

THESE PEOPLE LIVE HERE . . .

This is the 12th of a 26-week series of brief biographies of the people who conduct business of this area. Their names appear in the Ad-Rime Directory on this issue of the Pilot.

THE KRUGER BUILDING takes its name from the owners, Clarence and Iva Kruger. They arrived in the area from San Francisco in 1944. Like many of the folk who came here to get the bal' rolling and wake up this Southern Curry County section, the Krugers started out as bulb raisers. They operated a farm north of town. In 1949 they sold the ranch and bought the Harris Building and changed the handle to the Kruger Building. That isn't all they did to the building either. They took it room by room and dressed it up into a modern structure. They now have 18 heated hotel rooms and a modern apartment. In addition to that it is the home of the Waffle Shop, pool hall and the Dale Smith Accounting Service.

The Krugers haven't taken much time out for resting. While on the bulb ranch, Mr. Kruger

taught in the Crescent City High School one year. He had taught in the Portland area from 1924 to 1932. While re-building and redecorating the building they also operated the Waffle Shop. They have leased it out part of the time and the last couple to lease the restaurant were Mike and Gladys McKibben. Since they moved to Roseburg March 1st, the Krugers have been back in there pitching again.

Mrs. Kruger is from an old family in this part of the country. Her parents Melvin and Adella Fitzhugh are well known. Her father engaged in commercial fishing out of Crescent City and off the shore from Brookings for about a quarter of a century. They have a son, Jimmie Kruger, in the military academy in San Rafael. Mrs. Kruger's son, Orville Randall, has resided in Fresno since being discharged from the service. She has two daughters, Roberta Warren in San Francisco and Betty West in South Dakota.

THE PAR STORE & BROOKINGS HARDWARE is here because M. A. "Bud" and Laurel Phetteplace just liked Brookings and decided to go into business here. They had been in the Par Store in Grants Pass for 4 years previous to November 1951. They made frequent trips over here and after deciding it was the only place as far as they were concerned, they decided to do something about making it permanent.

Gordon Goetz put up the new building and arranged a lease and they were in business. They have been expanding the business right along. They now handle a general line of hardware, tools, and paints. They specialize in Crosley and Hoffman TV, Sherwin-Williams Paints and Jacuzzi Water Systems.

Their son, Denny, is with the armed forces in Germany; and their daughter, Judy, is a freshman in high school.

THE CUR-DEL CLEANERS is managed by Bill Patterson. He came here from Ukiah, California, in September of 1955. He is now purchasing the equipment and business and leases the building. He is not new to the cleaning business. Besides his work in Ukiah, he worked in the trade in Crescent City and also Roseburg.

There are 3 employees besides the manager. They offer a pick up and delivery service. Bill says he is very fond of the climate and the people here and hopes to make this his permanent home.

THE CHETCO STORE used to be Freeman's Market, Dating

back to the beginning, under Freeman, it is one of the older establishments of the area, having started in 1936. The store was completely re-modeled and modernized in 1951.

The new owner since the first of the year is Larry Roemmich, is not a new man around here. He came over from Klamath Falls in June of 1953 to manage the store for Freeman. He had been with the Ford Motor Co. there. His wife, Margaret, has been assisting in the store since they took over.

The couple have 4 boys and a girl. Their oldest, Ronald, is in the first grade.

Since February 6th, Bob Orr has leased and operated the meat market. He has had wide experience in the meat business, last coming from Klamath, California. He had operated the market in Brazees there before the flood.

"HAPPY" COYLE PASSES ON Word has come to us that "Happy" Coyle has gone to meet his ancestors.

Charles A. Coyle was born and brought up in the coal mining area of Illinois. He served overseas during the first World War, and came to live in Brookings in the 30's. For several years, he was the caretaker of Mrs. Stouts home but ill health made necessary his going to Camp White Home where he passed away on the 30th of March. His remains were buried in the National Cemetery there.

Surviving are a brother, in Chicago, and a son in Southern California.

OMITTED LAST WEEK

by Beulah Carpenter

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Eckert and family moved to Brookings, Saturday.

Bea Bridge is suffering from a very bad case of poison oak on her hands and face. Beulah and Gordon Jones, of Brookings, came up over the weekend and helped at the Sky Line Lodge while Bea is indisposed.

Dorothy Carpenter and children, her mother, Flora Mead, and sister, Nellie deBlock, and children of Brookings, went to Crescent City last Wednesday.

Arnold and Donald Carpenter got their lambs up for marking, Sunday. Glenny and Larry helped with the driving.

Incentive payments under the wool program for the year ending March 31st should average around 40% of the average price growers have received for their wool according to a recent report received from the U. S. Department of agriculture.

Otis Bowman, Chairman of the ASC County Committee points out that even though the payment may vary slightly from the estimate based on the 10-month period, the payment will be substantial. Based on current estimates it will be about 40 percent of the average price received for the wool.

The Chairman also stresses that growers must get their application for payment on last year's wool sales into the County ASC Office in Gold each before May 1, to be sure of their payment this year. Wool growers also are reminded that as a result of the favorable vote in the referendum last August a one-cent per pound deduction will be made from wool payments and 5 cents per hundred pounds from lamb and yearling payments to finance the campaign to enlarge the market for wool and lambs.

One of the returning sparrows tells us of the traffic tangles which develop on superhighways, now and then, says when there is a tangle it usually develops into a dilly with cars halted, heading all ways, for miles, and no place to get off the route; wreck removing rigs, cops and ambulances in the tangle; horns honking, and all that sort of thing. Then, after some minutes or hours, when the snarl gets a teeny bit unstrangled, a free for all develops. This sparrow said it sure wasn't like his family traditions which tell of run-a-way horses being the only fear his ancestors had.

It is sure wonderful how many youths repeatedly turn around in front of the PILOT office, just driving back and forth through town.

Reminding one of the futility of the press, sometimes—folks inquiring where and when they should register to vote!



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

They Travel "In Class"

Our high school correspondent says that Economics and Geography students are going in for "grass roots" studying.

They're going to charter buses and take off on Operation See-For-Yourself—have a ten-day look at some of the things they've been studying about.

As I remember, it was hard to keep your mind on schoolbooks at this time of year. Today's kids can give in to that old urge to bust out of the classroom—with a clear conscience. Wish they'd take me along.

From where I sit, it doesn't hurt us adults, either, to get out and see how the rest of the country lives. We find the "typical American" doing everything from herding cattle to flying planes... with everything from steak to chowder for his favorite dish... everything from beer to buttermilk for his favorite beverage. And the more we study our differences the more we learn how alike everyone is underneath.

Joe Marsh

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