

## PROSPECT Christmas Meeting Held

By GLADYS GOVERNOR  
Prospect-The Prospect Home Extension unit held its Christmas meeting Dec. 10 at the home of Helen Hoffman.

Christmas gift wrapping and how making was the study topic. Secret pals were revealed and Christmas presents were exchanged.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kreeb and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Fisher of Hillsboro, Ore., over the Thanksgiving holidays.

Mrs. Pres Wilson gave a birthday party for Mrs. Louis Stevenson and Mrs. Gladys Governor Thursday, Dec. 4. Guests were Mrs. Sam Beck, Mrs. Ray Millard Sr. and Mrs. Walter Anderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spencer moved to Medford recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denny had as Thanksgiving Day guests Mr. and Mrs. Louis Robertson and Linda, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Stone and children from Central Point and Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCracken and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lacy and children of Eagle Point.

Miss Sally McKillop visited her sister, Mrs. Lester Neimetz, at Sweet Home, Ore., for a few days recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Downing and children, Linda and Ray, spent Thanksgiving holidays with Mrs. Downing's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Roberts, at Irrigon, Ore.

Charles Mather, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mather, is ill with pneumonia and is in Sacred Heart hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Fowler moved into the house recently vacated by L. Sanderson at Matson's mill camp.

Mrs. Darwin Bean on Sacramento visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Colley, of Medford and her sister, Mrs. Jack Rinks, at the Ross mill, as well as friends around Prospect recently.

Merrill Bliss and family recently moved to Trail.

The junior and senior class at Prospect High school did not go to school Wednesday, Dec. 3. They went out to cut Christmas trees to sell to raise money for their class funds.

The Prospect High school Peppers had a candy sale Dec. 3.

Hester Grieves is reported to be on the sick list.

Sue Betts, Marlys Owens and Janet Karjala were overnight guests of Marion and Lois Governor recently.

Ray Millard Sr. has been in the hospital for several days. Word has been received here that Ray Millard Jr., of Portland, was seriously hurt in an accident and has been in the hospital for more than three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson are moving this week end to Hayward, Calif., where Wilson has employment. Charlotte and DeWayne left by bus Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Ring have moved into the Bill Houghton house near Matson's mill on Red Blanket rd.

Floyd Sweet was injured during the basketball game with Jacksonville. He is out of the hospital but has been absent from school.

Mike Burrell hurt his leg during the game with Rogue River Saturday.

Word has been received here that Eugene Wingham is up and around now after being in the hospital for several weeks. He is stationed in Guam with the U.S. Navy.

Red Blanket mill No. 2 shut down Friday, Dec. 5, for a period of several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stevenson and children spent Thanksgiving day at Bend, Ore.

Miss Sandra Sanderson was an overnight guest of Yvonne Struck recently.



**HANDBAG**—The bracelet bag is the important accessory that's a "must" for every woman on your Christmas list. It's softly shaped in beautiful all-wool velour in the season's favorite colors.



**ON DISPLAY**—The 1959 Mercury Park Lane four-door Cruiser, shown above, is now on display at Medford Motors, 225 South Riverside ave., Medford. The new Mercury offers a combination of advanced design, mechanical excellence and superior performance and economy. Designed for the medium-priced field, the new Mercury has 15 models in four series, including a two-door station wagon.

## New Figures Show Economic Recovery

Washington (AP)—Federal Reserve board figures yesterday offered fresh evidence that the nation's economy is emerging from the recession that gripped it last winter.

The board reported that industrial production recorded its biggest increase in five months and construction activity, personal income, and retail sales soared to record highs in November.

The increase in factory, mine and mill activity was credited to a big boost in auto assemblies, plus a widespread gain in manufacturing activity generally.

A major factor in the November increase, the board said, was an end to labor strife that slowed down the production of autos and other items in October.

**Industrial Production Jumps**  
The Reserve Board said its index of industrial production, based on a 1947-49 average of 100, jumped three points in November to 141. This was two points above the November, 1957, level and only four points below the all-time record set in the boom month of August, 1957.

The board's seasonally adjusted rate of auto production in November stood at 139 per cent of the 1947-49 average, compared with only 67 per cent in October. The indus-

try's schedule indicated an even further increase in output this month.

The board noted that production of non-durable goods, which fared relatively well during the business slump, rose to a new record in November.

**Construction Value Rises**  
The value of new construction rose in November to an annual rate of \$2 billion dollars, 6 per cent more than a year ago.

Retail sales rose 1 1/2 per cent to top the previous high set in the summer of 1957 by 1 per cent.

In the field of construction, the bureau of labor statistics said Friday night that 100,000 new houses were begun in November, a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1,330,000, the highest in 3 1/2 years.

The bureau said that public-owned housing starts totaled 2,000 in November, bringing the total for 1958 to a seven-year high of 65,500 units. This compared with 48,200 in the first 11 months of 1957.

Texas' crude oil reserves increased 9.2 barrels for each foot of well drilled in 1957. This compared with an average increase of 17 barrels annually during the past 10 years.

## Grange News...

**Upper Rogue Grange**  
Upper Rogue Grange met Thursday evening, Dec. 4, with Master Herb Carlton in the chair. In addition to the regular standing committee reports, the chairman of the Country Fair committee reported on the affair and thanked all of those who helped make the fair a success.

The charter was draped for deceased Brother Harry Harding. The matter of additional parking facilities was brought up and it was decided to look into the possibility of filling in the extra lot belonging to the Grange, adjacent to the present parking lot. Brother Snodgrass was elected Gatekeeper to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Brother Harding. Refreshments were served by the Berrys and the Gillespies.

At the next meeting of the Grange on Thursday, Dec. 18, there will be a potluck dinner and Christmas party. Earlier on the same day, at 10 a.m., members will gather for several hours work on general cleanup and filling the wood room. Those coming should bring a sack lunch.

According to recent changes in the by-laws, this will be the last mid-month meeting. After Jan. 1, 1959, meetings will be held once a month, only, on the first Thursday of each month.

Trailer parks in the U.S. have about doubled in number since 1950.

## GOLD HILL Pre-Holiday Guest Named

By MRS. CLYDE KELL  
Gold Hill—A pre-holiday house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Schoenemann, Highway 69, north, was their daughter, Miss Dorothy Schoenemann, who is a social director on the SS Mariposa. The Schoenemanns observed Christmas early because Miss Schoenemann planned to leave for San Francisco Friday, where she will sail for the next South Pacific cruise aboard the SS Mariposa.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Burnett accompanied their daughter, Miss Donna Burnett, to Klamath Falls, Dec. 5, where she was a contestant in the statewide Junior Miss Oregon contest sponsored by the Jaycees. Miss Burnett represented the Central Point Jaycees, and was named Miss Crater High by them.

On Saturday, she participated in the Klamath Falls Christmas opening, where the contestants were in the parade.

Mrs. Ernest Cooper left Dec. 5 for Sacramento, Calif., to visit her mother, Mrs. Maria Blouin, a former Gold Hill resident.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Haviland have resumed operation of the Truck cafe on Second ave.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Molloy returned Dec. 4 from Portland, where they spent several days. Mrs. Iola Beman stayed at the Molloy home with Donald and David while their parents were in Portland.

Mrs. George Potter, on her birthday Dec. 6, had as guests her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Potter, of Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Swindler and Mrs. Tom Mazell and daughter, Joyce, of Redding, Calif., visited their mother, Mrs. Edith Thompson on Fourth ave., and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Z. Smith, on First ave., recently. Mrs.

Swindler is the former Mildred Smith of Gold Hill. Mrs. Mazell is the Swindler's daughter.

At a recent city council meeting, a letter was read from Southern Pacific stating that the company would study a request for permission to install drainage facilities on railroad right of way north of two homes along Second ave.

The councilmen approved final payment to Hughes and Dodd on the Second ave. drain project and on the curb and gutter drain between Fifth and Sixth sts.

Superintendent Floyd Taylor reported that he plans to widen Sixth ave. between Eleventh and Twelfth sts. as soon as time is available.

Mayor-elect Milton Steinmetz and councilmen-elect will be sworn in at the council meeting Monday, Jan. 5. Steinmetz has been elected to serve for two years, and the councilmen for four year terms. They are Delos Walker, Fred Lester, and Kendall Dufur. Dufur was reelected.

Retiring councilmen are Melford Hood and Floyd Lance. Ferd Jones, reelected city recorder-treasurer, will be sworn in at this time. The retiring mayor is Ernest Cooper.

The Gold Hill 4-H Livestock club held its annual Christmas party following the December business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin, Foothills Creek. A gift exchange was held.

Mrs. Martin and her daughter, Peggy, served French pastries, which the hostess made on an imported Swiss iron. The iron was a gift to Mrs. Martin from her mother-in-law, who was of Swiss-French descent. She brought it from Switzerland when she came to the United States.

About 24 per cent of auto drivers involved in fatal accidents in an average year are under age 25.

## Self-Commitment For Bomb Tipster

Albany (AP)—Leslie Sankey, 18, who confessed to making telephoned bomb threats to Albany Union high school, volunteered to commit himself to the Oregon State hospital during a preliminary hearing here Friday.

District Judge Wendell Tompkins agreed to the self-commitment on the recommendation of Courtney Johns, Linn county district attorney. Sankey is a former student of the school and presently is on probation on a burglary charge.

He was arrested last Monday after confessing to the phoned bomb threat. He told officers he telephoned the school and said a bomb was set to go off at 1:14 p.m. The building was evacuated of its

students while police and school officials searched it. Judge Tompkins continued Sankey's preliminary hearing pending an examination at the state hospital.

One-half of the schools in the U.S. in 1950 had only one room and they educated only about five per cent of the total school population in the nation as of that year.

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