

ILLINOIS VALLEY Films on Apples Shown

BY HELEN BOTTEL

Cave Junction — Films on apple growing in the Wenatchee valley were shown at the Bridgeview Grange meeting Thursday night. Allen Eastgate of the Pacific Fruit Growers association.

The Medford man said the Illinois valley was comparable in climate and soil conditions to the Washington apple center, and added his company would take all top quality fruit raised here. Methods of packing and marketing, as well as care of orchards were described in the color movies.

Grange members voted unanimous opposition to House bill No. 68, which would require farmers to hire union labor on all building work valued at more than \$100.

Jiggs Morris, Grange master, presided at the meeting. He was released earlier this week following an appendectomy at Josephine General hospital.

Tables decorated with blue and gold crepe paper flowers carried out the American Legion colors at the annual birthday dinner given by the Auxiliary for Legionnaires and their families Wednesday.

Mrs. S. V. Cooke, unit president, introduced Commander Howard Yarbrough of Glenn Morris Post 70. Art Kellert spoke on the importance of Legion work, especially to younger veterans who must soon assume leadership.

Out-of-town members present were Pat Woolley and his sister Verna Dooly of Gold Hill, former residents of the valley. Over 50 people attended the potluck dinner. Mrs. Cecil Black assisted Mrs. Cooke with table decorations.

Mrs. Lester Bowman was elected president of the O'Brien PTA Wednesday night at a meeting held at the school. Her officers are Mrs. Ed Michels, vice president and Mrs. Gordon Stephens, secretary-treasurer.

A sum of \$50 from PTA funds was set aside by members to pay the remainder due on the school jungle gym installed last year. The PTA group voted to sponsor an intermediate Girl Scout troop, whose leaders will be Mrs. Les Bowman and Mrs. Bob Breckenridge. Volunteering on the Scout committee were Mrs. John Campbell, John Grubb and Bob Breckenridge. The charter will be presented at the April PTA meeting when a Brownie fly-up is planned.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. Michels, who sang several medleys with guitar accompaniment, and by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wolf, who showed color slides of their trailer trip to Mexico.

Aileen Prather was named president of the Kerby PTA at Thursday's meeting held at the school cafeteria. Other new officers are Ann Messenger, vice-president, Marjorie Johnson, secretary and Flora Lewis, treasurer.

Mrs. Prather was selected as

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a delegate to the State PTA convention at Pendleton in April. Appointed by President Wesley Clark to head the auditing committee was Mrs. Walter Freeman, a Kerby teacher. Pros and cons of the segregation issue were argued by a high school debate team after the business meeting.

Members of the two teams, as introduced by Instructor Don Brown, were Linda Marshall and Norma Martin; Sandra Crouse and Shirley Mae Brown.

William J. McLean has been appointed as a member of the board of directors of the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the late McCasland. He has served as secretary of the board for several years.

Mrs. L. J. Tythcott returned to the Rogue Memorial hospital in Medford last Tuesday for further treatment.

Illinois Valley 4-H Dairy club members are scheduled to be on a radio program over KUIN, April 6, at 9:45 a. m.

At an administrative and resources management training course at Wind River Wash., this week are District Ranger Ray Ellstrom and David Chamberlain, timber management assistant, of the Illinois Valley Ranger Station.

The U. S. Forest Service course will include all major administrative procedures and will also give instruction on the safeguarding and management of resources.

Cave Junction area volunteer firemen met for a drill Tuesday while O'Brien volunteers gathered Wednesday at their fire house near the Waldo store.

Both teams practiced using their equipment. During the O'Brien meeting, the boys got their first hand experience when an alarm called them to a small fire in back of the store, set to give them training in quick response.

Judy Hansen and Roberta Martin gave a demonstration of sewing seams at the 4-H Stitches meeting Wednesday at the Robert Martin home.

A skating party was planned, the date for which is to be set later. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Martin.

Ed Gresh and M. A. Sprague, who attended the Northwest Christmas Tree association meeting in Portland March 15, reported on their trip at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Christmas Tree association Monday, March 25, at the American Legion hall.

According to Elwin Bridges, who, with members of his journalism class, conducted an unofficial survey at the high school last week, foreign languages in the curriculum, and most showed a preference for Spanish.

Because of the small enrollment, no such courses are now available here.

At a state soil conservation committee meeting held recently in Salem, Clyde Broeffle of Cave Junction was named a soil conservation district supervisor to represent the Illinois Valley district.

To take a clerical procedures and typing course at Fort McClellan Ala. is Pvt. Charlotte Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moore of Selma.

Private Moore recently completed eight weeks of basic training at the Women's Army Corps Center, at Fort McClellan. She graduated in 1955 from Illinois Valley High school.

The Josephine county band concert at Fruitdale will be held on Wednesday, March 27, and the high school PTA meeting is planned for Thursday, March 28. The dates were printed for the wrong week in last Friday's column.

Melody Lane Playhouse at O'Brien, closed since 1952, will be re-opened by owner Paul Schneider April 3.

Schneider plans to convert the hall into a teenagers' rendezvous, where young folk and their parents are invited to dance, play billiards, pingpong and other games, or listen to the jukebox. The playhouse will also

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By Jimmy Hatlo



Vast Project Creating New Interest in Spanish Area

Badajoz — (U.P.) — "Go west young man" is the latest slogan in Spain where a vast irrigation project is making fertile thousands of acres of land and giving new life and hope to a population that has lived for centuries in the shadow of poverty.

The Badajoz Plan, 20 per cent completed, is a \$125,000,000 scheme to harness the waters of the Guadiana river as it flows through the bone-dry plains of southwestern Spain.

The main storage dam, Cijara, already is 90 per cent completed, and the first 40,000 acres of irrigated land in the valleys below are giving eight to 10 times their previous yield. A dam for irrigation control, Montijo, is finished and in use, and two other dams are being constructed.

When completed in 1965, 250,000 acres will be under irrigation, divided into near 10-acre blocks, each supporting a farmer and his family.

Complementary to the big increase in agricultural yield, factories are springing up to can the excess tomatoes, spin the cotton and treat the tobacco.

Sixteen new towns have been created to house the hundreds of new farmers and their families, and another 19 are planned. The men of Badajoz see no limit to the possibilities of their province now that it is getting life-giving water.

Juan Florez y Ama, engineer supervising the Cijara dam project, pointed out that when the engineers were building the dam they inundated a cemetery. Then pointing to the temporary village where 3,000 dam workers and their wives live, he said:

"Over there a new baby is born every four days."

The Badajoz planners want to insure that the province never returns to the dark days of depression when 30,000 families suffered the effects of unemployment and sheep roamed over large tracts of land owned by a few wealthy men.

Largest of the 50 Spanish provinces, Badajoz has perennially had one of the lowest per capita outputs of agriculture and industry. Over the years the men of Badajoz drifted away to other lands and other parts of Spain to look for work. Now the tide has turned.

Girls Get Jobs — There is now a shortage of manpower in the province, according to Manuel Martin Lobo, a member of the Badajoz Plan Secretariat.

More than 15,000 men are employed on the dam building projects. At Orellana, one of the four Guadiana dams, a big Spanish construction company is trying to push through in four years a job which the contract gives them five years to complete. Men work there late into the night under huge arc lights.

Thousands of others are employed building the canals which take the water out to the farms. More than 3,000 miles of artificial waterways have to be constructed, of which about 600 miles are down and functioning.

Month by month, as more land is levelled and watered, the number of settlers increases, and some 1,500 are now working their own farms. Many are employing agricultural laborers to help them.

Other hundreds are working in the factories built to handle the local produce on the spot. Young girls, who traditionally have gone into service as maids in the houses of the "senores" are being snapped up by the manufacturers, and the servant problem in the district is acute.

English Woman Waits Birth of Quadruplets

Pegwood, England — (U.P.) — Mrs. Margaret J. Hoan, 29-year-old mother of three children, enters a maternity home today to give birth to quadruplets.

Mrs. Hogan, who is only five feet tall, went to a hospital for x-rays last week expecting twins. Doctors told her after examining the plates "it will be quads."

Roseburg — (U.P.) — An electrical fire Monday night halted production for four hours at the U. S. Plywood Corp. plant here.

Herb Grey Named To OSMA Director

Portland — Herb Grey, 42 South Barneburg rd., Medford, and Mail Tribune advertising manager, was elected a director of the Oregon State Motor association at a recent meeting here.

The motor association passed a resolution calling for mandatory jail sentences for drivers convicted of driving while their driver's license was under suspension or revocation.

Resolutions urging driver training programs in high schools and retention of the state's constitutional amendment against diversion of highway revenues also were passed.

The AAA motor club pointed out that 9,000 Oregon drivers lost their licenses through suspension or revocation in 1956 and that 12.7 per cent of these drivers were convicted of driving after their licenses had been suspended.

Officers and other directors were elected for 1957 at the meeting.

FOX BOUNTIES

Syracuse, N.Y. — (U.P.) — Onondaga county paid \$3,748 in fox bounties in 1956 in its fight to eliminate rabies. A total of 732 foxes were killed by bounty hunters. The county pays \$5 for each adult and \$3 for each pup.

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Aircraft Commander Killed in Kite Mishap

Charleston, S.C. — (U.P.) — Capt. Arthur W. Elliott, 34, aircraft commander with the 1608th Air Transport Wing, was electrocuted Tuesday while flying an elaborate kite he got in South America for neighborhood children. Elliott, father of four children, was killed instantly when the kite string of nylon covered wire became entangled in a high tension line.

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