

## LET'S BE SOCIABLE

### 31 Guests Present for Family Reunion Mon.

The annual Christmas reunion of the Sigler family was held December 26 in the Legion hall at Vernonia. Thirty-one guests were present to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frank.

The afternoon and evening was spent enjoyably in the hall playing games and singing. This get-together of the Siglers, who have been long-time residents of Hillsboro, has been carried out for several years being held in a different home each time.

Guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sigler, Wallace Sigler, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brandaw, Miss Gussie Sigler, Miss Lottie Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kellington and Miss Helen Frank all of Hillsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Sigler, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. Amelio Colontoni and Rennie, Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Sigler, Cornelius; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Frank, Roy Frank, Lois Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Murvel Frank and Linda, and Mr. and Mrs. Elgus R. Frank and family of Vernonia.

### Eastern Star Chapter Installs Officers Wed.

The officers of Nehalem Chapter No. 153, O.E.S., were installed Wednesday evening at the Masonic Temple.

Installing officers were: Worthy Matron, Alberta Mills; Worthy Patron, Ray Mills; A.M., Marie Hawkins; A.P., Glen Hawkins; Marshall, Mona Gordon; Chaplain, Inez Powell; Organist, Murel Knight and Wardern, Allie Dickson.

The 1950 officers are: Dorothy Sandon, W.M.; Harry Sandon, W.P.; Frances Mullins, A.M.; Paul Gordon, A.P.; Mona Gordon, secretary; Janet Bridgers, treasurer; Edna Linn, Conductor; Florence Messing, associate conductor; Grace Currie, Chaplain; Eva Hearing, Marshall; Bess Nichols, organist; Gladys Hawken, Adahn; Mary Laramore, Ruth; Lucille Tomlin, Esther; Celia Laird, Martha; Florence Brunson, Electa; Maryon Peters, Wardern; Herbert Taylor, Sentinel and Courtesy Girls, Clara Kirk, Jewelle Robinson, Dorothy Taylor, Emma Bush, Nell Thomas and Lottie Swanson.

The program included the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by the Rainbow Girls of Nehalem Assembly, a piano solo, "Spring Flowers," by Glenna Pearl, and a vocal solo, "Without a Song," Vincent Neuman, by Sally Roediger accompanied by Frances Kaspar.

A unique addenda was given by the 1949 officers, depicting their year of service and the newly installed group accepting the responsibilities turned over to them.

Ethel Titus received her past Matrons jewel presented by Clara Kirk and Ray Mills was presented his Past Patrons Remembrance by John Kirk.

A beautiful, rare Myrtle Wood Gavel was made and presented by Emil Messing to Dorothy Sandon, newly installed Worthy Matron.

Lovely red carnations and gifts were presented to Dorothy Sandon and Ethel Titus from the officers and members of the chapter. A reception followed in the social hall.

Carcasses of the prehistoric mammoth have been found in northern Siberia with flesh and fur preserved.

### Wedding Rites Read For Young Couple

Miss Marilyn Graves became the bride of Jack Frank the afternoon of December 26 at the Assembly of God parsonage. The double ring ceremony was read in front of lighted candleabras by Rev. W. A. McBride.

The bride wore a one-piece aqua marine dress and carried a bouquet of pink roses with an inserted corsage. The matron of honor, Miss Virginia Robertson, was dressed in a grey and white two-piece dress and wore a corsage of red roses.

Mr. Murvel Frank, cousin of the groom, was best man.

The couple left immediately for a short honeymoon. They will make their home in Vernonia at the Hawkin's apartments.

### Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Turner announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jean, to Loyd Stuve of Birkenfeld. The wedding date has been tentatively set for February 12.

### Installation Planned

The installation of officers for the I.O.O.F. lodge will take place Tuesday evening of next week, January 3.

### Family Members Meet For Holiday Gathering

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bittner enjoyed a Christmas gathering at their home on Keasey road when Mrs. Bittner's sisters and brothers and their families met for the holiday event which included a tree and the exchange of presents. This was the first time they had all been together at Christmas for several years.

Included in the gathering were Mr. and Mrs. Orin Lindsay and daughter, Janice, from Wheatland and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Osborn and children, Roy, Ronny, Paulette and Yvonne, from Forest Grove.

### Cooking Club Members Enjoy Holiday Party

The Seven Busy Bees 4-H Cooking club of Mist met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Ashley, on the evening of December 21 for a Christmas party. The evening was spent in making various types of candies using cereals and fruits and a taffy pull was enjoyed. The girls boxed the candy and it was wrapped to be brought home as a gift to their parents.

The groups then gathered about the piano and sang Christmas carols, after which gifts from the decorated tree in the corner of the living room were opened and admired.

Refreshments of cookies and hot cocoa were served by the hostess, then the girls were taken to their homes by Mr. Ashley.

### Home in Gaston Scene Of Visit Monday

RIVERVIEW — Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hawkins and boys visited at the Jim Hayes home in Gaston on Monday.

Mrs. Rex Normand, Mrs. Grace Normand and Joan Lindsley made a business trip to Portland Thursday.

Mrs. Maude Wells underwent an operation at St. Vincents hospital in Portland last week. She is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Rose motored to Forest Grove Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilcoxon and baby visited at the J. W. Wilcoxon home over the holiday.

The first visitors to Yellowstone Park were not believed when they told of the phenomena there.

## AROUND THE FARM

By W. G. Nibler  
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Columbia county gross farm in-ally.

There have been large increases in the machinery prices and more than one farmer has found during the past year that it takes a lot of use to justify the money invested in equipment such as tractors, disks, silage cutters, etc.

Increased population in this area has required bigger schools, welfare rolls have increased and road improvements have been required. These have reflected in the property taxes.

It is good hard cash that is invested in high priced land and equipment. If it is the farmer's own capital or borrowed money the capital invested justifies an interest charge.

Farming is one of the most competitive of industries. It will require a great deal of planning on the part of the farmer to maintain his income in the times we anticipated ahead.

Improved techniques in farming will play a very important part. Proper control of insects and diseases, keeping soils fertile and productive, higher producing cows and chickens, better pastures and hay crops, and controlling weeds are examples of technical problems facing the farmer.

Economic problems in marketing, choice of crops to grow, and financing production are no less important, or are the best management of the home and wise

Where do we go from here? The future presents a maize of questions. Farm prices have tumbled downward and surpluses of many items are accumulating. Farm costs, such as labor, taxes, machinery and interests are holding up or increasing.

The strawberry grower has been paying the same price for picking berries but the price of berries has gone down materi-

use of the income available for living.

In an area such as Oregon and Columbia county where so much of the new wealth is dependent upon agriculture it is important that not only the farmer but also that labor, industry and others engaged in agriculture have an understanding of this situation.

### Steele Home Guests Are Many for Week

RIVERVIEW — Guests at the W. D. Steele some were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Steele of Sweet Home, Mr. and Mrs. R. Hollawell of Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker and daughter and son of Eugene, and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Farmstrom and daughter of Vancouver.

Mrs. Emil Messing and Mrs. Ed Hartzell of Vernonia and Jean McDonald's mother-in-law of Portland called on Mrs. W. D. Steele Saturday.

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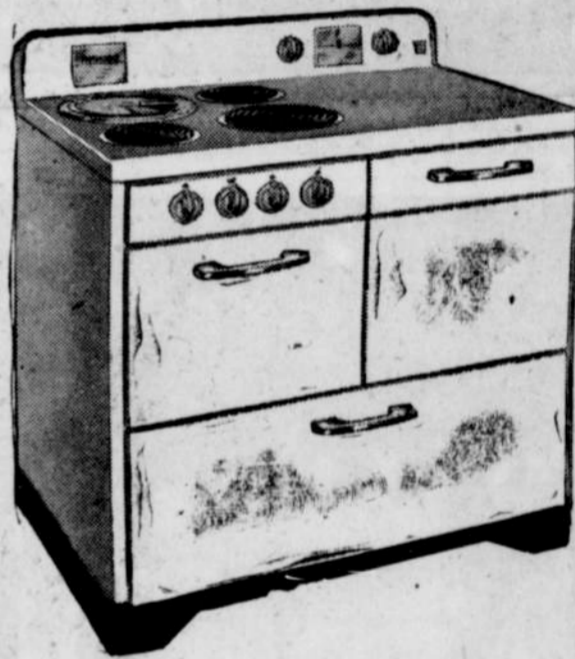
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