

## Shady Cove 4-H Members Receive Achievement Pins

Twenty-nine 4-H club members received pins and cards for years in club work at the Shady Cove achievement program last week.

Presenting the pins, furnished by the Oregon Bankers association was Art Carlson of the Medford Branch of the First National Bank.

Presentation of awards followed a film on 4-H club work and group singing. Members of the Elk Train Forestry Squads presented a skit on identification of trees and the origin of 4-H club work.

Margaret Hanson was presented the Farm Bureau trophy for the best forestry exhibit at the county fair. She also won a national award, sponsored by the American Forest Products Industries for outstanding work in forestry, and a county medal for her senior division record book in the contest sponsored by the fair board.

Junior division record book winner was Bill Lawson and intermediate forestry winner was Leonard Hanson.

The following received pins or cards for years in club work:

Four years: Carol Ann Hale, Cecelia Ann Kee, Linda Paulson, Sharon Smith, Leonard Hanson, Margaret Hanson.

Three years: Sheri Watson. Two years: Marilyn Leaming, Dawn Olicer, Sandra Paulson, Judy Ann Waltz, Donna Weitman, Judith Sanderson, Linda Weitman, and Roy Myers.

One year: Connie Burnett, Carolyn Uhrich, Karyl Bishop, Nancy Clemons, Dick Eastman, Bill Lawson, Tommy Lawson, Morgan Miller, La Vonne Myers, and Kenneth Stanek.

## Library Plans Morning Story Hours

The Public Library of Medford and Jackson County is planning a series of morning story hours for pre-school children.

These stories are scheduled for Tuesday at 10 a.m. There will be guest story tellers and the program will vary week to week.

Miss Annette Gray is the story teller for the pre-school story hour this Tuesday.

The children's department is expanding the services for pre-school children and their parents. The Tuesday morning story hour is a vital part of this program.

## Broader Power in Counties Reviewed at State Meeting

William M. Siegel, assistant county counsel, Santa Clara county, Calif., traced the assumption of broader powers by California counties and use of home rule charters for the people attending the county charter clinic during the Association of Oregon Counties' meeting in Portland last week.

Only 11 of 58 California counties adopted a charter, Siegel noted. When broader powers were granted by the California legislature in 1933 a number of counties felt they had all the powers they needed without adoption of home rule charters.

Siegel traced the development of these powers to explain why California counties have been slow in adopting charters. The California constitution was amended in 1911 to provide for home rule charters, he said.

Finally the California legislature authorized consolidation of all county offices. By ordinance the counties could centralize their administrative departments. Thirty-seven California counties took advantage of this.

Counties which took advantage of these broader powers and did not adopt charters are called general law counties, Siegel said.

Under California charters, a board of supervisors with at least three members is required, Siegel said. However, a number of California counties are talking about increasing this to five, and Los Angeles county is thinking of a 11 member board. Members are nominated from districts but elected by all county voters.

The board supervisors acts to fill vacancies among its membership.

Thirteen traditional county offices are provided under charter. They may be elected or appointed. In Santa Clara county, Calif., four positions are elected, sheriff, district attorney, superintendent of schools, and county assessor.

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Had Police Authority

Until 1933 the California legislatures held the counties in a strangle grip, Siegel explained. Counties had independent police authority but not legislative authority.

The legislature fixed the number and compensation of all county employees. This is the key to the exercise of county governments, he said.

Los Angeles county ran into problems early and was the leader in obtaining broader powers for counties, the attorney explained.

The state legislature thought it was simpler to apply each amendment to all counties instead of just to California, he explained.

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**GUIDE FOR PARENTS**—Leading the way, Clarence Hathaway, 5, guides his parents on a shopping trip at Cleveland, Ohio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hathaway, are blind and deaf, speak well, but they have to communicate with each other by writing in the palm of the other's hand. Clarence guides them wherever they want to go—off the bus, through the terminal, stores and on and off elevators. (UPI Telephoto)

## Hermit Crab Goes Househunting in Seeking Home

Los Angeles—(Science Service)—How the hermit crab, the inter-tidal creature that takes over unoccupied shells, selects its home was explained here by Dr. Ernst S. Reese, University of Hawaii zoologist.

Reese said the crab's taste in dwellings is inborn and its choice is determined by a meticulous and seldom varied "househunting routine."

The routine is as follows: When the crab is old enough for a home of its own, his vision can distinguish an object that contrasts with its background coloration. The object must have a rough exterior so the crab can grasp and maneuver it.

Carries Dwelling

Weight now enters the picture. Since the crab must carry its dwelling about, it tends to select an object that has a certain ratio to its weight. As the crab grows, it will periodically select larger objects to maintain this ratio.

By now the crab, through his tactile and kinesthetic (muscle) sense, will have determined that the object is a shell of a particular species. His innate discriminatory capacity in this respect leads it to favor a particular species of shell.

Having discovered the shell's aperture by then, the crab will insert his abdomen. If this is a proper fit, the crab has found a home.

In principle the househunting routine of a hermit may not be far different than that of a careful housewife. The main difference is that the crab's taste is a matter of genes and not of culture, Dr. Reese explained. Reese was formerly on the staff of the University of California at Los Angeles here.

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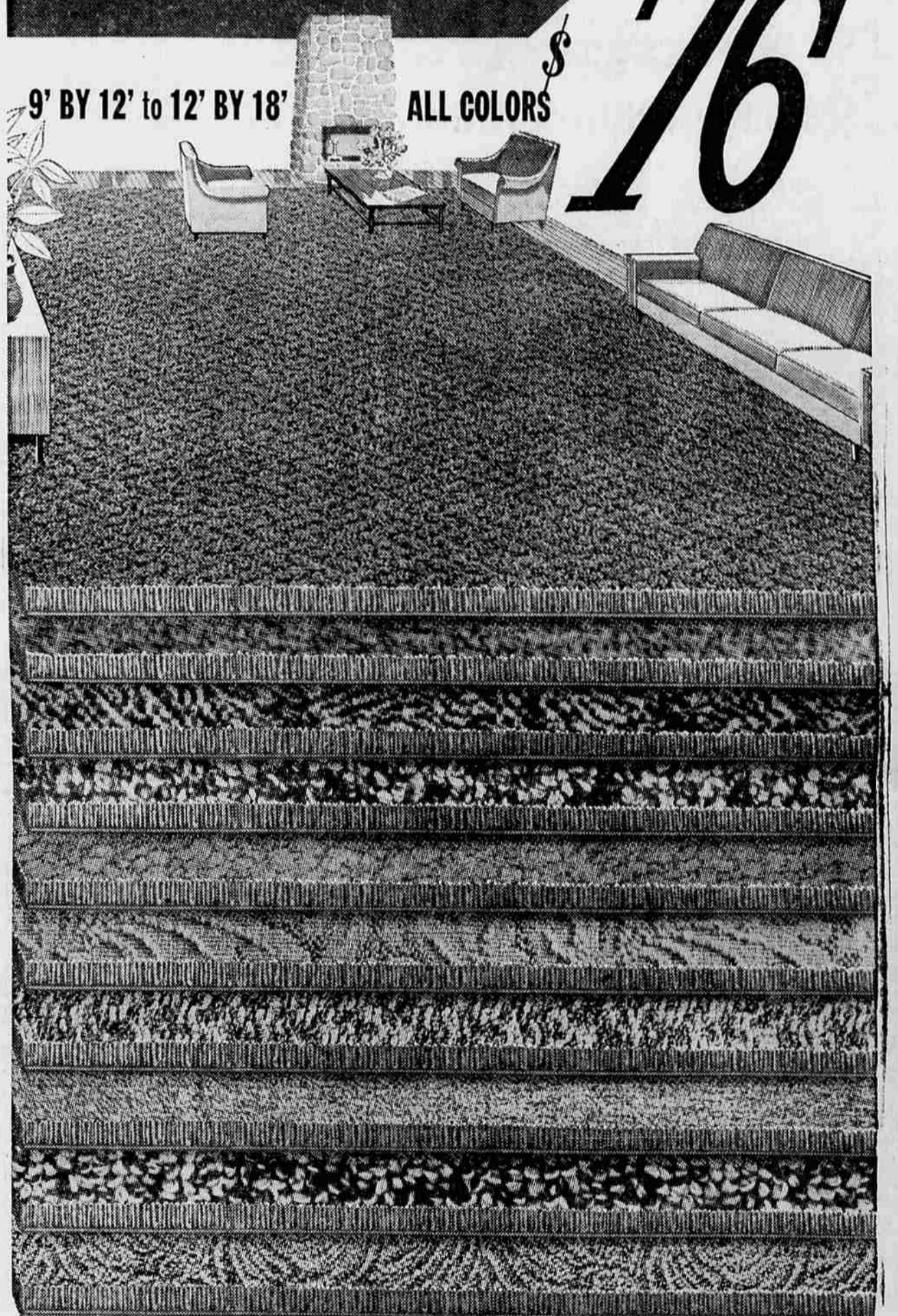
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