

SMUDGE SEASON NEARING VALLEY; BUDS FAR ALONG

Preliminary arrangements for the annual smudging season are now under way. Roy Rogers, assistant weather observer, and assistant to Floyd Young, government frost expert, will arrive the end of the week to begin his duties, according to County Horticulturist Lyle P. Wilcox. Rogers has been assigned to this valley for several years. His equipment arrived the first of the week.

Present conditions are ideal for orchard development, and the buds are setting. In their present size and condition they can stand a temperature of 24 degrees, according to Horticulturist Wilcox. The set is heavy and ten days to two weeks in advance of normal. The peach trees are now far advanced, and also give promise of a bumper crop, barring extreme frosts. Orchardists today were bringing in their thermometers for official testing. Most of the orchards have distributed their smudge pots and getting ready for the annual battle with Jack Frost. Pruning is under way or completed in most of the orchards.

Flowing and seeding is now in progress on farms and agriculturists report conditions ideal, but fear a long, wet spring. Owing to the dry fall, the sowing was delayed until spring. Weather conditions are now good for early growing.

According to County Agent Robert G. Fowler, many of the farmers are now spreading squirrel poison. A lull was experienced last year in squirrel killing and the squirrel population has increased—but not above normal, according to the county agent. Now is the mating season and a good time for extermination. At one time a couple of years ago the squirrel menace had been reduced below normal. The pests do damage to all types of crops.

GEORGE JACKSON DIES IN ARIZONA

George R. Jackson, husband of Georgianna Teasorth Jackson, former well known Medford girl, passed away at Tucson, Ariz., Tuesday.

After his marriage to Mrs. Teasorth, they resided in Vancouver, B. C., where Mr. Jackson was engaged in business, and had just recently gone to Tucson for the benefit of Mr. Jackson's health. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World.

The remains will arrive in Medford the latter part of this week and funeral arrangements will be announced by Conger Funeral Parlors at a later date.

CHARLES STRAYER PASSES, AGED 14

Charles Delbert Strayer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Strayer, passed away at their home on Berrydale avenue late Tuesday evening at the age of 14.

He was born in Saskatchewan, Canada, October 1, 1919. The family came to Medford nearly two years ago. Besides his parents he leaves one brother and two sisters: Marian, Verna May and Vern, all at home.

Funeral services will be conducted by Rev. D. D. Handall at the Conger chapel at 2 p. m. Friday.

GLEEMEN WILL SING FOR ELKS' MEETING

Gus Newbury, past exalted ruler of the Elks lodge, who is program chairman for the meeting tomorrow night, announced today that the Medford Gleemen will sing. City Attorney Frank Farrell, who recently returned from Washington, D. C., will give a resume of his trip and the program promises to be one of unusual interest.

It will be followed by free beer, barbecued meat, and hot-dogs. The complete evening's entertainment, "Gus" maintains, will be the best at the lodge in many a day, and all members are urged to be present.

Forest Creek

FOREST CREEK, March 7.—(Sp.)—Mrs. Aaron Ayres was hostess at a covered dish luncheon March 1. A name for the bi-monthly meetings was discussed but no decision was reached. Horoscopes were read for each person present and plans were made for entertainment at future meetings. It was decided to leave the activity and entertainment to each hostess. She may have anything from a quilting bee or mending socks to a game of bridge. Mrs. George Pearce and Mrs. Earl Hibbard will be hostesses March 15 at the home of the former. Present were:

Mrs. Earl Hibbard, Mrs. Geo. Pearce, Mrs. Jack Cummings, Mrs. Wulf, Mrs. Ivan Davies, Mrs. James Davies, Mrs. Arthur Davies, Mrs. Charlie Madson, Mrs. John Black, Mrs. Harry Ayres, Mrs. Andy Milboan, Mrs. Charles Siek, Sr., and the hostess, Mrs.

Aaron Ayres. Mrs. Harry Ayres and small daughter, Shirley, left March 1 to spend a few days as guest of her sister, Mrs. Andy Milboan, in Ashland. Mr. and Mrs. John Black attended the Medford high school presenta-

tion of "The Mikado" February 27. Mrs. Black's brother was a member of the chorus. W. A. (Bill) Meeds was traveling over the range on the head of Forest creek in search of his cattle February 28.

Joe Broad was called to Weed, Cal., February 25 by the death of his wife, the former Mrs. Boardy, well known in this section. Loren Hill of Phoenix hauled a load of wood to his home from here on March 1.

The report comes that Gerald Pearce is improving. He now receives visitors and enjoys convalescent pastimes. He was injured when struck by an automobile. Mabel Carter, 13, daughter of Mrs. John Carter, who last summer under-

went an operation for appendicitis, was injured in a fall March 2 and is very ill. Girl Scouts met the afternoon of March 3 at the home of the captain, Mrs. Black. Progress was made in tenderfoot work and plans made for

a luncheon hike to Oregon Bell mine next week. Among business visitors and shoppers in Medford March 3 were: Jas. Davies and daughters, Susan, Hazel and Mary, and son, John; Hera Brown and Aaron Ayres.

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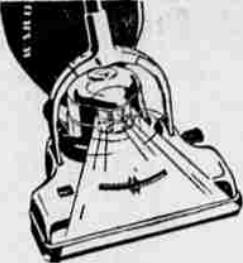


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