

GALE NEAR

Pearblossom Mourns Death of Deo Smith

The tragic accident that occurred when two swiftly moving cars collided at 96th St. E., and Ave. T on Monday evening Oct. 19, and took the life of young Deo Smith, brought deep grief to his family, and a dark cloud of sorrow that hung over Pearblossom for days.

Anyone who knew Deo, loved him, and almost everyone knew him. Agnes Reiersgord, the woman who was his Den Mother for part of the time that he was a Cub Scout said, "Deo was a cooperative Cub and took his work seriously."

Charles Beardsley, Deo's Cub Scoutmaster for three years said, "He was an ideal youngster—no question about it. He was ambitious, courteous, and outstanding in accomplishments. He was an honest boy."

Hazel Barker his Sunday School teacher at the Pearblossom Community Methodist Church said, "Deo never missed Sunday School while he was in my class, and was always willing to learn."

Elmer Belt, president of Pearblossom Kiwanis, the club which sponsors the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts said, "Deo was an upstanding citizen and in all ways would have done justice to a boy many years his senior. He was a good kid and we'll miss him."

Earl Nichols-Roy, scoutmaster for Pearblossom Boy Scout Troop 340 said concerning Deo, "Since he has been with my Troop he attended all campouts, was eager to learn, and liked the other scouts, who decided to attend his funeral in full uniform."

When Deo Smith was a Cub Scout, he sold 100 tickets to the Scout Fair and received a \$25 bond. He repeated his sales for the second year, and sold 100 tickets the following year after becoming a Boy Scout—because so many people loved Deo. He was not a big boy for his age and people thought he was "cute" with his business-like approach.

While he was paperboy for the AV Press, he took his business seriously. He had a big route, with homes widely scattered over a large area. But Deo was on the job and got the papers to the readers on time.

He was to have been 12 years old on Tuesday, Oct. 21, and his birthday was to be celebrated on Saturday so school chums, Cubs and Boy Scout friends, would be able to attend. The invitations had been sent out. But instead of a party, they attended his funeral to act as his pallbearers.

Deo had expressed a wish for a dog to be his present from his mother and dad, so on Monday afternoon, Dave Smith picked up his son when he came out of school and there were two younger Smith children in the car. Dave drove to the County Dog Pound in Lancaster Where Deo found

the very dog he wanted. It was a black Cocker Spaniel.

But the pound would not release the dog because he did not have his shots, and Dave decided to go back to the pound on Tuesday afternoon to pick up the dog and have it at the Smiths' house when Deo came home from school.

Dave and his happy children were on their way home from the pound when the crash came. A little black Cocker in the pound didn't get a home, and Deo didn't get his dog.

Lubricate an old car more frequently than a new, advises the National Automobile Club.

COMMUNISTS HATE G

Why are the Communists so dead set on defeating Goldwater? In the August 4th edition of "THE WORKER" official Communist paper they state, "During the past two terms Senator Goldwater's voting record was one hundred percent wrong and Congressman Miller's voting record was not much better."

Some weeks ago a person known to the writer attended a Communist picnic. There were 1500 in attendance. The day-long program was geared to raise funds (one man gave one thousand dollars) for the express purpose of defeating: (a) proposition 14; and (b) Senator Barry Goldwater. The Communists, in their day-long speeches, were vicious in their vituperous attacks on Goldwater whom they villified, maligned and castigated most unmercifully.

The Communists' attack on Goldwater is greatly amplified and documented in a recent booklet written by Gus Hall, Chairman of the Communist Party USA. This booklet, an official Communist publication is titled, **The Eleventh Hour**. Beginning on page 6, Gus Hall, America's No. 1 Communist states in part, "The people of the United States must now raise their guard against provocations. If the provocateur is in a police uniform, that only increases the danger . . .

One stream includes the fanatical fascist groups, such as the Birchites, the anti-communist crusades, the groups around Hargis, Schwarz, General Walker, and William Buckley. These groups are the training formations for storm troops. Often they are staffed by former F.B.I. agents, retired armed forces brass, well-dressed, cold-eyed, brass knuckle men with dark glasses . . .

"For some six years," says Hall, "the ultra-Right forces have combed the swamps, gathered the dregs and placed them into controlling positions within the Republican Machine . . . They have a core of trained fanatics who campaign night and day . . . As we said earlier, it is a Confrontation with the ugliest, the most violent, the most virulent and malignant organized force in our history . . .

"Therefore the aim of the people's democratic forces can be nothing short of a smashing defeat for this ultra-right reaction.

"But Goldwater's defeat is not automatic," says the blistering Mr. Hall, "To take for granted the ultra-Right defeat would be the greatest political folly — it would be an unforgivable political crime . . ."