

SHADY COVE-TRAIL School Holds Open House

By EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail - A large attendance was reported at the Shady Cove school open house Nov. 18.

Classrooms were open for inspection and children's work on display. Teachers were present to meet parents and answer questions.

A short PTA meeting was held. Mrs. Kenneth Oliver was elected treasurer. It was decided that in view of the football game scheduled in Eagle Point Saturday afternoon, the Saturday afternoon matinee scheduled at 1:30 be set Friday starting at 7:30.

The change for the show will be for the one time only with succeeding movies to be shown on Saturday afternoons.

Mrs. Dick Bartuss of Shady Cove is convalescing at home after being confined to Sacred Heart hospital for several days where she underwent surgery.

Rita Spain, an eighth grader at the Shady Cove school, entered a contest for a slogan for bananas for the United Fruit Growers contest. Her slogan called a Bananagram won a prize of \$25. The slogan was "Bananas come in bunches and our bunch goes for Bananas" and will be used nationally for advertising by the United Fruit Growers.

There will be a Thanksgiving rally at the Community Bible church in Central Point Nov. 28 with meetings at 2:30 and 7 p.m. The Rev. Alex McLeod will speak. A potluck will be held prior to the evening service.

The Shady Cove Grange is sponsoring a ham dinner Sunday, Nov. 23, at the Shady Cove school cafeteria. Serving will start at 12:30 p.m. The Grange sponsors the dinner each year.

The social meeting of the month was a potluck dinner held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Motschenbacher with a good number in attendance. Following the dinner cards were played.

The Upper Rogue Grange will sponsor a country fair starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Grange hall. All types of entertainment and many booths are planned.

Featured in the side show will be a "Trip Down Memory Lane." Square dancing, round dancing and rock and roll for the younger set are planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kee of Bell Garden, Calif., are parents of a boy, who has been named Michael Allen. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kee of Shady Cove and maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Canterbury of Eagle Point. Stanley is attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Pvt. and Mrs. Bill Littlefield are spending a month in Shady Cove visiting their families, the Earl Sheppard's and the Travis Littlefield's. They have been stationed at Camp Irwin near Barstow and are now spending their furlough here before leaving for Germany.

Several local men have gone elk hunting. In a party of four were Ronald Axtell, Wyles Berry, Ray Briggs and Gus Olsen.

Marilyn Leaming and her brother, Steven, of Shady Cove, both have the mumps.

Oregon Birth Rate Said Declining

Portland - (UP) - Oregon's birth rate is still going down, the State Board of Health said Friday.

The total for the first nine months of 1958 was 26,987, lowest figure since 1949. From July to September this year births were six per cent below the same period of 1957 and eight per cent under the same months of 1956.

The Health Board's vital statistics division also said infant deaths increased three per cent during the first nine months of this year but total for July to September was slightly below figures for the same period last year.

Heart disease was the state's leading killer with 4,120 deaths in the first nine months. Last year this total was 4,322.

The Board said accidents caused 815 deaths in Oregon through September, with 340 of them from auto mishaps.

Diary of a Bird Watcher



Sunday, Nov. 16.

My birding week starts on Monday, so today I completed a week's list of birds noted on the home place. It came to 28 species, which I think is very good for this season of the year. Two that we see only rarely on the home place were a golden crowned kinglet and a brown creeper. This brought my home list to 71 for the current year, which demonstrates how many birds can be seen without going away from home.

I received as a gift from a reader of this column a life of Audubon by Constance Rourke. I can't say that I really need any more bird books, but as I began reading this one I decided it was much superior to the life of Audubon that I had previously read, and I began to get quite interested.

Monday, Nov. 17.

Today again J. H. and I had good luck on our four-hour morning trip. We found 53 species which compares very well, considering the season, with the record 55 that we found on Oct. 6. It also compares well with the 62 on our Christmas count last year when we worked all day and had several different parties covering different territories.

Today we just worked along the valley, visiting some of the little ponds, then went up to Gardiner reservoir, where we have permission to go. Then we went further up Antelope rd. and so came home. We recorded a pretty fair number of water birds. We saw three birds with a big wing-spread rising from the Hoover lake area. Two of them were great blue herons and we naturally assumed that the third one would be, too; but we checked it with our binoculars just to be sure and found that instead it was a golden eagle. We also saw a northern shrike, the first of the fall or winter season. It is fall still according to the calendar, but our birds are now all winter birds.

Tuesday, Nov. 18.

I received a note from a man at Gold Hill who said he had seen what he was sure was a mockingbird. He saw it over in Sams Valley. I have heard other reports of mockingbirds being seen in this area, but have never been able to find one myself. Unfortunately I didn't have the time to go dashing right over to look for this one, but if it stays around long enough I might get to see it. Gabrielson and Jewett have only a couple of records for the mockingbird in Oregon and they were in the eastern part. However, mockingbirds have been extending their range back east and they might out in the west, too.

Wednesday, Nov. 19.

A new number of "Audubon Field Notes" came and it gives a compilation of the total number of individuals of each species noted by all observers in the 1957 Christmas count. I glanced through it to see the species that were seen in greatest numbers. Tops was the redwinged blackbird with over 15 million. Next came the common grackle (another kind of blackbird) with nearly 7 million, then the starling with nearly 5 million. The only other species that passed the million mark were mallard ducks and cowbirds. These figures are no certain proof that the birds mentioned are the commonest winter birds in the country. They are all birds that assemble in large flocks, and thus are easier for observers to find and count or estimate.

Thursday, Nov. 20.

This evening I finished my new book, the life of Audubon. Now, much more than before, I appreciate the greatness of this man who was something of a genius both as a naturalist and as an artist. The biographer says that as he looked back on his life he concluded that it had been "barbarous," but he had enjoyed the world. He loved nature in all its aspects, especially birds, and dedicated his life to portraying the birds of America in a way other people would always remember. In his life he had contacts with many other naturalists. It is interesting to hear something about these men, whose names are familiar to me mostly as the names of warblers. Those I noticed in the book that have warblers named for them were: Audubon, Wilson, Bachman, Townsend and MacGillivray. His age was the age of the discovery and classification of the birds of our land. He died in 1851. His ways were not the ways of the modern conservationist, but he left to us all a great heritage of knowledge and appreciation.-T.M.

DIES IN 'CHAIR'

Ossining, N.Y. - (UP) - Virgil Richardson, 29, of New York, died Thursday night in the Sing Sing prison electric chair for the murder of New York Patrolman William G. Long who caught him stealing a car in New York Sept. 2, 1956.

Multnomah GOP

Elects New Chairman
Portland - (UP) - Vernon White of Portland is the new chairman of the Multnomah County Republican Central committee. He was chosen Thursday night to succeed Alan Green Jr.

TABLE ROCK Club Holds Dinner

By R. E. NEALON
Table Rock - The Table Rock Community club held its annual Thanksgiving dinner Saturday night at the school house. Coffee, punch, and hot rolls were furnished. The rest was potluck.

A dog, or dogs, raided another local sheep pasture recently, killing and partially eating a sheep on the Ed Taylor farm. Chris Hagler, of the dog control board, tells he is still on duty although quite badly bruised in an auto accident. He says that a great many sheep have been destroyed by dogs the past two weeks.

Orville Hamilton, manager of the Modoc Orchard and president at the Oregon State Horticultural society, left Wednesday for Corvallis to serve as chairman at the Society's annual meeting Nov. 20-21.

The U.S. weather gauge at the Modoc Orchard recorded 90 inches of rain Nov. 13, and Ray Wyatt at the Table Rock store, who keeps records for the benefit of his customers, reports about an inch on the same date, but don't remember whether he had emptied the container before the storm.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Richardson returned Thursday from Portland where they spent nearly a month, and Mrs. Richardson underwent major surgery at St. Vincent's hospital. They were accompanied on the motor trip home by Mrs. R. E. Nealon who flew to Portland Wednesday to assist in making the trip home. Mrs. Richardson is at present convalescing at the R. E. Nealon home.

Recent visitors at the Guy Nelson home were their daughter, Miss Jean Nelson, former public health trainee of Coos county, and two of the Nelson's grandchildren. Miss Nelson is now in Portland where she is nursing at the Multnomah hospital.

Among local 4-Hers receiving awards at Wednesday night's meeting at Central Point were Glenna Brown, who received the Sears Roebuck award for home living and the eighth year achievement card; Allison and Cliff Hamilton, fourth year achievement pins; Barbara Wheeler, Judy Lewis and

4-H Club News

Rooky Cooks

The second meeting of the Rooky Cooks was held at Donna Bailey's home Nov. 13. A demonstration on potato and frankfurter soup was given.

We discussed the achievement night which was held Nov. 18. Our next meeting was to be held Nov. 20 at the home of Donna Bailey.

Darlene Thompson, Reporter

Barbara Rominger, each second year cards, and Anita Pierce, a third year achievement pin.

Bob Sage, the school teacher, farmer, of Medford, was out this way Saturday making arrangements to set out acreage to Christmas trees, that he and Ezra Benson have figured out to be a profitable way to farm.

Many from here attended the Veterans day exercises in Medford Nov. 11. For us it brought back memories of some 40 years ago, when we had just returned from a session with the ROTC where several from Jackson county had taken officers training expecting to come out as a colonel at least, but the Kaiser must have heard what we were cooking up for him, and decided to quit. We thought we were doing our bit to make the world safe for democracy, but in later years we have been told by Republicans that it was only a trick of the Democrats to boost the nation's economy.

The parade was nice, and exceptionally interesting, but comparing it with parades following the close of World War II, it seemed that viewers along the street had dur-

Tonn, and Mrs. O. T. Wilson of Central Point, and Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Leavitt of the Old Stage road.

John Fleischer, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Fleischer, fell while running at Central Point Elementary school and received a head wound which required two stitches.

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