

Pomona Grangers Told About Conditions Found in Pakistan

Saturday, May 1, the Columbia County Pomona Grange met in the Winema Grange hall in Birkenfeld. There was a good attendance with the Grangers being royally entertained by the host Grange, Winema.

A most interesting talk was given by Glenn Simmons, state Grange agriculture chairman, who recently toured Pakistan with a group of

Americans who were investigating foreign aid and communistic problems which are found today in underprivileged lands.

They found this country very underdeveloped, with much filth, and beggars everywhere. There were no sanitary facilities or decent homes. Large families are the rule, but most children die in infancy. Pumps for irrigating were taken there five years ago, but not yet released to the farmers.

Food shipped in, such as the large shipload of wheat from here last week, does not reach the hungry people, but generally is sold by those in power, and helps feed the Communists. There were no wharves for ships to land, so they must anchor in deep water, and the produce transported to and from the ships by small boats.

Places visited were Karachi and Lahore which are much in the news. This is an old country, about which Herodotus wrote. It also was conquered by Philip of Macedon, father of Alexander the Great, several years before the birth of Christ.

There are beautiful mosques dating back several thousand years in the midst of the squalor and poverty. Men have bought many acres of land and are compelling the starving people to work for them for a mere existence.

The Grange history booklets were ready for distribution, and many bought a copy. The price is \$1.00 each. It was recalled that when Winema Grange was organized in 1924, the big mill was in operation, and when Pomona met there first in 1926, 45 took the fifth degree, and Winema was one of the largest Granges in the county.

The lecturer's program was dedicated to Youth Week, with the songs, Whispering Hope by the Grange, In the Garden by Mrs. Jenks of Marshland Grange.

The next meeting of Pomona will be with Chapman in August.

Memorial services were held for those who passed away during the year.

Couple Visits With Patient

BIRKENFELD—Mr. and Mrs. Arby Mills visited with Arnold Olson of Clatskanie at the Veterans hospital last Thursday.

Mrs. Elsa Richardson, who recently had surgery in Portland, is doing real well and will be home in a few days.

Gus Anderson recently moved from his home up the Fishhawk and is living in a house at Elsie across the road from Oneys.

Ann Ramsey of Portland spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Johnston and family went to Eugene Sunday to spend Mother's day with the Everett Johnstons. They were joined there by Mr. and Mrs. Buster Benson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Larson enjoyed a Mother's day dinner at Longview Saturday evening.

Shirley and Erik Berg spent last Tuesday in Portland and Beaverton. On their way home they visited with the Pierre Mills family.

Mothers Guests At 4-H Meeting

MIST—Mrs. Fred Busch entertained her 4-H knitting class Wednesday evening at her home. Special guests were the mothers of the girls. Those present were Mrs. Norman Hansen and Sandra, Mrs. Bud Heine and Vicki, Mrs. Charles Ramsey and Vicki, Mrs. Howard Grimsbo and Kathy and Mrs. E. T. Johnston and Jan. Mrs. Art Bellingham, assistant leader, and Mrs. Don Louisignont and Lauri were unable to attend.

Mrs. Al Cavanaugh left Wednesday afternoon from Portland for San Francisco so as to spend Mother's day week end with her son and family there. She will visit several weeks before returning home.

Rev. and Mrs. Wells and 10 young people of the Queen Anne Methodist church in Seattle will be in the Mist and Birkenfeld area next week end, May 15 and 16. Rev. Wells will be the main speaker at the morning service at the Birkenfeld Community church. Mrs. Wells will teach the adult Bible class. There will be a potluck dinner following the services.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grimsbo and family were Mother's day dinner guests at the Charles Ramsey home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Garlock were in the Hazel Dell, Wn. area Saturday evening visiting.

Bernard Dowling of Vancouver was here for the week end with his dad and sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kyser and family of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kyser and family were at the Claude Kyser Sunday to wish Mrs. Kyser many more happy Mother's days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Busch attended the Firemen's Ball in Vernonia Saturday evening.

Hersheys Visit At Childs Home

NATAL - PITTSBURG — Mr. and Mrs. DeeVeere Hershey spent Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Childs. Others of the family present included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Childs and family and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Phillips and children of Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mullins and Tara of Forest Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lumm of San Francisco.

Visitors this week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Howard were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Howard and sons of St. Helens, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Mellinger of Clatskanie and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Stiff of Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wolff drove to Hood River Saturday morning and visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Turner and family. They returned home Sunday evening.

Mrs. Marion Grant and Mrs. Ike Dass were in Kelso Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Orin Davis spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McLeod in Yamhill Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. DeeVeere Hershey called on Mr. and Mrs. Ken Tupper Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mathews were dinner guests Sunday at the Tupper home.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Oblack drove to Scappoose Sunday afternoon and called on her folks, the Reed Holdings. Later that evening Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Oblack and Jane of Molalla visited at the Oblack home.

YOUR JOB

(NOTE: This column is written weekly and published by this newspaper as a public and educational service. If you have questions about the Oregon State Employment Service and - or Unemployment Insurance Division, please address them to Oregon Department of Employment, attn. Informational Representative, 402 Labor and Industries Bldg., Salem, Oregon 97310.)

QUESTION: How many are in MDTA training in Oregon at the present time.

ANSWER: There are approximately 1,300 persons in training under the Manpower Development and Training Act at the present time in the state. Largest number of these (266) are in a special youth multi-occupational training program in Eugene. In Portland 206 are in a special youth training program and 203 others in a multi-occupational program for adults.

Other training courses about the state include dental assistants (103); clerk - stenographer (155); clerical (22); cooks (25); forester aide (85); waitress (37); entry loggers (41) and 157 in multi-occupational training at Ontario.

QUESTION: Does the Oregon State Employment Service offer any kind of training in job finding?

ANSWER: Yes, a number of the offices of the Department of Employment around the state offer classes in job-finding techniques. Some of these are on a regular basis and others are offered when need and time permits. The classes are taught by especially trained instructors.

Training includes labor supply conditions, techniques of self-appraisal, identification of sources through which employment is typically found, introduction of applicants to good letter writing and provision of information on the use and construction of resumes. The Employment Service in Oregon has instructed individual applicants and occasionally youth and older worker groups in job finding techniques for over fifteen years. Group presentation methods were developed and implemented in 1963.

QUESTION: What does the Oregon State Employment Service have to do with occupational analysis?

ANSWER: Specialists within the Oregon State Employment Service administrative staff make studies of all kinds of jobs within the state. Currently the occupational analysis staff is cooperating in a study of the effects of automation upon the sawmill jobs in Oregon. Staffing schedules, job analysis schedules, job comparison, and worker requirements are the major contributions to this study. In addition to direct assistance to local office operations business and industry obtain valuable assistance through occupational analysis. For example the occupational analysis staff has trained employer representatives in the use and application of job analysis techniques and procedures. Through application of

this training, employers have been able to analyze the jobs found in their plants; resulting in data which are extremely valuable in utilizing and evaluating their employees and assisting in solving many in-plant manpower problems. In a number of cases, the Employment Service has done the actual analysis of the jobs for the employers.

QUESTION: What is the real definition of a seasonal employee in relation to receipt of unemployment insurance benefits.

ANSWER: Generally any employee, as covered by the unemployment insurance law, and is otherwise qualified to receive unemployment insurance benefits when he becomes unemployed is not classified as a seasonal employee in relation to receiving such benefits. The basic qualifications, of course, include receipt of at least \$700 in wages in his base year (the first four of the last five calendar quarters preceding his benefit year) and that he has worked at least 20 weeks for an average of \$20 per week. And of course, he must be available for work, looking for work, and not able to find suitable work.

As far as the definition of a seasonal worker in relation to receiving unemployment benefits, the answer would have to be any worker who is unemployed and not able to meet the above qualifications. We think of the true description of the seasonal worker as a person who works in agriculture perhaps three to four months of the year. This person would not be eligible for unemployment benefits because of the nature of his work.

QUESTION: Just how much did the December flood affect insured unemployment in Oregon.

ANSWER: Initial claims for unemployment insurance almost doubled compared to the similar weeks in 1963 ending December 25 and January 1, which were the weeks in which the flood crested and subsided. The highest total of continued weeks of unemployment claimed was during the week ending January 15 when weeks claimed totaled 37,753 compared to 28,684 in 1964 during the similar week. There were three weeks in January when unemployment insurance benefits paid totaled over \$1,000,000 in the state, the highest amount for the week ending January 15 when \$1,117,307 was paid in

benefits. Highest rate of insured unemployment was also during the week ending January 15 at 8.7 compared to 6.9 percent a year earlier. During the three peak weeks of payments in January, the total amount paid out in benefits averaged about a quarter of a million dollars more each week than during the similar weeks in 1964. Note that these figures cover insured employment only, and do not include agricultural employment which was hampered by the floods.

QUESTION: We hear a lot these days about the employment of youth, but what is being done about the employment of older workers?

ANSWER: The Oregon State Employment Service has done much toward promoting the employment of older workers. Each office of the OSES has an older workers representative who gives special service and arranges for counseling if necessary for workers 45 years of age or over. The older worker representative assists in organizing and stimulating community groups for the purpose of increasing employment opportunities for older workers. A continuous program of public and employer education is carried on by local E. S. offices to promote hiring based solely on qualifications. The program includes individual job solicitation for certain applicants when no suitable job order is available, of employers to make job modifications, and follow-ups to see if the employee is making satisfactory adjustment on the job. In fiscal year 1964, 23,940 older workers applied through the Employment Service. In the same period 13,860 job placements were made in the older worker age group.

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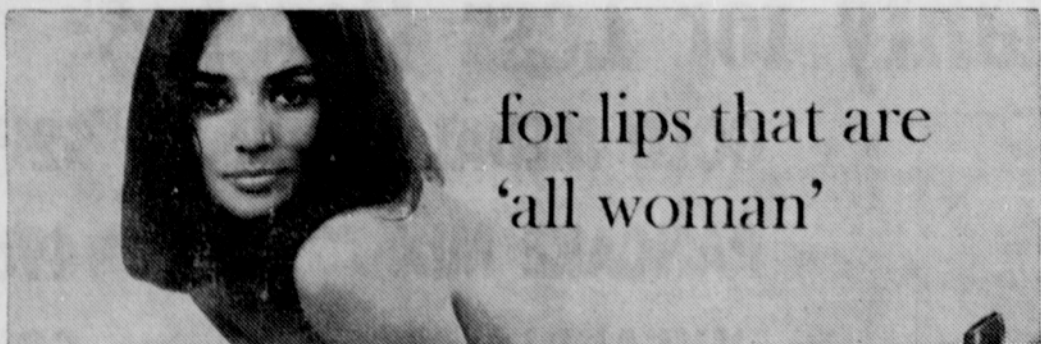
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