

CONSERVATION

By Clem Ault Soil Conservation Service

Gus Koellner and the soil conservation technicians worked out a landing clearing and seeding program last week which, along with his carpentering, will keep Gus busy for the coming weeks.

Plans include the clearing and seeding of 5 to 10 additional acres on the Koellner farm.

Field work continued last week on the group drainage plan for Herb Jerschele, Lester James and Bill Duggan of Sams Valley.

Les Davenport, our boss from Grants Pass, was on leave three days last week. We miss Les when he is away but hope he had a good rest

It has been reported that Virgil Gribble brought in a very promising well for Charles Hilkey recently. The problems of getting a good pumping test again presents itself.

Certainly if a few more prospective irrigation wells are located in this area a suitable pump for volume tests could be made available.

Bob Miller, SCS engineer, is working on maps and specifications for Lester James irrigation dam.

Application for water right, maps and specifications all must be submitted to and be approved by the state engineer before construction can start.

You local SCS representative was called to Southern Oregon College last week to confer with college instructors and Harold Thomas of the Forest Service regarding plans for a "conservation week" at the college.

The program will be developed primarily for graduating seniors who will be teaching next year; although all students and the public will be invited to participate.

Vince Hunt of the Meadows area worked with the SCS technician last week in developing plans for grading and seeding permanent waterways through his fields.

A cropping program for the next few years was also planned.

Harry Marshall, Medford, called last week, requesting assistance from the soil conservation district in correcting a serious bank erosion problem on his property adjoining the Rogue River. He also wants assistance on a cropping program and on development of an irrigation system for his land.

The board of supervisors will act on Mr. Marshall's request at their next meeting.

Ray Bornaman, Gold Hill IOOF member, has been taken to the Sacred Heart hospital in Medford for treatment and possible surgery.

CAPRICULTURISTS IN OUR MIDST

Chuck and Joe Taylor, publishers of the magazine "The Capriculturist" have purchased a home at Rte. 4, Box 266 Grants Pass, near Savage Rapids Dam.

Idaho Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Linder, of Midvale, Id., are visiting in Medford and Gold Hill for about 10 days. While in Gold Hill, they will stay with Mr. and Mrs. Mel Hood. Mrs. Linder is the sister of Mr. Hood.

Mrs. L. B. Campbell of the Rogue Variety has been confined to her home with a severe attack of the "flu".

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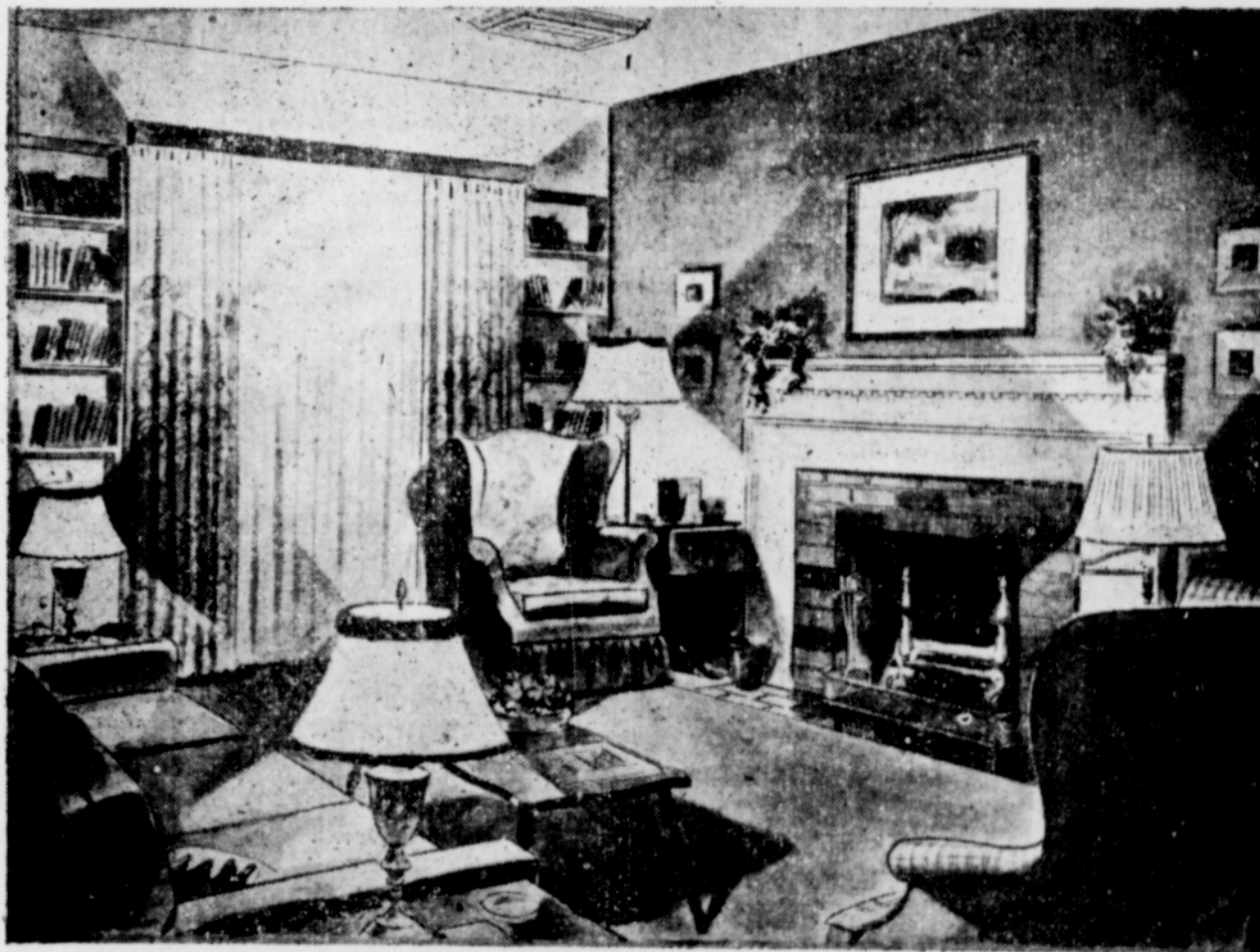
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