

4-H CLUB NEWS

Phoenix Club
On April 3, 1958, a meeting of the Phoenix Beef, Swine and Dairy club was held at the Holmes home. We talked about the skating party that will be held at the Ashland Skat-way. We had a movie about judging beef steers.
Spencer Buffington, Reporter

Tenna Paige Sewing Club
The regular meeting of the Tenna Paige Sewing club was held at 7 p.m. on April 7 at the home of Mrs. C. A. Ashton, our leader, with Glenna Brown serving refreshments. Fourteen members were present at the meeting at which some of the girls wore dresses which they had made. Others of the group told what project they were working on. We discussed fitting of patterns and Mrs. A. E. Sidener, our assistant leader, showed us how to tape a pattern to give a better fit.
We discussed the 4-H summer school and requirements what you needed to become eligible for a scholarship. We also talked about the mother's tea which we plan to have at our next regular meeting. Carol Myers, Pat McCue, Nancy McKay and Elaine McKay are to serve on that committee.
The next meeting will be held at the McKay home on May 5 at 7 p.m.
Caroline Sidener, Reporter.

Conference Set For Industrial Forestry Men
A number of problems in industrial forestry operation will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Industrial Forestry association scheduled for the Multnomah hotel, Portland, Thursday, April 17, according to President Nils B. Hult, Junction City.
Topics for discussion include problems of government timber, tree farm taxes, starting new forests by planting and seeding, preventing forest fires, improving trees through genetics and closer wood utilization.
Virgil T. Heath, State Supervisor, Bureau of Land Management, and Walter H. Lund, Assistant Regional Forester, U.S. Forest Service, will address the association's members at the annual luncheon on management problems of government timber, Hult said.
The association leader said IFA represents more than 7,000,000 acres of private forests in western Oregon and Washington's Douglas fir region. Its members operate 250 wood-using plants employing more than 63,000 people.
The association founded the now nation-wide tree farm program in 1941 and has certified more than 5,366,000 acres as West Coast tree farms. The association also operates the Col. W. B. Greeley forest nursery at Nisqually, Wash., which grows millions of trees annually for tree farmers. The association's forest tree improvement program, started in 1954, is also centered at Nisqually.
Eight association foresters, located at Medford, Eugene, Portland, Nisqually and Seattle, are available to all private forest owners to help them study tree farm opportunities, Hult said.
The meeting will conclude with election of board of directors and officers for 1958. rein uledt1/2 m we eiZof-te

Deadline Given On Well Signup
Less than four months remain for well owners to register claims for rights to appropriate ground water, Lewis A. Stanley, state engineer, announced in Salem Friday. The 1955 legislature set a deadline of Aug. 3, 1958 for well owners to file registration statements.
Exempted uses of ground water include that used for stock water; ground water for watering lawn or non-commercial garden not exceeding one-half acre; that used for single or group domestic purposes in an amount not exceeding 15,000 gallons per day; and that for any single industrial or commercial purpose not exceeding 5,000 gallons per day.
Failure of any person to register his well by Aug. 3 will deprive him of his right to continued use of ground water from that well, Stanley said.
Forms and further information, and permits to appropriate ground water, can be obtained by writing Stanley at Salem.

County Shop Addition Now Ready For Roofing
The 33-foot long addition to the county shops at the fairgrounds which was started early this year, is ready for roofing, according to County Engineer Paul Rynning.
The \$20,000 project is of reinforced concrete and has been built partly by county employees during slack times.
Use Tribune Want Ads

Good Bike Light Required By Law
Bicycle riders are reminded of the city ordinance which requires all bicycles to have lights on the front in working order by Police Chief Charles P. Champlin today.
He said this violation is the heaviest recorded by his officers in enforcing the ordinance. Riders at night should also obey all traffic laws even more carefully than during the day and should attempt to wear light colored clothing, he added.
Champlin also warned bicycle riders to keep their bicycle in good operating condition, secure a 1958 license, not to ride double and to stay off the downtown sidewalks.

Absentee Ballots Available Notary Signature Needed

Bereth P. Hopkins, county clerk, announced Saturday that absentee ballots are now available. Her office will start mailing them immediately to electors whose applications are on file immediately.
Applications from service voters should reach the clerk's office before April 25 to ensure enough time for mailing out and return of the marked ballots. Civilians may apply for absentee ballots up to five days before election, she said.
If it is convenient, the elector may come to the clerk's office to apply and while there mark his (or her) ballot and sign the affidavit on the en-

velope before the county clerk or a deputy. Otherwise, the elector must arrange to have the affidavit signed before a notary public.
No ballot mailed in is valid unless it carries a notary's signature AND SEAL except in cases where service voters sign before a commissioned officer, Mrs. Hopkins added.
The service voter's ballot must be mailed in the return envelope furnished with the ballot and must carry the name of the service voter in his own handwriting and must be witnessed by a commissioned or warrant officer (no noncommissioned officer be-

low the rank of sergeant may serve as a witness), she explained.
Period For Applying
During the five days immediately preceding the election, electors may apply for and VOTE AN ABSENTEE ballot in the office of the county clerk provided an affidavit accompanies the application. It must state the nature of the emergency which makes it impossible to vote in person on the day of election, she said. If an elector becomes ill and bedridden at home or in a hospital after 5 p.m. the day before election, he may send in an application for an absentee ballot by an agent of his choice. The application must bear the signature of the applicant and must be accompanied by an affidavit signed by his physician or a practitioner stating the patient is able to mark his own ballot but that it would be injurious to his health or person to leave his bed and go to the polls, Mrs. Hopkins said.
The affidavit on the back of the envelope in which the ballot is returned by the agent to the county clerk's office must bear the signature of the elector and must be signed before a notary public and carry his official seal.
Persons whose jobs require that they leave home before the polls open and who run the risk of being delayed after work for any reason so that they may find it impossible to get to their polling place on election day should use the absentee ballot, Mrs. Hopkins urged.
Anyone employed by the railroads or trucking or transportation companies, traveling salesmen or other business men whose duties may require sudden trips out of town should take advantage of the absentee voter service also, she added.
Students, teachers and government workers together with servicemen must apply as early as possible to assure return of the ballot to the clerk's office before 8 p.m. election day.
Ballots Will be Checked
Absentee ballots will be counted the day following the election by a special election board appointed for the purpose. Poll books will be checked by the board to ensure against any possibility of an elector voting in person and by absentee ballot. If an elector who has applied for an absentee ballot and has marked it and mailed it back to the county clerk wishes, he

may vote in person but he must declare he has received and marked such a ballot. His absentee ballot will be invalidated by the board acting upon the evidence supplied by

the poll book which will carry the signatures of every-one voting in person, the county clerk said.
County clerk Bereth P. Hopkins stated her office de-

sires to make absentee voter service available to all eligible applicants. Abuse of absentee voter privileges could result in a return to the old restrictive regulations which

caused many electors to lose their voting privilege, she added. Only those who can

in person on election day in the precinct in which they are registered are eligible to vote by absentee ballot.

CENTRAL POINT Schools Plan Open House

By DORIS HUGHES
Central Point—Annual open house for Central Point schools will be held on Thursday evening, April 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Students at Central Point elementary and Junior High school and Jewett elementary schools will have work on display.
Both cafeterias will be open throughout the evening with cake, pie, milk and coffee being sold by the Parent Teachers association. Following open house, there will be a concert by the Central Point Junior High school band under the direction of Harry Meyers.
New officers have been elected by the Crater FFA chapter, and are to be installed June 1. Elected were Allen Barnes, president; John Caster, vice-president; Don Ryan, secretary; Mike Redmon, treasurer; Don Denning, reporter; Kenneth Wood, sentimental and Pete Melstead, assistant treasurer. President Allen Barnes also serves as president of Rogue-Umpqua district. He received his State Farmer degree this year.
Crater Chapter boys have been working on plans for the parent-son banquet which will be Monday evening, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the Crater High school gymnasium. The boys expect an attendance of about 400 persons.
Featured highlights of the banquet will be a talk by Ed Manary, State FFA president, installation of honorary members, and the presentation of FFA Foundation awards. are presented to boys who have done outstanding work in farming. Dave Mack will give the speech that won him honors at FFA State. Dave will leave Central Point, Saturday, April 26, for Helena, Mont., where he will participate in the Regional Public Speaking Contest.
A committee meeting of

Boy Scout Troop 40 was held April 7 at the home of Earl Yoakley, a film on Boy Scout camping was shown by Del Wright, camping councilman from the Medford office. Committee members attending the meeting were A. D. Van Horn, chairman; Earl Yoakley, Bob Morris, Ken Toner, Jim Backen and Scout Master George Ray.
A balloon and bubble gum parade led the way to the Girl Scout play day held at the Central Point park Wednesday, April 9. The affair was sponsored by troop 190 who invited the fifth grade troop to participate as guests.
The first event at the park was the regular flag ceremony with the girls repeating the pledge of allegiance, the Girl Scout promise, and the reviewing of the Girl Scout laws. Several songs were sung before playing the many games planned by the Skunk Patrol. These were led by Gloria Thompson and Anita Townsend, patrol leader and scribe. Edith Voil, program aide, worked with this patrol.
How to roll a bed that will stay tied until a girl reaches camp was demonstrated by Mrs. Bruce Stewart who is the neighborhood chairman in charge of all Girl Scouting in the Central Point area.
The Wishing Mundlin Patrol, with Donna Thompson as patrol leader and Barbara Beck as patrol scribe, prepared and served a picnic supper at the home of Mrs. Ralph Mundlin, leader of Troop 190. Funds for the food were available from the cookie sale held recently under the supervision of Mrs. Wayne Thompson. The fifth grade Girl Scouts in elegant costumes presented the play, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.
The fifth grade Girl Scout Troop is led by Mrs. Art St. Germain and Mrs. Bruce Stewart. Sharon Trautman is the program aid working with these girls who will receive their second class rank badge this spring.
Wishes built the campfire planned by the Helpers patrol, whose leader is Vicki Caldwell and scribe is Ruth Harger. After lighting the fire, girls in each troop placed a stick of wood on the fire and made a Girl Scout wish as it burned. The Medford Fuel company furnished wood for the campfire. Name tags for the play day were made by Karen Bowdoin and Elaine Johnson of the Helpers patrol who planned the schedule of events. In a circle by the campfire the Girl Scouts closed the play day by singing Taps.

Personal Income, Retail Sales Down
Washington—The government reported Friday that personal income and retail sales—two important economic indicators—continued to decline in March but at a slower rate than earlier this year.
Government economists said these figures, along with unemployment and employment statistics announced earlier this week, provide new evidence that the general business decline, though continuing, is slowing down.
Personal income in March was at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$341,500,000, about \$300,000,000 under February rate.
Total retail sales in March were one per cent below February and two per cent below March, 1957.

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