

Tablets

By R. E. NEALON

Table Rock - The L. C. Ahlness Pollen Supply company of Wenatchee, Wash., has a crew of pollen harvesters working among pear trees at the Modoc orchard. These trained workers pick buds just coming into bloom, in a process much like thinning fruit after it has developed enough to show a crowded condition.

The blossoms are then worked through screens that separate other material from the tiny pollen seeds, about the size of alfalfa seed with a small tail attached making them resemble a tiny tad pole. Workers who screen the seeds sit on the ground and are paid \$8 a measured ounce in the damp stage. One woman worker we talked to had measured 134 ounces, the high for the day.

After the seeds have gone through the final process of drying and being ground into dust, they are sold for as much as \$35 an ounce. According to a descriptive placard, a pear blossom contains from four to five pollen seeds. Since pollen is used for so many purposes and is so valuable, we wonder if some time it might replace the pear as a source of income to orchardists.

This information was obtained by talking with workers who come from many different sections of the country. We sure got behind the right ball when we asked if this was something new, and were told that it had been going on for years. When one fellow from Oklahoma started to tell us about how it was used in Biblical times, we decided it was time to go.

We remember this old saying that was used quite a bit in the good old days: "Chickens will come home to roost." It meant if a person dealt with another, the same would in time return to him. It reminds us of the recent claim that former President Eisenhower is a card playing communist. Some of his Republican friends thought this was ridiculous, which we agree with. But it is no more so than the claim to Republicans that Harry Truman was soft on communism. Harry wasn't soft enough to be given a carrying card. The chickens have come home to roost, and are doing a lot of cackling.

Laurie Matteson, the little five-year-old blond, was playing near where we were working the other day with a little red-haired boy about her age. A little later we noticed she was alone. We asked her where her red-haired boy friend was and she said he had gone home. But his hair wasn't red, it was orange, dark orange. So, living on

Pumice lane there is a small boy with orange hair, believe it or not.

John Steven, of Crescent City, Calif., was a recent visitor with relatives at the Ray Doran home.

The Easter program at last Sunday's session of the local Sunday school was well attended. Some 47 persons enjoyed the excellent program carried out by the different classes, and highlighted by a duet by Anita Pierce and Mrs. Ray Doran, and a solo by Miss Debbie Taylor.

The Robert O' Day Concrete Ditch Lining company, of Medford, has finished a land leveling job on the Ray Baker farm, and is constructing concrete lined irrigation canals on the Darling dairy farm.

The April meeting of the local ladies club will be held Wednesday afternoon, April 12, at the home of Mrs. Jim Gann at 1119 Dakota st., Medford. Mrs. Frank Myers will assist.

We were amused by E.A.'s quick change of heart in last Sunday's M.T. As he was about to pull the safety valve and blow off steam, he spied the communication from the good lady of Orr drive, pushed, put his dragon slaying sword back in the sheath, and wrote a nice Easter editorial. This doesn't mean he won't be taking out the sword again. When he does the dragons had better look for cover.

We have come close to blowing our top many times in this column, but are restricted, as if what we pencil out is too potent. Bessie the typist says no, we'll have to change that, it's not good grammar. Then, if it passes here, we still have Stafford's waste basket staring us in the face. One of our pet gripes is the inconsistency of some people. For instance, we are asked to contribute to the fund for reforming drunks. Then some of the same people will vote to license more places to sell the stuff that makes them what they are.

Thought for the day: Stafford tells us not to try to make headlines. We will add that if you do, it will probably come out as a footnote.

Real Estate Office

Opens in Eagle Point

Eagle Point - The Riverside Real Estate office opened in Eagle Point Wednesday morning. The office is located at the corner of Main and D sts. Broker Robert Blair said the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. week days. He plans on specializing in farms and acreages. Blair and his salesman, Ernest Gregg, are Eagle Point residents. Blair has been in the real estate business 35 years.



HUNT WINNER—Naomi Naive was a lucky girl last Saturday, as she found two of three special Easter eggs on the high school football field in Eagle Point. She received a stuffed bunny and a decorated chocolate

Regional Calendar

Williams - Officers will be elected at the Williams PTA meeting April 19 at the Williams school. The meeting was originally scheduled for April 12.

Williams - The Williams Grange will meet tonight at 8 p.m. in the Grange hall.

Lone Pine - The Lone Pine PTA will meet Tuesday, April 11 at 2:30 p.m. in the music room of Lone Pine school. Installation of officers will be held.

Eagle Point - The Eagle Point Classroom Teacher's association will hold an officer installation meeting and banquet Saturday, April 8 at 7 p.m. at the Rogue River lodge.

Grants Pass - A public hearing for consideration of the 1981-82 Josephine county school budget will be held at Fruitdale school Monday, April 10, at 8 p.m.

Murphy - Officers will be installed at the Murphy PTA meeting Tuesday, April 11, at Murphy school.

Grants Pass - Elmer Fleming, Josephine county school

Pre-School Clinics

April 12 and May 18

Eagle Point - Pre-school physical examinations and immunizations will be offered by the Jackson County Health department at Eagle Point Grade school April 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and at the Shady Cove school May 18.

Every child entering the first grade in the fall is requested to present evidence of having had a physical examination. This may be obtained from a private physician or at the pre-school clinic. Appointments for the Eagle Point clinic may be made by calling Mrs. Dean Collette at Hillcrest 6-1176.

For the Shady Cove clinic, parents may call Mrs. Edward Leaming at TRinity 8-2102.

superintendent, will discuss the 1981-82 county school budget at a meeting for PTA officers and members at Fort Vanoy school Wednesday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m.

Grants Pass - The Josephine county PTA executive board will meet at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Fruitdale school. Training for those

Gold Hill Store Grand Opening Set

Gold Hill - The grand opening of Morrow's hardware store at its new location in Gold Hill will be held Saturday, April 8 from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., according to Donald Morrow, store owner.

Morrow said a variety of merchandise will be given away to celebrate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Morrow bought the building next door to Gail's Gold Hill market last November. Since that time Morrow has worked evenings remodeling and redecorating the interior in an attractive pastel color theme.

Previous location of Morrow's Hardware store was in the A. A. Walker business building, also on Second ave.

London - U.P. Magistrate K. J. P. Barracough told a pacifist woman demonstrator who was brought before him in connection with an unruly demonstration:

"I wish you would conduct your beliefs in a more peaceful way."

REGIONAL NEWS

VISIT APPLAGATE FAMILY

Australian Family Touring U.S.; Lifetime Ambition Is Fulfilled

By JEANETTE HEAD

Mail Tribune Correspondent

Applegate-Lifetime dreams generally require a lot of hard work to be realized. A family presently visiting the Applegate area from Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, can testify to that fact.

Mrs. Esma Gilbert and daughters Judith, 16, Karen, 15, and son David, 9, are presently visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Gearhart along the Applegate river.

Mrs. Gilbert's husband and a 19-year-old son, didn't make the trip.

The Gilberts and Gearharts met by chance as both families were camping along the ocean at Brookings.

The Gilberts had long planned to tour this country, England and Europe. To accomplish this goal, the parents bought a rundown farm and through the efforts of the family it was built up and then sold, the profits being divided among them to make the trip of their dreams.

The old 143 acre farm was minus a house. The Gilberts moved in an abandoned school house for a home. They set out a citrus fruit orchard, raised pineapples and built up a 20-cow grade A dairy. The farm was located 19 miles from Brisbane. Mr. Gilbert is the manager for the Queensland state of an export-import tea company. He helped out at the farm on weekends.

Australian houses are generally made of wood and often stand on stilts or piers for coolness. The climate is tropical and, despite the warm days, the houses stay cool due to a breeze.

The family played in their first snow on their trip to Crater Lake and encountered their first heavy fog while aboard a ship coming to America.

The crops raised for hay and forage are much the same as here and they raise similar small grains. The timber there is mainly hardwood. They are beginning to raise a lot of rice in the northern part of Australia.

Each farmer in Queensland pays a small fee or tax to help maintain a fence between Queensland and New South Wales to keep out rabbits. The rabbit problem in Australia is as bad as it was several years ago due to disease.

Sheep are raised mainly in the central part of Australia on large ranches called stations. There is still a lot of land available for some homesteading and immigration of white people is encouraged.

In answer to questions, Mrs. Gilbert said that kangaroos make good pets, but must be fed warm milk. The small kangaroo turns a somersault to get into its mother's pouch and a gunnysack was the substitute for one of their pets. A full grown kangaroo can jump a 14-foot fence. It is now illegal to keep kaolia bears for pets due to the varied diet they require. They are now mostly found in sanctuaries.

Prices are low in Australia, but so are wages. In cities where electricity is available, women have about the same electrical appliances we have here. Some rural areas still do not have electricity. Their electrical outlets are three-pronged and 235 volts, the same as in England. The gov-

ernment controls most of the power plants. Power is cheaper than in America.

As the Gilberts had been in the dairy business, that was under comparison. Their grade A milk is still hauled in cans and cooled in a wet box. It is sold in glass bottles rather than cartons. They were interested in the raised stanchions in America's barns.

As to schooling in Australia, the children go until they are 14 or through eight grades. If they wish to continue, they take a test and are eligible for two years of secondary school. Then another test is required to enter junior school which is followed by the universities. The girls dropped out to help on the farm to earn their trip, but can continue their education after returning home.

The television films shown there are mainly American made and a lot are produced by Walt Disney. The Gilberts learned much about our country from television, movies and several pen pals in the states, as well as from soldiers stationed in Australia during the war.

The Queensland area has a free hospital plan operated on a lottery basis. The tickets sell for about 75 cents. There are drawings once or twice a week with the top prize of \$14,000. This also provides free doctors, dental work and glasses. A person is free to choose his own doctor.

The Gilberts have a number of stops planned throughout the states. They plan on visiting various pen pals and relatives of some of their friends in Australia.

The first problem Mrs. Gil-

bert encountered in planning the trip was the discouragement of the trip by the American consul in Australia. He felt it impossible for a woman and three children to successfully carry out their plans.

The second difficulty was learning to drive on the "wrong" side of the road with the steering wheel also on the "wrong" side. She feels this is now becoming more natural for her. She says we Americans drive much faster, both in town and on the open roads.

The Gilberts will leave Montreal Sept. 7 for England and Europe and plan to be home for Christmas, which due to the opposite seasons will be in the summertime.

While in the Applegate area the girls have spent an afternoon at the Girl Scout headquarters in Medford, attended the school skating party at the Grants Pass skating rink, the Applegate square dance, Easter services at the Applegate church, Crater Lake, Grants Pass High school and the Upper Applegate HEU. They have met and visited many of the local Applegaters and toured a number of the scenic spots. They have shown their pictures of their homeland and answered countless questions.

They will leave the Applegate area Monday in their 1953 Chevrolet with their camping equipment well packed and start through California. It is the hope of all that have met and visited with them that the impression they receive of our citizens and our country will be as favorable as that left by them.

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