

Community Hall Is Scene Of Meeting

LANGELL VALLEY—The Langell Valley Women's club met at the Community hall Thursday for its February meeting. Stella DeBel and Phyllis Rupert were hostesses.

The president, Miriam Potucek, called the business meeting to order. Members voted to give a contribution to the Bonanza-Langell Valley Garden club for the purchase of seeds to be sent overseas.

Four-H News

Henley
"Be Careful" in washing and ironing new materials was emphasized at the Henley unit on February 19 in the home of Mrs. J. W. White. Mrs. O. L. Melton and Mrs. Clifford Kelly had charge of the demonstration showing how spun rayon and nylon should be ironed dry, shark-skin while wet.

Mrs. White made a plaque out of plaster of paris. Everyone noticed the numerous pictures and decorated plates she had on her walls.

Mrs. J. U. Shoaf brought a completed footstool she had made. Others who have made them are Mrs. Owen Webb, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. Williams, Mrs. G. B. Chambers, Mrs. Clifford Kelly, Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Jim Crawford.

This was an all-day meeting as everyone enjoyed the planned buffet luncheon. During the business session it was announced that the extension made \$64.05 on the dinner and party given at the grange hall on February 7. On March 2, at 10 a. m., Mrs. Kelly will be hostess for a hobby day; anyone wishing to learn shellcraft, to make winter bouquets or plaques will be welcome to come. There will be a potluck luncheon at noon.

The next regular meeting will be March 15, at 1:30 at the home of Mrs. Albert Ready.

At 1:30, Thursday afternoon, the Shasta 4-H club had its third meeting of the year at Shasta school. David Darnell called the meeting to order. Phyllis Park suggested that the club go on a hike on Hogback Mountain, Saturday, February 21. It was discussed and decided the club would go at a future date.

The club will have a first aid play at the next meeting. The people who will be in the play are: Ralph Bracamontes, chairman, Jimmy Hickman, who will write the play to be given, Gary Stang, and Ruben Peterson. The girls' committee is made up of Diana Mercer, chairman, Phyllis Park, Shirley Burnett and Lila Hubbard.

The secretary, Kenneth Gates, wrote a letter to Mrs. Naomi Miller, the school nurse, asking her to come and show the club about first aid. The meeting was closed by David Darnell.

Gary Stang, News Reporter

At the last meeting of the Port Klamath Grub club, Enid Williams and Patty Hesock demonstrated scrambled eggs. They gave a very successful demonstration. This was followed by an account of the Valentines party given by the club, and games were played by the members present.

Glenn Hesock and Nicky Souther volunteered to go down to Klamath Falls to demonstrate putting up school lunches one day during 4-H club week.

This demonstration will be held in the window of the Gun Store on March 6th.

Leader, Elva Varnum, will accompany the boys.

Patty Lou Hesock, news reporter.

Western Humor

HEALDTON, Okla., Feb. 28 (AP)—When Oklahoma's pioneers named their towns with western humor they didn't know how the state high school basketball tournaments would bring the names together.

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Mr. and Mrs. Elliott House spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. LaRue House and Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hodges left Saturday for a vacation trip to Portland to visit relatives and friends.

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Making Knick-Knacks Can Be Fun



The hobby class of the Henley home extension unit is working on a variety of small items to dress up a home. Here women of the unit show some of the results of the class. Left to right: Mrs. C. H. Kelly with a plate fixed with a gingham ruffle to hang on the kitchen wall. Mrs. Don Johnson holds a knick-knack shelf made from a cutlery container. Mrs. Howard Jackson has a plaque made of plaster of paris, and Mrs. L. W. White shows a "Ming garden."

Class Choice Care Urged

While the majority of GI students who quit school list financial difficulties and illness as their stated reasons, a big factor in their failure to take advantage of advisement offered by the veterans administration, which would direct them to fields of study related to their abilities.

This was the general opinion voiced by educators from 29 state and independent colleges of Western Oregon who met in Portland recently to discuss current problems faced by veterans in school.

The meeting, called by the Multnomah county veterans service committee, included officials from the veterans administration, the Oregon department of veterans' affairs, the Oregon state employment service and the federal veterans employment service.

Of GI's who quit school, many are those who had attached a "halo of glamor" to a particular field of study, only to have this halo "evaporate" after they had entered school and found the subject dull, too difficult or not to their liking.

The educators agreed veterans should be urged to take VA advisement.

Sprague River

There have been several cases of illness here this week.

Julianna Jefferson has returned to her classes after being confined to her home for a week.

Mrs. Clara Karge has recovered from her recent illness.

Mary Chilquim has also been confined to her home, with a very bad case of flu. Dolly Lopez has been taking care of her.

The American Box factory has been closed due to the power shortage, but is now back in operation again.

Friends of Tiny McCumber extend deepest sympathy on the death of his wife, Barbara, who died after an extended illness.

Morio Carnini and his son, Robert, through their quick thinking, saved the whole mill camp from a fire that might have destroyed the camp. The Lowry home burned to the ground, destroying everything the family owned except an automobile.

I. Clark has been confined to his home with flu.

Mrs. Phyllis Alvarez of Susanville, Calif., and her little daughter, Linda Lee, are visiting Mrs. Alvarez' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvan Crume.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Garrett and daughter and his father are visiting friends. They are located in Washington now.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Darco's son is visiting them from Eugene.

Ivan Pankey reports that his wife, Ethel, shows some improvement in her illness.

Mrs. Arduth Smith made a trip to Tacoma, Wash., where she visited

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The Doctor Says— Rats Threat To Mankind

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D. Written for NEA Service

Rats carry diseases, which human beings can catch. Rats sometimes attack human beings, particularly infants and aged people. Rats destroy a great deal of food and cause much property damage. Probably there are more rats in the United States than there are people.

They can live in almost any climate and eat everything that human beings eat, as well as other things. They can adapt themselves much better to change and disaster than humans can. At present, they are

almost undoubtedly the most dangerous enemies of mankind.

Rats carry such diseases as plague (the black death of the Middle Ages), typhus or jail fever, and rat bite fever. Plague is present in rats in many parts of the world. It eventually kills the rats themselves. When this happens, the rat flea, which harbors the plague germ, leaves the dead rat's body and seeks the nearest alternative host, which may be a human being.

A study, made of attacks on human beings by rats in Baltimore, showed that nearly 100 persons had been bitten so badly by rats that they had to go to a hospital for treatment. This same report suggested that rats like human blood, and that the reason they bite people is that they are hungry.

The amount of injury which rats do and their burden on our economy is almost past belief. Several years ago it was calculated that the annual damage done by rats in Washington and Baltimore alone was between \$400,000 and \$700,000. This represents an average loss of \$127 a year per person.

Destroy Corn, Poultry These rodents eat corn during growth and in cribs. A single rat can eat from 40 to 50 pounds of corn a year. They destroy merchandise, attack poultry, kill wild birds, ducks, woodcocks and song birds, and attack bulbs, seed and plants.

There seems no doubt that rats should be hunted mercilessly on all fronts. Even if this is done, there is some doubt as to whether, in the long run, rats or human beings will survive longer in this world.

The Doctor Answers Question: What causes hallucinations?

Answer: An hallucination is something which is perceived—that is, felt, tasted, heard or seen—but is not real. Because they are not real, the cause is not known, and they may arise from shock or mental disease.

Grog Board Again Asks More Space

PORTLAND, Feb. 28 (AP)—The state liquor control commission met again today after appealing for more space to house its bottles.

The commission voted yesterday to ask the state board of control to approve building an addition to the warehouse here. Without the addition, commissioners said, they have to spend \$75,000 a year in storage fees.

The addition would provide both more warehouse and more office space.

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Dillin Says Relief Plan To Be Passed

Dr. Harry L. Dillin, president of Linfield college and an advisory member of the United Nations economic council, ERP and atomic energy commission, stressed the following personal convictions regarding ERP and communism in addressing the Klamath Falls Rotary club Friday noon, February 27:

1. He believes congress will pass the Marshall ERP plan on a one-year-at-a-time basis; also with the provision that administration be accomplished by an industrial council in conjunction with the state department.

2. He is certain Russia regrets having withdrawn from the Paris European relief conference.

3. He is convinced that, to get along with Russia, our government and our people must exhibit unwavering faith in democracy, irremovable determination and irrepressible national strength.

4. He believes the first step toward successful functioning of the UN will require the dissolution of sovereignty among nations and the elimination of the veto, just as the first thirteen American colonies established unity as an even more valuable condition than absolute individual sovereignty.

5. He is positive that communism and democracy cannot intermingle because communism dictates rule by a few whereas democracy emanates from rule by the people; also that under God, democracy will prevail if the democratic nations constantly demonstrate the unquestionable superiority of democracy without attacking communism with hatred and malice.

Michigan Needs Tonight's Game

CHICAGO, Feb. 28 (AP)—Michigan can clinch a share of the Big Ten basketball title by beating Ohio State at Ann Arbor tonight.

Iowa goes against Minnesota at Iowa City. If both Michigan and the Hawkeyes win, the championship will be determined Monday when Iowa invades Michigan in the last scheduled game.

If victorious tonight, Michigan will have a 9-2 record and Iowa an 8-3 mark when they tangle in the finale.

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Mars Swings Close To Earth In Track Of Long Cycle

By J. HUGH PRUETT, Astronomer, Extension Division, Oregon State University

Mars, the planetary namesake of the ancient Roman god of war, will be nearer the earth than at any time in over two years at noon (PST), 1 p. m. (MST), 2 p. m. (CST), February 17. On that day it will be 63,000,000 miles distant and will rise somewhat north of east a round sunset. There will be no mistaking it by those of normal color perception for its reddish hue is outstanding. Besides, it is the brightest object in that region of the sky.

Even reading about this old god of war seemingly stirs up hostility in the minds of some. In the past, the present writer has received more unfriendly letters after writing about Mars than from almost all other topics combined. Some feel the public is being deliberately misled.

Although very bright, the red planet this year lacks much of its brilliance of other so-called "near approaches" simply because it is not so close to us this time. The orbit of Mars—next outside that of the earth—is somewhat oval in shape, so that at some places it is nearer the earth's orbit than at others. Close approaches occur when earth and Mars are on the same side of the sun, but the closest take place only once every 15 or 17 years. The latest very favorable meeting occurred in August 1939, when the separation was only about 35,000,000 miles.

We recall that the diameter of Mars is only half that of the earth; its average distance from the sun, 1 1/2 times ours; its year, 2 1/2 months, and its day, 24 1/2 terrestrial hours. Small telescopes show the polar snow caps, the large blue-green sections, which are generally thought to indicate vegetation, and the reddish desert areas.

The so-called canals of Mars cause considerable controversy. Some astronomers have never seen them even with the largest instruments; others, using smaller telescopes, claim to see them clearly at moments of "best seeing." Dr. Edison Pettit of Mt. Wilson in 1939 studied the red planet carefully through 6-inch and 20-inch telescopes and mapped 40 of these fine lines. His long report may be found in Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for February and June 1947. Dr. H. N. Russell of Princeton has recently written:

"There is now no doubt regarding the real existence of these finer details, but the drawings and descriptions of them by different observers are remarkably discordant."

"The atmosphere of Mars is very thin. It has been estimated that there is from 10 to 30 per cent as much above each square mile as on the earth. Carbon dioxide in the Martian atmosphere has recently been determined as greater than in our air.

The red planet has two little moons encircling it.

Everything Set For Walcott Go

NEW YORK, Feb. 28 (AP)—Everything was official today for Joe Louis' 25th defense of his heavyweight boxing title.

Jersey Joe Walcott, who lost a disputed split verdict to Louis in December, signed late yesterday to meet the champ again on June 23 in Yankee stadium.

Louis had signed earlier with the 30th Century Sporting club to meet Walcott "or any other suitable opponent." He's now in London as a show-off feature of the Health and Holiday exhibition.

Walcott finally agreed to the terms Louis laid down—10 per cent of the gross receipts compared to 40 per cent for the champ.

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