

TABLE ROCK Damage Estimates Difficult

By R. E. NEALON
Table Rock — Harold Gebhard, chairman of the flood control committee, was a business visitor here Friday. He was interviewing farmers that had suffered damage during the recent floods, as to their estimates of damage in dollars and cents done to farm lands and fences. He found that this is a difficult task, as soil is too wet to allow any attempt to repair fences or clear land of debris.

Many of the fences are in such shape that with the present cost of labor it may be cheaper to buy a new fence than to try to untangle and repair the old, some of which are buried in sand. Gebhard, like many others who live along the river, feels that the only practical and permanent method of flood control

contained the following paragraph, which gives some idea of how we lived and wages paid to boys fifty years ago: "John is hoeing corn for 20 cents a day to get Fourth of July money, but says he isn't going to town to celebrate, and Guy and Willie are not going either."

Farmers here were surprised when they learned from a news item in Thursday's M-T that Jackson county had been made a feed disaster area. A check with County Agent Ben Tucker revealed that he also was surprised, especially since he had recently learned that there is a quantity of unsold hay in the valley.

A recent family squabble here that almost ended in tragedy was brought about by too much of the thing that cheers. The parties involved have left the district, going different directions, so we are told. Which reminds us of some of the things in our country that don't make sense, such as a plea on television for safe driving, followed by advertising in glowing, foaming terms the very thing that causes most of the reckless driving.

Stanley Doty of Carson City, Nev., was a visitor here Friday, bringing with him his mother, Mrs. Arthur Doty, who has been receiving medical treatment there for the past two months.

Bill Bishop is driving a new car home from Kansas City, where he has been visiting relatives the past few days.

Everett Brown, local ditch boss, has a crew of men doing the annual ditch cleaning job, which may be done in the future by an implement made for that kind of work and sold by the Valley Equipment Co., which will demonstrate the machine here in the near future. Brown claims that extensive damage was done to the ditch during the recent flood, especially on the upper end, the headgate and dam being taken out.

Several friendly house cats of different colors have made their appearance here recently. They generally appear the day following a Sunday's sightseeing tour by numbers of our city friends. Probably the city folks are donating "pampered" cats to the "country slickers," but with the ground frozen the way it is the cats are having tough scratching.

Among Table Rock Sunday visitors were Mr. and Mrs. James Cornutt and Mrs. Emma Houston of Kanes Creek, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Middlebush of Medford, and Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Houston of Applegate.

While here the Houstons were telling of a new venture they have gone into. It seems that they and their son Bill have purchased a few of the Las Lagunas purebred Nutrias from Argentina, out of what is said to be the only pure strain in the U.S.

These little animals when full grown weigh from 30 to 40 pounds, have fur that is valuable for clothing, red teeth that are used for jewelry, whiskers that are made into shaving brushes, and guard hairs that are made into hats, hind feet like a duck and hands like a monkey, make a noise something like a pig's grunt or a bullfrog's bellow. Thirty pairs brought into the valley sold fast at \$850 a pair, a bargain price made only to present owners. They are being

JACKSONVILLE Neighbors Present Shower

By MRS. C. S. HOSKINS
Jacksonville — Last Tuesday the Jacksonville Royal Neighbors lodge held its regular meeting at the IOOF hall. After the business meeting, a bridal shower was given in honor of Mrs. Willard Baysinger, the former Alta Solomon. Thirty-one members and several guests were present and Mrs. Baysinger receiving many gifts for her home. A red and white Valentine motif was used for the table decorations and refreshments.

Miss Wanda Jordan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jordan, was honored on the occasion of her seventh birthday at a party given her at the Quintin Jordan home Feb. 8. There were 11 guests present and birthday refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Jacksonville, are spending a two weeks' vacation in Oceanside, Calif., at the home of Moore's parents.

Jerry Mesick, Gold Arrow man in this district, recently purchased the De Lahunty home on South Third st., Jacksonville.

Vernon Schulz of Portland visited last Saturday in Jacksonville with his mother, Mrs. Evelyn Ogden.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hawkins and children of Medford were Thursday afternoon visitors at the Carl Hoskins residence.

Two former "old time" residents of Jacksonville who passed away last week were Edward Hubert, who was born here in 1886, and died in Sacramento, Calif., with services held there, and Clyde Shaw of Corvallis, who passed away there. Services were held in Corvallis and burial was in the Jacksonville cemetery last Thursday.

On the sick list this week is Mrs. Floyd Ober, who is a medical patient at the Osteopathic hospital.

Mrs. Addie Lane of Eugene has been a house guest at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Elna Flynn, for the past recent weeks. She plans to leave sometime this week.

Mrs. Flynn and daughter, Beverly, have returned here after driving another daughter, Linda, to the home of Mrs. Flynn's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Denton, in San Manuel, Ariz., where according to Mrs. Flynn, Linda will stay and attend school until summer. The town of San Manuel, Mrs. Flynn stated, is completely new and owned and operated, similar to an Army camp, by a copper

company known as "The San Manuel Copper Mine." She said there are 2,000 homes all the same and the shopping center is under one huge roof. The town also has its own recreation center, a hospital and three schools. Everyone that lives there is employed by the copper mine. Also while they were there Mrs. Flynn said they witnessed the copper smelter's first run. The town is located 40 miles or so from Tucson and is within 60 or 70 miles of the Mexican border. The Dentons, with whom Linda is staying were originally from Myrtle Point, Ore.

The Rev. W. D. Turnbull last week attended the World Missions convention in Portland of the Assemblies of God church at which the late Gov. Paul Patterson was a speaker. According to Turnbull at least 4,000 people attended the meeting, held in the Civic auditorium. He also attended the annual district council meeting of the Assemblies of God convention held Tuesday through Thursday. Other Jacksonville residents attending the two meetings were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wall.

Clayton Fields is attending special short term classes at the American Soul clinic at Los Angeles. He was home over the week end for a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Jones, Jacksonville.

The community budget board met last Monday night to review the school budget for 1956 and '57. It has been reviewed by the county office and will soon be posted downtown for the public to view.

A Valentine dance party sponsored by the Jacksonville High school junior class was held after the Prospect-Jacksonville basketball game Feb. 10th in the gym. The Prospect Cougars were the guests of honor. This was the last home game.

Den 5, Pack 40, Cub Scouts of Central Point, were visitors last week at the Jacksonville museum. The boys were taken on the field trip by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Grissom.

A positive indication of spring being close was noted one sunny day last week. It was a marble game going on between several small boys (on the way home from school) at the corner of South Oregon st. and Sterling rd.

ROGUE RIVER Guests Attend Shower

By MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE
Rogue River—Mrs. Lois Morgan and Mrs. Lloyd Smith were hostesses to a pink and blue shower in honor of Mrs. Don Elder at the home of Mrs. Elmer Milton on Evans creek road Feb. 8.

Refreshments were served to about 30 guests and Mrs. Elder received many gifts.

The stork beat the shower and the baby arrived Monday, Feb. 6, a girl named Karen Yvonne. In the absence of Mrs. Elder the gifts were opened by Mrs. Elder's mother, Mrs. Milton.

The Rogue River Hobby club met Jan. 31 at the home of Mrs. Carl Christensen. Nine members enjoyed the luncheon after which hobby gifts were exchanged and the afternoon spent in visiting. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Charles Babcock on Feb. 28.

Recent week end visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Nourse were their son Harry and family.

The woman's association of the Presbyterian church will serve the annual Washington day dinner in Fellowship hall Feb. 18. This will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Mrs. Lewis Robinson is home from the hospital but is not fully recovered from her recent illness.

Guy Musser is at Josephine General hospital, Grants Pass.

where he is recovering from a major operation.

Born Monday, Feb. 6, at Josephine General hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Billie Milton was a son, named Craig LeRoy, and the same day a daughter was born at the same hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Don Elder. Milton and Mrs. Elder are brother and sister.

One of the landmarks in this vicinity is the covered bridge at Wimer. It has been condemned as unsafe for travel.

Mrs. Robert Hargett was a recent visitor at Oakland, Calif., where she went to meet her husband when he arrived from the Orient.

Funeral services for Ted Cardin was held Feb. 2 at the LB hall chapel in Grants Pass and interment was in the Woodville

cemetery at Rogue River. The Rev. Charles Black officiated.

Mr. Cardin was born in Knoxville, Tenn., July 22, 1887. He is survived by his widow, Clara, and son, Kenneth of Grants Pass, two daughters, Sylvia Horton of Beaverton and Mrs. Norma Mullins of Dallas, Ore. Eight grand children and two great-grandchildren. Mr. Cardin ran a grocery store here a few years ago.

Word has been received of the death of C. E. Willis at Nampa, Ida., on Jan. 27. Mr. and Mrs. Willis lived in Rogue River many years on Cedar st.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Smith were dinner guests Sunday at the James Whipple home. In the afternoon they all enjoyed a ride through the valley and stopped in Jacksonville where Whipple called at the Mitchell sanitarium and visited his brother-in-law, Bill Pyburn, who is a patient there.

STATEMENTS

From the testimony of Dr. Frederick B. Exner, Fellow of the American College of Radiology, University of Washington, before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, Congressman Chas. A. Wolvertson presiding.

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HORN BROOK Women's Society Meets

By MRS. H. H. CHAPMAN
Hornbrook — The Women's Society of the Hornbrook Community Methodist church held their annual Silver Tea Feb. 9

in the recreation room of the church. The table was decorated with red and white carnations, and hyacinths, and the Valentine theme was used throughout.

The program consists of an original poem by Minnie Bloomcamp, read by Mrs. L. C. Walsh, recitations by five of Mrs. Ruth Cummins' first and second graders, Billy Farmer, Jolene Hart, Dale Farmer, Carlen Cross and Gary McMaster; Jennifer Joy Cummins gave a piano solo, two accordion solos were rendered by Penny Barnum and Linda Blankenship. The program closed with two piano numbers by Mrs. Paul Greene. Mrs. Greene is a teacher of piano and accordion, and the youngsters who appeared in musical numbers are among her pupils. Refreshments were served, and home made candy was sold.

On Feb. 4, Mrs. Lawrence Breceda was hostess at a dinner party honoring the February birthdays of her husband and of Mrs. Gordon Jacobs. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Breceda of Ashland, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jacobs, Carroll Funk, and Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Osborne of Pollock, Calif., a nephew and his wife of Mr. Breceda.

Mrs. Carroll Funk, and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Al King and baby daughter, Terry Lynn, drove to Canby, Ore., over the week end to visit their daughter and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Duane Seright and family.

Dinner guests on Sunday at the home of Mrs. Bertha Bradley were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Strother and Walter Jones, all of Weed, Calif.

The Contract Bridge club met Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the home of Mrs. Dave Holland. Members playing were Mrs. Fred Mills, who won first, Mrs. Duane Hammer, second, Mrs. Lester Nye, Mrs. Marshall Horn, Mrs. Grace Quigly, Mrs. Laura Swinnerton, Mrs. James Hodge, Mrs. Bertha Bradley, and the hostess.

Need Affidavits on Property Tax Returns

Taxpayers submitting personal property tax returns were reminded Friday by the county assessor's office that the affidavit or affirmation annexed to each return must be signed before a person authorized to administer such oaths.

This may be done before the assessor or deputy assessor or a notary public. The affidavit affirms that statements contained in the return are true.

Top Dairy Herds Listed in County

The five top dairy herds for January were reported yesterday by the Jackson county dairy herd improvement association.

Owners are R. L. and Blanche Wyant, with 29 cows, averaging 708 pounds milk and 43.5 per cent butterfat; Victor and Nita Birdseye, 51 cows, 803 pounds, 43.2 per cent butterfat; Glenn and Edna Chase, 21 cows, 1081 pounds milk, 40.6 per cent butterfat; Straus brothers, 86 cows, 889 pounds, 40.5 per cent; and J. E. Parsons, 34 cows, 739 pounds, and 40.3 per cent.

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