

Family Pet Receives Credit For Keeping Rattler at Bay

A picture and story appearing in the Aug. 10 issue of the Idaho Daily Statesman told of a seven-year-old pet dog, Skippy, who was given credit for preventing a rattlesnake from approaching two children.

The youngsters, Diane and Steve Alters, children of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Alters of Boise, former editors and publishers of the Nyssa Gate City Journal, were spending a recent weekend with their parents; sister, Kathy; and grandmother, Ethel Alters at their summer cabin near Banks.

They were bedded down for the night out of doors in sleeping bags. The Alters were awakened by the growling of Skippy, a combination of wirehaired

terrier and Boston bull. They recognized it as a peculiar kind of growl.

Taking a flashlight, they went outdoors and found the family pet holding a coiled rattler at bay, but remaining out of reach of the snake's thrusts.

Steve helped his father kill the snake, and further search of the area uncovered another rattler 20 to 30 feet away. It, too, was destroyed.

Those who know the Alters family well will remember Skippy as being considered a member of the family. In fact he was practically a member of the Journal staff at time of their ownership, as he spent many hours in the establishment.

Malheur Jersey Club Members Make Fair Plans

By Mrs. Herschel Thompson

KINGMAN KOLONY—Mr. and Mrs. Bill Toomb were hosts Sunday at a potluck dinner for Malheur Jersey club members. Thirty were in attendance and plans for the county fair were discussed at the business session. Cake was served to honor Al Thompson and Jeanette Phifer for their birthday anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant and family were guests Sunday afternoon in the Glenn Brown home where they visited Brown's mother, Mrs. Mabel Brown of Lucas, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Kreamer called Friday evening at the Charlie Culbertson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters of Boise and Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Thompson returned Tuesday from salmon fishing at Ilwaco, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas of Weiser and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Piercy were Wednesday evening guests in the Bill Toomb home.

Messrs. and Mrs. Jake Borge, Jim Lane and Keith Lane attended the annual Farm Bureau county picnic held recently at Nyssa park.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smith of Parma visited Saturday evening in the Ed Brandt home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Vanvliet and family of Chino, Calif., Guy VanBeek, Helen and Copie of Middleton, Idaho, were Tuesday guests in the Klaas Laan home.

Klaas Laan and Simon Pool drove Sunday to Brownlee and Oxbow dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Klaas Laan and girls and Mary Worden attended the Malheur Holstein association meeting Wednesday evening in the Charles Miles home at Ontario. They enjoyed a hamburger barbecue and were shown films of the Spring Dairy show.

Mr. and Mrs. John Willmarth of La Grande were Sunday dinner guests at the Johnny Thiel home.

Mrs. Dale Ashcraft went to Hazelton, Idaho, Wednesday to visit her son, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ashcraft and family. Her granddaughter, Bonnie, celebrated her birthday anniversary Thursday. Mrs. Ashcraft returned home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phifer and family of La Grande spent Sunday and Monday in the Charlie Bowers home.

Jeanette Phifer Honored

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Toomb gave



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ANDERSONS HAVE SON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, the former, Elaine Peterson, of Corvallis, Ore., are parents of a baby boy, Bradley Clark, born July 19. He joins a brother and sister, Mrs. W. O. Peterson assisted the family while mother and son were confined to the hospital.

Mrs. Mamie Baker and Joan visited last week in Utah with friends in Provo and Ogden, including Mrs. Violet Ure and the Roy Field family.

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Nichols and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Gail Tuttle and daughter in Homedale Monday evening for a barbecue.

Land Bank Loan Volume Doubles In Malheur Area

Federal Land Bank association of Ontario extended \$1,469,000 in long-term credit to farmers and ranchers in this area during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1961, reports Dan E. Roberts, manager. Roberts said this volume of credit represents an increase of \$760,900 over fiscal 1960.

Major purposes for which money was borrowed included refinancing of indebtedness, purchase of land and livestock, improvements to land and buildings and general farm operations, according to the association manager.

TEACHER ARRIVES

Miss Nell Hayes arrived Monday from Eugene where she completed summer work of special training in the education of retarded children. She and Mrs. Joe Rigney are working this week to complete plans for this special class in the Nyssa schools.

The association's fiscal report shows \$4,274,000 in loans outstanding on June 30. This compares with \$3,592,000 on the same date a year earlier.

Roberts said the association now owns \$232,360 of capital stock in the Federal Land Bank of Spokane, the institution for which it makes and services loans. Association stock is completely owned by its borrower-members.

Dr. and Mrs. W. LaVon Clifford and children, Gregory, Patrice, Jeffery and Julie of Page, Ariz., were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Peterson. While here they attended family reunions in Boise Aug. 18 and 19. Another daughter of the Petersons, Avon, is also a visitor this week. She is presently nursing in Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Jack McKee and Rodney of The Dalles, who had been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McConnell in Boise, spent from Friday to Sunday with her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George McKee. The McConnells arrived Sunday to take their daughter and her son to their home.

STATE DRIVERS LICENSE EXAMINER SETS SEPT. 1 VISIT

A drivers license examiner will be on duty at city hall in Nyssa Friday, Sept. 1, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m., according to announcement received from the Department of Motor Vehicles of Oregon.

All persons wishing original licenses or permits to drive are asked to file applications well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure time for completion of the required license test.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Skeen and children, Robin, Steven and Judy, of Bend were weekend visitors at the Frank Skeen and Gordon Williams homes. The Skeens are former Nyssans.

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