

**Port Orford News**

By Dorothy Asdel

"Spring's Reward," the daffodil, is dominating many yards this week, John Vale's garden in the Hamlet being almost completely carpeted with them. Next door at Ivar Fristroms and across the street at John Ross' the blossoms wave and nod to one another in the brisk south breezes and hold their heads up after the heavy rains. Primroses are lushly blooming along with the grape hyacinth to greet the visitor who knocks on the Ross' front door.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Moyer are having an extended visit with their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Woodworth. The Moyers resided here for a number of years and are now making their home at Eureka.

The Castaway club postponed its dance from last Saturday until March 25, so that many of its members could attend the Surf club formal affair at Bandon.

Mrs. Blaine Marsh has just returned from a two weeks visit with her parents and many acquaintances in the Los Angeles vicinity.

Serving a delicious salade mixture of macaroni, tuna, hard-boiled eggs, chopped pickles and celery liberally mixed with mayonnaise and topping the luncheon off with warm apple pie and ice cream, Echol Nutt entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club last week. She was presented with an "immediate" jury summons that morning in the midst of her preparations and was somewhat distraught when she thought of the bridge group arriving shortly. But when examined more closely the summons bore her neighbor's name and not hers, so preparations continued and the afternoon went smoothly. Gracie McKenzie won first, Catherine Marsh, second and Millia Johnson, low.

Mrs. Nell Kirkpatrick has just sold her attractive five-room home on the shore of Garrison lake to the Robert LaBars who, with their two children, will move in shortly. When inter-

viewed, LaBar stated that he was going to start alterations soon, adding a large utility room, and enlarging the living room. It is LaBar, who with his brother, Charles Henson, recently leased the Chevron station here.

This is certainly the time of year for youngsters, and adults, too, for that matter, who have not seen much of farm life to visit a dairy of sheep ranch. To experience the thrill of petting a falf just a few hours old, or feeding little lambs warm milk from pop bottles with nipples on. My, how those white, furry babies tug and pull to draw the milk out. It is time to see the litter of new pups or hunt out the new batch of kittens in the hay.

Mrs. Virginia Wilson was seen the other day, walking down the road of the Knapp ranch, followed by two pet lambs frolicking and frisking, the sheep dog, and two cocker spaniel pups. Michael Knapp, age two, was so impressed with the procession that he hurried to join and off they all went, down the hill.

Claude Wilson, who, while remaining at the ranch for a few weeks, has been landing a hand with the chores, was heard to remark that he hadn't seen so much "new life" in all his years in the city as in this past week at the ranch.

**OPHIR NEWS**

By Marian Miller

The annual Shamrock Hop was held north of Shannon's Creek in Lil' Ol' Erin Ophir, Saturday night, March 18, to the lilting music of Shamus Patrick O'Jensen's band. A goodly crowd of Irishmen for the day, were in attendance at the shindig. "Top o' the Evening" seemed to be the favorite toast of all the laddies and colleens. The celebration of the eminent St. Patrick was carried on further at the home of Michael James Mateer, mayor of South Ophir. Seems a shame that the good fellowship that is always in abundance on St. Pat's day can't be carried on a little further in our daily lives. Malarky, huh?

During the past week of stormy weather, the Cedar Fork roadway suffered quite a number of minor slides. If you want to see if your new car can "take it" just try Squaw Valley obstacle course.

Ralph Vincent, the Michaelangelo of the camera, is to take the Ophir Yearbook pictures this coming week.

Since there have been so many inquiries about the Lil' Ol' Ophir sign, it was stolen from in front of the Ophir gym a couple of months back, the kids have decided to construct another. We kinda hope the guys who swiped the last sign will keep hands off. Both lumber mills in Ophir have been generous in their gifts of cedar for the sign.

Putt Mossman, a champion horseshoe pitcher of a few years ago gave an entertaining show at the high school auditorium on March 15. Putt arrived at school a half hour before the show time and gave a neat exhibition at the horseshoe pits of the skill and control that made him a world champ. Now every kid in school is practicing the barnyard art.

"Slim" Wimmer, the genial custodian of the Ophir schools, built a neat storage locker for the elementary room. Makes a neat hiding place for the kids during their play hours.

Mary Pugh, with assistance of the high school gals, is rapidly drawing the library cataloging up to the standardization requirements.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Whittaker spent the week-end at Eugene

visiting their son, Dick, who is attending the University of Oregon.

Mrs. Clifford Conrad and Mr. and Mrs. Turk Smith were called to Washington by the death of their father.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hines spent the week-end at Ft Bragg Calif.

Mrs. Lee Sherman and children of Myrtle Point are staying at the home of Fred Adams in the south part of Ophir.

Work was done on the new Grange hall last Sunday. Women served a pot luck lunch.

Tom Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Moore have gone to O. I. T. at Klamath Falls.

**Along Azalea Row**

BY B. MILLER

An azalea to community-minded Henry Kerr woh took time out to show the U. S. Forest Service's conservation film, "Our Watersheds" at the recent garden club meeting.

This documentary film was also seen at school under auspices of the junior garden club. Mrs. Roy Weideman hopes to have continuous movies of a like nature at the garden show.

The charman of the art committee for the Azalea flower show, Mrs. Robert Perkins, is another community-minded person. Wherever and whenever need, she will lend a hand, unassumingly helpful and quietly efficient.

Being in the show business, Bob and Alice must be away from their Harbor home at certain seasons of the year. In the autumn, state fairs claim them, and in the heat, the noise of the barkers and pitchmen, the smell of hamburgers and hot dogs, the blue ribbons for fruits of farmland and farm animals, one finds them entertaining a crowd of merry-makers with one of several acts this versatile couple can do to mystify an enthralled audience.

One day, Alice told me about their mind-reading act. At first, it was for fun and friends, then for clubs, and finally it became a professional act. Bob used to entertain dinner guests at the Palmer House at Chicago. Harbor is many miles and worlds away from busy city streets.

"Why did you choose Harbor for your home?" I asked Alice. "Oh, we were so tired of hotel rooms," she replied. "The peace, quiet and beautiful surroundings here are a contrast to our professional lives. I wanted a home and garden. We had good friends here. Bob likes to fish!"

Fly tying is another skill this amazing couple has developed. Using their talents for others, they taught veterans fly tying in Seattle hospitals, during the war. Fly tying is excellent occupational therapy for certain muscular difficulties.

When Alice and Bob are here, they are always busy. Bob is needed to talk to Santa Claus at the community celebration on Christmas eve. Alice is painting window frames for a neighbor's home or baking apple pies for some community feast. In the past year or so, Bob has had the men of the Chetco valley lifting their voices in song.

Big men, little men, fat or thin, accountants, and lumbermen, bass and baritone, all faiths and religions unite to sing in harmony on Monday nights.

He has spent countless hours furthering these community project, the local chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America.

Through the woven patterns of their lives runs the golden threads of service.

If I said as much to them, they would smile and shake their heads, and Bob would say:

"Shucks, we're just having fun!"

**LOCAL NEWS**

Pastor and Mrs. Leo VanDolson left early Monday morning for Portland where they will take part in a statewide convention of Seventh-Day Adventist ministers and workers. They expect to be home Wednesday evening.

Wm. M. Bray, of Brayville, Ore., visited at the L. Z. Harbin

home Tuesday. He is a lumber buyer. Other visitors at the Harbin home last week were Lloyd Drew and Charles Heaton of Klamath Falls. They were present at the Rod and Gun Club meeting as guests. They declared they had a wonderful time, and there "were no strangers here." They hope to be back soon.

Mrs. Lloyd Moore is home now from Gold Beach hospital much improved in health.

LaMar Reeves, student of philosophy at USC, is reaxing on his father's ranch two miles to the north of Carpenterville. His father, Claude L. Reeve, is assistant superintendent of city schools in Los Angeles and is in this area only a short time each year. Lamar has enrolled for six months with C. W. Dam at the "Art Hut" on Easy St.

The Fashion Show is an annual event sponsored by the Satellite Social Club. It is better than ever this year.

Mrs. D. F. Masset returned to her home the first of the week after being at Klamath Falls, with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Tworek, for a few weeks.

Mrs. S. A. Morrill left by plane Monday evening for her home at Winter Park, Florida, after being here with her mother, Mrs. A. H. Shean, since Mr. Shean's death several months ago. Mrs. Shean plans to join her daughter after disposing of her property on the Winchuck river.

**Co. Service Office Reports To You:**

BY C. E. SEGER  
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**Veteran Homestead Farms**  
Sixty-five farm units totaling 7273 acres will be opened to general homestead entry in the northwest in 1950, with World War 2 veterans offered priority,

the Department of Oregon Veterans' Affairs was informed.

Eleven of the farms covering 723 acres are located in the Roza division of the Yakima project in Washington and 54 units amounting to 7000 acres are in the Riverton, Wyo., project, according to a brochure received here from the federal bureau of reclamation, which administers public openings on irrigated lands.

An addition 974 acres, comprising 50 farms also will be sold by the reclamation bureau this year in the Burbank unit of the Columbia basin irrigation project. These lands purchased from private owners and irrigated by the government. Here again, veterans of World War 2 will have first chance to acquire land.

No homestead openings are scheduled this year in the Klamath project at Tulelake, nor in the Boise project in Idaho, but the reclamation bureau says future projects in the 17 Western states "now under construction or to be constructed, will create an additional 100,000 family-size farms."

A total of 802 public land farm units consisting of 74,133 acres have been opened to homesteading since World War 2, according to the reclamation bureau.

Veterans' priority on homestead and on public irrigated lands for sale amounts to a 90-day application period before other applications are considered. Requirements generally include two or more years farming experience, health and character qualifications, and capital amounting to between \$2000 and \$3500.

Applications for public notices when openings are announced, should be made to regional director of the bureau of reclamation. Region 1 office for the Yakima and Columbia basin projects is at Boise. Those interested in the Riverton homesteads should address the bureau's regional office at Billings, Mont.

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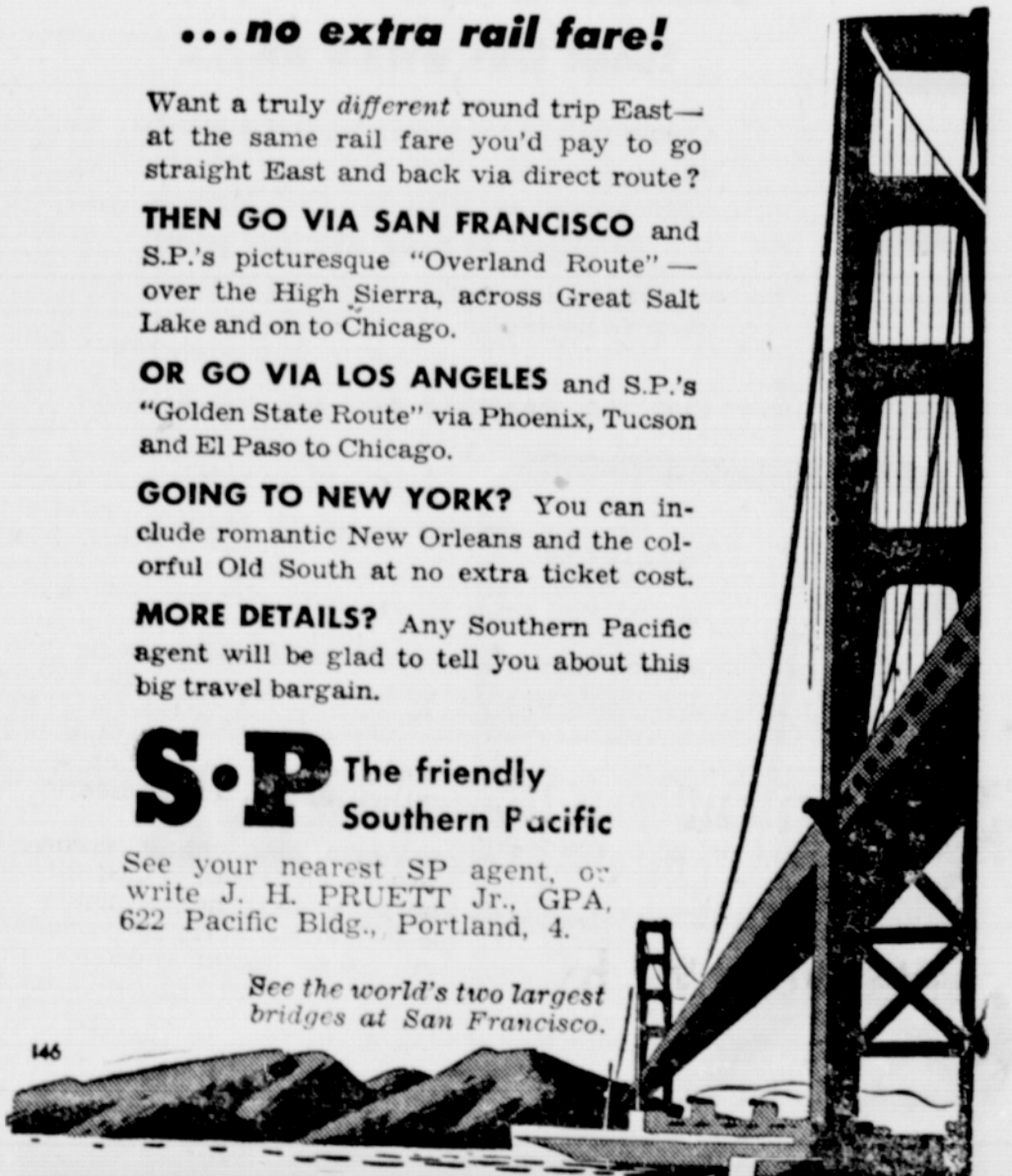
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