

CENTRAL POINT Annual Banquet Held

Central Point—Pack 40 Cub Scouts held the annual Blue and Gold Banquet last week at the Crater High school cafeteria. About 250 people attended. A group from the Lions club also were present. The Central Point Lions club sponsors Pack 40.

Ralph Mundlin, committee chairman of Pack 40, acted as master of ceremonies. A cake auction was held, with Bill Bray as auctioneer. The cake sale, which has become a part of the entertainment at the banquet, is a means of raising funds for the pack.

Entertaining the group with musical numbers were Johnny Tate, Billy Colley, Larry Glenn and Raymond Munn. Ralph Mundlin officiated at the presentation of awards. Those who received awards were Richard Rainey, one silver arrow and assistant Denner badge; Eddie Morgan, one-year pin; Mike De Haas, Denner badge; Jerry Pierce, one gold arrow; Harold Pierce, Denner badge; Greg McElroy, one-year pin; Gary Poythrus, Denner badge; Don Mundlin, one gold arrow; Wolf badge; Richard Anderson, Denner badge; Lee Korer, assistant Denner badge; Steven Henson, one-year pin; Larry Glenn, Lion badge; John Wilson, one gold arrow, Wolf badge; Harvey Grissom, Bear badge; Richard Cote, one gold arrow; Jody Van Horn, one gold arrow, one silver arrow; and Russell Smith, Lion badge, two-year pin.

New Bobcats are John Fleisher, Larry Davis, Ernest Irons, Elmo Viar, and La Vall Mc Ivor.

Mrs. Lloyd Chadd was honored recently by a group of friends who surprised her on her birthday. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Chet Ricks, Mr. and Mrs. John McNichols, Mr. and Mrs. Brice Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Singler, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Keith, Mrs. Pat Fleischman, and Martin Lampert.

Mrs. Mary Herrmann returned home recently from Portland where she visited at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. LoVere Herrmann and children, Russ and Rickie. On the way home, Mrs. Herrmann stopped in Eugene and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wallace and Ronnie and Morlon. Mrs. Wallace is Mrs. Herrmann's daughter.

A recent guest at the home of Mrs. I. L. Penland was her daughter, Mrs. James Sloan, of Anchorage, Alaska. Mrs. Sloan left by plane Friday. Mrs. Sloan is the former Sally Pepper of Central Point. Her husband is stationed with the Army at Ft. Richardson, Alaska.

Brownie Troop 119 was given a party by the Troop committee at the home of Mrs. E. M. Bishop on North Pacific highway. Mrs. Bennie Peek, chairman, was in charge. She was assisted by Mrs. Leon E. Vans, Mrs. Ernest Harris, Mrs. Harvey Cassman and Mrs. Bishop.

Attending were Cindy Bartley, Chris Bishop, Jim Peek, Alice Minger, Sandra Gueringer, Vickie Harper, Susan Englund, Glenda Anderson, Mary Ellen Kurz, Elin Livingston, Dorie Mae Grissom, Kristy Evans, Sherry Marshall, Maggie Rowden, Martha Harris, Winter Denman, Barbara Stockman and the leaders Mrs. Everett Grissom and Mrs. Lloyd Livingston.

Luncheon guests recently at the home of Mrs. Royal Greenman were Mrs. Chester Willson, and Mrs. Henry Rogers of Trail. In the afternoon, they visited at the home of Mrs. Elvis Arnold.

The Central Point Home Extension Unit met Feb. 19 in the home of Mrs. Leo Ghelardi on the Old Stage rd. The project for study was "pastry making." Mrs. Ed Knapp and Mrs. Thomas Gray gave the demonstration.

The speech class from Crater High school gave a panel discussion on the subject of "pay TV and commercial TV." Sandra Smith was the moderator. Taking part in the discussion were Sandra Ghelardi, Lee Gossett, Leslie Goff and Sharon Coffman. The next Home Extension meeting will be March 19 in the home of Mrs. Elvis Arnold on Scenic

Considerable Sum Spent On Discard

Washington — The Air Force spent 34 million dollars developing an anti-missile missile it was forced to discard, according to testimony made public by the House Armed Services committee.

Lt. Gen. Donald L. Putt, Deputy Chief of staff for research, told the committee the Airforce dropped its wizard anti-missile missile one day after Defense Secretary Neil H. McElroy's order last month to press work on the Army's Nike-Zeus missile instead.

The committee made public a censored version of his testimony, given at a closed-door session Wednesday.

In earlier testimony, Putt called McElroy's order premature and voiced doubt that the Zeus could successfully combat an enemy missile attack.

Under further questioning Wednesday, Putt estimated it would take about a year before enough information is gained to determine whether it would be wise to put the Nike-Zeus system, costing around six billion dollars, into operation.

He said there is "a terrific amount of development work still to be done" on radar equipment.

Blast Damages Air Products Firm

An explosion and fire Saturday about 12:01 a.m. at the Medford Air Products company, North Pacific highway, caused minor fire damage but considerable glass breakage, according to company officials.

Officials said when the liquid oxygen manufacturing unit at the plant developed a bulge in the column pipe, employees shut off all power in the plant and ran to the south loading dock before the blast occurred. No employees were injured but the men were knocked off the dock by the explosion.

The unit was scheduled to be closed on Monday, plant officials said, Sunday being the last day of operation for the unit. Minor fire damage to the office area was reported by Medford firemen. They said three trucks answered the alarm and were on the scene about 62 minutes.

Elephants, although they make a big din when feeding in the forest, can disappear silently at the scent of danger.

Thompson, Linda and Jamie Neal, David Spradling, Joe, Max, Rex, Donna and Dana Hulín, Mrs. Peto Thompson, Mrs. Donald Hulín, Mrs. Clifford Hulín, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Neal, Mrs. Bud Spradling, and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wright.

Walter Smith and son, Clifford, arrived Sunday from West Salem, Wis., for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Jones. Smith and Jones are cousins.

Mysterious Phone Caller Steals Dangerous Venom

Miami — A mysterious phone caller told a snake farmer he stole \$5,700 worth of deadly venom because he was "plagued by snakes."

The poison—enough to kill 600 persons—was stolen from the Miami Serpenterium yesterday. William E. Haast, owner of the farm and tour attraction, said the containers apparently were taken from a laboratory table while he was "milking" venom from a cobra in another area.

Two brown sealed bottles and two lightly colored vials were taken. The bottles contained dried copperhead and water moccasin liquor venom from a rare African Rhinoceros viper.

Mrs. Haast, who works with her husband, said she received a mysterious phone call recently from a man who admitted stealing the lethal poison, which represents a year and a half of work. The venom is worth an estimated \$5,700 according to the sheriff's office.

Mrs. Haast said the phone caller would "not give his name, but he said he took the venom for his own protection—he said he was plagued by snakes. I don't know what he meant."

"He didn't say whether he planned to return it or not," she said, "but I got the impression he planned to keep it. He sounded sort of hysterical."

Haast said he would be willing to take the venom

MINER KILLED

Wise, Va. — An eight-inch chunk of slate fell on two miners at the 1,000-foot level of a coal mine here Sunday, killing one and seriously injuring the other. Mine officials identified the victim as Paul V. Hubbard, 33, and the injured man as Luther Taylor.

REBEL TOLL REPORTED

Algiers, Algeria — French military officials said today French forces killed 30 Algerian rebels and captured 11 in four battles Saturday and Sunday.

back "no questions asked," but that it was important to get it soon "before somebody dies."

"Altogether, somebody is carrying around about 600 lethal doses of poison, enough to kill that many people," he said.

Highway Spending Said Scheduled for Increase

Washington — Sen. Francis Case (R-S.D.), said on Saturday he expects the administration to propose some method of increasing federal highway spending in the next few years.

Under the present setup, outlays under the federal-state highway program will begin in 1960 to fall about 600 million dollars a year under the level envisioned in the 1956 federal highway act.

"Senate Democrats have been demanding action to keep this from happening. They have accused the administration of planning to permit the 13-year inter-state program to stretch out into 20 years or more."

Case said he thought that Commerce Secretary Sinclair

would include a direct treasury appropriation, a larger portion of highway user taxes devoted to roads, or some sort of bond financing plan.

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