## TOPICS OF THE TOWN

Word from Mrs. Marie Frazee and Mrs. Mona Gordon is that they have had a very enjoyable visit in Florida with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ford. The Fords accompanied them on a trip to Nassau after which Mona and Marie flew to Havana, Cuba. They were to leave Florida for Detroit Monday.

Sunday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tipton were his mother, Mrs. Ella Tipton, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Akers and family, Miss Marylyn Good from Portland and Miss Margaret Cook.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Byers pent Sunday at Longview at the home of their son, Duke. Both Mother's Day and Mrs. Byers' birthday were observed

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Kullander spent Sunday at Independence with Mrs. Kullander's mother,

Mrs. Hattie Seaman. Mrs. June Willis visited Saturday night and Sunday at Cannon Beach with Mrs. Arch Kimball.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolff visited Sunday in Hood River at the home of Mrs. Lenora Frick. Also there were Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner from Pendleton. Mrs. Frick is Mrs. Turner's mother.

Oscar Weed attended a ham radio operators banquet Sunday evening at the armory in Portland. His grandson, Bob Weed. from Myrtle Point was also there. Also, he met former Vernonia residents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis, who now live at Bandon and both of whom are hams. By the way, the Ellises added a new son to their family about six months ago. Mrs. Ellis was the former Velda Mellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Mellinger were here from Clatskanie Monday on business and calling on

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Hillsboro were Sunday guests of their daughter, Mrs. Ruby Brown, and her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schaffer of Cedar Mills are the parents of an eight pound son, Kirk Edward, born last Wednesday, May 4 at the home of Mrs. E. L. Lloyd. Mrs. Schaffer and her son are spending this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Kirk on Timber Route.

Mrs. Cora Moore returned home Saturday from a two months vacation during which she visited many relatives in the east and middle west.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rittel from Portland spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cass

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carmichael and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Carmichael and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Berg at Birkenfeld on the double occasion of Mother's Day and Mr. Berg's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth West were at Scappoose Sunday to visit Mrs. Gilbert McKay who is recuperating slowly from being struck by a hit and run driver about six weeks ago. She was hospitalized for several weeks. George Douthit is now a resident at the Odd Fellows homen Portland

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Solomonson returned home Saturday after spending the winter months at Phoenix, Arizona,

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bridgers also returned home week end before last from an extended trip to California and Texas.

Mrs. F. M. Knoll went to Jennings Lodge Tuesday to attend the annual convention of the Wonen's Society of World Service in session there this week.

Mother's day dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Knight were Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Cu bertson and family of Roseburg, Mr. and Mrs. Truman Knight and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Culbertson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Schoenhinz and Mrs. Nick Schoenhinz from Portland were guests Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emil

Mr. and Mrs. Willian D. Weaver of Vernonia are the parents of a Mother's Day, May 8 at the Tuality Community hospital at Hillsboro. Mrs. Weaver is the former Patricia Loson, daughter of Mrs. J.D.Gandy.

Miss Marlene Cook of Beaverton planned and cooked a lovely Mother's Day dinner Sunday for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marble Cook and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Nelson of Vernonia. Mariene, who is graduating from high school this spring takes a great pride in her cook-

Word has been received here of the death April 23 at Longview of Thomas F. Scott who formerly was employed by the Eastside Logging Co. on Rock Creek and resided in the camp. He left here in 1933 for Castle Rock, Washington. He was a member of the Vernonia Masonic

Charles Schmidlin is in Barnes hospital in Vancouver for medi-

cal attention Mrs. E. Corsiglia of St. Helens enjoyed Mother's Day at the home of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Valpi-

Mrs. Inez Noakes was back at work at the bakery this week after an absence of several weeks due to illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitsell and family from DeLake drove by here Sunday and took his mother, Mrs. Zoe Whitsell, with them to Celilo Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Alois Sauer and Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Thomas were in Forest Grove to attend a program at the high school auditorium which was presented by the Verboort Minstrals.

Mr. William Zimmerman has gone to Sacramento, California with his son for a visit after which he will go to Los Angeles to visit his daughter and her fa-

B. L. Mitchell and E. V. Robertson had identified numbers by Wednesday morning with those drawn last Saturday at Brunsmans for the profit-sharing pro-

CARD PARTY, St. Mary's Parish Hall. Sat., May 21, 8 p.m. Refreshments.

Joyce Howard spent Mother's Day with her mother, Mrs. Stella Howard of Pittsburg. Joyce is employed in the engineering de. partment at Willamette Iron and Steel in Portland.

Guests for Mother's Day dinner at the home of Mrs. Estie Roth were Mr. and Mrs. Russ G. C. Kirkbride and Mrs. J. C. son, William David Jr., born Royer and family from Oregon Sawyer.



By Marvin Kamholz

An interesting item to come across The Desk within the past few days is a letter from the Portland Better Busin ss Bureau The bureau is dedicated to the assembling of information on commercial frauds and other business misconducts and thousands of people ask it for information each month.

Because of this interest, the bureau's board of directors is launching a public relations program to warn the public at large of business misconduct and is setting up a news release service will reveal rackets currently working in the state or those that are on the way.

This area had a situation week or so ago that no doubt resulted in some people spending money for a purpose that was of doubtful benefit to them. Insur-ance was the "merchandise" being offered in this particular instance. There are many other services made available by salesmen who travel from house to house seeking sales and often promising the "sky" in order to complete the deal.

This is not to say that all such salesman practice high pressure and are not fully honest in their There are many who are dealing. fully legitimate, but it is to say that a great deal of caution should be followed.

The Better Business Bureau cites a typical example, the Williamson gang, a notorious group which invades a community like locusts peddling phony Irish lace, suiting materials, roofing materials, paint that won't wash off and other fast items. There are many others.

The chamber of commerce also s receiving bulletins from the Oregon Chamber Executives

City and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roth and son Steven.

Mrs. Ralph Valpiani and Mrs. Dave Marshall were among former county committee members who acted as hostesses at the Homemaker's Festival at Rainier last Wednesday. Accompanying them to the meeting were Mrs.

about rackets. People who wish to protect themselves from these gyp artists are urged to call the chamber office for information before they pay money to salesmen who are here today and gone tomorrow.

Civil defense planning is gaining momentum in preparation for the possible emergency that would result from a nuclear attack and more and more emphasis is being placed on the importance of being ready for such an event.

One phase of defense is an understanding of Conelrad. The word is an abbrevation of Control of Electromagnetic Radiation. It is a special system to make possible broadcasting of civil defense instructions over standard radio stations, even while enemy bombers are approaching, without allowing them to follow the radio beams into their target. During World War II all radio stations had to go off the air as enemy planes approached.

Radio stations in the Conelrad cluster will broadcast only at 640 and 1240 kilocycles. Already almost all new radios for the home and most of the new cars have dials specially marked at 640 and 1240 to indicate the emergency frequencies.

Along with this phase of the program, defense officials emphasize preparation in the home for such an emergency by providing for just a few items: a ten-day food supply, some blankets, first aid supplies and knowledge of simple precautionary actions that mean much for safety.

Standardized identification tags will soon be made available to the public on a cost basis by Pet Milk company. The stainless

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