



# FAMILY ALBUM

BY LYLE DOWNING

## ELBERT VEATCH



Then . . .

Now . . .

When Elbert Veatch, manager of the Klamath County Abstract Company, was 23 years old, he was faced with a crisis which was a matter of life and death.

A physician told Veatch, at that time a student at the University of Oregon, that he would have to migrate to a drier, warmer climate or he would succumb to a lung infection.

The young student, who admits he was more than greatly alarmed by the doctor's ultimatum, finally resolved the dilemma in a daring manner. Here's the way he puts it:

**DIVINE PLAN**  
"Hundreds of pioneers crossed the plains in covered wagons and braved the dangers of the trail and hostile Indians to get to Oregon. I was lucky enough to have been born here. So I decided if the Lord considered that honor on me and if He decided I was to die young, I couldn't circumvent His plans by leaving the state."

Veatch went on to explain that he was convinced that the forests and fresh air of Oregon must have curative powers. So he left the university and went to Grants Pass where he got a job driving a hack.

"At that period in Oregon's colorful history," he recalled, "Easterners were flocking into the state to file mining and timber claims. They used to hire rigs from the livery stable where I worked to drive them all over the country."

**ON THE ROAD**  
Veatch added that there's hardly a road within 200 miles of Grants Pass he hasn't traveled in a hack. "Of all the trips I made," he said, "I'll never forget one from Grants Pass to Crescent City. We got caught in a torrential rainstorm that would have made the one that floated Noah's Ark look like a dew drop."

Veatch was born November 8, 1874 on a ranch, two miles west of Cottage Grove. He attended grammar and high school in Cottage Grove.

After his ill-starred college career and one year as a livery stable employe, Veatch worked for six years in the Josephine county clerk's office.

**CHICKEN RANCHER**  
In 1912, he decided to try for an "Egg and I" career.

"At that time I was convinced that there were fortunes to be made in raising chickens," Veatch explained. "I did finally acquire 2,000 laying hens and the required number of roosters. Evidently the hens weren't too efficient because I went broke."

In 1915, Veatch tossed in the towel at Grants Pass and moved to Klamath Falls. Before acquiring his present business, he worked for a lumber company and a bank.

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## Home Extension

By Hope Holbrook

"What are your interests?" was the question asked recently of many women who attend Home Economics Extension meetings. The answers ranged from "how to save money spent on meals" to "learning new crafts for leisure time." These ideas from people all over Klamath County were summarized and from this survey will come the extension unit program for 1956-1957.

Representatives from 21 extension units will meet at Joan's Kitchen, Klamath County Fairgrounds at 10:30 a.m. At that time these people will take a look into the full extension program and consider the possibilities for their part in it.

A ballot will be made up so all extension unit members may vote on their own choices. This is done in order to meet the needs and interests of some 600 women active in extension work.

Miss Betty Jane Sedgwick and Clifford L. Smith, State Extension Agents, Corvallis, Oregon, will be in Klamath Falls to attend the Program Planning Training meeting next Tuesday. They will explain to the group the objective of the extension service at the state level. They will serve as resource people at this session.

Walt Jendrzewski, Klamath County Extension Agent, will present the agriculture outlook for the county.

## 4-H NEWS

**SUSIE QUE COOKERS**  
Our 4-H club called the Susie Que Cookers, held a meeting February 6, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Miller.

We made deviled eggs and egg salad sandwiches. Later we played bingo and each member won a small prize.

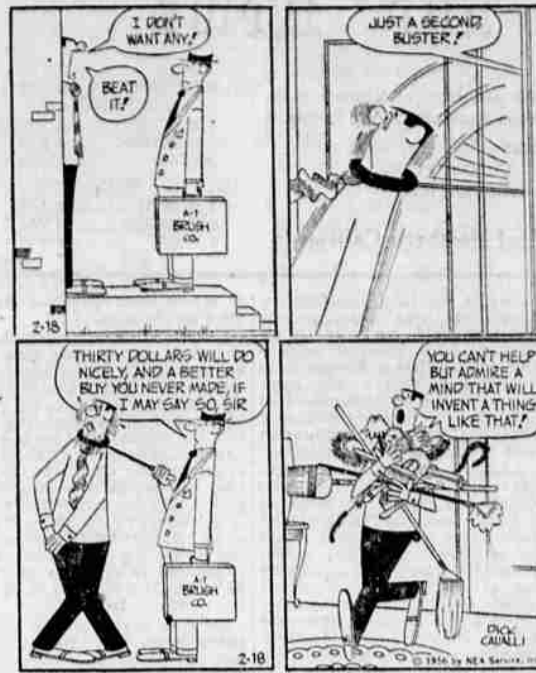
At the other January meetings we made banana oatmeal cookies, bran muffins, and baking powder biscuits. There were five members present.

Dianne Bourn  
News reporter



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## Morty Meekle



## Gilchrist Scout Banquet Held

CHEMULT — Cub Scout Den 3 of Chemult were guests of the Gilchrist den at the potluck blue and gold banquet the evening of February 16. Cubs of Den 3, under supervision of their den mother, Mrs. Robert Hands, made the place settings and tokens. The centerpiece was the living circle.

Oren Sample presided over the awards ceremony in the absence of the scout master, Robert Howard. Pins were presented by their parents in the following boys from Chemult: Ronald Hands, Jan Van Meter, William Van Meter, Denny Jessup and Ernie Taylor. Glen Mount, new cub in the Gilchrist den, was welcomed and presented with his pin.

Bear awards were given to David Winters and Jack Hazelwood, gold and silver arrow awards to David Winters, Mike Frederickson and Jack McKenzie, and stripes were given to Mike Frederickson, Mathew Koski and Jack Hazelwood for their work as den secretaries.

Sample thanked parents for the excellent turnout and interest, stressing the need of parent cooperation in all phases of scout work. There are 15 cubs in the Gilchrist den, and he stated there is need for other den mothers if the pack is to grow and five to seven cubs should be the limit for one den.

### AGREEMENT

TOKYO (AP) — Pyongyang radio said Saturday its North Korean Trade Corp. had completed a 14 million dollar trade agreement with Japanese firms.

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