

Is That So?

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Ranger-Naturalist

Twenty years ago it was virtually impossible to keep a gorilla alive in a zoo for five years. Today, in the San Diego zoo, three gorillas are playing



happily together, they are care-free, and they may well live to a ripe old age.

The "playing together" is a good part of it. And it underlines a great change that has come over most zoos in the world.

Formerly the greatest importance was placed on diet—today, zoo directors are beginning to emphasize the psychological care given to animals; keeping surroundings free of disease-bearing germs; and giving the animals plenty of room in the sun.

To return to the sensitive gorilla—and he is so sensitive that his feelings are hurt, he won't eat his dinner. "At one time, this magnificent beast was bagged, hog-tied, and thrown into a dark confined cage," Carey Baldwin, director of San Francisco's zoo, told me. "But today the young gorilla is cared for kindly and given a playmate—perhaps a chimp, they make a fine pair and get along well. Or, in some zoos, such as the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, a human will play with the young gorilla for an hour or two every day. Most important."

Adequate sunshine, too, plays an important role with many zoo animals. Baldwin stated. Cats particularly enjoy sun immensely. Birds, too. Many will bask in the sunshine and spread out their wings to the fullest, sometimes even holding a wing aloft in such a way as to expose the under-surface to the beneficial sun.

"Penguins proved exceedingly difficult zoo residents," added Baldwin, "until we learned that they had to be moved twice a year to quite different locations. I do this at seasonal times matching their south polar migrations. Before I did this," he said, "they struggled so violently and persistently in their pens, they often died. But changed, twice a year,

they are completely happy." (Released by McClure Newspaper Syndicate)

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Petition Seeks Survey Of Irrigation Project

Cave Junction — A petition asking for further surveys on Sucker Creek Irrigation project is in circulation here. When sufficient signatures have been received, the petition will be sent to the bureau of reclamation.

The Sucker creek project would create a dam in the present location of Grayback park, and would provide irrigation water for almost all of the Illinois valley excluding the Selma area. A report by army engineers last year listed the cost-benefit ratio as favorable, but gave inconclusive data on several important points.

CHANGE OF VEHICLES
Oporto, Portugal — (U.P.) Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh rode into this city Thursday in a Cadillac covered with flowers. They departed in the back of a dusty police van. The queen and her husband visited newsmen from the open

GRANDVIEW-LONE PINE School Addition Complete

By LILLIAN KNIGHT
Grandview-Lone Pine — Last Sunday afternoon the six classrooms in the new addition to the Lone Pine school were opened for public inspection.

Approximately 100 visitors went through the rooms. The building has radiant heat throughout.

The six classrooms, which have radiant heat, will house grades one through four. There is also a teachers' room and

CAVE JUNCTION PTA To Give Scholarship

Cave Junction—Kerby Parent Teachers association members voted Thursday, Feb. 14, to give a full tuition scholarship of \$180 to the PTA scholarship fund as their project for the year.

A nominating committee consisting of Lorna Byrne, Helen Versteeg and Carol Costello was elected. Officers will be named at the March meeting and will be installed at a joint PTA ceremony May 2.

Edith Whiteley, chairman of the by-laws committee, read the revised by-laws for the Kerby PTA. They were approved by unanimous vote and will be sent to Portland headquarters this month.

Vice President Wesley Clark took charge of the meeting. Cherry cobbler and coffee were served by the refreshment committee.

Gary Tycer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tycer and Arnold Mellow, son of Isabel Mellow, both of Cave Junction, took their Army physicals Thursday in Portland. They will begin their two-year enlistment in the Army at Ft. Ord, Calif.

Planning to enter the Air Force around March 1 is Jerry Piersall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Piersall of Cave Junction.

Lucinda Ann is the name chosen

for the new child. The car, which was used as a press car, and rode unceremoniously to catch their plane for London—so the people could have a better look at them and they would have a better look at the people.

About 18.5 million home gardens are planted and cared for in the U.S. each year.

boiler room in the new building, as well as girls and boys rest rooms. And a new dry storage room for the kitchen.

One of the basement rooms, formerly used as a classroom, is now used as a music room. The other one is used for an audio-visual aids room. A room vacated upstairs is being made into a library room. The principal's office has been relocated in a room in the same building with the gym, which was formerly a fourth grade classroom.

The over all cost of the new annex will be \$90,000.

The Lone Pine basketball team under coach Bill Walkenshaw has won their last two games. On Feb. 8 they beat Griffin Creek 38 to 35. The junior varsity also won that night but the girls' volleyball team lost their game. On Feb. 15 Lone Pine beat Shady Cove 38-13. The junior varsity and the girls' volleyball teams also scored over Shady Cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Grafton Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Grafton Sr. are settled in their new homes on Springbrook road. The younger Sheldon Graftons have three boys, two of them now attending Lone Pine school in the first and second grades. H. S. Grafton Sr. soon will retire from logging. Grafton Jr. is a minister.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pyle have bought the Al Huvian home on Roberts road. They came here from Grants Pass. They were married in Medford 26 years ago this month. Pyle is employed by Peck brothers. They have a son, Jackie, in Lone Pine school. Another son, Donald, is in the Navy stationed at Norman, Okla., a daughter in Curry City, Ore., and another daughter in California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Neal, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Evans, and Lenore Williamson, all from St. Marys, Penn., returned home after visiting last week with the Bill Neal family. They visited Crater lake on Sunday.

On their way home they will visit the Bill Neals' eldest son, William Jr., stationed in New Mexico at Clovis Air Force base, and other relatives in Texas.

The McCarts and the Huffmans have been steelhead fishing quite a bit lately. The women proved to be the better fishermen, as they brought home the catches. Mrs. McCart caught a 10 pound fish and Mrs. Huffman caught one weighing eight pounds.

Deadline for Getting Dog Licenses March 1

A penalty of one dollar, in addition to the \$1.50 license fee, will be imposed on dog owners who fail to obtain licenses by March 1, according to J. Chris Hagler, county dog control officer.

Dog licenses may be purchased from the Ashland city police department; M. W. Young, chief of police at Talent; Walter C. John, Phoenix police department; the dog pound, 2872 Market, Gold Hill; Harold Otosen, city marshal, Eagle Point; Frang Carter, Jack-Orva Jean Cruise, city recorder, or Lois O. Morgan, city treasurer, Rogue River; Kizzie Edmondson, notary public, Butte Falls; and the county clerk's office in the courthouse at Medford.

Third Anniversary Observed by GOC

About 40 members of the Medford Ground Observer Corps attended a meeting last week observing the third anniversary.

Wings were presented to two volunteers and 100-hour awards were presented to seven members. Lt. Paul Faberman, of Hamilton Air Force base, Calif., presented awards. He was introduced by the area Sgt. Clifford Paulson, local Air Force representative.

Lieutenant Faberman and Sergeant Poulson reported on the mock bombing raid staged on Medford by two B-29s last Saturday. Poulson was a member of the lead bomber.

He described how the planes flew too low to be detected at the coast by radar but were spotted by GOC posts and reported to filter stations in Sacramento, Calif. Four jet fighters from Hamilton, air base, intercepted the B-29s over Point Arena, California.

Faberman said there is need for the local GOC to recruit more observers. Sam Price, Medford observer, also was aboard one of the B-29s.

Supervisor K. J. Knutson presided at the meeting.

Chin Up Club Adds Hospital Bed

The Chin Up club has added a hospital bed to its handicap aid pool, it was announced today by Mrs. Harry Chipman, club president. The club's pool equipment now consists of two hospital beds, three wheel chairs, a walker and numerous pairs of crutches.

The equipment is stored at the Jackson county Red Cross headquarters from where it is loaned out, Mrs. Chipman said. The club makes no rental charge for use of the equipment but does accept contributions.

Money for purchase of the equipment is derived from an antique show which the club presents each spring.

The organization is made up of handicapped persons.

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Second place winners were Robert Wright for his secretary's book; Jerry Buckhaults, rope work; David Savage, acetylene welding; and Leland Rosenberg, scrap book.

Mike Burnett was awarded third prize in public speaking. The boys also entered contests in agricultural mathematics, spelling, project record books and arc welding. They competed with FFA groups from Coos Bay, Myrtle Point, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Crater, Phoenix and Eagle Point high schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Benjamin of Cave Junction have bought a 330 acre ranch in back of the Illinois Valley airport from Clayton E. Burton.

Benjamin, a former employee at the Bank of Illinois Valley, plans to put cattle on the ranch. He and his wife will remain at their home on Rockydale road until they rebuild on their newly purchased property.

The acreage known for years as the Farren ranch, borders Rough and Ready state park and is near the Illinois river.

Mrs. Harry O. Smith of the Illinois Valley Garden club attended a constitutional revision committee meeting of the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs last week in Portland.

Jeanne Tycer and Dick Strohkirch were crowned king and queen of hearts at the PTA sponsored Valentine dance Friday night, Feb. 15, at the high school. Both are juniors, as was last year's queen of hearts, Dolores Rollins.

The dance followed the Brookings-IV basketball game played in the high school gymnasium.

Plans to remodel the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall were made at the regular meeting Thursday night, Feb. 14. Work will begin Saturday, according to Commander C. V. Arnold, and will be done mostly by volunteer helpers.

Members voted to allow veterans of World War I the use of the hall for their meetings. This organization has previously met in the room behind the city office in Cave Junction.

It was decided that the VFW, in cooperation with the World War I Vets and the American Legion, sponsor a Fourth of July celebration and dance this summer.

Staff members of the Cougars' Echo, Illinois Valley High school newspaper, left Wednesday for Seattle, Wash., where they attended the Pacific Slope Press clinic at the University of Washington. They are Ronine Rausch, Karen Kull, Judy Collman, Pat Sowell, Barbara Hawkins and advisor Elwin Bridges.

Headline speaker for the Friday night banquet was William Randolph Hearst Jr., who flew from New York to address the high school journalists.

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TABLE ROCK Many Vote "No" On Bonds

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock — Monday, Feb. 8, the day set aside for voting to accept or reject the issuing of bonds for school room additions and football facilities at Crater High school brought out a far greater number of local voters than usual. The majority turned thumbs down on the bond issues.

Since the election we have heard many reasons given for the heavy "no" vote. Some think it was because parents of many students being taken in from outside district, and others, couldn't go for the \$85,000 to be used for football field construction, while many think the main reason stemmed from the fact that rural people are already taxed enough and were in no mood to take on any more bond issues.

Work was started Tuesday morning on the foundation of the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith, to be located on a plot of land on the southeast corner of the Fred Smith acreage, just over the fence from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hull. The dwelling will be a different type than any dwelling of this vicinity. The construction has been contracted by Stock Still of Medford, who ex-

pects to complete the work in from 60 to 90 days.

A birthday party was held Tuesday night honoring Abe Halfhill, who, his wife says, is the same age as Jack Benny. Among those attending were the Ed Knaff family of Central Point and the Elmo Stallings family.

The sun was hidden by clouds here on the morning of Feb. 2, until almost noon, so the ground hog saw or didn't see his shadow, depending on when he emerged from his winter's sleep for a peek. Some claim that nine o'clock is the deadline. If the little animal doesn't see his shadow before 9 a.m., he stays

out and the backbone of winter is broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Allen were recent visitors in San Francisco, where they purchased supplies to be used in constructing their Rogue Wood boats.

The past few days of bright sunny weather started farming operations here on the lighter soils with quite a little plowing and cultivating being done before the present showers stopped the work.



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