

Dunsmuir Lions Present Colthart 30-Year Pin

DUNSMUIR — A 30-year Lions Club pin was presented to Robert L. Colthart, retired school teacher, and a \$1,000 gift from Frank Bascom to the Community Youth Building was announced at the 40th anniversary celebration of the Dunsmuir Lions Club Saturday night.

Frank Bascom, a long time resident now seriously ill in the Bay Area, donated \$1,000 to complete the Community Youth Building constructed under Lions Club sponsorship this year.

Raymond Marks, San Francisco, International Lions Club counselor, was the speaker of the evening. He told of contribution of

Lionism in promoting international friendship. He said of the Lions Club, "We continue to grow because 'We do unto others.'"

Members receiving longevity pins in addition to Colthart were George Harrison, J. "Bud" Lachemeyer, Jim Lockart, Delwin Poe, 15-year pins; and Lee Huddle, 10-year pin. Certificates of appreciation for contributions to the Youth Building were given to Harold N. Walsh, who drew the building plans, the Dunsmuir Elementary School PTA, and Jack Michaelson, manager of the Hotel Dunsmuir. Gary Girdler, past president and sparkplug of the construction project, made the presentations.

Special entertainment was provided by Jerry Dittner, who directed the singing; the Glamorous Ballerinas from Montague, and Dianne Van Hein, folk singer.

Special mention was made of Henry Danner, a 15-year member, who died last week.

Harold Houston, Susanville, district governor for district 4C-1, and L. D. (Babe) Taylor, Yreka, deputy district governor, were among the visiting dignitaries.

C. R. Deering of Sacramento, a former member of the Dunsmuir club and now an international counselor, was another program participant.

Visiting Lions came from Yreka, Burney, Redding, Happy Camp, and Sacramento for the buffet dinner at the Youth Building. David Anderson, local Lions Club president, was master of ceremonies, and Henry Schroeder, dinner chairman.

Jump Noted In Lava Bed Visitations

Superintendent Irvin Kerr of the Lava Beds National Monument, near Tulelake, reported that each year, more and more people are visiting the spectacular features of the monument, which include unusual volcanic lava formations, ice caves, the Modoc Indian War historic scenes, and pre-historic Indian petroglyphs and pictographs.

More people are, also, observing and photographing the variety of wildlife in and around the monument than ever before. Kerr stated that 1962 public use resulted in 69,204 visits, which amounted to a three per cent increase over the 67,322 visits of 1961.

Kerr said the majority of visits occurred during the summer months with 8,269 in June; 15,517 in July; 13,851 in August; and 8,361 in September. Winter visits during December, January, and March were normal with slightly less than 3,000 for each of those months. He observed, however, that an unusually low number of visits occurred in February (1962) when ground thawing made graded roads difficult to travel.

Kerr added that picnicking during the spring, autumn, and winter appears to be a growing family outdoor activity at the monument. He pointed out that the monument is open and accessible the year-around, and because it is usually free of snow, more families and other groups have been enjoying outdoor picnics throughout the year in combination with their visits to the many interesting features of the monument.

Kerr stated that a startling 34 per cent increase in camping occurred during 1962 with 4,651 camper days recorded at the Indian Well Campground near Monument Headquarters. Statistics indicated that campers stayed longer than during previous seasons. Kerr emphasized the popularity of the new summer interpretive programs which were presented each evening at the campfire circle and on weekends in Mushpot Cave near the Ranger Station. Summer visitors numbering 3,836 enjoyed colored slides which explained the origin of the volcanic formations, traced the dramatic events of the Modoc Indian War of 1872-73, and illustrated the plants and wild animals of the monument.

Kerr explained that these informative programs were extremely well received by visitors and undoubtedly contributed to the large number of visits and camping during the year.

Henley High School News Notes

By MARTHA RAGLAND

Dick Hook, Henley High School senior, was nominated Feb. 3 as the Henley candidate for the Elks scholarship. Dick, who was a participant in the series of Elks panels, competed with four other seniors. The final choice was made on the basis of grades, citizenship, and performance during a cross-examination by five Henley teachers.

A local judging will be held at the Elks Lodge on Feb. 22. The highest-ranked boy and girl in the local judging will go to Bend for the district judging.

The Student Council is observing the week by sponsoring a candy

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sale on Wednesday and a climactic dance on Friday night. Although the girls "foot the bill," the boys are still required to provide the transportation.



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SOIL DEMONSTRATION — Howard Cushman, OSU soil specialist, demonstrates how sodium becomes soluble with the addition of gypsum at a five-week fertilizer short course at Silver Lake. The course, which was just concluded, was held in the SCS office in the Silver Lake School.

Silver Lake Completes Short Course In Soils

SILVER LAKE — In summarizing the five-week short course in soils and fertilizers, Howard Cushman, extension soils specialist, pointed out here Friday, Feb. 15, that the goal is for proper management to make possible a profitable income from farming without depleting available resources.

Problems discussed during the course included the limiting characteristics of soil as well as general properties and chemistry. Testing to discover what materials will add fertility to the soils and proper application of irrigation water as well as fertilizer were considered.

Faced with the economics of farming, Cushman pointed out that farmers' record for irrigation efficiency is not good. On the whole, he said, two feet of irrigation water is pumped for every foot on the field. Loss is chiefly due to seepage and poor transportation methods.

With many groups now claiming higher priority for water

than agriculture, irrigation efficiency is increasingly important. When it comes to increasing production, Cushman feels that improving irrigation efficiency is more important than improving soil fertility.

The group considered costs of land reclamation and the feasibility factor. As irrigation acreages enlarge here it will be important to select crops of advantage market-wise and which will withstand certain climatic limitations.

Twenty-five ranchers and wives enrolled in the course, attending from Summer Lake, Silver Lake, and Fort Rock. Cushman used charts and exhibits, films and film strips, as well as diagramming as he spoke. He was assisted by Lake County Extension Agents John Klesow and Bill Moser. The course was co-sponsored by the Fort Rock - Silver Lake Soil Conservation District and the Extension Service. Eston Porter, George Carlson, and Richard Morehouse served as local steering committee.

Horse Club Meeting Held

MOUNT SHASTA — Strawberry Valley 4-H Club, light horse division, had a meeting Feb. 17 at Holcomb's Double Tree Ranch, with Stanley Tatro, leader, in charge. He demonstrated how to tie a hard to handle horse, avoiding hurting the horse or the person attempting to shoe or saddle the horse. He also showed the group how to break a horse or colt.

On Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. a meeting will be held at Shasta-O Ranch, with Bob Hollister, leader from Edgewood, in charge. The Mt. Shasta group will join with the Edgewood light horse division of 4-H for this event. Veterinarian Jack Tucker will be the speaker.

On March 4 the light horse division will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Holcomb ranch for a demonstration on how to clean riding equipment, under the direction of Tatro. Each member will do his own equipment.

Members are now busy preparing for 4-H Week, March 2-9. They will all wear their uniforms to school. Two downtown Mount Shasta windows will be decorated with show ribbons the members have won. Also, that week boys and girls will give 4-H talks over radio KWSD in Mount Shasta.

The cooking classes, under the direction of Mrs. Eldon Poe and Mrs. Vernon Swenson, will see films on cooking during the week. On Feb. 15 the livestock group were taken on a tour of Gil Grave's hog operations and given instruction on choosing a market hog for showing at the fair.

The sewing classes, under the direction of Mrs. Howard Priddy, Mrs. Richard Mallin, and junior leader, Sandra Mallin, were preparing for the dress review to be held in Yreka in June.

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'Frill Courses' Rapped By Education Chief

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Chairman Charles B. Garrigus of the Assembly Education Committee today opened an attack on so-called frill courses in California's schools.

"They are luxuries we can no longer afford," said the Redwood Democrat.

He proposed legislation to eliminate from the required course of study in elementary schools such subjects as morals, manners, citizenship, fire prevention, accident prevention and public safety.

The lawmaker said that pressures of "responsibility" on the state's schools are requiring them to provide a "more basic education."

As a result, he suggested setting a priority for the "most important subjects."

"Items such as morals, manners

and citizenship and such are the proper responsibility of the home and can best be taught there," said Garrigus.

"If the home doesn't practice or stress these things, the effects of the school to promote them will fail and if the parents do their job right on these matters, there will be no need for them in the school."

In short, said Garrigus: "What can best be taught in the home should be taught there and school time should be reserved for subjects which can only be handled right by the school."

The lawmaker said many schools had failed to emphasize basic

subjects properly on the grounds that there just isn't enough room because the curriculum is "cluttered" with other requirements.

"If we are going to provide the schools with adequate time for the three R's, English, mathematics, foreign language and American history, these less important required courses must go," he said. "They are luxuries we can no longer afford."

But Garrigus issued a word of caution.

"This does not mean they can no longer be taught," he said. "Manners, morals and citizenship can still be taught just as ef-

fectively in other courses and still more effectively, in the example of the teachers and administrators of the system."

Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction, who also has backed similar action in the past, was noncommittal on Garrigus' bill.

"It sounds good," he said. "But I haven't seen it or read it so I don't want to comment now."

Other action in the legislature: Courts—State Sen. Eugene McAttee, D-San Francisco, announced he will introduce legislation to allow juvenile court referees to have experience in probation work, correctional work,

social welfare and law enforcement work. Present law requires they be attorneys or have five years' experience in probation work.

Supreme Court—McAttee called upon Gov. Edmund G. Brown and Finance Director Hale Champion to halt their efforts to move the state Supreme Court to Sacramento.

Drivers — The Assembly transportation and Commerce Committee approved a bill by Assemblyman Jerome Waldie, D-Antioch, to allow judges to take away juvenile drivers' licenses for a traffic violation for more than 30 days, the limit in present law.



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