

NEWS FROM BIG BEND

BY GOLDIE ROBERTS

**BIG BEND**—Mr. and Mrs. Ted Avery accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Bud Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Avery of Weiser attended funeral services Tuesday for their nephew Jack Blank in Richland, Oregon.

Jan Austin of Owyhee was a Friday dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCracken of Ontario were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Witty.

Mrs. Phil Clucas is caring for the two small children of Mrs. Bob Maggard of Homedale.

Mrs. Edythe Prosser visited last week with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Prosser and Steve at Pilot Rock, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bell at Hermiston and Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Bell and family at McNary.

Mrs. Noel Tuppeny and Mrs. Dyre Roberts called on Mrs. Anna Hamilton in Homedale Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Riggs of Parma visited with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bennett Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Seuell were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Seuell in Nampa Saturday.

Benny and Dorothy Conklin visited relatives in Seattle over the week end.

Terry Smith of Roswell called on Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Wood Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hill and family of Boise were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Varner Hopkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Water took Mrs. Bill Van De Water and baby of Fruitland to Nampa where the baby was entered into the Mercy Hospital for tests Thursday. They were overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fogleman. They all returned home Friday evening.

Mrs. Dyre Roberts called on Mr. and Mrs. Delno Brock in Ontario Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Ernest Seuell and Mrs. Varner Hopkins were in Ontario Wednesday to attend an Extension leaders training meeting on "Spark your Meals with Seafood."

Albert Sillonis of Ashland,

Oregon spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Sillonis. He is recovering from a broken leg received while skiing.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gifford in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bennett visited Mrs. Bennett and Leonard Carte in Blakely Nursing Home in Caldwell Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Kadel and family of Caldwell and Jimmy Chaney of Post Falls were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Chaney. Mr. and Mrs. Errol Jensen and family of Nampa called in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boren and family of Vale were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Bennett.

Dallas Chaney, Ben Witty, Dale Teter, Judy Teter and Mrs. Horace Chaney attended the Grange County Conference in Vale Thursday evening.

Mrs. Mike Sillonis took her little daughters to see the show "The Artisticats" in Ontario Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cartwright were Monday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cartwright in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Van De Waer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Noel Tuppeny to dinner at the Plaza Inn in Ontario Sunday in honor of the Tuppeny's 47th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Verl Bishop and Mrs. Dyre Roberts attended a project leaders meeting in Ontario Friday afternoon on "Pesticides."

NHS CALENDAR

MARCH 4 - APE class, Boise State College Play, 6 p.m.

MARCH 5 - Basketball at Wah-tonka

MARCH 6 - Basketball at Madras.

Wrestling District Tournament, at Burns, 10 a.m. PST.

MARCH 11 - District #4 Music Festival

Solo Music Contest, Ontario

COUNTY GRANGE OFFICERS TRAINING



Pictured (l to r) are Dale Teter, County Deputy; Wesley Richmond, Boulevard Grange; Ernest Hines, Ontario Heights Grange; Don Somers, Oregon Trail Grange; Dallas Chaney, Pomona and Big Bend; Ross Harvey, Oregon Slope Grange; Eldon Jensen, Orchard Avenue, Idaho; and Allen Westcott, Vale Grange.



Pictured above are Dale Teter, Malheur County Deputy; Allen Westcott, Master, Vale Grange; Ellen Jones, Pomona Lecturer; and Dallas Chaney, Pomona Master.

Approximately 70 grange members met for an officers training conference Thursday evening, February 25, at the Vale Grange Hall.

County Deputy Dale Teter welcomed the members and introduced Pomona Master Dallas Chaney and Pomona Lecturer Ellen Jones who gave a brief explanation of the working plans of the conference.

Since it was Vale's regular meeting night, Master Allen Westcott conducted the opening ceremonies. Assistant Stewards Mr. and Mrs. Orville Nichols lead the officers in a seating drill. All regular Vale Grange officers were present.

Each grange had been invited to give a demonstration of some part of the work which was to be given in the regular order of business.

The first demonstration was on the grange salutation which was given by Ross Harvey, Master of Oregon Slope Grange. Oregon Trails' Master Don Somers was assisted by Steward the Rev. Don Crego, Assistant Stewards Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Metcalf, and Mrs. Don Share in demonstration presenting the flag.

Presenting guests was demonstrated by Big Bend Grange

members led by Acting Steward Dale Teter, Assistant Stewards Ben Witty and Judith Teter.

The Vale Grange members demonstrated draping the Charter with an impressive ceremony led by Chaplain Mrs. Walter Perry and Mrs. Arthur Beam as Ceres.

What to do when arriving late at a grange meeting was demonstrated by Ontario Heights Grange members with narration by Wyoma Rogers.

Wesley Richmond, Master of Boulevard Grange, was assisted by Steward John DeBoer and Assistant Stewards Mrs. Jim Saito and Mile Kieffer in balloting for candidates.

Information on the reading and adopting of the minutes at the end of a meeting was given by Pomona Secretary Judith Teter.

Wm. G. Ross, Past Executive Officer of State Grange, gave a report on Grange Insurance. Questions on many phases of grange ritual were answered by Deputy Dale Teter and Pomona Master Dallas Chaney.

The grange was closed in regular form by Master Allen Westcott.

A display table arranged by Vale Grange women contained

many beautiful handmade articles and ceramics. A painting of Multnomah Falls done by Mrs. Ben Bellows was one of the outstanding attractions.

Visitors from Idaho were Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Jensen, Master and Lecturer of Orchard Avenue Grange. Mrs. Fred Burgess of Vale, former Oregon State Grange Lecturer and member of Winonia Grange, was present.

Part of the fun of the evening was in having pictures taken by Wilbur Atherton, Grange Insurance Agent for this area. His hobby of taking, developing, and printing pictures is very much appreciated by the members.

Taxpayer Assistance

During the month of March 1971 the Internal Revenue Service office, located at 368 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Ontario, Oregon, will be open 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:45 each Monday.

NU ACRES

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Mr. and Mrs. Hal Vohs of Eugene spent a few days last week at the home of his uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Strong. They then went on to McCall and Sun Valley skiing. Thursday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Strong joined them at Sun Valley and enjoyed an outing there

returning home Friday.

Fred Wyatt of Pilot Rock, Gordon Pennington of Baker, and Pete Williams of Pendleton spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton. Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Keck went to Nampa Sunday afternoon where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Randall.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wood of Fruitland called on Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Knox in Apple Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Walker of Fruitland were Saturday luncheon guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. John Martin of Yakima were week end visitors of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burton.

Donnie Leeper of Parma spent last week end with Randy, Dan, and Mark Burton.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Wallace, Jan and Mike of Salt Lake City, and John Wallace of Hailey spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. On Friday evening they all attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Axel Stephen at the Ontario Christian Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Evans were Saturday supper guests of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bingaman in Boise.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE DISCUSSED

The Malheur County Group met Tuesday, February 16th, at the Malheur County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office to formulate plans for the 1971 Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP). This is a program replacing the agricultural Conservation Program (ACP) administered by the county ASC committee. It is a program whereby the Federal Government shares the cost with farmers in carrying out conservation practices and under the REAP, emphasis will be placed on practices which prevent or abate environmental pollution.

Such practices have farm benefits and also off-farm benefits to be enjoyed by the general public.

Discussion on pollution control practices centered on water and animal waste controls which are the greatest sources of stream pollution.

It was pointed out by several individuals that many of the practices under the ACP in the past have contributed significantly to enhancing the environment of our area.

Taking into consideration the information and ideas expressed by those in attendance and required program regulations, the Malheur County ASC Committee, assisted by the Soil Conservation Service and Extension Service, will set up a county program which will best serve the needs of Malheur county.

Present for the meeting were county representatives from USDA agencies, ASC community committeemen, Soil Conservation Service Board of Supervisors and other interested people.

Smith Opposes Diversion Of Highway User Funds

Oregon House Speaker Robert F. Smith, R-Burns, said this week he is "unalterably opposed" to use of highway funds for mass transportation.

The 1971 Legislature will be facing a proposal for a constitutional amendment to allow the spending of dedicated highway revenues for the establishment of mass transportation in the Portland metropolitan area.

"Available highway revenues are already inadequate to meet the demands for road construction and maintenance, particularly in Eastern Oregon," Smith said.

The State Highway Commission Smith said, estimates that Oregon is already \$500 million behind in meeting the highway needs of the people of Oregon.

Any diversion of funds would

seriously aggravate this shortage, Smith said.

Smith said he also opposes the proposed constitutional amendment on philosophical grounds.

"I believe that people should be taxed—as nearly as possible—on the basis of the services they receive from government," Smith said.

The taxing of citizens throughout the state to finance services limited to the residents of three or four counties would clearly violate this philosophy of government," Smith said.

Smith said he believes legislators from Eastern Oregon will unite in their opposition to this proposal.

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