

Out of the Woods

By JAMES STEVENS

The Green Guards . . .
In 1942, shortly after he took over direction of the Keep Oregon Green Association, Richard L. Kuehner proposed a youth auxiliary to supplement the programs of adult workers. Having a lifetime of 4-H club experience in dealing with youth, Kuehner put together the Oregon Green Guards. From the very first, Dick Kuehner insisted that this was not to be just another youth organization but an activity which could be taken on by Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Campfire Girls, 4-H Clubs, Future Farmers clubs, schools, communities or small groups of boys and girls in rural areas or in cities. Kuehner worked up a Green Guard kit, which included a manual for members, a membership card as attractive as that of any private club in America, an arm emblem, a gummed poster for the youth's home, and other stuff dear to the heart of every kid.
Power of the Press . . .
Arthur W. Priaulx, KOG Publicity Director, broke the story of the Oregon Green Guards in one carefully timed release through every newspaper and radio station in the state. The story invited all boys and girls between eight and eighteen to join the Green Guards. The response was a deluge. Thousands of letters poured into Salem headquarters. Kuehner frantically called on the state forestry

department for stenographic help to handle the addressing and mailing of the Green Guard kit. Rush orders went to printers for more manuals, arm bands and membership cards. KOG headquarters was a madhouse.
"For heaven's sake," Kuehner pleaded with Priaulx, "don't send any more publicity out on Green Guards! We've got 20,000 applications in already. At a cost of 15 cents a head, we'll soon go broke!"
It is likely that just one more general news release would have upped the Green Guard membership to 50,000 or more eager boys and girls. Kuehner's last recommendation before he went away to war was, "Keep quiet on the Green Guards. Let the kids pass it along by word of mouth."
And so the only publicity given to the Green Guards movement in the past eight years has been the annual invitation for kids to participate in the state-wide essay or poster contest.

Self-Reliance Appeal . . .
Still the membership applications roll in. We have had to adopt a program of austerity, chopping off the names of all Green Guards when they reach 16 years of age, chopping off all those who move or change addresses. Even with this gentle treading on our part the kids of Oregon continue to seek out Green Guard membership. Through September of 1950, 6,252 applications were received at Salem headquarters for the first nine months of 1950. There are approximately 30,000 Green Guards on the rolls today.
The Green Guards defy the laws of organizational gravity. Successful youth organizations are supposed to have adult leaders. The Green Guards supply their own leadership. The remarkable feature of this youth movement is the never-ending flow of new ideas, new plans and enthusiasm from the members themselves—all spontaneous—which pour into state headquarters.
Mention Green Guards to an experienced Oregon educator and his eyes will glow. Ask him why this unorthodox, home-talent, loosely-supervised phenomenon of youth is such

IDANHA

By REBA D. SNYDER

The Spar Cafe gave a picnic for their employees last Thursday at Suttle Lake. Those attending were proprietors, Mr. and Mrs. Hinch; Mary Gordon, a guest; Mrs. Pearl Geibler; Evelyn Stevenson; and Marjorie Igou. That afternoon Mrs. L. C. Davis and son, Johnny, drove to the lake.
North Santiam Willing workers club met last Wednesday in the home of Georgia New. Some members were working and some were on vacation. This contributed to a small attendance. Refreshments were served after an enjoyable social hour.
Mrs. K. O. Swanson's sister and Gudne Gestson's brother, Mr. and Mrs. Kris Gestson were weekend guests of the two families last weekend. The Kris Gestson's are from Milwaukie.

A stork shower was given to Mrs. James McKinney last Friday night. Twenty-seven friends met at the home of Mrs. Quincy Smith and brought lovely gifts. Mrs. McKinney thought she was attending a commercial party, but when the salesman did not appear, mock bingo was played instead. Mrs. H. H. Storey, co-hostess and caller of the numbers, cleverly sat where she could see Mrs. Kinney's card and called out only her numbers for a basquette full of gifts.
Mr. and Mrs. Gene Miller and three children of Kellogg Park, Milwaukie arrived Saturday. They spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gordon and family.
Mrs. Eric Nyberg returned home Sunday from a Salem hospital where last week she underwent surgery. Her sister is caring for her.
Gene Rice spent two days with his uncle, Frank New and family last week.
Lee Hopson returned home Sunday after a six-week vacation with his mother in Portland. Lee plans going bean picking soon.

a howling success and he shakes his head in mystification.
Art Priaulx thinks he has the answer:
"For once the kids have been put completely on their own," he says. "They have been left to their own devices. They have given the problem—protect our forests from fire. The amazing response to this individual enterprise system job in this year's unseasonable fire weather."
It is a good pattern for Washington, or any other forest state.

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Sprague Instructs In Fire Reporting

How do you report a forest fire? Keep Oregon Green headquarters advises the process is very simple. Just go to the nearest telephone and says: "I want to report a forest fire." The operator will connect you with the nearest fire warden.
This was the information given by Keep Oregon Green County chairman Charles Sprague of Marion County in a stepped up drive for catching forest fires before they spread.

Said the county chairman: "This is the worst fire danger year in the past third of a century. We must prevent every possible man-caused blaze. Any fire today is a potential killer of people and destroyer of timber, payrolls and jobs. We need the full-time support of every man, woman, and child."
"No rain has fallen or consequence since the last of March," the fire prevention leader stated. "There is little hope for the rest of the summer. We urge every citizen of this county to appoint himself a committee of one to stop forest fires for the duration."
Fire protection leaders in this section are: George Bunke, District Warden, Mollola; Mel Crawford, District Warden, Sweet Home; and S. T. Moore, District Ranger, Detroit.

Tree Barks Have Commercial Value
Oregon State College—Commercial possibilities of extracting chemicals from Douglas fir and ponderosa pine barks have resulted in several firms becoming interested in development of extraction plants, according to Dr. E. F. Kurth, professor of wood chemistry at Oregon State college.
The potential normal annual supply of Douglas-fir bark from Oregon and Washington, Dr. Kurth said, is about 1 1/2 million tons, which will yield approximately 375,000 tons of extractives consisting of tannin, wax and dihydroquercetin, a new drug with medicinal value. Bark residues can be utilized for fuel, soil conditioners and other products after the extracts have been removed, he added.
Dr. Kurth, who was recently recognized for his outstanding research, is chief of the chemistry section of the Oregon Forest Products laboratory at OSC. He said current market values of these three products obtained from an average ton of dry Douglas-fir bark are \$26 to \$49 for tannin, \$65 to \$100 for wax, and \$700 to \$1300 for dihydroquercetin.
Pointing out that tannin is now in short supply in this country, Dr. Kurth said 70 percent of U. S. tannin requirements and the major portion of its natural wax needs are met through imports.

Results of Clinics In Linn Co. Given

The Linn County Health Department conducted sixteen pre-school clinics throughout the county this spring. A total of 547 pre-school children were examined at these clinics. This number is about one-half of the five-year-old children in the county. The data concerning their physical condition provides a fair picture of the health status of this age group.
Cavities in the teeth were the most common defect; 40 per cent of the children had one or more—usually—cavities. Of the total number 53 per cent had been to a dentist at least once.
Defects connected with the nose and throat were found in 44.4 per cent of the children examined; 4.7 per cent had defective vision or other eye conditions; and 1.6 per cent were definitely underweight.
Omitting teeth, 75.3 per cent of the 547 children were classed as having no physical defect. Of the children 73.3 per cent had been protected against diphtheria. The percentage varied by clinics from 53 per cent to 100 per cent. However, only 15 per cent had had their immunizations before the age of 2 years; 61 per cent been vaccinated against small pox and 69 per cent against whopping cough. Immunizations completed in the first year of life are desirable. Sixty-four per cent of the children were born in Oregon and 58 per cent of the total had lived in Linn County for five years. The group which had lived in the county for less than five years showed the same diphtheria immunization rate as the group which had been in the county for five years.

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