



APPLEGATE VALLEY Former Resident Dies

By MAUDE ZIEGLER

Applegate Valley—Miss Lucille Arant, 51, who taught for 27 years in Oregon elementary schools, and who resided here with her parents 30 years ago, died at an Albany hospital Jan. 26, according to a news clipping received by friends here.

Miss Arant taught the Uniontown school, and later taught for 12 years in Salem and for the last 15 years in Klamath Falls.

She is survived by her parents, Mrs. Ada Arant of Albany, J. J. Arant of Medford, a sister, Mrs. B. W. Prinsen of Albany, two brothers, Don L. of Bakersfield, and Neil of Medford.

Lack of proper vitamins can cause mental illness, aches and pains of old age and loose teeth was told to women of the Upper Applegate Extension unit early this month by Miss Mary Pat Lucy, county extension agent, who spoke on nutrition. Trouble with nails and cuticle, and white spots on nails she named as symptoms of vitamin deficiency.

Miss Lucy gave chemical analysis of foods and stressed the close relationship of all vitamins, saying that overuse of one can create need for another.

Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Laverne Schlosser, Mrs. Flossy Garner, and Mrs. David Chandler. Members are sending old Christmas cards to the Fairview children's home in Salem, and have sent 10 pounds of discarded nylon hose to Japan to be recycled and made into attractive items.

Miss De Anne Clark of Medford, whose marriage to Garry West will be an event of Feb. 14 at the Episcopal church in Medford, was honored with a bridal shower and party Saturday evening at Upper Applegate Grange hall.

Women of the community were hostesses, and the event was attended by many families of the area. Following the shower and refreshment period, a dance was held with music by Chet and Rod Snyder and John Bettencourt.

TABLE ROCK Old Hay Barn Purchased

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock—The Table Rock Darlings, Bill and Mary, have purchased the large hay barn, 60 by 100 feet, located in the John Cupp subdivision just south of the city limits of Central Point.

The Darlings will use the lumber to build loafing sheds for their large herd of dairy cows and replacement heifers. Mary says these improvements will add much to the comfort of the cows, but will not be as luxurious as the foam rubber mattresses being tried out in an experiment station in the Midwest.

There will have to be much more "dough" coming from milk sales before the bossies get to sleep on foam rubber, she says.

This barn was built about the turn of the century by Hopkins, owner of the farm at that time. Hay at that time was stored "loose" and required a lot of space.

K. C. Farley, of Medford, veterinarian in charge of cattle inspection, was "needing" the local cows this week. He had a veterinarian from Coos Bay helping him as he doesn't step around like he did before his health slowed him up. In times past, if a farmer forgot to get his cows in the barn, if he could find them he would test them and be on his way.

Charles Nelson and Mrs. Stanley Pittman of the Meadows district, were recent buyers here. Charles had his face covered with Centennial whiskers and says he never did like to shave, and now he has an alibi.

A letter from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doty, in Carson City, Nev., tells that they are feeling fine and enjoying good health. The weather there has been bright and sunny, but cold and freezing. They would like to be back with Table Rock friends, according to the letter.

R. Drinkwater of Medford, representing the Oregon Motor club, was a business visitor here Tuesday. He was explaining his car insurance.

Smudge pots are being placed in position in the Hull creek after undergoing major surgery in the Veterans' hospital in Portland last month.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Henderson have returned to their home here after being called to Arcata, Calif., due to the critical injury of their daughter-in-law, Mrs. John W. Henderson, as a result of a car-log truck collision.

The younger Mrs. Henderson is undergoing bone surgery.

Rural Reflections: Larry Tweedy was an interesting study in personal endeavor as he sat by the fire writing a Centennial play for the PTA, at the same time offering bits of news notes like his attendance at a student government luncheon, the Tweedy's trip to Portland and George Sample's spring plowing, thinking a good deal about the many young people he supervises, and at the same time trying to get his own kindergarten son to bed.

Leo Hoffman has returned to his home on Thompson

and Mrs. Robert Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Verl Walker, and Arthur Erbs of Medford.

Mrs. Ben Twiss are spending the winter vacationing and visiting relatives in the south. They spent some time in Los Angeles and later were in Las Vegas.

Mrs. Earl Sharp left last week for Long Beach, and from there expected to go by boat to Hawaii for an 18-day trip. She was to be accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Richard Hall, of San Diego.

Mrs. Harry Treloar from Walkerville, Mont., is spending several weeks visiting her mother, Mrs. C. R. Hill near Provolt.

James Deckie, on term vacation from San Francisco City college, spent last week as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Butcher are visiting his mother and other relatives at Pomona, Calif.

Bill Lamb of Murphy has returned to his home after spending a week with friends here. He spent some time prospecting in the area with sluice boxes and reports finding some "colors."

Dean Saltmarsh of Medford, who is trapping in the valley, reports little luck, except for a few bobcats and a fox, expects to remove his traps before long.

The shortage of coyotes, he believes, is due to the fact that he and Floyd McKee have caught 110 of these in four seasons of trapping.

The Thompson creek farmers are building new cement weirs at the head of irrigation ditches there. Those completing the structures recently are Bud Turnbough, Charles Elmore, and Harold Teske.

The Applegate Valley Garden club will meet with Mrs. Frank Mitchell "on top o' the hill" Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 1:30 p.m. Seeds and new varieties of plants that have been developed will be discussed.

Guests at the home of Mrs. Nellie Rose Sunday were Mr.

Bill Prohibits Party Officials From Lobbying

Salem—UP—A bill to prevent high officials of any political party from lobbying at the Oregon Legislature was introduced Tuesday in the Senate by Sen. Dan Dimick (D-Roseburg) and Rep. Keith Skelton (D-Eugene).

Specifically named as barred from lobbying were the state chairman and vice chairman and the national committeeman and committeewoman of any political party.

"We drew up this bill after seeing Peter Gunnar, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, listed as an insurance lobbyist in the Oregon Legislature," Dimick and Skelton said.

"In our opinion, it is not in the interest of good government to have a political party leader in a position to pressure the members of his party in the Legislature to vote for his special interest," they added.

Sense of Ethics Dimick and Skelton speculated that "the reason the need for such legislation has never arisen before is apparently that a common sense of ethics has prevented others from assuming such a dual role, or at least it has prompted others in a position of power to stop them."

They said they felt sure that if Gov. Hatfield "would stop to think about it, he would not condone this conflict of interest."

Gov. Hatfield... should demand the resignation of Mr. Gunnar as Republican state chairman," they said.

Manley Jacobson, with a country grader widened out the road through here on Wednesday.

A combined Ladies club meeting and shower was held Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Taylor, with Mrs. E. W. Robinson assisting. It was the regular meeting of the local Ladies club and an exchange of home made valentines proved to be very entertaining.

The shower was for Mrs. Jim Gann, who received many beautiful presents. Several ladies came attired in Centennial clothes and hairdos.

A letter from Wayne Wyatt in an Air Force training camp at San Antonio, Tex., to his folks, states that in a basic test with nine other men, he was among the three highest.

Don Patterson, the genial manager of the Grange Coop, was a visitor here Friday. He reports that business at the Grange Coop during the past year was good and is continuing to improve.

We were having trouble with our oil furnace, and thought it might be the oil which we get from the Coop, but Don, after an inspection of the mechanism found the trouble was in the fan assembly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Doran and daughter Linda, left Friday morning, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. David Doran and Tamara, for San Jose, Calif., to attend the wedding of Ray's niece, Miss Sharon McClung, Saturday afternoon. Miss Linda will act as bridesmaid for her cousin.

Proposed Sales Tax Bill Tabled Salem—UP—The House Rules committee Tuesday tabled a proposed sales tax bill sponsored by Fred Meek (R-Portland).

The bill was presented after the 25-day limitation. Speaker Robert Duncan (D-Medford) said a motion to take it off the table could revive the bill. But he added he did not know anyone who indicated he would make the motion.

"The bill will be available if the need develops but I don't see any need at this time," Duncan said. He added that Gov. Mark Hatfield would veto the bill even if it passed the legislature.

Some Motor Freight Rates Increased Salem—UP—Public Utility Commissioner Jonel C. Hill Tuesday announced increases of from 4 to 7 cents per hundredweight in certain Oregon class and commodity motor freight rates. The increases are effective March 1.

The increases are about two-thirds of the original request filed with the PUC last Nov. 18 by Pacific Inland Tariff Bureau, Inc., Portland.

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Grange News

Upper Applegate Grange The proposal for Ruch school to consolidate with the Medford district was discussed by Principal Boyd Gibson of Ruch school during the regular session of Upper Applegate Grange Friday, Feb. 13.

This plan was favored by 34 of the 39 members attending the last PTA meeting at Ruch when an opinion poll was completed, he stated, but no official action will be taken regarding it until after elections are held in March or April in both of the districts involved.

The school district reorganization law passed in 1955 becomes effective in 1961 when all non-high districts, such as Ruch, will cease to exist, Gibson explained. Since the cost would be prohibitive to construct a high school for the Ruch district, consolidation is the logical solution.

Time and funds can be saved if steps are taken to effect consolidation now, rather than to wait assignment by the Jackson County School Reorganization committee. For this reason, if both Ruch and Medford voters endorse the present plan, it will become effective July 1, 1959, Gibson said.

Jacksonville, which now accepts Ruch High school students on a tuition basis, has already requested consolidation with Medford, it was pointed out. If Ruch is consolidated with Medford, it will mean that grades one through six will continue to receive their schooling at Ruch, since Medford operates on what is known as the 6-3-3 plan, and no changes in the Ruch staff are contemplated although all salaries would be adjusted to the Medford schedule, which in most instances is somewhat higher than that now prevailing at Ruch.

If the consolidation plan becomes effective, Ruch school property would be under the jurisdiction of the Medford school board, but the Ruch board of trustees would continue as an advisory body.

Currently there is an overlapping of jurisdiction and of functions of the non-high, rural and Ruch boards under which the district now operates, it was stated, which does not always result in maximum efficiency.

Since annual tuition per high school student in Jacksonville is \$630 while that in Medford is \$470, it is anticipated that this difference in cost will more than offset the additional outlay for transportation of high school students to Medford.

It is also anticipated that for the present a consolidation with Medford would result in a slight decrease in taxes, since the current Medford rate for school purposes is less than that now in effect in the Ruch district.

In conclusion, Gibson emphasized that this plan does not result from any desire on the part of Medford to absorb rural school districts. The request for consolidation emanates from Ruch as the result of a careful study of the school situation in the county in relation to local needs.

The Grange program included a vocal solo, "Just a Song at Twilight," by Gladys Williams with Florence Lance as accompanist; a humorous story by George Redhead; a series of riddles, the answers to which were the names of Oregon towns, propounded by Mildred Redhead; Valentine Centennial verses from the "Hood River Times" relating to Oregon's admission to the Union, read by Anna Scott, and presentation of excerpts from the diary of the late Wilburn Beeson by Mrs. Scott.

Beeson, who settled in Jackson county on Wagner creek when he was 16, added daily entries to his diary until his death in 1893, thus making it one of the most complete historical records of early days in this area which now exists.

Excerpts presented at this time concerned the casting of his vote for Abraham Lincoln at Gasburg (Phoenix), the arrival of news of the election of Lincoln and Hamlin, brought by pony express from Illinois in eight days; the Lincoln dinner in celebration of this event by Republicans of the area, including the names of outstanding guests, the menu, and the program of toasts, speeches, numbers by the Ashland Brass band, and the firing of 33 shots, one for each state then comprising the union. Subsequently the secession of South Carolina, and four years later, the assassination of Lincoln were recounted. Mrs. Scott agreed to continue with excerpts from the diary from time to time during the centennial year.

The program concluded with community singing of "Old Black Joe."

During the regular business session, Upper Applegate Grange went on record opposing House bill 360 which provides that any piece of work amounting to \$5,000 or over must be performed by contract. This measure, it was stated, was proposed once before but failed to gain passage by the legislature and is currently encountering strong opposition from counties and municipalities throughout the state.

Report of the relief committee indicated that Verna Culy was convalescing at home after being hospitalized with a strep throat, and Val Haskins has also been confined to his home in Jacksonville by illness.

Day-old calves are bringing from \$30 to \$50 in valley auctions according to George Redhead, chairman of the agriculture committee. Animals purchased at such prices are not likely to show a profit to the owner, it was pointed out.

Dress rehearsal for the historical pageant co-sponsored by the Upper Applegate and New Applegate Extension units, in which 16 Grangers will participate, was announced by HEC Chairman Edna Sawyer for Saturday, Feb. 21 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Grange hall. The pageant will take place the evening of Feb. 28, starting at 8 o'clock and is open to the public.

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A Valentine square dance was announced on behalf of the ways and means committee scheduled to be held in the Grange hall Saturday, Feb. 14. This was postponed until the following Monday evening due to the power failure occasioned by heavy snow during the week end.

House Committee Chairman James Winningham reported that tables in the dining room and kitchen had been covered with masontite and that a culvert had been installed and a new entrance completed to the grounds. He proposed that the back stage area of the hall be completed with insulation board as a means of reducing heating costs, and approval was voted by the members present.

Members of the executive committee stated that in accordance with their instructions at the preceding meeting, insurance on the Grange hall and its contents had been increased to a total of \$20,000.

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SECRETARY DIES

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