

## ILLINOIS VALLEY Scout Banquet Held

By RUTH RAUSCH  
Cave Junction — More than 150 attended the Blue and Gold banquet of the Illinois Valley Cub Scout Pack 20 recently.

Boys receiving bobcat awards were Tommy Collier, Lee Woodbury, Davis Breckenridge and John Keller.

Visiting Scout leaders present were David Chamberlain of Troop 70; Bill Burch of Troop 85; Gene Pulley, Troop 20; and Raymond Jones, Explorer Post 122. Mrs. Ron Prather, president of Kerby PTA, the sponsoring institution, was introduced.

A second Centennial dance, to be sponsored by the Illinois Valley Democratic club, is scheduled Saturday, March 14. A club spokesman said that plans were made at the regular meeting of the club recently.

Prizes will be again awarded for the best costumed couple and the best man's and best woman's costume. However, costumes are not a requirement.

"Wild Flowers of the West," a film produced by one of the leading oil companies, was shown at a meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden club recently in the home of Mrs. Joe Ollis, president.

The annual flower show to be held in June and plans for a plant and candy sale were discussed during the business meeting.

A new member of the personnel at the Illinois Valley Ranger station is Chuck Spoon who arrived from Hamburg, N. Y., recently.

Guests at the Harold Crowl ranch recently included Mr. and Mrs. Les Henry, Mrs. Valeria Rauber, Crowl's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Pearl of Medford; and Mrs. Alice Ott and her mother, Mrs. Mary Jacobs.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gibbons, parents of Frank Gibbons, left for their home in Pasadena, Calif., Monday, after a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hill and 13-year-old son, David, are residents in the valley, leasing the Swanson ranch. They moved here from Poconoma in San Fernando Valley.

A request for joint partnership in erecting a sign to advertise the proposed Sucker Creek Irrigation dam during the Centennial observance was discussed at a meeting of the chamber of commerce recently. The request was made by the water resources group and Gordon White, chamber president, with Allan Markley, secretary, were named as a committee to work with the water group.

Doyle Hamilton, who with a delegation from Selma attended a hearing in Gold Beach concerning the Selma to Gold Beach highway, reported on the meeting.

A report was also heard from M. A. Sprague who attended a hearing in Salem on Senate Bill 183 which would provide for industrial water use of the Rogue river.

Gary Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Bell was elected master counselor of Redwood Chapter DeMolay recently.

Other officers elected were Norman Sowell, senior counselor; Mark Nelson, junior counselor; Joe Hoskins, senior deacon; Dennis Bottle, junior deacon; Roddy Bottel, chaplain; Marvin Wright, senior

steward; Bob Wilhelm, junior steward; Robert Wright, sentinels; Wendell Seat, marshal; John Warn, scribe; Howard Ollis almoner and Bob White, standard bearer.

Mrs. Maynard Murdock, daughter of Roy Wells, is recuperating at her home in Klamath Falls following hospitalization. Mrs. Murdock, suffering both ankles in casts will be on crutches for some time.

Four-year-old John Zimmerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Zimmerman, is home after three days in Sacred Heart hospital in Medford, where he was taken following an accident.

A splinter of flying glass from a broken saucer entered John's eye.

A potluck supper in honor of Lloyd Olson was given recently at the Illinois Valley ranger station. Olson, who had been with the station on loan from Gifford Pinchot Forest service since last September assisting with the salvage timber sales in the beetle kill area, has returned to Washington.

Besides the station personnel, other guests included Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Olson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grubb and family of the supervisor's office in Grants Pass; Ranger and Mrs. Don Wood of Galice; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of the Aerial project.

## Youngster Missing In Wooded Country

Kelso, Wash. — (UPI) — A three-year-old boy was lost in heavily-wooded country northwest of here today.

Jimmy Van Hook, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Van Hook of Longview, vanished about noon Thursday.

A helicopter and bloodhounds joined the search today. Between 200 and 300 persons hunted throughout most of the night.

Tracks which may have been those of the lost child were found in a canyon.

Jimmy was wearing blue jeans, a charcoal jacket and a red cap.

The sheriff's office requested thorough broadcasts that all abandoned wells in the area be reported.

## Committee Pares State Fair Budget

Salem — (UPI) — The Joint Ways and Means Committee today reduced the budget for the State Fair from \$1,125,114 to \$1,038,640 to provide for a fair of eight days duration in place of 10 days as in 1938.

Rep. Leon Davis (R-Hillsboro), chairman of a subcommittee which studied the State Fair expenditures, said provisions had been made for agriculture premiums for the two State Fairs in the next biennium at the same level as set up last year.

No money was provided for any major improvements of extension, Davis said, but a small increase was made in the premium list for exhibits by 4-Hers and members of the Future Farmers of America.

No money is required from the general fund as the State Fair is supported by racing funds and other receipts.

## Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 35, Jacksonville Cub Scouts, held their annual Blue and Gold banquet Feb. 27 at the Jacksonville IOOF lodge hall, with approximately 120 present.

The Rev. King Jones of the Jacksonville Presbyterian church gave the opening prayer. Following the dinner the awards were made.

Bobcat pins were presented to Danny Davis, Joe Johnson; wolf badges went to David Johnson, Bill Rundle, Bill Taylor and Bill Snow; bear badges to Curt Offenbacher, Gail Strong, Larry Milligan, Mike Iverson, Joe Davis, Larry Winona, Bill Hinkle and Mike Stratton.

Denner badges were presented to Curt Offenbacher; assistant denner badges to Larry Milligan and Gail Strong; gold arrow badges to Bill Rundle and Frank Johnson; silver arrow badge to Offenbacher, Gail Strong, Bob Glather.

One-year stars went to Curt Offenbacher, Gail Strong, Mike Iverson, Eddie Dahm, Larry Milligan and Joe Davis, all of Den 1, and to Gary Mathney of Den 2, Larry Winona of Den 3 and Mike Stratton, Bill Hinkle, Bob Glather and Henry James of Den 4.

Mike Iverson, Frank Johnson, Bill Rundle and Bill Hinkle presented their mothers with Den Mother pins. Den chiefs present for the dinner were Rafe Anders, Bob Barntine, Larry Hogan and Bob Dahm. Cubmaster Bruce Matheny and his assistant, Woodrow Davis also were presented pins.

Guests attending were Mrs. Jones, and the Rev. and Mrs. Elwood Irby of the Jacksonville Assembly of God church; Mr. and Mrs. J. McDougal and E. O. Graham, institutional representative.

Providing entertainment were Kathy Mitchell, Alice Peterson, Virginia Stewart, Betty Davis, accompanied on the piano by Cora Bell Rave-nor. Each den presented a skit and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Mrs. Irby.

**Eagle Point Scouts**  
Cub awards and Scout merit badges were presented when the groups held a potluck dinner at the Eagle Point grade school gymnasium recently.

The awards to Cubs were made by the Rev. Joseph Munshaw while Dave Harbison issued the merit badges to Scouts.

Full Scout ceremonies were observed. The flag was presented by the Cubs at the opening and retired by the Scouts at the close. The cake was cut by Mr. and Mrs. Munshaw.

The occasion was made possible through the Jayettes and the Lion's auxiliary. Greenery for table decoration was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Curry.

Visiting guests included Neighborhood Commissioner Mr. and Mrs. Munshaw; President and Mrs. Don Kimmel; Dave Harbison; Lester Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Kaiser; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Register; Mr. and Mrs. Ted Hoffman; Gary Haynes, and Mr. and Mrs. Curry.

It was announced that there was a need for a number of hand tools and for scrap materials for shop activities. Tools could be marked and loaned. Tools needed include coping saws, screwdrivers, hammers, nails of various sizes, paint brushes, braces and bits, squares, wood plane, sandpaper and screws.

Scrap materials include pieces of plywood, hardboard,



'BEST ACTRESS'—Marilyn Monroe holds the star-shaped French award for Best Actress of the Year, presented to her at the French Consulate in New York. She received the award, French equivalent of the American "Oscar," for her role in "The Prince and the Showgirl."

## Small Worlds Around Us

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Mother's Inventiveness  
Saved Baby Squirrels**

The businessmen in the block were interested in the little family of squirrels. They regretted the location the mother squirrel had selected to house her three babies. Their inexperience, when once they left the nest, would be fatal. They would be traffic victims.

They were born in a hollow tree limb. The tree stood in a narrow three-foot strip of earth, bounded on one side by a sidewalk where several thousand people passed every day, and on the other side by a busy pavement where cars streamed past night and day. The nearest tree to the den tree was nearly a block away.

The hollow in the tree limb was seven feet above the ground, and the tops of passing cars only a few feet from the nest. People passing on the sidewalk could have reached up and touched the hollow.

**Rained On**  
To make matters even worse, the hollow in the limb pointed up. Every time it rained, the water must have made the baby squirrels quite wet and miserable. Mama squirrel certainly hadn't used her head when she selected this homesite.

Many times traffic was so heavy during certain rush hours she dared not come down the tree to feed the babies. On days such as these the smoke from thousands of automobile exhausts must have nearly overwhelmed the baby squirrels. Their tree home shook and vibrated, almost around the clock.

But the babies developed. Soon they were able to climb up the few inches of the nest cavity and peek out the opening. Here they would watch, sometimes for hours, at the busy life of the city. During the week some of the businessmen would put out peanuts.

The babies would venture forth and grab one, then hurry back to the safety of the nest. On Sundays when the stores were closed, the little ones would go hungry. During the rest of each week the three little heads were always peeping from the hollow limb.

**Mother's Decision**  
The time soon came when mother squirrel decided the youngsters were old enough to leave the home nest. It was a decision fraught with danger. The businessmen along the street agreed it was the critical time, so they watched carefully. But mother squirrel seemed to have a plan. She took one baby at a time, not along the street but over the tops of the buildings. Three trips she made, all successfully, to the little park three blocks away.

No one can say if her plan was one well thought out, something she had planned a long time ago, maybe even before the babies were born. It's hard to say just where instinct leaves off and reasoning begins.

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**CRASH KILLS 25**  
Durban, South Africa — (UPI) — Authorities said today that 25 native mine workers were killed and 23 others were injured Thursday when a bus left the road on a curve and plunged into a deep ravine near Matatielle, East Griqualand.

**ACTOR'S MOTHER DIES**  
St. Petersburg, Fla. — (UPI) — Mrs. Daisy Taylor Backus, 70, mother of television actor James B. (Jim) Backus, died at her home Thursday. She was born in Hazelton, Pa.

## SCIENTIST DIES

Los Angeles — (UPI) — Dr. Adolphe De Castro — scientist, inventor, writer, philosopher, master of 14 languages and American consul general to Madrid in the administration of Theodore Roosevelt, died Wednesday at his home at the age of 100.

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by Alice Brooks

## Chicago-To-Rome Flight Completed

Rome — (UPI) — American pilot Max Conrad landed here early today, the first man to fly a light, single-engine plane non-stop from Chicago to Rome.

The 5,000-mile flight was not believed to have set a record. On March 8, 1949, William P. Odom flew a light plane 5,300 miles from Honolulu to Teterboro, N. J., in 36 hours.

Conrad's unofficial flight time was 34 hours and 3 minutes. He left Chicago at 3:40 p.m. (EST) Wednesday and set down at Rome's Ciampino Airport at 1:43 a.m. (EST), 57 minutes ahead of schedule.



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