

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN
Your Daily Activity Guide
According to the Stars
To develop message for Sunday,
read words corresponding to numbers
of your Zodiac birth sign.

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Is That So?

By Eugene Burns
Ranger-Naturalist

Diamond is the birthstone for April; emerald for May; ruby for June; and sapphire for September—and if your birthday falls in these months consider yourself fortunate because these four stones are alone classified as precious. All others are semi-precious.

The most precious of all gems, carat for carat, is a flawless emerald of good color. It may cost in excess of \$2,800 a carat. The largest cut emerald crystal is the Austrian government's 2,680 carat uncut jar.

The diamond, of course, is the hardest of all gems and the hardest natural substance—it being chemically pure carbon.

The largest white diamond ever discovered was a 3,106 metric carat (over 1 1/4 pound) stone found by Capt. M. F. Wells in the Premier Mine, Pretoria, South Africa, Jan. 26, 1905. It was presented to King Edward VII and the Star of Africa in the Royal Sceptre cut from it—the largest cut diamond in the world, being 530.2 metric carats with 74 facets.

Diamonds are generally colorless but sometimes tinged with yellow, pink, red, orange, green, blue, brown or black. Green, blue and red diamonds are rare. Light yellow, straw, and brown are the most common; although rich yellow and fine browns are also highly prized. Some bluish-white Brazilian diamonds are phosphorescent in the dark following exposure to strong sunlight.

Largest Cut Sapphire
As for the two other precious stones—ruby and sapphire—the largest cut sapphire in existence is the 563.55 carat "Star of India" from Ceylon, now in the American Museum of Natural History, New York City. The largest uncut sapphire is a white stone of 1,200 carats found at Anakie, Queensland, Australia, May 1896.

Although there have been reports of a semi-transparent, 2,000 carat Tibetan ruby, the largest known stone was a 1,184 carat stone found in Burma.

But, just between us, wouldn't any of these gems look rather showy?

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Nyssa Police Officer Killed in Accident
Nyssa—(U.P.)—A local police officer was killed Friday when he was struck by an automobile here.

State police identified the victim as Alfred Evans, about 38. Officers said Evans had stopped under a railroad underpass after he saw a roll of wire in the road. The wire apparently had fallen off a truck.

Evans was rolling up the wire, officers said, when he was struck by a car driven by Ernie Cartwright of Nyssa. Cartwright told officers he failed to see Evans.

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Grange News

Enterprise Grange
Members of Enterprise Grange met with their master, Gladys Boulter at a regular session Tuesday evening.

Agriculture chairman James Martin reported that a new penicillin-salt mix has given highly encouraging results as a control for blight on more than 3,000 head of cattle.

He states there was not a single death loss on any of the 19 blight-problem farms where the mix was fed in 1936. The experiment was tried out by a scientist of Mississippi State college. In early spring, before starting their cattle on the antibiotic-salt mix these farmers had lost 70 head from blight.

Chester Jensen, insurance agent, stated it was no longer necessary to change or transfer an insurance policy if a person buys a new car. Jensen also acts as dairy chairman, reporting on dairy herd testing.

Lecturer David Blair discussed legislative bills that were of importance to the layman. Some of these bills included the bills on licensed contractors and their effect on the rural districts and educational bills. The Grange members gave David Blair a vote of thanks in his efforts to acquaint the people with the legislative bills.

Special chairman Joe Wilson asked the members to be on the lookout for old stove tops. The Grangers are building outdoor fireplaces in the park. The Boy Scouts will help by hauling rocks. Wilson will let the Grangers know when the next work day is to be held.

Hosts for the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson and Mrs. Grace Hixon.

Phoenix Grange
Phoenix Grange will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 8 p.m. Lecture hour will be at the regular time.

The serving committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hixon, Mrs. Christine Dinsmore and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Good.

Publicity Chairman, Gertrude Levine.

Eagle Point Grange
The third and fourth degree was exemplified at the April 2 meeting of the Eagle Point Grange. Those taking the degrees were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Miles Williams. The degree work was done by the Eagle Point degree team and Mrs. Paul Olsen in charge of the tableaux.

Committee reports were brief due to the late hour.

Reception committee chairman, Mrs. Paul Force introduced Mrs. Anna Scott, visitor from Upper Applegate Grange, and Mr. and Mrs. Herb Carlton from Upper Rogue.

Mrs. Ray Ragsdale told about the articles on the display table, which included onyx bookends, tooled leather hand bag, scarf made from cactus fibre, jewelry and pottery. These articles were brought back from Mexico by the Ragsdales in a recent trip.

The HEC chairman, Mrs. Paul Force and secretary, Agnes Hub-

bell, read their quarterly reports.

Insurance agent, Mr. Grant Hubbell, reported on the annual insurance meeting held in Medford recently by the Grange Mutual Life Insurance company.

Master Cliff Moore announced the petitions for the Rural Fire Protection District have arrived and anyone wishing to circulate one, should contact Art Besaw or Harold Orteson.

It was reported that Mrs. Gertrude Stanley was injured in a recent accident. A letter was read from Mrs. John Clarke, who has been ill in a Los Angeles hospital for sometime, but who is now improved and will be leaving the hospital soon.

The refreshment committee for this meeting were Mr. and Mrs. John Huffman and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Carroll.

Shady Cove Grange
Shady Cove Grange 931 was host to the Roxy Ann Grange Saturday evening, March 30, when the Roxy Ann Grange conferred the third and fourth degrees to 15 new members from different Granges.

Following the meeting several songs were sung by Grange members and three dance numbers were given by girls from Colleen Hope dance studios. They were Linda and Donna Weitman, Carole Hale, Marilyn Leaming and Cecelia Kee.

The HEC served about 120 grangers from Roxy Ann, Central Point, Eagle Point, Griffin Creek and Upper Rogue.

The next regular meeting of the Shady Cove Grange will be April 13, at the Shady Cove school music room. The table display is to be odd or fancy dishes.

Della A. Littlefield, Publicity Chairman.

Butte Falls Grange
Members of Butte Falls Grange saw color slides of local wild flowers and scenery of a trip to Oklahoma taken and shown by Ernest Smith.

No member could go on the Grange sponsored trip to Hawaii this month but all viewed the display table of pictures and articles from the islands.

The agriculture committee chairman, Robert Elsom, distributed free flower seeds to members as this is the season for planting.

The legislative committee reported on several bills that are now before the state legislature which are especially interesting to people of rural areas.

The card party sponsored by the HEC on March 30 was well attended.

The next regular HEC meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Elga Abbott Wednesday, April 17, at 1:30 p.m.

Lucy Smith has gone to Oklahoma because of the serious illness of her aged mother.

After the business session closed refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Ash and Mr. Robert Elsom.

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EAGLE POINT Pre-School Clinic Set

By MRS. THOMASINE SMITH
Eagle Point — A clinic for Eagle Point pre-school children will be held April 10 in the elementary school library from 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling Mary Hanscom at Valley 6-3859. Immunizations will be offered at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Marion of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Millie Webster of Chico, Calif., who were called to Medford by the illness and death of their brother, W. H. Singer, spent the

week end with cousins in Eagle Point.

They stayed at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fortin, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Farlow and family and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Farlow and family.

The group attended a luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Sweeney of Medford on Monday.

By PEARL HENDERSON
Alfred Overdick was called to Eugene the first of the week by the illness of his mother, who was to undergo surgery some-

time during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian's eldest daughter returned to her home in Texas last week, after a visit here with her parents and friends.

Mrs. John Thomas Sinsel, nee Kay Dunford, was returned to her home here last Wednesday after a few days confinement in Medford hospital. She is improving from her illness.

Mrs. Sinsel is the daughter of Mrs. Mildred Dunford of Eagle Point.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young returned to their home here recently, after spending about two months in Mesa, Ariz., with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shearin.

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'Springtime Star' Visible On Horizon in Eastern Sky

By FAY BENTLEY

We are all familiar with the "Evening Star" and the "Morning Star," but are you acquainted with the "Springtime Star?" In this manner an ardent stargazer often referred to the beautiful, golden-yellow, sparkling star, Arcturus.

A fitting title it is; for no matter how cold and stormy the weather when Arcturus is seen above the eastern horizon about 8 or 9 p.m., winter is definitely on its way out.

Harbinger of Spring
Ancient people looked upon Arcturus as a harbinger of spring and the Greeks were advised by the poet, Hesiod, to pursue their grape vines before the appearance of this golden gem.

This giant sun, one of the brightest and most famous stars in the heavens, has a diameter approximating 20 million miles. It is fortunate that about 240 million miles separate the earth from this huge mass of atomic activity.

Our own sun with a width of about 865 thousand miles seems dwarfed in comparison. At a distance of 93 million miles it is practically in our backyard, astronomically speaking.

Astronomers estimate that light traveling at the rate of 186 thousand miles per second would reach the earth 40 years after leaving Arcturus. If this star would suddenly cease to shine, its beams would still be visible to earth-dwellers for almost four decades.

Light rays from our sun reach the earth in eight minutes after the take-off.

Planting Season
Not only is Arcturus regarded as a forerunner of spring, but the star group to which it belongs is typical of the planting season. One legend says that this kite shaped constellation was named Bootes (pronounced Bootes, like saying go-over) in honor of the man who invented the first plough, just as Auriga was named after the maker of the first chariot.

Because this star picture constantly follows the Great Bear or Big Dipper as it encircles the North Star, some people consider Bootes to be the Bear Driver. Others have called this star group the Herdsman.

According to one Greek legend, Bootes had been robbed of his inheritance by his younger brother. To make a living he became a farmer and found that he loved tilling the soil. However, he spent much time and thought trying to find a way of preparing the ground with less effort.

Finally he invented a plough to which he could harness his oxen and cultivate his fields in less time than ever before.

"The gods will reward you for your great service to mankind," said his mother, Ceres, goddess of the harvest, as she blessed his land.

When Bootes died Jupiter directed Mercury to place him in

the heavens instead of leading him to the underworld.

An imaginary line beginning at the last star in the handle of the Big Dipper and curved downward to the right will reach orange-yellow, scintillating Arcturus where it is dancing low in the sky just north of due east. To the north or left of Arcturus lie five rather dim stars, which, with Arcturus, outline a kite lying on its side. The kite string would be tied at the point where Arcturus is located.

The two stars on either side of Arcturus and not in the kite are the two dogs Bootes uses when he is pictured as the Bear Driver.

By 8 p.m. during early April, Arcturus is a thing of beauty on the northeastern skyline, but the dimmer stars outlining the kite are easier to see about 10 p.m., after the Ploughman has climbed higher up the "hills of heaven."

All during the months of spring and summer Bootes will faithfully drive his plough across the sky towards the western horizon, beneath which he will disappear after the arrival of the autumn season.

Handbook Released By Mental Group
Portland — Copies of "Saving Minds Saves Money," a handbook released by the Mental Health Association of Oregon, were mailed to state officials state legislators, and more than 10,000 Oregon citizens last week.

Irving Enna, president of the voluntary citizens organization, said that the handbook was prepared to alert the public to the urgent needs in the state's mental health program and facilities. "Cutting the appropriations for the prevention and treatment of mental illness, now, can only result in increased and wasteful spending later," Enna said.

The handbook declares the cost of progress comes high, but the cost of neglect is even greater. With adequate staff, the majority of mental patients can get well, and the saves more than \$5,000 every year for every bed not built. In Oregon, 45 per cent of all treated are relapse patients, but an adequate treatment and rehabilitation program can reduce this to 25 per cent, it states.

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