

ALTURAS CHAPTER



FFA AWARDS — Chapter Farmer and Green Hand awards were presented to FFA members from the Surprise Valley and Modoc Union High Schools on Nov. 19. Receiving Green Hand awards were, back row, from left, Lewis Kirk, Larry Sykes, Clark Smith, Ted Fisher and Gene Dukes. Second row, Joey Smith, David Capik, Jack Hussman, Vernal Dukes, Rodney Smith and Roy Bailey. First row, Lonnie Sphar, Lavore Smith, Robert Weston, Raymond Allen, Victor Mulkey and Evarosto Duran.

Chapters Confer Awards

ALTURAS — The joint FFA chapters of Surprise Valley High School and Modoc Union High School met Tuesday evening, Nov. 19, to confer the Chapter Farmer and Green Hand Degree on its members. The host chapter, Modoc, conducted the Green Hand awards, and the Surprise Valley Chapter conducted the Chapter Farmer awards. Gordon Bailey of the Alturas Chapter reported to the members and families on his trip to the Kansas City national convention of FFA as the Modoc County representative. Gordon was sponsored for the trip by the Surprise Valley Electric Corporation of Alturas. Adviser for the Alturas FFA is Chris Starr and the Surprise Valley adviser is Elba Bullen.

4-H Girls To Show Fashions

LAKEVIEW—A fashion show of 4-H Club girls working in co-operation with the Simplicity Pattern Company will be held the evening of Wednesday, Dec. 11, at 7:30 in the A. D. Hay School auditorium.

There will be 20 girls of various sizes to model the fashions made from Simplicity patterns and furnished by the company. Girls interested in modeling will meet Monday, Dec. 2, in the office of Barbara Glodt, county extension agent, in the basement of the court-house.

In the presentation, entitled "Yardstick Fashions," the importance of aiming at high standards in their sewing projects will be stressed to the girls. Quality of work and personal grooming will also be stressed, as will the proper pattern size for the figure.

The pattern selections to be shown are designed with teens in mind. There are separates, dresses, jumpers, and a group of classic costumes, as well as play clothes and evening ensembles.

Girls interested are asked by Miss Glodt to bring with them a pair of dress shoes. A practice will be held Monday, Dec. 9, from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Brother Dies In Utah Town

Mrs. Helen Bates, 503 Alameda, has been called to Layton, Utah, by the death of her brother, Lt. James Liston Kinard, 61, retired after 30 years of Navy service.

His death from a heart attack was thought to be the result of the death of President Kennedy, whom he greatly admired. Lieutenant Kinard was at home alone when stricken but managed to call an ambulance before he lost consciousness. He died at the Hill Air Force Base hospital. The officer had visited in Klamath Falls.

Plucky Woman, 78, Learns To Drive And Then Crosses Country

By RUTH KING
"I just took it into my head to go," said plucky Mrs. Bessie E. Johnson, past 78, this



PLUCKY LADY — Mrs. Bessie Johnson, of New Hampshire, a spry 78, with a ready smile, white hair, and plenty of grit, drove almost across the United States alone, after just getting her driver's license. She is staying until spring with Mrs. Lutecia Narramore, 1518 1/2 Ivory Street, a sister-in-law.

week, soon after arriving in Klamath Falls on a cross-country jaunt that brought her to Oregon alone from New Hampshire in the first car she ever owned.

Her blue eyes sparkled as she recounted her experiences. "My husband would never let me drive," she remembered. "He always said I would tear up a car, so I never had a driver's license." He had been a rural mail carrier for 31 years in Massachusetts.

She had never been "too far" from her native state, New Hampshire, where she was born April 7, 1885. She had relatives in the west including a namesake niece, Mrs. Arthur W. (Bessie) Bramhall of Hayward, Calif. Mrs. Bramhall was once on the switchboard of the Willard Hotel, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Lutecia Narramore, lives here. This is her first trip west.

Preparing for her "go - it - alone" adventure, she hired an instructor who gave her eight driving lessons. Her close attention to directions, and her native "know-how" under the wheel earned her a driver's license after the eighth trip on the highway.

Her compact car, a Corvair, shiny and blue-gray, was delivered last Nov. 21. She became a member of the Automobile Legal Association and her route west was outlined for her, step by step, to avoid the big metropolitan areas.

She pulled out of her driveway at 8 a.m. on Nov. 3 and arrived in Klamath Falls Nov. 17 without having had a flat tire. She bypassed Cleveland, Buffalo, Chicago, hit the Ohio and Indiana turnpikes and "took it easy" at 60-70 miles an hour, she says, averaging 300 miles per day. "At home, 35 miles an hour is fast."

She "had a little accident" that delayed her three days, after she made a wrong turn in Cleveland and drove onto a highway leading to Akron. It was pouring down rain. She watched for a right turn exit, turned off, and her car skidded into an iron post. The impact damaged the grill, headlights and front bumper. "I didn't get hurt, it just slowed me up."

Children Aid Red Cross

Junior Red Cross members in Fairview, Mills, Roosevelt, Conger, Lucile O'Neill and Pelican schools contributed generous amounts of Thanksgiving favors and decorations for veterans at White City and patients at the Klamath County Nursing Home.

Mrs. Carl D. Goldsby, Junior Red Cross chairman for the local chapter, announced that the interesting art work of elementary school members was delivered Nov. 22 to local institutions and transported to White City as a volunteer service of the Oregon-California Nevada Fast Freight. Included were posters, murals, collection of Thanksgiving stories, and turkeys, pilgrims and Indians to brighten Thanksgiving tables

and halls of the institutions. Junior Red Cross parent sponsors for the participating schools are Mrs. Clyde Hammond, Conger; Mrs. Alfred Grimm, Fairview; Mrs. Glen Strieb, Mills; Mrs. Philip Harder, O'Neill; Mrs. Bud Banta, Pelican; Mrs. Warren Schuchter, Riverside; and Mrs. Bob Kyle, Roosevelt.

ISSUE STAMP
WASHINGTON (UPI) — A U.S. postage stamp will be issued to honor the memory of President Kennedy. President Johnson Wednesday asked Postmaster General John A. Gronouski to confer later with Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy and other members of the family on the design of the stamp.

The damage repaired she was off again. People had been kind. Since arriving in Oregon she has visited the Rogue Valley with Mrs. Narramore taking Oregon's mountains in stride. Mrs. Johnson owned and operated a restaurant. She gardens, does her own

lawn work and housework, and will return to New Hampshire in the spring the way she came, on the highways, to "look after things." Asked if she was a "bit shaky" about making such a long trip alone, she laughed and quoted, "He who knows nothing, fears nothing."

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