

Merit Awards Are Given To PTA Star Volunteers

ALTURAS — Thirty three merit awards were recently distributed to Parent Teacher Association presidents to be given to mem-

Grange News

GREENHORN
YREKA—High point of the recent meeting of Greenhorn Grange, Yreka, was election of new officers. Ray Wheeler of Montague was chosen as new master. The current master, Kenneth Bley, presided during the session in Greenhorn Grange Hall Saturday evening, Dec. 3. Prior to election Bley read a poem, "Election, Election, Election," composed by a member, Helen Hitchcock, Yreka.

Other officers elected included Bley, overseer; Estella Severns, lecturer; John Cawley, steward; Willard Freeman, assistant steward; Freda Hoskins, chaplain; Margaret Wintering, treasurer; Harold Ralston, secretary; George Allison, gatekeeper.

Ja Wheller, Cress; Bill Walters, Pomona; Hilda Cooley, Flora; Mary Freeman, assistant lady steward; Joe Lewellyn, executive committee member for a three-year term; Laura Cawley, musician; and Lorena Lewellyn, flag bearer.

The grange Christmas party will be held at the grange hall Dec. 17 at 8 p.m. The public is invited.

William S. Swigart Sr., business agent, gave a report on items that can be purchased through the grange by its members.

Prior to the meeting, a potluck supper was served by Dorothy Lee and her committee.

Club To Hear Talk On Salmon

MOUNT SHASTA—Edward Herzog, secretary of the Mount Shasta Rod and Gun Club, has announced that at the club's next regular meeting, Tuesday evening, Dec. 13, representatives of the state Fish and Game Department will speak on salmon egg-taking, and hatching. The latter part of reproduction is now in full swing. There will also be moving pictures shown of game management.

Beside this interesting program, regular monthly business, and refreshments will fill out the evening. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

NO CHECK PAYROLL
WICHITA, Kan. (UPI) — The Union National Bank of Wichita has picked up a lot of new deposits by persuading 15 companies to adopt its "no check payroll" plan. Instead of a paycheck, each employee gets his full pay deposited in the bank. He is free to transfer it without charge to another bank if he wishes.

EXPLANATION

Heliotropism is the process by which a sunflower moves with the sun. The explanation is that the plant's cells grow faster on the shaded side of the stem, causing the curvature.

BIG LIFT

NEW YORK (UPI) — A drawing of a helicopter that could straddle a huge highway truck trailer, pick it up and fly away with it was described by Hiller Aircraft Corp. The helicopter, weighing 30 tons, would be powered by turbojet engines mounted in the tips of its rotor blades.

A petition was filed here with the Tamalpais Board of Trustees demanding the removal of the two books. The petition, signed by 21 persons, was filed by the Rev. Michael Barkowska of the Calvary Baptist Church in Larkspur.

Long Range Forecaster Ducks Inaugural Weather

By FRANK CAREY.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Dr. Charles Greeley Abbot, 87, long-range weather forecaster for the Smithsonian Institution, is begging off making any forecasts for John F. Kennedy's inauguration day.

He correctly predicted, months in advance, fair weather for the last Roosevelt inaugural in 1945 and the Truman inaugural in 1949.

He had a near miss on the first Eisenhower inaugural in 1953, and decided not to try on Eisenhower's second in 1957.

Staunch Republican Abbot—"I was born in New Hampshire and I'm still a good Republican"—says he hopes the senator from neighboring Massachusetts will have fine weather on January 20.

He explained he's begging off again because he no longer has faith in the weather forecast system he used for the Roosevelt and Truman inaugurals.

Abbot, a tall man with a drooping moustache, formerly was secretary of the Smithsonian. He still is on the staff as a research associate.

The system he formerly used to forecast inaugural weather was restricted to weather in the nation's capital and called the shot for particular days as much as a year in advance.

The probabilities of fair or foul weather on a particular day were based, he held, on cycles of precipitation occurring within a 27-day period, with the cycles being influenced by variations in solar radiation.

For almost 20 years, he says, his forecasts were pretty close to the mark.

But he said early in the 1950s the forecasts began to go somewhat haywire.

"I don't know the reason," he says, "but since the system depended upon atmospheric conditions associated with solar radiation, it's possible that all those atomic explosions, releasing products of combustion into the atmosphere, may have altered the picture."

While he has given up on this particular system, Abbot says he is sticking to his guns on a much more extensive long-range system announced last March.

Under that one, he has ventured predictions through 1967 for 32 American cities, with primary attention to forecasting average expected weather for four-month intervals.

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Weather Table

THE WEATHER ELSEWHERE
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Atlanta, cloudy	70 39 11
Bismarck, cloudy	16 9 03
Boston, cloudy	21 M M
Buffalo, snow	16 M M
Chicago, clear	30 16 02
Cleveland, cloudy	27 19 21
Denver, clear	40 13
Des Moines, clear	31 15
Detroit, snow	23 M M
Fairbanks, snow	12 4 05
Fort Worth, clear	42 35
Helena, clear	31 11
Honolulu, M	M M M
Indianapolis, cloudy	34 9 46
Juneau, cloudy	39 29 08
Kansas City, clear	33 16
Los Angeles, clear	64 47
Louisville, clear	40 20 12
Memphis, clear	43 29 04
Miami, cloudy	70 70 31
Milwaukee, clear	28 14
Mpls.-St. Paul, clear	22 5
New Orleans, cloudy	63 45
New York, snow	35 19 62
Oklahoma City, cloudy	33 28
Omaha, clear	29 11
Philadelphia, snow	36 18 139
Phoenix, clear	54 42
Pittsburgh, snow	30 14 34
Portland, Me., snow	19 9 03
Portland, Ore., rain	38 26 31
Rapid City, clear	30 1
Richmond, snow	40 25 02
St. Louis, clear	34 20 14
Salt Lake City, clear	37 19
San Diego, clear	63 47
San Francisco, cloudy	57 46 01
Seattle, cloudy	45 41 16
Tampa, cloudy	79 59 46
Washington, snow	42 34 34

Program To Be Aid

TULELAKE—A new program to help California swine raisers produce more efficiently has been set in motion by University of California scientists.

Dr. P. C. Enge, extension veterinarian on the Davis campus, has been assigned the responsibility of organizing the improved program, said Dr. Donald E. Jasper, dean of veterinary medicine, and George B. Alcorn, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, in a joint announcement.

During the coming year Enge will spend a major share of his time helping hog producers throughout the state solve problems of management, disease and nutrition.

"The goal of the program will be to bring the latest scientific information and techniques to hog producers," said Enge. "Housewives are demanding a new kind of product—a streamlined, leaner type of hog—and we're going to see that California producers have all the help possible to raise this kind of animal."

Swine growers themselves have expressed a need for such a program, said Enge, and have joined together to contribute funds to get the program under way.

Working with Enge will be scientists in the School of Veterinary Medicine, in Animal Husbandry, and in other Davis campus departments, as well as farm advisers and local veterinarians.

Enge joined the university staff in 1967. Before that he practiced large animal medicine in Minnesota. He received his DVM degree at Texas A&M in 1939.

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USAFI Offers Its Courses To Discharged

YREKA — Recently discharged ex-service personnel are eligible for completion of correspondence courses offered by the U.S. Armed Forces Institute if they sent in at least one lesson while in service, Veterans Service Officer Lynn E. Roberts, Yreka, points out.

Special provision is made for honorably discharged veterans and those discharged under honorable conditions who want to complete USAFI courses after discharge. Once discharged, however, veterans cannot enroll in new course or transfer from one type to another.

Veterans are allowed nine months from date of discharge to complete USAFI courses, if at least one lesson was sent to the institute from the student while he was in service.

A test at the end of the course may also be taken by the veteran after his actual separation from service.

Veterans must send a certified copy of discharge papers with the first lesson completed after discharge to the director, U.S. Armed Forces Institute, Madison 3, Wis. Assistance in obtaining a certified copy of discharge is offered by the local Veterans Service Office at the Courthouse Annex, Yreka.

Veterans have 12 months from the date of discharge to complete extension courses taken through the institute from participating colleges and universities.

Legislature Has Chance To Chart Education

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The 1961 legislature will get an unprecedented chance to chart the direction of public education in California, now a \$1 billion a year undertaking at the state level.

After the three years of clamor for more basic schooling that followed the firing of Sputnik, a long series of "reform" recommendations is now ready for the legislature.

A total of 104 recommendations were formally submitted today by a citizens' commission assigned by the lawmakers more than two years ago to examine the schools from top to bottom.

Gov. Edmund G. Brown has had a member of his staff working fulltime on education proposals to be included in his program to the legislature.

Educators Have Plan
Roy E. Simpson, state superintendent of public instruction, and the California Board of Education have come up with a program of their own.

From these reform recommendations, at least three major proposals appear likely to emerge as bills. They all face opposition. Loosely, they may be considered the three T's:

—Textbooks. A bill is expected which would allow local districts to select a textbook from among

ence held at the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., recently, according to Ken Baggett, Tulelake farm adviser.

Estimates indicated that the number of farms in Western and Northern states selling products worth \$10,000 or more in 1959 was nearly 60 per cent greater than in 1949. Meanwhile, the number of farms selling between \$2,500 and \$5,000 worth of products dropped more than 40 per cent.

Increase in farm size, together with the general increase in prices, resulted in a nearly six-fold increase in average investment per farm since 1940. Assets per farm worker increased even more because the number of workers declined. In 1960, the investment per worker amounted to more than \$21,000.

The rise in prices of farm real estate has continued without corresponding increases in net farm income. The rate of return on capital has declined to the lowest level in several decades. Farm debts rose to 23 billion dollars in 1960, highest since the mid-1940s.

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tests has been endorsed by Simpson, but he has not yet offered a specific program.

Other far-reaching proposals may well reach the legislature. The citizens' commission has recommended a substantial increase in required school time for such basic courses as English, mathematics and history.

Individual legislators are interested in seeing a reduction in the number of school administrators, and a tightening of state aid for adult education. Simpson seeks to establish special programs for gifted students and for emotionally disturbed students.

Teachers. Legislation is almost certain to emerge to change the college training required of teachers before they may hold a credential in California. The Board of Education has approved a credential outline which prohibits prospective elementary school teachers from majoring in the methods-heavy subject of education. The board's proposal has come under heavy fire from the California Teachers Association, a group with considerable influence in the Legislature.

Uniform Tests Proposed
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