

## Bill Rasmussen Is Presented Chapter Star Farmer Award

Phoenix - Bill Rasmussen, chapter secretary, was presented the chapter star farmer award during the annual parent-son banquet Thursday sponsored by the Phoenix Future Farmers of America chapter. He received a rotating plaque.

It is the highest award that can be awarded to a member by the local chapter, according to Jack Dube, chapter adviser.

Rasmussen has been a chapter officer for two years, has taken part in all leadership activities, exhibited at the local 4-H and FFA fair and has been a member of the chapter livestock judging team for two years. He has shown a steady increase and development in the supervised farming program, Dube said. Last year, he was awarded the farm mechanics foundation award at the banquet.

### Foundation Awards

FFA foundation awards were presented by the chapter adviser to John Whiteside, for farm mechanics; Leon Small, public speaking; Jack Hoffbuh, soil and water management; Jim Martin, dairy farming; and Leon Small, farm safety.

The awards are based on the overall agriculture program of the boys and his application of vocational agriculture education on the home farm, Dube explained.

Approximately 110 members, their parents and guests attended the baked-ham dinner served at the Phoenix grade school cafeteria. Jack Hoffbuh, chapter vice president, introduced guests and gave the welcoming speech. Establishment in farming award checks for \$10 and \$5, respectively, were presented

Dean Sommer and Victor Coggins by Small, chapter president, acting for T. C. Carter of the Safeway Stores, Inc., in Medford.

### Honorary Membership

An honorary membership degree was presented to Cloe E. Small, Leon's father, in recognition of his service, interest and assistance in advancement of the FFA and vocational agriculture. Small assisted the chapter by lending equipment, assisting with a beef breeding program and supporting all chapter activities.

Gerald Sloper, chapter reporter, gave a progress report covering chapter activities and accomplishments during the past year.

The chapter president named Mary Jean Dube, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dube, chapter sweetheart. Miss Dube was present to receive the recognition. She was presented a savings bond.

A report on the national FFA convention was presented by the chapter secretary, Rasmussen and Small were the two chapter members selected to attend the convention at Kansas City, Mo., in October.

Mike Lowery, junior FFA member, reported on the state FFA convention in Corvallis last month. Lowery was one of five members making the trip with the chapter adviser.

Freshmen agriculture members presented a humorous skit depicting a typical agriculture classroom scene. Actors were Curt Harris, agriculture teacher; Ralph Gysin, veterinarian; Chet Caster, veterinary assistant; Steve Kesler, prop manager.

## Heisel to Advise State Legislature

Manville M. Heisel, Medford attorney, will provide technical legal service to the state legislature as a representative of the Oregon State Bar's public service program April 13 to April 24.

He is one of 20 attorneys participating in the program. Heisel will draft new bills, amendments and minor changes in present laws. He also will answer questions as to constitutionality of proposed or existing legislation.

He is a graduate of Oregon State college, and received his law degree from the University of Oregon. He was admitted to the Oregon State Bar in 1949.

Heisel is active in civic affairs, and is chairman of the Jackson county chapter of the American Red Cross.

## Dr. Voelkel to Speak at College

Ashland - Initiating Religious Emphasis Week activities will be Dr. Harold Voelkel, Presbyterian fraternal worker in Korea, speaking at the all-school assembly Wednesday, April 15.

Dr. Voelkel first went to Korea in 1929 under appointment of the former board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian church, U.S.A. stationed in Andong. He had oversight of a number of rural centers and groups in that district.

When the Korean conflict began in June, 1950, he was evacuated to Japan, but in September he began a special service for the United States government as a chaplain among Korean prisoners of war.

In the various POW camps and finally at Koje-do, he had unlimited opportunity for evangelistic work among the 150,000 prisoners. Dr. Voelkel told the story of his work in the booklet, "Behind Barbed Wire in Korea."

## Representative Believes Final Stretch of Legislature Nears

By EVELYN NYE  
Representative from Jackson County

We may be on the final stretch, but I have the feeling that we are limping home

and that our constituents aren't going to be any too glad to see us. When we were talking to people during the campaign the topic of conversation was property taxes, and I came to Salem with high hopes that a state tax program could be developed which would take the burden off property owners through larger state support for schools.

However, in three months the Democratic leadership has failed to agree on a tax plan, and so in the final weeks of the session we hear that we can probably expect nothing more than a reduction of personal and dependency credits which will bring in about \$9 million and which, together with the one-shot boost of \$8 million from eliminating installment payments of income taxes, using the entire \$30 million surplus, and possibly eliminating Federal income tax deductions, we will eke out enough to "get by" on for another two years.

At that time we will be faced with a desperate situation and I suspect that the plan is to hang it on Governor Hatfield, although his tax program, which was offered on Feb. 9, has been given no consideration at all.

It is for this reason that I signed the Sales Tax Bill which is now in the Senate Taxation committee. I have said publicly that I think the people of Oregon should be given another opportunity to express themselves on the sales tax and this bill would give it to them.

There is a good deal that I don't like about it, and I would much prefer to see the Hatfield tax plan enacted, but when you are in the minority you take the best that is offered.

It is interesting to note the mail that has been received by the legislators. This week my mail was mainly from women who had heard that the County Home Extension budget was to be cut (incidentally Senator Durno, who is a member of the ways and means committee, assures me that there is no such plan).

I'm also hearing from many women and a few men who are afraid that House Bill 656 will be passed and the trading stamp business curtailed. I doubt if the bill will get out of committee at this late date. This is one of those pieces of legislation which packs such an emotional wallop that legislators are some-

times helpless to exercise their own judgment.

Many letters are also reaching my desk on House Bill 528, the State Power commission bill. All of my correspondents have asked that I oppose the bill, which will be on the floor of the House early next week.

The House defeated by one vote the Timber Taxation Bill, House Bill 14. The sponsors will move to reconsider the vote on Monday but I think they have lost some support since Wednesday when the battle was fought, and I doubt now if it can be saved.

**Vote Against Bill**  
It is significant that several members of the taxation committee voted against the bill, their explanation being that they are confident that a better law can be written.

The Log Haulers Bill, House Bill 72, was passed by the House last week and is now in the Senate. I noted with interest that some people who supported the bill strongly in the beginning, voted against it. Others admitted that although voting for it, they were deeply concerned about its ultimate effect on the log hauling industry. If House Bill 72 becomes law, logging trucks will be required to have a PUC certificate of necessity and will operate under rates set by the PUC.

The County Home Rule bill passed the House this week

## Eight Students Take Army Tests

Eight southern Oregon high school students recently took aptitude tests in Portland to fill vacancies in Army schools after they graduate from high school.

The tests are conducted under the "Choose-it-yourself" program by the Army.

Youths from this area taking the test include Barry Wayne Payton, 1980 Westwood court, Medford; Allen Ray Cone, 902 Grant st., Medford; Stephen R. Fabrick, 2316 Hillcrest rd., Medford; Robert A. Ashton, 624 Benson st., Medford; Phillip W. Morgan, 629 South Holly st., Medford; Gerald Lee

with only four dissenting votes. It will now be up to us who worked on it to see that it doesn't get lost in the Senate in the flurry of the closing weeks of the session.

Governor Hatfield sent word yesterday that he had signed the Rogue River Bill, Senate Bill 183.



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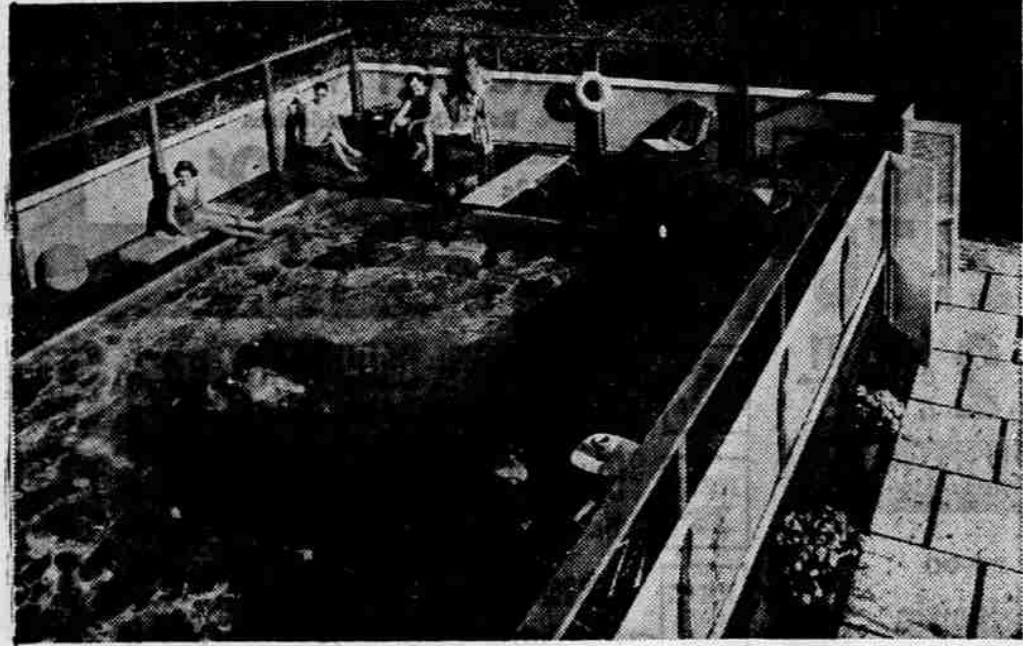
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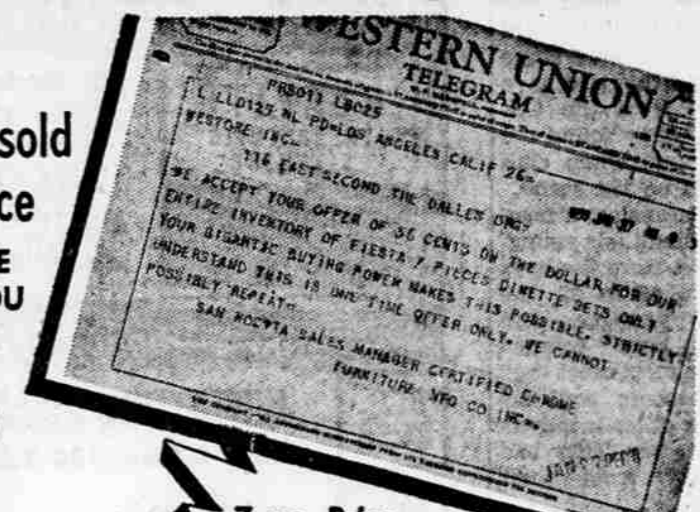
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