



GOLD HILL Extension Unit Meets

By MRS. CLYDE KELL
Gold Hill, Pastry making was demonstrated by Mrs. Herman Priema and Mrs. Ralph Ellis at a meeting of the Sams Valley Home Extension unit held in Mrs. Ellis home in Antioch Tuesday, Feb. 18.

There were 10 members present, in addition to guests Mrs. Edwin Sollinger and Mrs. Harry Ellis, both of Sams valley.

Arrangements were made to hold a basic dress making class at the home of Mrs. Ralph Ellis Friday, Feb. 28, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Leaders will be Mrs. Edgar Pleasant and Mrs. Milton Sanderson.

The next meeting of the unit will be held in the home of Mrs. Edgar Pleasant on Meadows road, March 18. Meat cookery will be the project for that meeting and demonstrators will be Mrs. Pleasant and Mrs. J. R. Shope.

The Great Decision meetings which are being held in Sams valley are sponsored by the Home Extension unit.

The history of the Sams Valley school was presented by Mrs. Edgar Pleasant, the president of the Sams Valley PTA at the Founder's day meeting, Thursday, Feb. 13.

According to statistics, the first school was built in the middle 1800's and was located on the Burl King property. Two teachers taught the pupils at that time. The second school building for this area was located in the vicinity of the Straus Dairy ranch. Wes McDonough recalled stories he had heard as a youngster concerning the founding of the first school house in Sams valley.

Arrangements were made during the business session to promote a first aid class. At least 15 are needed in order to get an instructor to come out from Medford to teach, it was noted.

Plans were made to sell pop, popcorn and candy at the basketball game Friday, Feb. 21, between Shady Cove and Sams Valley, to raise funds for the PTA expenses.

Mrs. Susan Ambrose's third and fourth grade room won the contest this time for having the most parents present. Following the business session these youngsters provided a program in conjunction with science, which they have been studying in the classroom. A portion of the program consisted of singing, which was led by third and fourth grade students, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. William Brewster and two films were shown by Principal William Brewster.

At the close of the meeting a social hour followed in the school cafeteria. Hostesses were Mrs. Victor Croxton, Mrs. Betty Davis, Mrs. Lester James, Mrs. Wayne "Sig" Milkowski and Mrs. R. Shope.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Milkowski and Mr. and Mrs. Cleon Botsford, all of Sams Valley, went to Bend Sunday, Feb. 9, where they attended the wedding of Paul Galloway and Miss Donna Marie Taylor both of Bend. About 74 friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Galloway is a former resident of the Sams Valley area and attended Sams Valley school. His father Robert Galloway now resides in Medford.

Mrs. Floyd Taylor said that her son, Glenn, and Curtis Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Payne, all of Gold Hill, have received notice that the positions they had with the Forest Service near Elkton will be available again this summer. Both boys are students at Crater High school.

Attending a meeting of the Hammond Organ society last Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, at

Racial Prejudice Absolved of Blame in N.Y. School Turmoil

Editors Note: Is the mixing of Negro and white causing the violence in New York schools? Many Southerners are convinced it is and that the North is trying to cover up. The United Press brought its Atlanta bureau manager, a Southern born and raised, to New York and told him to try to find an objective answer. This is the first of three dispatches.

By AL KUETNER
United Press Correspondent
New York—You can't lay this city's school delinquency problems at the doorstep of race prejudice.

Yes, there is race prejudice and trouble in New York, big chunks of it. But it's a breed all its own. It's different from anything in the South, and that's really the first thing that hits you.

There is no escaping the fact that much of the current juvenile delinquency is caused by a massive migration here of southern Negroes and Puerto Ricans. There is now one Negro or Puerto Rican for every five whites in New York.

But don't go comparing this melting pot on the Hudson with Montgomery, Ala., or Atlanta or Little Rock. Your yardstick doesn't have the right measurements.

I came here with this assignment: Try to find out if race friction is the real trouble in the schools.

That "trouble" in recent weeks has seen rape of white school girls by Negroes, stabbings, beatings, lye thrown in classroom, robberies of children in school corridors, beatings of teachers and the suicide of a junior high school principle who flung himself off a rooftop.

Talks To Officials
I have pounded the pavements of New York for a week. I have talked to city officials and gang members, to school children and teachers, to Negroes in trouble with the law, to white businessmen in Negro districts, to judges and criminals. I have talked with Puerto Ricans and youth workers.

From the teeming, cluttered streets of East Harlem to the lower East Side do-

Cancer Constellation Marked on Ancient Maps

By FAY BENTLEY
"Now go to the marshes of Lerna and slay the fierce Hydra," commanded King Eurystheus. Hercules, who had just returned from destroying the terrible Nemean lion, started out resolutely towards the marshes where the Hydra had its lair.

According to legend this fierce serpent lived in a swamp near the well of Aegle and from this point would ravage the country of Argos. Some claimed that the Hydra had 100 heads; others said 50, and a few said a modest nine.

Just as soon as one head was severed from its horrible body, two more would immediately grow in its place. Many attempts had been made to rid the country of the dangerous creature but none had succeeded.

No Better Luck
Hercules, who had arrived at the swamp and engaged the Hydra in battle, seemed to be having no better luck than the others before him. Finally Iolaus, a nephew of Hercules, came to help and suggested burning the heads off the serpent instead of cutting them off.

This proved effective and soon the repulsive animal was subdued. The ninth head, said to be immortal, they buried under a rock.

June, wife of Jupiter, was jealous of Hercules and hoped to see the hero lose his life. When she saw that he was beginning to win the fight she sent a giant crab to torment him, right in the thickest of the fray.

Crushes Animal
Hercules, knowing that he dared not take his eyes from the serpent lifted his foot and crushed the little animal. To award the Crab who had bravely done his best, Juno placed it in the heavens.

Cancer the Crab is an ancient constellation and has had almost universal recognition down through the ages although it is the most inconspicuous of all the star groups in the zodiac. It was known in Egypt and Babylon at least 4,000 years before the birth of Christ. Cancer has been considered important since early times and is shown in all the ancient star charts.

The Crab lies between two easy-to-locate constellations, Gemini the Twins and Leo the Lion. It is simply a broken line of four faint stars, which somewhat resembles a sprawled-out figure "7". Three stars form the stem of the figure with the fourth star forming the top of the

seven lying to the left or east of the stem and a little too high in the sky to form a perfect figure.

Star Cluster
Slightly to the right and also between the two top stars of the stem is a beautiful star cluster, Praesepe, sometimes called the Manger. Ancient people said the two stars lying on either side of the star cluster were the two asses feeding from the Manger. On clear nights this star cluster can be seen with the naked eye.

By 8 p.m. Gemini the Twins will be high in the southwestern sky. Castor and Pollux, two bright stars that appear to be about the length of a yardstick apart, identify this star group.

Lower in the eastern sky The Sickle or "question mark backwards" can be easily found. Almost exactly in the center between these two constellations is Cancer the Crab.

Imaginary Line
An imaginary line drawn from the brightest star in the Twins (Pollux) down to the brightest star in The Sickle (Regulus) will cross the top of the "seven" just slightly to the left of the stem, at a point a little closer to Pollux than it is to Regulus.

Praesepe, the Manger, lies a little to the right or west of this imaginary line and slightly nearer to Pollux than Regulus. Although this star cluster can be located, even by beginners, on a very clear night, and the beauty of the star cluster rewards the star gazer for the time and effort expended.

FILM EXECUTIVE DIES
Hollywood—Funeral services were scheduled today for Louis K. Sidney, pioneer motion picture executive and former member of a four-man committee which operated MGM. Sidney died Saturday after a long illness.

Police Arrest Youth Driving Car on Lot
Medford police picked up a 15-year-old Medford youth about 5:30 a.m. Sunday after he was observed driving a car on the Medford motors lot, 225 South Riverside ave.

The youth told police he was driving the car around the lot and had no intention of driving the car further. The keys had been left in the car, according to police. He was released in the custody of his parents, police added.

The Military Order of the Purple Heart was established Aug. 7, 1922.

Lumber Industry Said to Blame For Slump in Market for Wood

By A. ROBERT SMITH
Mail Tribune Correspondent
Washington—The head of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association says the lumber industry itself is to blame for the slump in the market for lumber and wood products.

N. Floyd NLMA president, claims that the industry most needs is a lumber merchandising campaign. He ridicules the frequent analysis that the lumber market is sagging because of the drop in housing construction.

"There is widespread agreement that unified action and aggressive sales efforts are the only answers to the problems confronting every mill owner, large and small," declared McGowin, who is head of W. T. Smith Lumber Co., Chapman, Ala.

NILMA last week issued this comparison of market facts to indicate the industry's current condition.

In 1955, the size of the lumber market was \$3.5 billion, representing sales of 39 billion board feet. In 1957, these figures slipped to \$2.9 billion and 33.6 billion board feet. Profits dropped from \$190.6 million in 1955 to \$67.5 million in 1957.

Substitutes Supported
"Behind this decline are the inroads made in wood's traditional markets by metal, masonry and plastic building materials," argued McGowin. "Each of these substitutes for wood has been introduced and steadily supported with large-scale national advertising campaigns in every communications media reaching consumers, architects and

builders. Misconceptions about wood and its uses have contributed to the slump in sales."

McGowin indicated that industry members of NLMA—who produce about 40 percent of the lumber consumed in this country—have dragged their feet on a major promotion because "product promotion is expensive."

But he said "some producers have no hesitancy about cutting their price on a carload of lumber to move it. But they refuse to provide the promotional funds that would sell their car at its original price—or higher. This concentration on price not only

hurts their pocketbooks, it harms their reputations as responsible manufacturers. Their prices will be regarded only as a starting point for haggling and bargaining."

McGowin's logic about the relationship between lumber sales and housing goes as follows: Logic Carried Further
"The consistent decline in lumber sales and the tragic loss of lumber profits is rationalized in many ways. Most blame housing starts. Pure logic would demand that if we point to reduced housing starts as the reason for poor lumber sales, then we must also give improved housing starts all the credit when lumber sales are good. Carrying such logic further, we may then conclude that our advertising and promotion is worthless, wasteful and unnecessary, and that our future depends on the rise and fall of housing starts. To believe this is illogical, in my view."

"It is my feeling that the proper conclusion relative to poor lumber sales can only be that we are not selling wood as a commodity, and that what we are doing for wood is species promotion is not adequate to make the public wood vs. competitive materials conscious."

McGowin said that NLMA is now trying to get lumber producers to come across with funds to get the merchandising campaign off the ground. Other segments of the industry will then be approached, he said, if the producers take the lead. The campaign would be aimed at pre-selling the consumer on the value of wood before he ever gets to the building supply dealer where competitive materials would also be available.

EDUCATOR DIES
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