

Board Mulls Summer Meet

YREKA—At the Tuesday evening session of the Yreka Union Elementary School District board of trustees, several topics came up for discussion including an outline on the proposed schedule for this year's summer school sessions.

Mrs. Rosemary Franson, retiring trustee, opened the discussion on the summer school topic by asking what the sessions are to consist of this year. District Superintendent of Schools Robert Reynolds gave as an example fifth grade spelling, where he stated the regular course does not entail everything there is to learn on the subject, and students will be taught words not included in regular classes.

He also said the summer classes this year will place particular emphasis on an essay-type of composition, giving the pupil the opportunity to develop the ability to express himself.

Also during the April 21 meeting, Reynolds cited figures disclosing that by comparison with the average expenditures for 57 other elementary school districts in California, the expenses for operations in the Yreka district is comparatively low.

The trustees scheduled their next meeting to be devoted to a discussion of savings on gasoline used by school buses, to be achieved by the installing of a gas pump and tank at the school. Reynolds had cited that \$1,414 was spent for gasoline, and he estimated a saving of between 10 to 13 cents per gallon, for the district, by purchasing bulk gasoline under bid.

Other action taken by the board was the acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Louise Hornberger, a teacher, who is moving to Redding. And they also voted to curtail the school caretaker's working hours in the summer months to 40 from 44 hours per week.

School Opens; Many Attend

Recent dedication ceremonies of the Orson A. Stearns Elementary School, Crest and Laverne streets, occupied by students in grades first through sixth, was attended by some 600 parents and guests.

The ceremony was arranged by Max Marvin, principal.

Distinguished guests present included relatives of Orson Avery Stearns, living in and near Klamath Falls; the architect, Murdo Morrison of the firm of Morrison and Howard; Ed Brostherhouse, building contractor and Klamath County school officials.

The speaker, Klamath Falls historian, Mrs. Buena Stone, spoke on "Orson Stearns, the Man," who first saw the Klamath country over 100 years ago.

Students of all the grades took part in the program of music, dances and pantomime.

Orson Stearns school, completed at an approximate cost of \$267,000 for the building, property excluded, was first occupied on January 2, 1959. The building contains 12 classrooms, cafeteria and multipurpose room.

In addition to Max Marvin, principal, the faculty includes 11 teachers, Gertrude Braman, Dorothy Glenn, Virginia Ground, Mary Hensel, Lorna Heibronner, Maxine Marsh, Blanche Montgomery, Nell Stewart, Marie Tillman, Patricia Turner and Warren Foster.

Service Women Add Member

YREKA—During the recent session of the Mary Martha Circle of the Yreka Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Fern Van Over was welcomed to the group as a new member.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Almon Burgess. Mrs. Walter Means gave the devotional, followed with a review of the last chapter of Isaiah, which the circle has been studying.

A report on the WSCS meeting held at Richardson Springs recently was made by Mrs. James Sullivan who had attended the event.

A potluck luncheon will highlight the next meeting of the group to be held at the home of Mrs. John Brazie at Yreka.



CLEAN-SHAVEN MEN in Merrill will be at a premium since the proclamation recently signed by Mayor Louis Stewart, seated, announced the beginning of a Whiskeroo Contest. Standing is Chuck Pederson, Whiskeroo committee chairman. Permits may be bought by the smooth-cheeked males over 18 years of age from members of the Merrill Lions Club for one dollar. —Photo by Ruth Harris

Mayor Issues Proclamation Opening Whisker Contest

MERRILL—A proclamation announcing the beginning of a whiskeroo contest has been signed by Louis Stewart, mayor of the city of Merrill. The contest will be conducted by the Merrill Lions Club in conjunction with Oregon's Centennial year.

The proclamation states "that the appearance of any clean-shaven male person over the age of 18 years upon the streets of Merrill during the months of May, June and July shall constitute a disgusting and revolting display, and shall subject any such person to the utmost ridicule and scorn."

Any person violating the "spirit of the noble cause" by not being properly bearded will be summoned before a kangaroo court and fined up to a maximum of one dollar by the members of the Merrill Lions Club.

Persons possessing a shaving permit issued by the Lions Club for one dollar will be exempt from the imposition of the fine.

All fees collected from the sale of shaving permits and fines imposed for violations of the proclamation will go to the benefit of the Merrill summer recreation program.

A sweepstakes prize will be awarded to the person with the most outstanding beard at the end of the beard growing period. Awards will also be made for beards that are the blackest, whitest, reddest, pinto, longest, neatest, scrummiest, goatie, porkchops, Abe Lincoln, burnside and most unique. A special prize will go to the fellow who tried the hardest but has the least to show for his efforts.

Whiskeroo committee members are Chuck Pederson, Lucky Felt, Don Harris, Bob Graves and Cliff Ongman.

With drives in five county communities already completed, a third of the county quota is in. "Unless the county can meet its obligation in the 1959 campaign, many of the programs will have to be curtailed," Judge Kenneth T. Stone, Weed, Siskiyou County chapter chairman, stated today.

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Copco Given Power Bid

YREKA — The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors gave their stamp of approval on Tuesday to the California Oregon Power Company over the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for the proposed future power development of McCloud River, on the stipulation that fish life, recreation and agriculture would not suffer any damage.

Appearing before the board to request support for Copco's application to construct three dams on the McCloud River were C. W. "Pat" Patton, district manager for Copco, accompanied by J. P. Blackburn of Klamath Falls, engineer for Copco.

Previous claims by the engineer indicated that development by Copco would be more immediate than any made by the PG&E, and would be more beneficial to Siskiyou County through access roads and employment furnished on the county side of the development.

Red Cross Drive Set At \$1,500

WEED—A quota of \$1,500 is set for the Weed area in the annual Red Cross fund drive opening here this week.

County co-chairmen Harold Campbell, Weed, and Del Pilliard, Yreka, announced the county quota at \$11,000.

Elvin Adams and Mrs. H. G. Reents are heading the campaign underway here with various neighborhood chairmen detailed for house-to-house canvass and solicitation in the business and local industrial plant departments.

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Much Concern Caused By Aphids On Alfalfa

Aphids on alfalfa are causing quite a lot of concern in the Klamath Basin.

This is not the much publicized alfalfa aphid about which we have read so much in the news the last several years, mainly from California. This is the pea aphid which apparently is building up in drastic numbers in some fields.

It appears that the pea aphid has overwintered in large numbers without normal winter mortality. Here in the Klamath Basin we always have large numbers of this pea aphid during the latter part of May and into June. They are quite noticeable usually in a lot of fields at hay mowing time, but by this time of the year in a normal season, the alfalfa plants are growing so vigorously that they are able to withstand the attack of the pea aphid.

This is not the case, however. These pea aphids are building up in very high populations in the crowns and young shoots of the alfalfa. The Klamath Extension Office has been in touch with Ken Baggett at the Tullake Farm Adviser's office and Ken tells us that the situation is quite drastic in the Tullake area also. Some young fields of newly planted alfalfa are almost being killed from the attacks of this insect.

Those alfalfa growers in the Basin should evaluate the damage in their fields. If there are not too many aphids present in the crowns and on the young shoots of established alfalfa plants, it probably would not be necessary to spray at this time.

Alfalfa growers, should, however, continue to watch the plants under these conditions and see that the aphids do not multiply in rapid enough rates to cause stunting of the plants.

The situation at this time—cold soils, repeated frosts on the al-

falas and the combined effect of these insects, allows the insect damage to show up more than it normally would and also holds back these plants which have been stunted in the growing conditions.

Many fields inspected over the last week to 10 days shows hundreds of aphids being concentrated in the crowns of the alfalfa plants and to the extent that the new shoots are wilting from the effects of the aphid. This should not be confused with the browning of the leaves which has been caused by frost. Wilting of the new shoots will be one of the best indications when aphid populations are much too high. Populations too large for the health of the plant must be controlled.

Both the Tullake Farm Adviser's office and the Klamath County Agent's office are recommending one pound of malathion per acre. Normally malathion is bought in a liquid concentrate containing five pounds of malathion per gallon of concentrate. One gallon of this emulsion concentrate as purchased will do five acres of alfalfa when mixed with water. The rates of application should be made from 10 to 20 gallons of water per acre containing one pound of malathion or one-fifth of the gallon concentrate.

It is most important that to this spray should be added a wetting agent. One of the better spray detergents or wetting agents added will allow the spray to penetrate and cover the alfalfa plants as well as cover and penetrate the waxy coating of the aphid.

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In some cases, it has been noted that predators and parasites of the aphids are very high. We have suggested in one or two cases that these fields be closely watched and if the parasitic wasp and ladybugs begin to take care of the population that sprays not be applied.

This situation, however, only exists in a few fields and it is not felt that we can rely on parasites and predators at this particular time of the year in most fields.

One or two other insecticides are effective against the pea aphid but are considered extremely dangerous either to humans or livestock and most recommendations are centered on the use of malathion.

One drawback on the use of malathion is that it does not have a great long residual effect and

we know that a reinfestation of aphids may occur within several weeks. However, by that time the alfalfa will be far enough along and growing rapidly enough that it can withstand the effect of these aphids and we feel that no further control would be necessary except in very, very extreme cases.

Contact the Farm Adviser's Office in Tullake or the County Extension Office in Klamath Falls for further information and help on this problem.

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LAKE COUNTY BIRTHS

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GREGORY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gregory, April 19, at the Lakeview Hospital, a girl, weighing 6 lbs., 11 ozs.

COOPER—Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cooper, April 20, at the Lakeview Hospital, a girl, Teresa Karen, weighing 6 lbs., 10 ozs.

MURPHY—Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murphy of Paisley, April 20, at the Lakeview Hospital, a boy, Patrick Joseph, weighing 7 lbs., 10 ozs.

HEART STUDY

NEWARK, N.J. (AP)—Beth Israel Hospital here has been recording electric currents in heart muscles of newborn babies. The research is aimed at uncovering basic knowledge of the development of the human heart.

Rangers Erect New Barracks

BLY—A barracks-type building, 24 by 42 feet, which will house a crew of 10 men, is being erected at the Bly District Ranger Station.

The building will have shower facilities and lockers for the men, who will work on the timber stand improvements and also the fire supervision crew.

These improved facilities will enable a full crew to be available for the necessary work to be done during the season.

Ellis Gross is district ranger and Frank Dunning is assistant ranger. Herbert Hadley is district assistant; Warner Melcher is timber management assistant; George Chaffin, forest service carpenter. Robert Palmer, Charles Maxwell and Robert Plank are assistants on this building project. Olive Hall is the secretary.

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