



MERIT AWARD WINNERS at a recent Ground Observer Corps meeting were (seated, left to right) Anne Carson, Anna Summerfield and Wilma Groves; (standing) L. A. Wirth, Michael Beltraine, Claud Fellers, Helen Bullard and Hope Berry. All of these had completed 30 or more hours in the tower on watch for planes and strange objects and reporting them to the filter center in Portland.

Ground Observer Corps People Honored For Work In Civil Defense Outfit

A record crowd of Ground Observer Corps members and their families gathered at the Pilots lounge in the big steel hangar at the airport recently to witness the presentation of the Ground Observer Corps silver wings, the

insignia of the Air Force, to 44 local citizens who have given thirty or more hours of their time spotting planes and "strange" objects in the skies and reporting their observations to the filter center in Portland.

Lieutenant Guon, Medford, made the presentations, and followed with a congratulatory talk to the recipients, who were: Geraldine Walters, Gerald Walters, Tom Rumpf, Ed Casebier, Mary Alcorn, George Carson, Edna Caldwell, Charles Dougherty, Francis Dennis, Rod Larson, George Anna Sprague, Lois St. Johns, Bob Smith, Jim Welch, Guadalupe Knauss, James Baly and Della Baly.

Merle Theroux, Gene Whitmore, Jackie Hayden, Margaret Paschal, Howard Searles, Darryle Keesee, George Willis, Vera Keffler and Jim Skel.

Thelma Houck, Bob Ralston, Opal Price, Bob Faulkner, Terry Fuller, Dora Skeen, Lynn Skeen, Martha Hurd, Frank Hurd and Bertha Lund.

George Barthman, Grace Barthman, Pearl McPherson, Mary Oliver, Gene Stratton, John Colza-

corfs, Patsy Allen and Vivian Blotzy. Those persons not present at the meeting, who have their "Wings" due them will receive them in the mail according to Russell Avery, airport manager.

Eight merit badges, the highest award given by the Air Force to civilian personnel, were also received by the following: Helen Bullard, Elsie Barker, Hope Berry stops the list with over 300 hours in the tower to her credit; Wilma Groves, Ann Carson, Anna Summerfield, Claud Fellers, and Mike Beltraine. The latter mentioned will leave about May 15 to resume a twenty-four hour a day watch on Hogback Mountain, and will remain up there through the summer. Russell Avery conducted the meeting, and gave a report on the number of planes logged by the observers during the months of January, February and March of this year.

Observations during January totaled 641 planes (409 local), February, 934 (703 local), March, 1011 (over 600 local). The term "local" means single motored planes. Avery told also of receiving two letters from Governor Paul Patterson recently, in which the Governor praised the Klamath Falls GOC highly for its enthusiastic vigilance and good work in making the proper reports to the filter center. Team Captains gave their reports and many were to the effect of an urgent need for more observers in order to relieve those who are spending more than the two hour regular "watch" per week.

Team Captain Martha Hurd, presented a plan to get the local observers into uniform, adhering to the air corps blue in color. The plan was unanimously accepted after a short discussion from the floor, and if approved by headquarters in Portland, observers will turn out in the proposed uniform with a marching unit in the Memorial Day parade, and the dedication of the shaft on the court house lawn. It was also announced by the publicity committee, there would appear once per week in the Herald and News, a biography of one of the observers, and in-

teresting experiences while standing "watch" in the tower. Following the meeting, Lt. Guon showed two moving pictures of the "Homing Birds on Ploesti" and "The opening of the Medford

Ground Observers Post" at Medford. Mr. Wirth told of the operation of his Post at Weyerhaeuser Timber Company, and stressed the need for more volunteers to help man each post, in this prefecture.

Lt. Guon praised the successful operation of the Klamath Falls post, and thanked all the observers for the good work they were doing for their country. Join the GOC now by calling 3903.

PTA Cub Scout Pack Sees Film On Oil Prospecting, Achievement Awards Told

"Oil" was the theme of the Riverside PTA cub scout pack No. 73, meeting April 30, at the Riverside school gymnasium.

Joe LaClair presented a film on "Prospecting for Petroleum" that showed the history of oil the Cubs had been studying during the month of April. Gary Jansen, from KUHSS, ran the projector. Mrs. Robert Pepple's den No. 3 cubs had a display table of an oil field with oil wells, pipes, and tank car.

The meeting was conducted by the cubmaster, Sam Ritchey. Ritchey announced the Riverside PTA voted to sponsor a Boy Scout troop so that the cubs will have a Boy Scout troop to join when they graduate from Cub Scouts.

Mrs. Leonard Shill's den I Cubs led the flag salute. Leonard Logston and Mickey Smith received their bobcat pins in an induction ceremony. Billy Burke, den 3 den chief, Mrs. Pepple, Mrs. Lewis Hornby, and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith assisted in the ceremony with Cub Scout, Bill Bennett, leading the "Cub Scout Promise" and "Law of the Pack."

The following awards were presented in the achievement council: Phillip aChoon, David Oviatt—wolf badges; Jay Paxton—wolf

badge, gold arrow; Jeff Watkins—wolf badge, gold arrow; Darrell Barrett—wolf gold and silver arrows, service star; Robert Mull—wolf silver arrow; Bobby Stillwater—bear badge, gold and silver arrows, service star; Gary Shill—bear badge, service star; Glen Davis and Dale Mueller—bear silver arrows, service stars; John Ross Paxton—lion badge, gold and silver arrows; Dick Hornby—lion silver arrow, service star; Don Owens—lion silver arrow, service star; assistant denner stripe; Joe Cox—webelos badge, service star; Tommy Potter—denner stripes, service star; Charles Loomis, Alan Ritchey, Larry Morris, Ronnie Shill, Richie Vaughan, James Mull, Stephen Goeller, Ralph Warner, Steve Williams, and Jimmy Scapple—Service stars.

Gordon Vaughan, pack treasurer, presented den mother pins to the following: Mrs. Leonard Shill, Mrs. Gordon Loomis, Mrs. Alexander Luft, Mrs. Robert Pepple, Mrs. Lewis Hornby, and Mrs. Irvin Warner.

Ritchey announced the Boy Scout Circus will be May 15 at Modoc Field and Pack 73 Cubs are going to be Indians in Act 4. Earl Yeoman was chosen flag bearer for the circus grand entry

Mrs. Cornett Plans Talks

Mrs. Olive Cornett, Republican National Committeewoman from Oregon, is making a speaking tour of several cities in the state. She left Sunday for Portland, and Yakima and will return to Eugene for a talk, May 23.

Mrs. Cornett, returned recently from a 5,500-mile drive from Washington D.C. where she attended several Republican women's meetings.

She particularly was impressed with the work that Secretary of Agriculture Benson is doing in his efforts to educate the people of this country in the use of dairy products and other farm commodities. Those who work with the secretary, Mrs. Cornett said are also impressed with his integrity and honesty.

During the spring conference of Republican women in early April, President Eisenhower, at a luncheon meeting, spoke of the dedication of the eight cent stamp, the first stamp to bear the inscription, "In God We Trust."

Mrs. Cornett visited in Kentucky, Kansas and Missouri before returning home. She was accompanied on part of the trip by a brother, W. H. Byram.

Emergency Unit Ready

LAKEVIEW — The Lake County Disaster Unit's emergency radio equipment is now in complete use. It was announced this week by members of the volunteer first aid group. It was used Monday evening when the car went to Bond Brothers south of Lakeview to bring Charles Harper to the Lakeview Public Hospital.

The equipment was purchased with funds raised last fall by the Lakeview Soroptimist Club in a drive which netted over \$3000. It includes a base unit on Black Cap Mt., a mobile unit in the car, a remote unit at S&S Electronics and a remote unit at the hospital. The two remote units are connected to the Black Cap base unit by cable through the West Coast Telephone Company.

Purpose of the radio equipment is to permit the crews while on emergency call to contact the hospital or the doctors for special instructions in handling patients, and to send information about patients ahead of the car to the doctors and the hospital.

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