

The Rev. Ray Schaefer, Portland, state director of Christian education for the American Baptist churches, will be guest speaker today at the 11 a.m. worship service at Eastwood Baptist church.

### Grange News

Lake Creek Grange was host Grange for visitation night at the June meeting. Masters present were Bob Bitterling, Pomona and Eagle Point Grange; Benton Boyce, Central Point Grange; Frank Hall, Live Oak Grange; Lloyd Lacey, Phoenix Grange; Cecil Kee, Shady Cove Grange; Roscoe Roberts, Jackson county deputy; and Bob Gilkey, Lake Creek Grange.

There were members from nine Granges, and total attendance was 61. All guests were escorted to the master's station.

Faye George, educational committee, reported on the American Council of Education. The article stated that there are many companies "selling college degrees" in the United States. One such concern is called Green Briar college, and sells a bachelor degree for \$10.50. Many companies charge a much higher fee. The United States lacks laws to control such a situation. Only 18 states have legal control over such a fraudulent scheme, he noted.

Camille Gilkey, educational committee, gave a report on Secretary Gates, and Glenn Burg reported that the Eagle Point FFA chapter has bought a tractor and will do custom work. Nat Etzel of Eagle Point may be contacted.

Lloyd George reported on the debt to run the government, and the interest on the debt will be one million a year.

Gilkey reported on the monthly letter from Representative Charles O. Porter. He stated that regardless of what his questionnaire reveals, he will vote as he wishes.

Lecturer Betty Bradshaw presented the program, which included Victor Halsey's talk on "Soil Conservation"; Faye George's reading of "Jacob Straus"; and a musical trio, Ernest Burrell, guitar; Carl Riblett, violin; Leland Charley, trombone; and Mrs. Riblett, the accompanist at the piano.

All Grangers are urged to buy tickets for the Grange picnic which will be held at the Elks picnic grounds in July. There will be a barbecue at noon, games in the afternoon and entertainment and dancing in the evening at Eagle Point.

Lake Creek Grange will hold its next meeting July 8 at 8:30 p.m.

### HEAVY RAINS

Monrovia - Liberia and its neighboring state, Sierra Leone, have the heaviest average rainfall annually along the west African coastal bulge territory.

### Guest Speaker At 1st Church of God

The Rev. E. H. Ahrendt, Portland, will be guest speaker at both 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. services today at First Church of God, Haven and Holly st.

Mr. Ahrendt, a former Portland minister now conducting evangelistic services, will speak in the absence of the Rev. W. E. Martin, pastor, who is in Indiana attending the National Annual General Assembly Ministers' meeting.

Word has been received that Miss Leota McCullough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McCullough, Medford, has become a member of the Caroliers, a singing group heard locally on the Christian Brotherhood hour at 8 a.m. each Sunday over station KBOY.

Wednesday, June 22, at 7:30 p.m. the Vacation Bible school classes will present a program featuring demonstrations and displays of the work they have accomplished. Refreshments will follow.

First Church of God will have charge of services at the Medford Gospel Mission Friday evening, June 24.



**FANCY FRONT**—One of the most elaborate marquee signs in southern Oregon is the one recently completed at the Pioneer cafe in Central Point. Backlighted murals, four in all, festoon the corners of the marquee, while a "traveling bulb" border sets off the name of the establishment in the front. Other features include an animated wagon wheel above the marquee and "daylight" lighting beneath. The colorful front was designed and built by Medford Neon sign company, 2708 North Pacific highway, Medford. The Pioneer cafe recently underwent complete remodeling, according to Owner John Gallucci.

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### Diary of a Bird Watcher



#### SPRING

Anybody can have fun looking at birds in the spring and I certainly did this year. Of course the weather was unusual. It always is, departing from the normal in a different way each year. We had unusually hot weather early, as mentioned in my last column March 27. Then we had a rather cool spring with quite a lot of cloudy weather, slowing up the migration of birds, but also holding some here that might otherwise have moved along.

Every year we see some birds that are unusual to us, that we have never seen in the county before. It is these records that bring some of the excitement of bird watching.

The most unusual record of all was made by the Ted Conways at their place by the Rogue river below Shady Cove. They saw two little blue herons. The normal range of these birds is on the east coast. They are reported as "accidental in California." My books don't show them as ever having been seen in Oregon. But the plumage of these birds is so distinctive and the Conways such careful observers that I am sure they saw them.

They were also responsible for J.H. and me seeing our first black-bellied plover in this valley. Mrs. Conway phoned J.H. just as we were starting on a Monday morning birding trip. So we dashed right out there, hoping that the plover might stay because of weariness after a migration flight. Sure enough, there it was, sitting on a sand-bar in front of J. H.'s cabin. It looked very splendid with its all black underparts as the sun shone on it.

Another bird we hadn't seen in the valley before was also a handsome wading bird, a black-necked stilt. We saw it at Hoover lake.

There are other birds that aren't supposed to be living in Oregon, according to the books, but we have seen them this year as well as previously. The black phoebe is again by the little bridge where Forest Creek empties into the Applegate. J. H. discovered blue-gray gnatcatchers on Roxy Ann just above the southern-most loop of the road. He took me there and showed them to me, and I saw them there twice after that, once with my wife, once with another observer who was quite familiar with the species.

The season has also been notable for a couple of very good days of bird watching. J. H. and I set a new record for a four hour birding trip May 2 when we found 66 species in one morning. This was the day we saw the black-bellied plover. We also saw an osprey and a golden eagle that morning, besides eight different kinds of warblers and several other birds newly returned from the south.

The other big day was reported in the Mail Tribune of June 5. It was our annual Memorial Day bird count when 18 of us covered as many areas in the county as we could reach and came up with 124 species. We got up early and had some very capable people working. One interesting thing is that in spite of that good list there were remarkably few water birds found. We always make a great point of looking over the ponds, but this time they were nearly all empty.

Some birds are pretty well distributed, but they still give us a thrill always because they are so colorful. The orange and black Bullock's orioles are in many of the shade trees of the valley. A male has been coming to my red-hot poker flowers to sip the nectar, like a hummingbird. The darker orange black-headed grosbeak sings its cheery song in the town and nearby every woodland. The other bright colored bird I never tire of seeing is the western tanager. They like the timbered country. We must have had good views of 6 or 8 of the males on our most recent trip to the hills.

On this same trip I was also impressed with the number of hermit thrushes we heard singing. It is a plainly dressed bird, but the sweet, organ-like tones of its song is the most beautiful sound I know in the woods. We also heard the Swainson's (olive backed) thrush, which is more familiar to me, and only slightly less beautiful. — T. M.

### Three Churches Announce Events

**Rogue River**—The Rev. Robert Maxson, pastor of Hope Presbyterian church, Rogue River, will speak today on "Our Christian Citizenship."

Two identical worship services will be held. They will be at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday school will continue at 9:45 a.m. between the two services.

**Jacksonville**—The Rev. King K. Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian church, Jacksonville, will speak Father's Day on "A Lost Sense of God." Mrs. Rafe Andrews will sing the solo in the choir selection "I'll Ask To Be Like Him."

At 1 p.m. the high school young people who will attend the high school conference at Lake of the Woods will leave from the church.

**Phoenix**—The Rev. William Saladin will speak on "Before You Ask" as his sermon topic at the Phoenix First Presbyterian church, 11 a.m. worship services today.

Mrs. J. H. Webster is organist and choir director. The session meeting scheduled for Monday, June 20, will be held on Monday, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone considering church membership should contact the pastor before this date.

### Deadline Near for Orphan 'Importer'

Portland - UPI - Harry Holt, the Creswell, Ore., farmer with the big heart, may be able to bring only one more plane load of Korean orphans to the United States.

Holt, who has arranged for 1,750 Korean children of mixed parentage to be airlifted to the U. S. and has found homes for these youngsters, now faces a June 30 deadline ending the orphan visa program.

**STORM CAUSE**  
St. Louis - Thunderstorms generally develop when moist and warm air rises in considerable quantities of volume.



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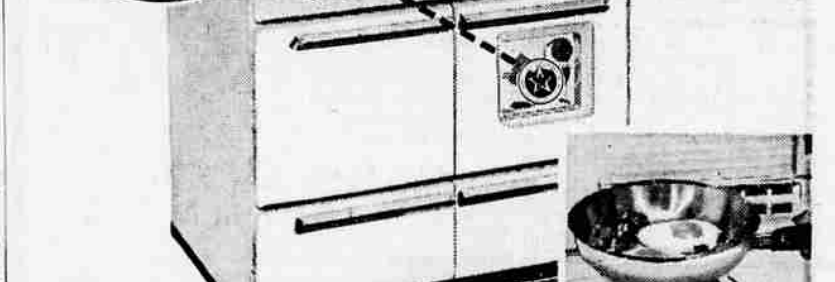
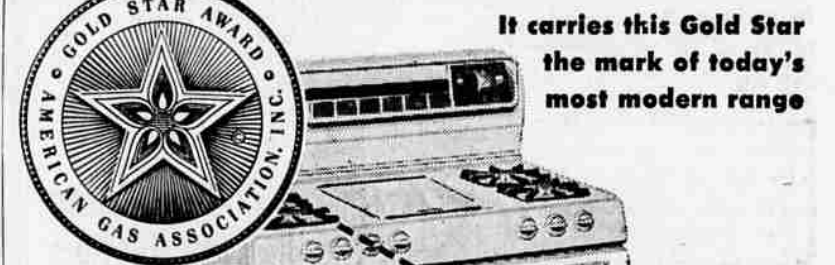
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