

SMITH RIVER

Word has been received here by relatives telling of the death of Ford Wood, 70, former resident of this area and Harbor, who passed away Jan. 2 at Bakersfield, following a long illness. Mr. Wood was a native of Glennville, and was born in 1880, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Wood. He spent his younger life in King and Tulare counties, coming to Smith River with his brother, Mark Wood, to enter business. They sold their Smith River store and moved to Harbor where he was in the business with his brother, until he sold and moved to Fresno to operate a laundry route many years. He moved to Bakersfield about a year ago. He is survived by his widow, Lillian, a son, Robert LeRoy of Bakersfield, two sisters, Mrs. Julia Orthman of Oakland, Mrs. Louise Kindelt of Knights Landing, by two brothers, Norman of Vallejo and LeRoy of Fresno. Funeral services were held at Bakersfield on Jan. 4.

Mrs. John Ostrom was hostess for a dinner party at her home Thursday at 1:00 o'clock. Guests were Mrs. Eddie Westbrook, Mrs. Ada Hursh, Mrs. Edna Ross and Mrs. Agnes Westbrook. A social time was enjoyed following the dinner.

Mrs. Fva Hill returned home Saturday from Harbor where she spent several weeks with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Crockett, recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Maris are parents of an 8 lb. 1 oz. girl, born Jan. 4, at Seaside hospital. The little miss has been named Rebecca Susan. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maris, and is great-granddaughter of Mrs. Agnes Maris.

At the recent meeting of P.-T. A. it was decided to put on a series of card parties. The first in the series will be on Jan. 13, at 8:00 at the school. Games will be 500 and Pinochle. A small admission will be charged. Refreshments will be served.

In The Mail-box:

Heber Springs, Ark., Jan. 2. Eritor, Pilot: Please forward my paper to me here while I am on vacation. I will be here for two or three months so would like to have the Pilot. Will see you on my return to Brookings. C. F. Campbell, 701 Main St., Heber Springs, Ark.

G. T. Gilkey, former resident of this place, in a letter to Mrs. Goldie Smith, postmaster, sent his renewal to the Pilot for another year. He said he heard from the MacKenzie's, and depended upon the pilot for his news of the community.

Clive Manley, the transplanted Panamanian who now lives on the old Plummer place up the south bank of the Chetco, somehow missed his paper last week. In a letter dripping with satire, he remonstrated that it was terrible to have his "circulation cut off in January."

It is likely that his open-air descendant from the Jeep allowed the paper to blow out on the trip home from the post office. However, Clive had his circulation put in motion, as he called it, by another copy of the Pilot, the one he missed last week.

OPHIR NOTES

By Marian Miller

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hal Shoemaker Jan. 3, at Gold Beach hospital. At the latest report he was Curry county's first 1951 baby. He weighed 7 lbs. and 10 oz. He has been named Jerry LeRoy.

The Eldon Millers recently pur-

chased a Chevrolet from Slim Wimmer.

Mrs. Ruth Moore and daughter Judy were in Bandon on business last Tuesday.

Among those who are in college home over the holidays were Margie LeClair of U. of O., Theo. Wimmer, Humboldt State, Dave Thompson of Lewis & Clark, and Tom Nash of Northwestern Nazarene College.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Morgan recently moved into one of the Shepard cabins.

Jerry Jacobs who was in San Jose, Calif., over the holidays, has returned, driving a Ford.

Ophir high and grade school played volleyball and basketball at Langlois Friday. The grade basketball and volleyball teams won but the high school lost.

An old fashioned charivari was held last Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, who were married Dec. 23. Mrs. Anderson was former Gloria Stevens of Ophir.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rudd have returned from Oakland, Calif., where they have been visiting for some time.

The next Ophir high basketball and volleyball games will be played at Port Orford on Jan. 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller and family of Myrtle Point were visiting the Eldon Millers over New Years. They brought George Miller home after visiting them for several days.

Travis Miller and Jerry Jacobs were in Coos Bay last Saturday.

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By Harris Ellsworth, M. C.

(After an absence of several months, Mr. Ellsworth has returned to his column, telling his version and impression of the 82nd Congress.—Editor).

The new 82nd Congress was duly sworn in but there was not much back-slapping or cheering. The atmosphere in which this Congress begins its work was like that in which the 81st Congress was adjourned only 20 hours before. It is customary for the members to gather in the well of the house chamber and sing "Auld Lang Syne" and other songs when the final gavel falls ending a Congress. But nothing like that happened this time. Speaker Rayburn banged his gavel, announced the adjournment of the 81st Congress "sine die"—and the members arose and filed silently out of the chamber.

In my opinion, Speaker Rayburn spoke the sentiments of all of us in his opening statement to the House when he said:

"In my deliberate opinion, looking around the earth, everyone now living in any Democracy, where freedom and liberty still exist, live in the most dangerous time they ever lived in—or anyone ever lived in—since the founding of the Republic."

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I Sell The Earth!

is beautiful. It is light, it is cheerful and above all it is comfortable—both for members and for visitors in the galleries. It is a little hard for me to figure out how they could have spent nearly two and a half million dollars on the job. Apparently when the construction is done with marble, bronze, solid thick hard-wood and the furnishings are done in genuine thick leather the cost runs high—but the job is permanent. There will be no more such work for at least a century!

The work of organizing the committees of the House is going on now. There is the usual big scrambles by the newly elected members for seats on the committees of their choice. On the Republican side, committee assignments are made by our Committee on Committees which is composed of one member from each state delegation. On the Democrat side, the selections are made by their Ways and Means committee members.

Since the congressional re-organization act was passed, new members get a much better break than under the old system. Then the committees were classified as "major" and "minor." A member could serve on one major committee or on several minor ones. But a newly-elected member seldom, if ever, was assigned to a major committee. Now, however, with the number of committees reduced from 44 to 19, all committees are major and no member serves on more than one.

The anti-administration members on the Democrat side of the aisle—and their number is sizeable—are in a particularly advantageous position. They represent the true majority between the Republicans and the administration members. Many careless observers and writers refer to this situation as "control of the House by a coalition of Republicans and Southern Democrats." The exceedingly important fact such writers choose to overlook is that there is not, and never has been, an actual coalition or working agreement or understanding between the Republican and the anti-administration members. Sometimes they vote with us on controversial measures—sometimes they don't. Generally, we find out what they are going to do when the roll is called, but not before. I think the same situation will prevail this congress. I might add that I can speak of this with some little knowledge because I have been a member of the house Republican Policy Committee the past two years and have heard considerable discussion of this subject.

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