



SPRING POPS OUT—Jenny Peterson, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Peterson of Columbia, Mo., plays with crocuses popping out ahead of the grass. These hardy signs of spring don't seem to mind the severe weather which has been more common than this bright day, but burst into bright yellow and purple blooms every time the sun shines. (UPI Telephoto)

Ashland Chamber Receives Requests For Information

Ashland—As of Monday, the Ashland Chamber of Commerce had received 284 requests for information about Ashland.

The Ashland chamber has joined chambers in Medford, Grants Pass and Illinois Valley in sponsoring advertisements in Sunset and Westways magazines. The Jackson and Magazine county courts are helping to finance the costs. Velma Jones, Ashland chamber secretary, reports information requests have been coming in as fast as she can answer them.

The bright note, she indicates, is that between 5 and 10 per cent of the inquiries have been asking about Ashland as a permanent place to live. Such questioning as "What about the climate?" and "How's the climate?" are being answered frequently.

Thirty-four motor clubs from all parts of the country have asked for brochures on Ashland. They include the Chicago Motor club, Automobile Association of Michigan,

Austin Minnesota Motor club, National Motor club of Dallas, Tex., and British Columbia Auto association.

Unusual Questions
Some inquiries have been along unusual lines. A Pasadena, Calif., man wrote "Have camper, Overnight parking?" A Canoga Park, Calif., resident requested information on rock collecting possibilities. Another California citizen inquired about gold panning. The prize question to date was from a resident of Bellflower, Calif., who asked, "Could you send me information on past beauty contests in Ashland?" However, most requests have been less unusual. Camping facilities, hiking areas, trailer accommodations, fishing prospects, local industry and golf courses are areas attracting interest.

Points of scenic and historical interest also attract questions. One man sounded like he was ready to pick up and leave California as soon as possible. He asked, "What are plane and train fares to your city?"

From Juchitepec, Mexico, came the inquiry "Farm land for sale?"

Every one of the 284 inquiries has been answered, Mrs. Jones says. Persons requesting information receive a brochure on Ashland outlining the city's history, progress and current condition. Other brochures on accommodations and recreational facilities are sent if requested. Many inquiries have to be answered by a personal letter. The chamber has hired additional office help to meet the demand.

Where will it end? Who knows. Things will be humming in the Ashland Chamber of Commerce office for some time if the current number of questions continues.

Sherwood Hunter's Body Found in River

Oregon City — (UPI) — The body of Robert D. Beardslee, 31, Sherwood, missing on a duck hunting trip since Dec. 22, has been found in the Willamette river near here.

Grange News

Eagle Point
At the last meeting of the Eagle Point Grange, Roscoe Roberts, county deputy and insurance agent, and Mary Cassal of the Shady Cove Grange were visitors.

Lester Wertz reported on livestock, grain and hay prices for the agricultural committee. Wilford Davics made a report on some of the bills coming before the state legislature.

Home Economics Club Chairman Mrs. Lester Wertz, told about the last meeting held at the home of Mrs. Lester McFall and also about the district meeting to be held soon at Central Point.

She announced that the Grange meeting tonight will be a potluck dinner. All members who had birthdays during January, February and March are to take cakes to the dinner and the rest to take main dishes and salads. The display table was of handmade Mexican pottery brought by Mrs. Tom Vestal. Mrs. Lloyd Adamson had a miscellaneous display of various articles from Alaska, China, Laos, etc.

C. C. Hoover on the com-

munity service, said that the Eagle Point area had received the allotment of trees. He said that 30,000 trees had been received and distributed by the Grange and more trees are expected in April. Of these trees 2,500 were delivered to the Medford school children, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts.

Roscoe Roberts reported that there was considerable loss by Grange members from wind damages during the recent storm, this loss was covered by those who carried extended coverage on their insurance.

It was decided to change the Fourth of July barbecue to Sunday, July 2 to coincide with the Jaycee's program. The lecturer's celebration was made up of songs and readings honoring St. Patrick's day.

Serving refreshments following the meeting were Mrs. Cal Lusk, Mrs. Agnes Hubbell and Jake Brown.

Sams Valley
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Smith were elected to become members of the Sams Valley Grange at their meeting recently.

Elwood Abbott reminded members of the annual meeting of the Jackson Soil Conservation district at the Eagle Point Grange March 20.

Al Straus reported on the A and C Farmers wanting to sign up for grain acreage. Ruby Pleasant was elected to the office of Flora.

The Grange meeting opened with a potluck dinner. Lecture hour was on the St. Patrick's day theme.

Phoenix Grange
Phoenix Grange met in regular session March 14 with Master Lloyd Lacy presiding. Six members were reported ill.

Horticulture chairman Vaughn Quackenbush reported it was hard to get dormant spray on orchard trees on account of windy weather. He said that all roses not pruned should be pruned at once.

Agriculture chairman Charlie Hockersmith spoke on new corn and tomato seed. Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Roberts were visitors. He spoke on insurance.

C. M. Litwiller, Ashland, showed pictures of Africa and Holy Land where he visited last summer. Coral Schraeder gave a reading, "Rainy Day."

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carr and Mrs. Myrtle Carr were refreshments.

March 28 the Grange will be host to visiting Jackson county Granges. Phoenix Grange women are to take sandwiches.

Recently the following members of Phoenix Grange visited Applegate Grange: They were Master and Mrs. Lloyd Lacy, Mr. and Mrs. Olin Poe, Mr. and Mrs. Quackenbush, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Hockersmith, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cyrs, Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Hixon, Mrs. Dinsmore, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Glasscock.

Lenten Message

By THE RT. REV. THEODORE N. BARTH Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee (Written for UPI)

Once again the Christian world finds itself in the season of Lent. This season of retirement and prayer has its origin in the 40 days of fasting and communion with God our Lord experienced in the wilderness at the beginning of His ministry. What He did there is what we are called upon to do in our Lent. It is a time of soul-searching and realignment of our lives in fellowship with God and obedience to His will.

We speak of the 40 days as His temptation and so it was. So Lent is for all of us. The Evil One tried to get our Lord to accept easier, more worldly methods, in the ministry that lay ahead of Him. "Give them free bread," he said, "or jump off high walls and not be hurt." The people will love it and follow. After all, Jesus wanted the world and the Devil offered to give it to Him with all its kingdoms and the glories of them. But it would still be the world and the way of peace and holiness He came to bring would never come.

This problem does not change. We dream of better things for our personal lives and the lives of the world around us. Our Lent bids us to take stock and examine both our motives and performances. Our present day world lays great demands upon us for the careful consideration of these things. How are we going to solve the difficulties posed by godless ideologies, race tensions and class and national strife? Are we going to fail on the world's way to go, or are we going to take the way of holiness and sacrifice by which alone the kingdoms of this world can be lifted to the Kingdom of God and His Christ?

GEYSER CENTER
Cody, Wyo. — Yellowstone national park has more geysers than all the rest of the world. The park was established by federal law in 1872.

TWIN INCIDENT
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Oriental Blockade May Be Relaxed

Leopoldville, The Congo — (UPI) — The central Congolese government may relax the economic blockade of Oriental province as a gesture of conciliation toward pro-Lumumbist leader Antoine Gizenga, according to informed sources.

The sources said the move was designed to get Gizenga to participate in talks aimed at setting up a confederation of Congo states.

Only Sunday, the Communist-trained Gizenga advised President Joseph Kasavubu that the Stanleyville regime rejected the federation plan drawn up by Congolese political leaders last week in the Malagasy Republic. Gizenga also reiterated his claim that he is the premier of the Congo as the successor to the late Patrice Lumumba.

Oriental province has been cut off from the rest of the Congo for weeks by troops loyal to Maj. Gen. Joseph Mobutu.

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4-H NEWS

Eight Crazy Stitches
The first meeting of the Eight Crazy Stitches 4-H Sewing club was held at the home of Mrs. Randy Huggdahl March 17.

At this meeting the club members were introduced to their leader, Mrs. Huggdahl, and to Mrs. Harold Kenyon, the club's sewing advisor. We had eight members present and four guests.

At our meeting we also elected our club officers. They are, president, Carole Leon; vice president, Karen Huggdahl; secretary, Donna Collins; reporter, Teresa Merritt; refreshment chairman, Sherri Burelson; game chairman, Cathy Vandagriff; song chairman, Barbara Wood, and special events chairman, Sharon Huggdahl.

Our next meeting will be April 6 at the home of Mrs. Huggdahl.

Refreshments were served and the meeting was adjourned.

Teresa Merritt, Reporter

Hodges Will Attend Portland Conference

Portland — (UPI) — Commerce Secretary Luther Hodges will be here next month for the 45th general conference of the Pacific Northwest Trade association.

The conference, which will run from April 16-18, will be attended by delegates from five states and Canada. Hodges will speak at a luncheon April 18.

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