

Mouse Control

Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the mouse infestation written by C. A. Henderson, county agent.

MOUSE POPULATION TRENDS

The field mice now infesting the Klamath Basin (generally classified as *Microtus*) are classified by biologists as voles, more closely related to the muskrat than to the ordinary mouse. The rate of reproduction is heavy, a pair producing five to six litters a year, averaging from five to eight. The young start reproducing at about seven weeks. This makes a rapid increase rate when all conditions are favorable, and a single pair might produce from 25 to 50 thousand in a single year, if there were no losses. This species is not too migratory, but does move for considerable distances when food and shelter are hard to find. Heavy populations on farm land cause the young to move out and make their own homes, sometimes to a distance of three miles, according to some biologists. A ditch or irrigation canal is not a deterrent, as they swim quite well and are found out in marshes living almost entirely in or near the water. They travel at night, as well as during the day. Frequently they can be observed crossing the highways at night. Infestations of these species are as old as time and they have occurred periodically throughout the world. They always come and they always go, but time of going can vary within a year or so. They always leave an aftermath of damage and destruction to land and crops, and at times effect public health.

Altamont Junior High News

By TIM MASON

Assembling in the gymnasium on Friday, January 24, were the Altamont students to see a film about the conservation of water. Mr. Denham announced, before the film, that starting in February and continuing through March, the study of water conservation will be observed by having the students write essays and construct posters. He added that the theme on conservation changes each year and this one was water. The colored film which followed proved to be both interesting and educational.

The election of eighth grade officers was held during the first period on Monday, January 27, and the students and the officers which they hold are as follows: Rodney Sparlin, president; Sheridan Nelson, vice president; Delores Lumsden, secretary and Ann Baxter, treasurer.

On a repeat performance, the Klamath Union Freshman Lakers traveled to the Grizzlies' court on Tuesday, January 21, to be again defeated by the Altamont Grizzlies. The Grizzlies won the game 32 to 27.

The Grizzlies commanded the lead throughout the game but in the third quarter the Fremont team began to click, and in the fourth period they closed the gap to within four points. The Grizzlies added another point and made a really thrilling fourth quarter ball game.

Big center Kenneth Cooper was the Grizzlies top man as he dumped in nine points.

Sherman Allen and Gary Patske followed with eight and seven points. The Grizzlies are looking forward to an undefeated season under the training of Coach Jim McGowan. They have won three games and had no defeats. They picked up another victory January 23 as they edged the tough KU Loggers 46-41.

The Loggers led through the first part of the game but the Grizzlies overcame the lead and went on to victory. The game was a thriller as fine sharp shooting was displayed by both teams. Ron Simpson, Eric Peterson, Jim Stenburgh, Ted Steiner and Dick Stevens were put in just before the half and Dick Stevens was able to score. High honors went to Earl Brinson who bucketed 17 points and Sherman Allen who added 12. Altamont hopes to continue its undefeated record.

Court Records

KLAMATH FALLS MUNICIPAL COURT
Lawrence J. Bonley, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
Kelly Watson, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.
John Jacobs, drunk, \$25 or 12 1/2 days.

KLAMATH COUNTY DISTRICT COURT
Thomas Francis Grogan, violation basic rule, dismissed upon motion of district attorney.
Bernard Lewis Herman, violation of basic rule, dismissed upon motion of district attorney.
Conrad Fred Reimiller, violation of basic rule, \$10 bail forfeited.
William Freeman Nendel, violation of basic rule, \$12.50 paid.
Michael Wooley III, excessive wealth, \$15 paid.
Grace Virginia Colahan, fail dim headlights, \$5 paid.
Delvin Andrew McDonnell, no PUC permit, \$25 bail forfeited.

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HALF OF A CENTURY as a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge is the proud achievement of Lloyd Churchill of Montague. He was honored at a dinner and program given by the Yreka Lodge No. 169 and the Aurora Temple No. 53, Pythian Sisters, recently.

— Photo by Dow, Montague

Basin Pilots Hear Speaker

A statewide trend of thinking toward joint support of municipal airports is developing said Earl Snyder, Salem, director of the Oregon State Aeronautics Board.

Snyder, who spoke at a dinner meeting of the Klamath Falls chapter of the Sportsmen Pilots of Oregon, February 1, concurred in the belief that the county-city development of the Klamath Falls airport is the answer to speedy improvement of air passenger facilities.

He explained during his talk that federal funds on a 56-44 federal-city ratio, are still available and urged local aviation enthusiasts to confer with county officials on the dual support proposal.

Snyder commended the gathering of air-minded guests on promoting interest locally in flying. The speaker was introduced by Ned Putnam, president of the local Sportsmen Pilots.

Chet Stinson reported on plans for the first 1958 air tour scheduled for Sunday, February 7, from the Klamath Falls air field to the Nut Tree airport, Vacaville, California, weather permitting. Plans are tentative for a later, overnight flight to Reno.

Any plane owner who plans to fly on the tour Sunday is asked to call Stinson with a report on available space. The flight will leave the local field between 8 and 9 a.m. with lunch at the Nut Tree and return in the afternoon. More than 100 persons attended the dinner at the Airport Cafe, Saturday, March 1.

4-H NEWS

HENLEY ROOTERS PIG CLUB

The third meeting was held at Steve and Tim Schmeck's home on January 17, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened by Steve Schmeck, president. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Dues were discussed and it was decided to have \$1.50 dues per year.

Francis Skinner passed out books to several of the officers. It was discussed to change the meetings from Fridays to Sundays, but no action was taken because some of the members were not present. We have two new members, Scott Skinner and David Seewick. Twelve members were present.

The next meeting will be held February 21 at 7:30 at the home of Scott Skinner. Mr. Dixon showed two films. Mrs. Schmeck served refreshments.

Julie Rhodes, News Reporter

MERRILL GROUNDHOG 4-H GARDEN CLUB

Eugene Newham, vice president of the Merrill Groundhog 4-H Garden Club, called the meeting to order on January 29, 1958.

We agreed to give a report each meeting on some phase of gardening. Eugene Newham will give the first one next meeting on February 12.

Mrs. Irene Hill, our leader, gave out the record books.

Robert Newham, News Reporter

PURVINE PLANS TRIP

Oregon Technical Institute Director Winston Purvine will leave February 23 for the Los Angeles area where he will spend a week studying the training facilities and campus arrangements of technical institutes in the region. He will be accompanied by Jack Brookings, supervisor of technical education at OTI.

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Member Feted By Yreka Lodge

YREKA — A dinner party was given in honor of Lloyd Churchill, Montague, by the Knights of Pythias Lodge No. 169 and the Aurora Temple No. 53, Pythian Sisters, on Wednesday evening, January 29.

Churchill has been a member of the Knights of Pythias, which he joined on January 25, 1908, in Montague, for 50 years. The Montague lodge later disbanded and the remaining members united with the Yreka lodge.

Potluck supper was enjoyed by 125 members and guests of the two lodges. The program was entitled "This is Your Life" and was enacted by Churchill's friends. The skits portrayed different portions of his life, including his childhood, football days at the University of Wisconsin and his coming West, settling in Montague in 1907.

Mrs. Churchill was ill and was unable to attend the meeting where her husband was presented with the 50 year jewel and Pythian diploma. These were presented by Ernest Johnson, secretary of the lodge.

James L. Pitman, Yreka, was introduced as a 55 year member of the Pythians.

Square dancing concluded the evening's entertainment.

Dimes Drive Event Held

DORRIS—A March of Dimes drive, cosponsored by the Dorris Lions Club and Butte Valley VFW Auxiliary 5944, was kicked off Wednesday, January 29, when 40 people were served cookies and coffee at the home of Mrs. Byard Kelly for a silver offering. The drive ended Saturday night with a hard times costume dance at the Dorris City Hall.

Local talent donated the music with Hugh Yeates, Richard Stagg, Laurence Spencer, William G. Hagelstein, David Mahrt and Mrs. Gladys Mahrt as the musicians. Mrs. Bettie Kelly and Fonia Copeland were relief musicians, and Fenton Mahrt was master of ceremonies.

The auxiliary served cookies and coffee for a silver donation throughout the evening.

First prize for the most clever costume in the ladies division was won by Ina Winfield, and second prize by Flora-Lee Reeves. Elena Proctor won first in the men's category and Ken Cleland, second. Mabel Watterson was given honorable mention.

Half of the prize money, which was turned over to the March of Dimes by the winners, was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Woodie Wilson.

The dance cleared \$68.67 for the March of Dimes and the auxiliary realized \$66.70 in donations for the cookies and coffee.

SENTENCE ISSUED

YREKA—Joe Paulazzo, formerly of Yreka and now residing in Redding, who was arrested and returned to Yreka on a violation of the unemployment code, was given a 30 day suspended sentence by Judge Harry Hammond, Yreka Justice Court last Friday, January 31. He is also on one year probation, and is required to make restitution to the unemployment department in the amount of \$100. He was charged with illegal filing for unemployment benefits.

Dental Health

(This is the fifth in a series of articles published in cooperation with the Klamath Dental Society in observance of National Children's Dental Health Week, February 2-8. Some of the questions most frequently asked of dentists are answered.)

Doctor, my child's teacher said something should be done about Mary's teeth. They do stick out a little but it hardly seems worthwhile to make a fuss about it now when she is so young. What do you think?

There is little good reason for the severely "crooked teeth," which dentists call malocclusion, found in thousands of young people today. Malocclusion is often accompanied by deforming and disabling conditions.

The girl who won't smile, the

boy who becomes extremely self-conscious about his appearance, the youngster who is taunted for his "buck teeth" are familiar enough.

The tragedy of the young person whose appearance is marred by his teeth is so often needless because much of the trouble could have been prevented.

The time Mary's permanent teeth begin to appear is the crucial period for detecting the beginnings of teeth that are out of line. Routine examinations by the dentist make it possible to detect and correct these conditions before they become serious.

The most important stage appears to be between the ages of six and 12 years when most of the permanent teeth erupt and the first teeth are lost. The dental profession calls it the "period of mixed dentition."

Loss of the child's first molars before the permanent teeth are in may be responsible for the development of "crooked teeth" by causing adjacent teeth to drift toward the open space. This can set

up a kind of chain reaction throughout the dental arch. When a tooth, particularly a back tooth, is lost too soon, it is usually advisable to insert a device to maintain the space.

Some habits of childhood, if continued beyond the age of five or six, may also be disastrous to the development of good tooth alignment. The child between the ages of about six and eight who sucks his thumb or has fallen into the habit of thrusting his tongue against his teeth as he watches television or reads may push his newly developing front teeth forward.

Parents are cautioned not to confuse the so-called six-year molars with the "baby" teeth. These molars are permanent teeth and usually appear when children are about six years old. There are four of them, and they can be located by counting back six teeth from the front of the mouth. They

serve as anchors in keeping the entire dental arch in position. Prevention of irregular teeth is more than a beauty treatment or psychological treatment. If neglected, the condition may interfere with nutrition. It may cause facial deformities. It may contribute to speech defects. It may cause diseases of the gums later in life.



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JUDGE KENNETH T. STONE recently appointed head of Siskiyou County 1958 Red Cross fund drive. — Photo by Shasta View Studio, Weed.

Siskiyou RC Leader Named

WEED—Kenneth T. Stone, judge of the Weed Justice Court, will head the Siskiyou County 1958 Red Cross fund campaign, as announced by Martin B. Webb Jr., Yreka, Siskiyou County chapter chairman. Stone will have Jerry Edwards, Yreka, as cochairman for the campaign. Chairmen throughout the county will be named this week to spearhead the individual community fund drives.

Judge Stone is active in various local clubs and organizations as well as being state organizer for the California State Judges, Marshals and Constables Association. He is also treasurer of the Siskiyou County Peace Officers Association.

Edwards is with the Siskiyou County superintendent of schools office in Yreka. He was a teacher in the Mount Shasta Elementary School for two years and city recreational director.

Power Outage Hits Dunsmuir

DUNSMUIR—Power crews were kept busy all day Monday and far into the night to locate and repair storm damage in southern Siskiyou County.

Households served by television cable were without TV on Monday as John Burgess, owner of the cable franchise, and California Oregon Power Company crews sought to locate trouble on the beacon line to Soda Creek Ridge.

The difficulty was first noted about 10 a.m., when residents of north Dunsmuir phoned in to report they had no electricity. A power pole just north of Dunsmuir had been set afire by the short circuit. Residential service was restored about an hour later but the beacon circuit could not be reconnected until the difficulty was located, power company employees explained.

Meanwhile crews labored in the vicinity of Mount Shasta plagued by two snapped poles, cross arms broken and wires downed by the heavy wet snowfall on Sunday and Monday.

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