



THE SHASTAS, quartet, who will entertain and emcee at the Dunsmuir Railroad Days celebration this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20, 21 and 22, are from the left, Doug Curtis, Bob Piper, Renee Jones and Jerry Lee Curtis. After Railroad Days, the quartet will appear at several resorts at Lake Shasta during the vacation season.

Grasshoppers Moving Into California In Great Hordes

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A huge invasion of grasshoppers, threatening millions of dollars in damage, is beginning to move toward croplands throughout the state, California's top bug expert said recently.

Robert W. Harper, chief of the Bureau of Entomology, said "high numbers" of the insect pests are developing "rapidly...and in some sectors currently are threatening cultivated plantings."

After a statewide study of the foothills area last fall, Harper predicted there would be serious hopper outbreaks in 26 California counties this year even worse than the heavy attacks which hit some three million California acres in 1957.

"Predictions of last fall indicating a serious grasshopper outbreak year for 1958 are materializing rapidly at this time, Harper said.

"From mountain meadows of San Diego County to rangeland areas of Shasta County, nymphal populations of several rangeland grasshopper species are developing in high numbers and in some sectors currently threatening cultivated plantings," he said.

Last year, grasshoppers were

listed seventh on the list of insects most damaging to the state. They caused an estimated loss of nearly two million dollars. Control on 370,000 acres resulted in estimated crop savings of 40 million dollars.

The Okrun area of Shasta County was reported to support the heaviest concentration of hoppers yet reported in the state—more than 200 of the pests per square yard.

Other Shasta County problem areas exist at Project City, Centerville, Bella Vista and Millville. For the first time, airplanes are being used in that area to lay down barriers of poison bran.

From Strathmore in Tulare County to Orange Cove in Fresno County a serious outbreak situation threatens citrus acreage and other plantings. An organized community control program is being set up to help control the outbreak in that area.

Along the Yuba-Placer-Nevada County line in the Camp Beale area the hopper population is amount to 70 or more of the pests per square yard. The army is expected to help control the outbreak in that area.

In the Livermore area of Alameda County, vineyards are endangered. Yard plantings in the Sloatsburg area of Sacramento County and fruit plantings in the English Hills of Solano County already are under attack.

Grasshoppers numbering up to 125 per square yard are widespread in Butte County from Thermalito south to Bangor. These in-

festations threaten olive and fruit acreage, alfalfa and other crops.

Harper said mild spring weather and lush rangeland growth has contributed to maximum survival of young grasshoppers. As the native grasses dry, however, the hoppers tend to collect in the still-green gullies and canyons and begin moving toward cultivated plantings.

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Ball Field In Dunsmuir To Be Fixed

DUNSMUIR — The contract for repair of the Dunsmuir Joint Union High School football field and parking area was awarded to Herman DeBoer of Castella at the June meeting of the high school board.

DeBoer's bid for restoring the area which sloughed away from the hillside last winter was \$8,805. There were two other bidders.

The Dunsmuir high school board also adopted a \$152,525 tentative budget for the coming school year in anticipation of a 234 student enrollment.

Delwin Poe, superintendent, was asked to prepare a code of conduct and discipline for high school students, this code to apply to activities both on and off the school premises. The action was taken after Joseph Kelly, board member, urged adoption of such a code as a means of taking pressure off the board and superintendent when disciplinary problems arise. This code will merely reflect policies already established by the board in conformance to state laws.

No action was taken by the board on disposition of the Tony Welch case. The court of appeal in Sacramento upheld an award of \$206,804 on Monday to the injured griddler. Superintendent Poe told the board he was unable to get in touch with District Attorney Floyd Merrill and Tebbe and Corcia, a legal firm representing the board, were not ready to suggest a course of action.



WINNER — Ernest L. Mathos, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Mathos of the Henley district, and 1954 graduate of Henley High School, has won a \$500 scholarship from ASTRAL on a grade point average of 3.85 earned at Northwest Christian College, Eugene, where he is a junior. Ernest is studying for the ministry.

Holberg New Principal Of Weed School

WEED — Carl P. Holberg of the faculty of Woodland High School has been named principal of Weed High School by the board of trustees of the Siskiyou Union High School District. Dr. Jere E. Hurley, district superintendent, announced recently.

Holberg is a graduate of the University of California and has a masters degree in education from Chico State College. At present, he is assisting administratively in the Woodland High School and teaching classes in history and physical education. Previous to his Woodland position, he had several years experience in teaching and administrative duties on the faculties of the Orland, Willows, Watsonville and Merced high schools.

Before beginning his educational career, Holberg left college to serve as an officer in the U.S. Navy during World War I in the Pacific area.

Holberg's college honors included membership in the Phi Delta Kappa honor fraternity, and he was a member of the varsity football and baseball teams at the University of California.

Holberg, his wife and four children are moving to Weed soon after the first of July. He was selected to be principal of the Weed High School from a list of over 40 applicants. He comes to Weed highly recommended by the University of California and the Woodland school department as an educator and leader of young people.

Gerry Kubi, whom Holberg succeeds, will be principal of the Mount Shasta High School.

Official Gloomchaser Off On Mission To Sign Up Senator In New Club

NEW YORK (AP) — You could tell Wilfrid (Call Me Stan) Stanhaus at a glance.

He wore a brown briefcase under his arm, a sunshine yellow button in his buttonhole and an optimistic smile on his face.

The briefcase was labeled "Official Gloomchaser." The button and "Life's Wonderful." The smile, it turned out, meant that he meant it.

Stan passed through town the other day en route to Washington to enroll Sen. Everett Dirksen (R-Ill.) as the 250,000th member of the "Life's Wonderful Club."

Stan, who presides over the affairs of a Chicago trucking firm when he's not off somewhere gloomchasing, is its sunshine-in-chief.

The club was formed last March in an effort to chase business recession gloom out of Stan's own organization. Now it's open to the general public—an charge for button, card or diploma.

"All one needs to do to join is subscribe to the club's credo," said Stan. "All members agree to make no less than two optimistic observations concerning things or people each day."

It was scarcely noon—and really too early to look on the bright side of anything—but already Stan had made at least one optimistic observation.

"I was reading the financial pages this morning," he said. "I noticed a couple of things that looked good. I'm telling you about it. That's an optimistic observation."

One of the club's credos, carried on the back of the membership card, reflects its philosophy in the words of a Greek philosopher named Epictetus: "He is a wise man who does not grieve for the things which he has not, but rejoices for those which he has."

"He's right," said Stan. "People never seem to take the time to stand back and look at the good side of life. It's too easy to see the gloomy side."

Stan doesn't expect optimistic observations to chase every stray cloud of gloom, economic or otherwise, out of the country. But the club is no joke to him either.

"I know as well as you that this is not going to solve any economic problem. But it may help. If people think optimistic thoughts, they'll do optimistic things."

Postoffice To Be Dedicated

DUNSMUIR — A host of dignitaries will be in Dunsmuir on Saturday for the dedication of the new \$100,000 postoffice.

The dedication of the recently completed post office is to be a feature of Railroad Days and arrangements have been made to have special guests brought to the post office entrance in a replica of an old time train.

Visitors will include Ralph Wheeler, U.S. post office official; James Fixa, postmaster of San Francisco and president of the National Postmasters Association; J. W. Corbett of San Francisco, vice president of Southern Pacific; H. S. Omer of San Francisco, mail and express traffic manager of Southern Pacific; Sen. Randolph Collier and Assemblywoman Pauline Davis and others.

The Dunsmuir High School band will provide music for the occasion. Dedication ceremonies are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The program has been arranged by Postmaster William Welsh and the Dunsmuir Chamber of Commerce.

SUICIDE IN JAPAN

TOKYO (UPI) — A suicide occurred in Japan at the rate of one every 24 seconds last year, the Welfare Ministry on Population reported today. The announcement said 21,900 persons took their own lives during 1957 to make suicide the No. 10 killer in Japan. Nervous breakdowns, family troubles and boredom were listed as major causes, the report said.

DIES

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A little girl who drank turpentine Saturday died last night. She was Marjorie Creek, 1 1/2.

Coroner's officers said she was playing with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bulatovich, when she ran into their garage and drank from a can of turpentine.

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