

Medford Is 'Problem Area' for Courses

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4-H Leaders Name Committee Heads

Officers of the Jackson County 4-H Leaders association have named committee members for the 1960 4-H club year, according to Allen Harris, president.

Selected to serve on the executive committee were Mrs. Don Bradshaw, Central Point; Mrs. Ivan Hale, Shady Cove; Ed Goodwin, Medford; and Mrs. Everett Gibson, Central Point.

Agriculture committee members are Don Bradshaw, Central Point; Mrs. Harlan Cantrell, Ruch; Herman Hixey, Eagle Point; William Sommers, Talent; Ed H. B. Chapman, Ashland; and Mrs. Fern Badcock, Evans Valley.

Home Economics committee members are Mrs. Leonard Franck and Mrs. Mary Meyers of Central Point; Mrs. John Carnegie of Medford; Mrs. Francis Krouse of Applegate; Mrs. Vic Stewart of Ashland; and Mrs. Allen Harris of Phoenix.

Mrs. Ellie Noguer of Medford is the hospitality committee chairman and Mrs. Sam James of Talent is refreshment chairman.

Nominated to serve on the fair publicity committee are Mrs. Cliff Bailey and Mrs. C. W. Anhorn of Central Point and Lawson Scott of Phoenix.

Appointments were made at the annual program planning session of the 4-H leaders' executive committee.

Grange News...

Lake Creek Grange
At the December meeting of Lake Creek Grange, the fire insurance agent, Murray Bartling, gave a report of the insurance meeting which was held at Live Oak Grange, Rogue River.

Most of the insurance agents and wives from Jackson county attended the meeting. The meeting consisted of a question and answer session. There have been several new ideas in the program recently.

A ham dinner was served at noon. Kenneth Owen was voted favorably to become a member of the Grange. He is a former member but had dropped out for several years.

The primary election of state officers was held. The history of the Christmas carols was read by Pearl Bartling, with the playing of the carols by Aldine Charley.

Val Bradshaw, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merton Bradshaw, recited a Christmas song.

A Christmas gift exchange was held. HEC chairman Nora Bradshaw had prepared a sack of candy, nuts and apples for each one.

The dance parties are proving successful, and another will be given on New Year's eve, Dec. 31.

The next Grange meeting will be Jan. 8 at 8:30 p.m.

75 Disease Cases Reported in County

There were 75 cases of communicable diseases in Jackson county reported in the week ending Dec. 18, according to Dr. C. I. Drummond, public health physician.

Of the diseases reported, 37 were influenza, with 32 cases in Medford, 4 in Ashland, and 1 in Central Point.

Other communicable diseases reported were typhoid, pneumonia, Medford 4; trench mouth, Medford 5; chicken pox, Ashland 1; Phoenix 1; Measles, Medford 5; whooping cough, Medford 1; scarlet fever, Phoenix 1; pink eye, Central Point 7; mumps, Rogue River 4; Evans Valley 1; German measles, Medford 3; Ashland 1.

SHIPPER DIES

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — (UPI) — William J. D'Arcy, 60, former vice president of the Caribbean Steamship Co. and the Cosmopolitan Steamship Co., New York, died here Thursday of lung cancer.

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College Extension Program Here Not Well Received

By BOB WALTERS
Mail Tribune Staff Writer

When it comes to showing much interest in higher education, the city of Medford is considered a "problem area."

Medford residents, in short, just aren't buying what educators are selling — knowledge and personal and professional self-improvement.

Why? No one seems to know, but one man who certainly would like to be Raymond E. Pettie, regional representative of the state system of higher education's general extension division.

After doing considerable research on the subject, Pettie has come up with facts to back these conclusions: Medford Ranks Fifth

Medford, the state's fourth largest city ranks a sorry fifth in this area (behind the smaller communities of Roseburg, Coos Bay, Klamath Falls and Grants Pass) in participation in college extension courses.

About two-thirds of the persons who have taken courses here are in the education field and thus have more tangible reasons — degrees and consequent increases in prestige and salary — for enrolling than simply the desire to better themselves academically.

Liberal arts courses offered here usually are either sustained while financially unprofitable or are cancelled because of lack of interest.

Selecting courses to interest Medford residents is often a guessing game, and Medfordites, as a group, seem to "have no incentive to get ahead" academically.

Pettie, interviewed at his Southern Oregon college headquarters, was asked if the lack of enthusiasm here might indicate that the level of education is higher locally than elsewhere in the state.

Less Ambition
"I can't assume that; nobody can," he replied. "I think the people here are as well educated, probably friendlier but less ambitious to get ahead" than people elsewhere in Oregon.

During the past seven terms, Pettie said, 258 classes have been offered in his area, which includes the greater part of the state's seven southwestern counties. Enrolled for these courses was a total of 4,640 students.

Medford, which should be the leader in the area, is actually the weak sister.

Only 26 classes have been completed here during that seven-term period. The enrollment was 488. Five classes were cancelled because of an apparent lack of interest.

Roseburg Tops List
On the other hand, Pettie continued, 1,082 students attended 55 classes in Roseburg during the same period and 999 enrolled for Coos Bay's 46 classes. Klamath Falls hosted 42 classes, attended by 740 persons, and 511 enrolled for Grants Pass' 26 classes.

That brought Pettie to the fifth city on his list.

Of Medford's 26 classes, he said, 16 finished financially ahead, eight lost money and "should have been cancelled" and two were borderline cases.

Several reasons have been offered for what Pettie termed the "frustrating" situation but he said he can't be sure which of them has any real bearing.

"We can't say it's because Medford is too close to the college," he said, explaining that the situation is similar in Salem yet per capita enrollment is much higher there.

Age Not a Factor
He was asked if age might be a factor, since Medford is widely known as a haven for retired persons.

"I don't think so," he answered. "Many older persons attend classes."

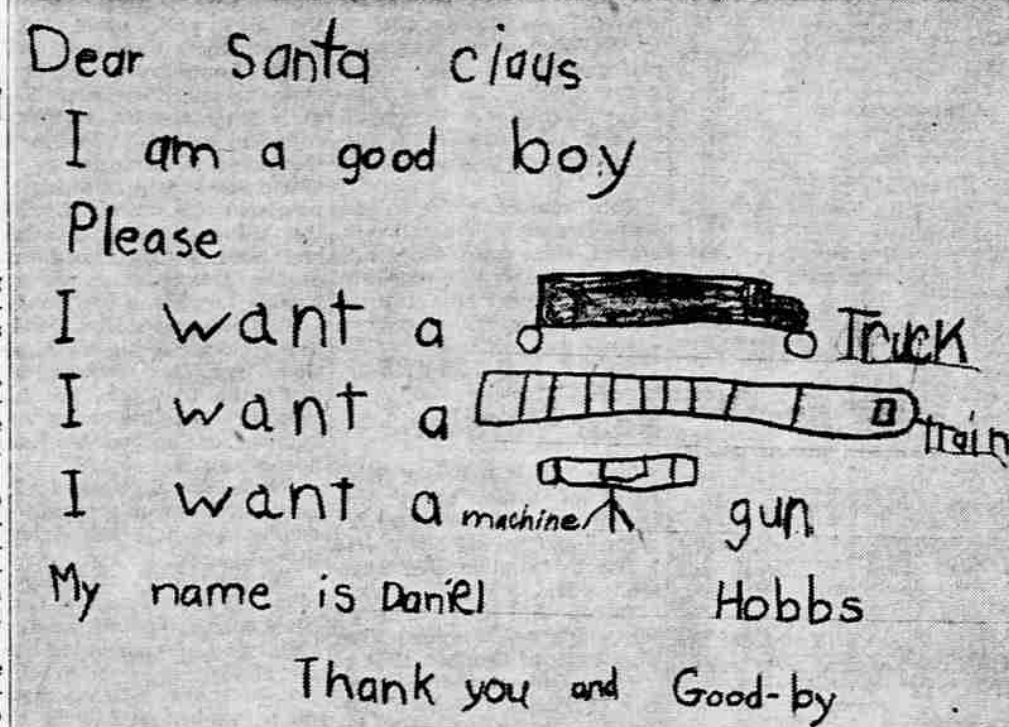
Perhaps the caliber of teaching is too high? Then again, maybe it's not high enough?

"The caliber of teaching," he replied, "is the same, whether it be on the campus or in the community."

Illustrating the problem, Pettie cited a recently completed survey of Medford's public school teachers. The survey asked teachers what extension classes they would be interested in attending.

The result: One reply, requesting a course in library instruction.

Non-Teachers Outnumbered
In the past, however, teachers and others associated with education have outnumbered other enrollees 2-1. The figure 488, indicating the number of



LETTER TO SANTA — Above is one of the many letters from boys and girls in the Medford area which Santa Claus received recently. Santa forwarded a copy of the letter to the Mail Tribune from the North Pole when he was asked what southern Oregon children were asking for Christmas this year.

Post Office Helps Santa's Letters Get to North Pole

Many people realize that the U. S. postal department helps Santa Claus deliver many of his packages this time of the year.

The local post office helps him in other ways, too. They also handle all of the Santa Claus letters that are mailed locally addressed to the North Pole. More than 30 such letters have been received so far, according to Postmaster Moore Hamilton.

Santa's helpers reported that the majority of the letters simply list the toys desired by the writer. Not all children think only of themselves, it was added, as many requests were received this year for toys for other members of the family.

Asks for Nothing
One little girl asked for nothing, she stated "I like the way you give me," while others thanked Santa for the toys received last year. One boy, who asked for a bicycle, was afraid Santa would not understand so drew a picture.

One child, after asking Santa Claus not to forget his parents, thanked him and added "we will leave cookies for you to eat." Other children included directions for leaving the family would be gone on Christmas eve but assured Santa that he could leave the toys anyway as they would be back Jan. 3. A girl explained that her toys should be taken to her grandparents' home in Portland.

Among the toys requested were ten for guns, including three machine guns, bow and arrows, and three asked for rifles. One boy's letter listed not only an Indian scout rifle but bullets to go with it, a 3-foot, 19-inch bow with 12 boneheaded arrows. He concluded his letter with "I'll be a good boy."

Requests for Safe
Santa's helpers reported one request for toys included a "safe with an alarm on it and a good luck charm."

They said that the majority of the children asked for dolls and doll clothing, games, bicycles, wagons, school clothes, and footballs. Low on the list were space toys while several requests were received for chemistry sets.

Hamilton said the local post office would forward letters for Santa Claus this week, but added that they could not guarantee delivery in time for Christmas at this late date.

2 Deaths Ruled Murder, Suicide

Portland — (UPI) — Police Saturday called the deaths of a Portland couple a murder-suicide and said no post mortem examinations were planned.

The bodies of Glenn Chasells, 39, and his wife, Clovis, friends 60, were found by a friend Friday afternoon who immediately phoned police.

Officers reconstructed the event this way: They said there had apparently been an argument between Chasells and his wife in the kitchen of their home.

The blast apparently hit her in the mouth from a distance of six or seven feet.

Detectives said they had no idea how long it was there after until Chasells went to the bedroom of the house and shot himself in the head with the same weapon. He apparently bled to death.

Police Check 415 Crashes in November

Salem — (UPI) — Oregon state police investigated 415 accidents in November, headquarters here reported Saturday.

Among other activities they also investigated 582 complaints, removed 382 highway obstructions, weighed 598 trucks, and disposed of 55 animals killed on highways.

Man Gets Prison For Manslaughter

Portland — (UPI) — Raphael Carpena Peralta, 28, Friday pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of manslaughter and was sentenced to a term not to exceed five years in the Oregon State penitentiary by Circuit Court Judge Paul Harris.

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EAGLE POINT Yule Play Slated

By DOTTIE HARBISON
Eagle Point — The hustle and bustle of Christmas is under way at the Eagle Point Grade school as pupils and faculty members plan the Christmas play which is held each year by one of the grade school departments.

The play, "Everywhere, Christmas," portrays Christmas in many lands and will be held in the grade school gymnasium Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 8 p.m.

Mrs. William Pomeroy, chairman, has announced that all pupils in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades will participate in the event. The intermediate chorus, under the direction of Ralph Humphrey, will provide background music for the play and the grade school band, directed by Keith Krambeal, will contribute several selections.

The Eagle Point Grade school will release classes early Wednesday after students attend Christmas parties in their rooms. Most rooms will have a small gift exchange. Classes will resume Jan. 4.

Mrs. Charles Martin has reported that a large number of applications have been accepted for kindergarten, which will open Jan. 4, and stated that no one will be admitted after that date.

Any one interested in registering their 4 or 5-year-old is asked to do so as soon as possible. Contact either Mrs. Charles Martin after 5 p.m. at Hillcrest 6-3004 or Mrs. Donald Pulley at Hillcrest 6-3555 during the day.

The Christmas tree sale is reported to be progressing satisfactorily with half the trees already sold. There still are several choice trees from which to make your selection at the stand on the Crater Lake highway. The proceeds will be donated to the Boy and Cub Scouts of Pack 48.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wertz held a family reunion at their home on Climax rd. for all brothers and sisters of Mrs. Wertz Dec. 20. Members of the family attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson, Elk-Trail; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson, Shady Cove; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jantzer, Central Point; and Mrs. Ted Kinney and son Ted, Jr., Ashland. Others attending were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nicholson, Central Point, and Kenneth Stewart, Ashland.

Mrs. Wertz's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hill, and their nine guests joined them later in the afternoon to play in the snow and gather Christmas trees.

Mrs. Elmer Binker and Mrs. Rupert Wilson combined their Cub Scout dens from Camp White for an outing to the White City fire station Dec. 15. Rupert Wilson, father of Cub Scout Ronnie, demonstrated

Group to Hear Unique Complaint

Salem — (UPI) — The Legislative Interim Highway committee devoted two hours Saturday to hearing a complaint from a large Eastern Oregon processing firm regarding a "unique situation" involving one mile of roadway.

F. Nephi Grigg, president of Ore-Ida Potato Products, Inc., of Ontario, appeared before the committee to plead his company's case.

He said the firm, a multi-million dollar operation, in recent months has been stopped by Oregon truck masters for overloading weights that cross the border from Idaho. The firm's plant is located about one mile over the Oregon border.

Grigg said that the firm has been fined once for carrying a bulk load over the Oregon limit of 70,400 pounds. But, he said, the load limit conflicts with Idaho state law.

He said that to lighten the truckload at the border would mean that the company could not compete with other processors in Idaho. Grigg asked for special permit to carry the extra poundage until next July, when the new U. S. Highway 30 route will be opened. The company's trucks use the old highway.

Grigg complained that the firm has been operating with 80,000 pound loads for some 10 years and that the trucks have never been stopped up to a few months ago.

The committee voted to direct a letter to the State Highway Commission asking the commission to legally research the situation and see what could be done.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Work and children Mary and Hattie, Trail, made a business trip and Christmas shopping expedition to Portland recently. Mrs. Work's mother, Mrs. E. H. Hedrick, Medford, accompanied them.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Chamberlain, Hamm Camp, Calif., spent the week end in Shady Cove visiting with Dean's mother, Mrs. Nellie Chamberlain. They expect to spend the Christmas holidays here.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Bergren, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sagaser, went to Springfield, Ore., for a family reunion at the home of Leland Sagaser, a brother of Mrs. Bergren. Also present were Sgt. and Mrs. D. L. Segaser. Sgt. Segaser had just returned from a 13-month tour of duty in Greenland. This was the first time the family had been together since 1948.

Shady Cove school will start Christmas vacation Dec. 23. Students will return to school Jan. 4. The Christmas program will be held Tuesday, with the first-fourth grades putting on the show. The PTA treats will be given to the children that evening. The band room and gym have now taken on a new look with the addition of asphalt tile on the floors.

Every Wednesday night at the Shady Cove school gym adult basketball is held starting at 7 p.m. and volleyball is played by the adults starting at 8 p.m. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

Bob Colpits Sr., long time resident of Shady Cove, passed away Dec. 12 at the Veterans hospital in Vancouver, Wash. His son, Bob Jr., had made the trip up to see him that day but had left at 4 o'clock to drive back home. Word then reached him that his father had passed away about 8 o'clock that same evening. Funeral services were held in Hermiston, Ore., Friday with interment in Echo, Ore. The VFW Post of Echo were in charge of the military rites.

Mrs. Colpits Sr. underwent major surgery last week at a Umatilla hospital and is quite ill.

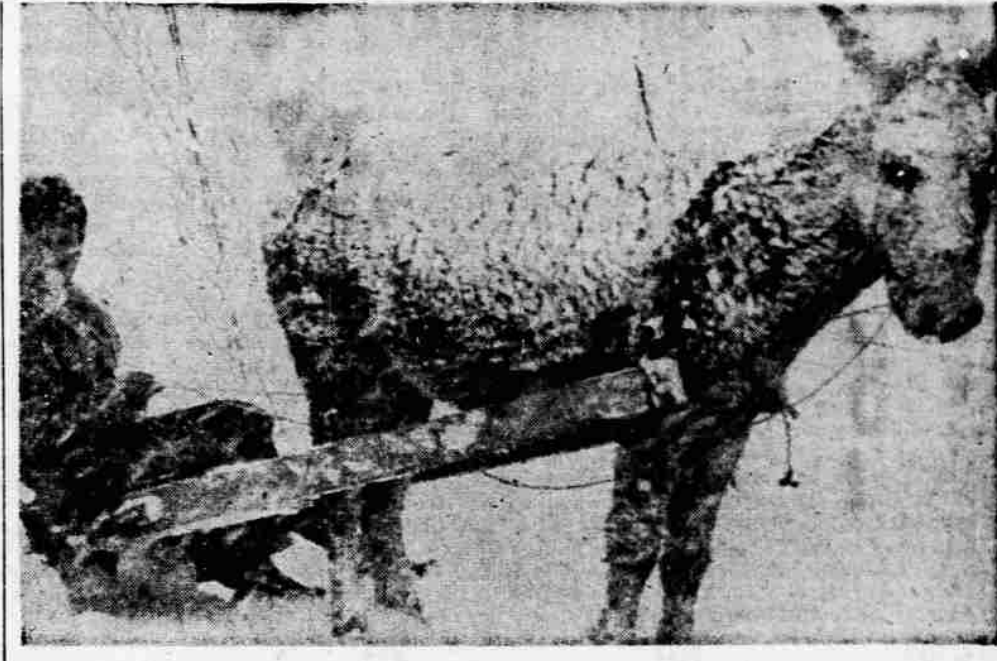
Kenneth Paulson's stepfather, Theodore Ryall, Lodi, Calif., passed away Dec. 12.

Sunday visitors at the home of George Putnam were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hyde, Murphy, Ore., and Miss Louise Putnam, Medford, who spent the day with her grandfather before going to Sutherlin, Ore., for the holiday vacation.

George (Dad) Putnam is reported by his son, Ed, to be in fair condition after his last illness. Visitors are welcome, he said.

A surprise birthday party was given for Mrs. Ethel Coy at her home on South B st. by neighbors Tuesday afternoon. Attending were Mrs. Ida Kent, Mrs. Helen Peebler and daughters; Mrs. Ben Boren; Mrs. Burse Kathy; Mrs. Charley Cearley; Mrs. Elmer Harnish and son; Mrs. Kenneth Baker and son; Mrs. Vera Kimmel; Mrs. Eulah Haver; Mrs. F. C. Clifford; Mrs. Rick Wolgast and daughters; Mrs. Lester McFall and sons; Mrs. Ray Harnish; and the honored guest, Refreshments were served following the opening of gifts.

More than 18 per cent of all the natural gas consumed in California is used to generate electric power.



BURRO-ING OUT—Pretty Linda Forest, 16, tries out a burro-drawn Indian travols in Albuquerque, N. M., as pelting snow assaults the patient donkey. Schools closed, lights failed and hundreds of drivers were stranded on drift-clogged roads as snow piled up 10 inches deep.

SHADY COVE-TRAIL Basketball Meet Held

By EVALYN P. WATSON
Shady Cove-Trail — Eagle Point school took first place in the Basketball Jamboree held recently at Elk-Trail school. Shady Cove finished second and Gold Hill third. The jamboree was well-attended by both adults and students.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Mt. View cemetery with Litwiller Funeral home in charge. His son, Ted Ryall Jr., Lodi, is here for the funeral and is staying with the Paulsons.

The Lions Auxiliary held its combined dinner meeting and Christmas party Dec. 2 at the Rogue River lodge. There was a gift exchange and each member also brought a gift to fill a box of toys for the School of the Blind. To help the school and its inmates in all ways possible is the project of the auxiliary.

Mrs. Wendell Stalker, Shady Cove, has returned from Oklahoma where she was called by the illness of her mother. Her mother is improved and is convalescing nicely, according to latest reports.

Bert Connor, Shady Cove, was elected as the new board member for the Shady Cove-Trail Volunteer Fire department. Bert will serve a 5-year term.

The Bob Lewellens, Shady Cove, are having a well drilled at their service station.

Mrs. William Bishop, Shady Cove, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Anna Epp, and son, Earl at Shafter, Calif.

Wayne House, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene House, Shady Cove, is back in school and doing fine after being ill at home for about two weeks.

The Christmas program of the Trail Community church will be given Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Newcomers to Shady Cove are newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Baker, formerly Medford, who are renting the Hutcheson house in the Cove. Mr. Baker had lived here previously.

Al Johnson, Trail, has just returned from a lengthy trip to New York where he visited with friends and relatives.

Recent visitors at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Evers, Shady Cove, were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Evers, San Francisco. Floyd delivered the sermon at the Trail Community church Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Linden, Shady Cove, recently made a trip to Portland where she visited friends and relatives.

SP4 and Mrs. William Littlefield will spend the Christmas holidays in Germany and will visit with cousins of Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Mrs. Louisa Goldate, son Reiner

Sentence Imposition Continued in Court

Circuit Judge James M. Main Thursday in circuit court continued the suspended imposition of sentence for James Conley Tolley, 18, for three years.

Tolley had previously pleaded guilty to charges of burglary not in a dwelling. The imposition was continued providing Tolley finish a six month's jail term under the supervision of the Oregon board of parole and prison terms and does not consume intoxicating beverages.

The Jackson county grand jury has returned a "not true bill" on Dustin Lee Gerbing, 19, of 2154 Kings highway, Medford, and Harlin Lee Stinson, 18, of Butte Falls Star road, Eagle Point, both charged with arson. Thomas J. Reeder, district attorney, said Friday. Both were released.

and daughter Eutene at Eusethal, which is in Rhineland, West Germany, and is only 13 miles from the French border. Then they will go to Stuttgart where they will be joined by Mrs. Littlefield's cousin, SP4 Fred Simmons. They are planning to see as much of the country as they can and their plans include a trip during the holidays to Vienna, Austria. William Littlefield is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Littlefield, Shady Cove, and Mrs. Littlefield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sheppard, also Shady Cove. They are both employed in offices of the transportation corps at Chateaux, France.

The Shady Cove Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Frank Flink for the December meeting and Christmas party recently. Co-hostess was Mrs. William Shepherd. The members had made Christmas arrangements for a placement show and gifts suitable for a garden were exchanged. Mrs. Shepherd gave a 15-minute lesson on Japanese flower arrangement. The next meeting of the club will be Jan. 11 at the home of Mrs. Richard Pfeiffer. Co-hostesses will be Mrs. O. L. Williams and Mrs. Max Hawks. The program for the day will be on shade plants and roll call will be answered by telling "My Favorite House Plant and How I Care for It."

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kelley, Shady Cove, were dinner guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Clemens, Grants Pass. They also visited with Mrs. Kelley's brothers and their families, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jantzer and Mr. and Mrs. John Jantzer.

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