

Award Given To Boy Scout

By MRS. MYRTLE WHIPPLE
Rogue River — Star Scout, Clarence Hugh, received the God and Country Scouting award at a special service at the church last Sunday morning.

The Laurel Garden club met Dec. 5 at the home of Miss Sophia Thieson with her sisters, Greta Simmon and Louise Thieson as co-hostesses.

Seventeen members and two guests were present. Guests were Mrs. Ada Hulston, who later became a member, and Mrs. Sid Deselle.

A large Christmas tree and other greens decorated the room. Dessert luncheon was served at 1 o'clock, and this being the Christmas party, an exchange of gifts was held.

Only a very short business meeting was held. The next meeting will be in January and will be held at the civic club room with Mrs. Claude Willoughby and Mrs. Chas. Babcock hostesses.

The Rogue River Hobby club met Dec. 12 at the home of Mrs. Carl Christenson on Highway 99 south.

Luncheon was served at 1 p.m. at a table decorated in holly and a horn of plenty with ribbons leading to each plate with a small reindeer attached. After the luncheon hobby gifts were

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WEST COAST TELEPHONE GRANTED RATE INCREASE Salem (U.P.)—Rate increases totaling about \$332,000 a year have been granted to the West Coast Telephone Company which serves various sections of Oregon. Public Utilities Commissioner Charles H. Heltzel said the new rates become effective Jan. 1.

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Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer, although under certain circumstances the use of a pen name or initial for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarification and condensation. Letters submitted for publication must not exceed 400 words.

American Friends Relief To the Editor: An article concerning relief for Hungarian refugees in the Mail-Tribune for Sunday, December 16, quotes Red Cross Chairman E. Roland Harriman in a statement that the International Red Cross is the only relief agency allowed to operate inside Hungary, distributing food, clothing, and medical supplies to impoverished Hungarians.

While Mr. Harriman's statement is probably correct so far as it goes, I believe that some clarification concerning the work of the American Friends Service Committee is desirable. Although this organization is not actually working from headquarters within the Hungarian boundaries, it is supplying to the International Red Cross from its warehouses in Vienna tremendous quantities of goods for distribution.

To indicate the promptness and thoroughness with which an experienced volunteer agency with freedom of action can meet emergency relief needs, a memorandum was published on November 13 from the national office outlining some of the many steps that had already been taken by the committee. Over 50,000 pounds of clothing and 75,000 pounds of food had already been distributed from the Vienna warehouse. A shipment of 26,795 additional relief supplies was on its way from Philadelphia, and an additional 25,000 pounds were to be shipped within the week.

While these figures report the committee's work in an emergency, disaster relief is by no means its chief function. For three centuries the A. F. S. C. has been expressing in action the concern of Quakers for suffering all over the world and their faith that men are made for brotherhood and not for strife. Arabian refugees are being helped no less than Hungarian victims.

At this season of a year when many of the world's children must be born in caves or stables or refugee camps many of us find that parties pall and that conventional gift exchanges lose their meaning. A contribution of \$6.80 sent to the A. F. S. C. at 1108 S. E. Grand Avenue, Portland 14, will release \$250 in surplus foods for those who hunger. Clothing sent to the A. F. S. C. warehouse, 1830 Sutter Street, San Francisco 15, will warm those who can find no room at an inn.

(Miss) Helen E. Webster 940 Whitman St., Medford, Ore.

To U.S. Citizens To the Editor: Are you as an American citizen taking part in the Great Decisions program for 1957? You are in the "driver's seat." You control long term decisions. Big choices like war, peace, foreign intervention, and foreign aid. Are you informed?

Anna M. Streed, 36 North Peach St., Medford, Ore.

Bridge Controversy To the Editor: Due to the many and constant phone calls being made to me, protesting the removal of the Beebe Bridge at Central Point, I would like to take this means to say to the people of Central Point and area concerned, that I did not participate in the order to have the Beebe Bridge removed. The order was issued without my knowledge, and I was not informed of the decision of the other two members of the Court. I quote from the minutes of the Court of Oct. 18th, 1956.—"The Court ordered Paul B. Rynnning, engineer, to remove the Beebe Bridge near Central Point. Mr. Morthland was not present and did not take part in the Court action". End of quote. I invite anyone interested to look at said minutes of said date if they so wish. It was my opinion that a hearing should be held with the people of Central Point and vicinity before this order was issued.

I hope that this will clarify the matter and settle the controversy in the minds of the people of the affected area that I did not order the Beebe Bridge removed, or concur with the order to remove same. L. G. "Shy" Morthland, County Commissioner

Calendar Reform To the Editor: Someone, sometime, somewhere remarked

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NEWS NOTES from Medford High School

Edited by James Boyd: staff: Linda Robertson, Kay Nicodemus and Bob Bright

The Christmas spirit predominated as students breezed through the last day before Christmas vacation. The day began with the Christmas concert. Madrigal, choir, girls' chorus, and the orchestra performed to a spirited audience. Later in the morning the choir caroled as they walked through the halls.

Shortened classes and assignments to be done in class prevailed. In one American government class the teacher handed out suckers at the beginning of the period.

"So that's what you think of us," and "What were the results of our social maturity test?" were some of the quips that met the present. The teacher explained that she wanted to "sweeten us up." She then handed out a mimeographed study sheet which may have soured the class, too.

Cheerful students were somewhat sobered when teachers reminded them that there will be only 11 school days until the semester tests when they return Jan. 2.

A familiar senior English teacher turned out the lights, that everything in this universe changes except human nature, which reminds us our present day Calendar has not undergone any much needed changes of late years. Since nearly every modern method of world events have adopted changes more precise to geometry, why delay any longer?

It is not a case of what was good enough for our ancestors, is yet today. Some very practical 13 month plans have been submitted to the International World Council for approval. The idea is not vain theory any longer, but an improvement of man's unfolding genius of expanding knowledge of the universe he lives in. In keeping abreast of the times of streamlined ideas the present day Calendar now in use over the civilized world may be in a quest for "a face lifting reform."

Bert Kissinger, 520 Boardman St., Medford, Ore.

closed the windows, shut her study hall door, locked it, and walked to lunch as usual. When she came back she was surprised to find a lanky sophomore boy waiting for her return.

"How did you get in here?" she exclaimed.

"You locked me in," he replied.

"Where were you when I turned out the lights?"

"Right here."

"Ann came in. Why didn't you say anything?"

"I was picking up my books."

"Why didn't you yell when I locked the door?"

"I didn't think you could hear me."

The amazed teacher picked up an apple from her desk, popped it into his mouth, and sent him on to his next class.

Last night a banquet and dance were held at the Elk's club for rally squad members, football players, and their dates. The rally squad decorated the hall in a Christmas theme. The Elk's club sponsored this semi-formal event.

Seventeen graduates met with members of the senior class Thursday morning. Students not planning to go to college met in the auditorium where Robert Jones, secretary of the YMCA; Lindsay Vinsel, faculty vocations counselor; and Cliff McGinty spoke to them. The purpose of these talks was to give first hand information about post-high school life.

After a comprehensive review, the second remedial English test was given Wednesday and Thursday. Students passing this test will be exempted from remedial. Miss Delie Whisenant, remedial instructor, stated that the tests will be graded so students will know their scores Jan. 2.

The girls' volley ball championship was won by the Senior Phifits. Second place was taken by sophomore team three and sophomore team five received consolation. This tournament is held yearly in the girls' physical education classes.

Fourteen teams entered the competition this year. The girls on these teams will receive points from the Girls' Athletic association for their participation.

Revised Atlas Being Prepared by OSC

Corvallis — A revised edition of the Atlas of the Pacific Northwest, devoted to economics and resources of the region, is being published by Oregon State college.

It is expected to be off the presses in early spring of 1957, according to R. M. Highsmith Jr., professor of natural resources at OSC and editor.

Two new sections have been added to the 1957 edition and all other sections and maps have been brought up to date. Highsmith said. The added sections include information on the history of settlement of the Pacific Northwest and major urban centers with populations of more than 20,000.

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