NO cost to the city. Also we want to call attention to the matter of the smaller children of the city using the field. Last summer Don Faber and a former big-league player, whose name has escaped us, who was working for the Elk Lumber company spent untold hours on the ball grounds organizing teams of kids from 7 to 14 years old and teaching them to play the game. There wasn't a evening all summer, except the comparatively few days when a regular league game was played, when there wasn't from 25 to 50 kids out there playing. And we submit that no better way to assist the fight against juvenile delinquency in this county has ever been undertaken in this or any other community in the county. And even the girls were not forgotten, for they had teams, also and played hard and furiously.

Last year a misunderstanding arose between the ball players of

the community and two teams were organized, the Cheney Studs and the Millers. But the Athletic Association still made improvements on the grounds. This year, however, the trouble has been adjusted and only one team will represent Central Point in the league, which is as it should be. So we believe the city itself should join in the effort to make the Central Point baseball field the best in southern Oregon. Playing baseball is one of the best ways to keep kids out of mischief and the more interest we all take in the matter the better for all concerned. The buying of a comparatively few feet of pipe to bring city water to the grounds will be money well invested.

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