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Visit To Preble Mine Astonishing

By M. C. Athey

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Werelius, of the smelter, picked up M. C. Athey recently and they made a friendly visit to E. P. Preble's mine at the head of Althouse creek.

We had heard considerable about this mine and the home Mr. Preble had built up in the mountains, but one cannot visualize, just by being told, what there is up there.

As we went up the trail nearing the mine we came across a small spot where the pack animals are kept and a splendid garden came into view with corn, potatoes, pumpkins, and a variety of small truck garden vegetables were still on the vines or had just been gathered for the winter use and it was surprising indeed, to see this garden high up in the mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. Werelius were just as enthusiastic as I was, and all agreed that if the place was theirs they could live with the greatest of ease in such beautiful surroundings.

When the cabins came into view, friendly goats stood still while they were petted, and if you gave them a chance they would nibble anything that was offered or they thought they would like, which is most anything. Mr. Preble had just returned from the mine and was as much surprised to see visitors as the visitors were to see a truly remarkable home in the mountains, miles from any place, with all the conveniences of a city dwelling and just as modern, bath, toilet, hot and cold water, a lovely fire place and a large living room full of easy chairs and comfortable lounges. What a home.

Before we had a chance to get squared around, Mr. Preble said: let's take a look at the mine, and what a mine! About a stone's throw from the house we saw a large tailings dump that was being leveled off and it looks like one could play tennis on it if a net was put up, the water having receded to such a nicety.

On farther we came to a small ravine where the huge giants had washed the rock and gravel down to bed rock. The formations on the sides of the canyon clearly shows fine quartz and from assays Mr. Preble has from the quartz, he can take it easy the rest of his life and not worry, at least, not much, unless a few millions might worry one on what to do with it after one gets it.

Up farther was one of the small giants set up for operations. He pulled on a long wire and way up in the mountain this turned the water into the large pipe line. It took the water about three minutes to get down under full head, and when it did come—Mister it would tear a man to pieces in no time and this was a small one. They have large ones for operations, too, but none of them were set up for operation, or he would have shown us how to tear down a mountain.

Mr. Preble has a genius arrangement to keep a water supply always on hand, but when the force gets too large, he conceived a gadget, we've forgot the name of the darn thing, but when the water gets to a certain pressure a release enough to reduce the pressure, and this all works automatically. The thing worked while we were watching the giant operate and all of a sudden a big wall of water came down the creek and I thought the dam broke and started for higher ground, when he explained what was happening, soon the amount of water subsided to normal and everything was "hunky-dory" again, but at first, yours truly was thinking of hitting for the tall timber.

Mr. and Mrs. Werelius were just as much impressed as I was and their emotions corresponded

Tea Given At Kerby In Honor Of Departing Friend

Honoring Mrs. W. A. Currie, who is leaving for her home in Las Vegas, Nev., Mrs. Hurlay Wilson entertained with a tea at her lovely new home in Kerby on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Currie has made many friends during her few months stay at Kerby, where she came for her health.

The tea was arranged as a surprise and was truly that as a ride, which she thought was to catch the stage ended among a group of friends, met for the tea in her honor. Her pleasure and surprise were very evident.

A short program brought entertainment for the first part of the afternoon consisting of a song by Norman and Howard Wilson and Carmen Carey; a vocal number by Grace Thrasher and Dorothy Gibson, Mary Jane Carey at the piano; a piano medley of popular songs by Mary Jane Carey; a piano solo by Claudia Buck; an original poem composed by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson in honor of Mrs. Currie was read by Mrs. Wilson, after which some group singing was attempted to the enjoyment of everyone present.

After the musical program the guests were given pencils and paper on which to write a short note for Mrs. Currie to read on her rather long journey. These were bound in an attractive Halloween cover and given to the honor guest.

Tea tables were arranged about the rooms, tapers were lighted and bright colored berries and flowers with a bit of Halloween decoration suggested the season. The hostess assisted by high school girls, Grace Thrasher, Norma Tycer, Mary Jane Carey, Dorothy Gibson, and Claudia Buck served dainty refreshments to Mrs. Grace Gudmundson, Mrs. Dolly Duncan, Mrs. Chas. Buck, Mrs. Ed Burke, Mrs. Clara McGill, Mrs. F. W. Jones, Mrs. A. F. Lackey, Mrs. Alvin Lackey, Mrs. Clay Ramsey, Mrs. Millie Trefethern, Mrs. Lucius Robinson and Mrs. W. A. Currie.

Mrs. Alma Martin Back in Dress Shop

Last Monday, Mrs. Alma Martin again took charge of Alma's Dress Shop in Cave City and will manage the popular dress shop in the future.

Mrs. Cecil Varner, who has had the shop for the past few months with her husband, left last Tuesday for Pasadena, Calif., where Mr. Varner was called to his old position.

Mrs. Martin has ordered a large supply of pretty things for the ladies, including smart looking dresses for all occasions and pretty underthings that will make handsome presents for the coming holidays. She has also put in an order for extra special Christmas merchandise, that will be on hand in plenty of time for the early shoppers.

A fine line of men's haberdasheries, sex, ties, dress shirts and B. V. D.'s is going to be added soon to her line of merchandise.

Pollution Fight Is Halted for a Time

An out-of-court settlement of the injunction suits against mining and mud pollution has been reached according to reports received here.

Judge Allen Boice ordered withdrawal of the suit in circuit court when the governor's assurance that pollution would cease and he would foster necessary legislation to prevent a recurrence was delivered by his secretary, W. L. Gosselin.

The governor also assured development of a lower Rogue River recreational center and immediate construction of a fish hatchery on Foster creek, 35 miles up the stream, Moltzner said.

Support the Fire Department.

Kerby Garage Fire Takes Two Lives Monday Morning

Hi Miller Owner of Building Was Nearly Trapped and Barely Escaped With Life By Jumping Out Window

One of the most terrible fires in the history of the valley occurred last Monday morning at 2:15, when L. S. (Hi) Miller's garage and residence burned to the ground, taking the lives of Eldon (Mickey) McCallister and Charles (Swede) Peterson, who were asleep in the residence which caught fire from undetermined causes, presumably from a cigarette.

Mr. Miller was in the back room of the residence and was awakened choking from smoke and barely escaped with his life by jumping out of a window. McCallister was occupying an adjoining room on the ground floor and Peterson was either with him or was up stairs in a room which he usually occupied. Both bodies were found together after the upstairs had collapsed and been destroyed. It is presumed that Peterson was in the room with McCallister who was apparently lying on a couch. Both bodies were burned beyond recognition.

The flames, when Miller awoke, were behind and above him he thought probably originating in McCallister's room or in the room overhead. He turned on a light only to have it flicker out immediately, and then crashed out a window and crawled to safety back of the building.

Running to the front of the station, yelling "fire", he rolled out two automobiles, one of them his own, to get to an improvised fire engine which he had provided for Kerby use. His calls awakened Rene Roth and Bill Carff, in cubs in Miller's camp and the two drove the car to the irrigation ditch in the camp property, ran the hose between the camp and

faming garage and saved the camp buildings from certain destruction.

Phone lines to the Kerby area, ran across the roof of the service station and these were burned in two, calls to Sheriff Don Barnes in Grants Pass being placed from the highway, north, Barnes called ormer Viégil Hull. A forest service pumper engine and hose were brought to the scene by P. R. Fattig and A. D. Reed and another stream from the ditch was played on the fire from the other side.

One car, that of Marvin Ramsey, was burned in the garage and stores of oil went up in flames but while the entire building was destroyed the front part was cooled with the streams of water so the gasoline tank, buried at the edge of the highway, did not ignite.

Bodies of McCallister and Peterson, so burned they were indistinguishable, were removed from the ashes and started to Grants Pass by Coroner Hull about 9 o'clock Monday morning.

Mickey McCallister is survived by his mother, Mrs. George Spach of Kerby; his father, George McCallister of Grants Pass; two sisters, Mrs. Bessie Britton of Mountain View, Calif., and Mrs. Wilda Schmidt of Grants Pass; and a daughter, Carol Jean of Kerby.

Funeral services for Charles Peterson were held in Kerby, at 2 p.m. Tuesday, with interment in the Kerby cemetery. He did not have any known surviving relatives.

Funeral rites for James E. McCallister were held Wednesday, at the L. B. Hull Funeral Home with Rev. H. P. Sconce, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Burial was in Sloan cemetery near Riverbanks farm.

Birthday Party Given Two Popular Citizens

A week ago Wednesday, a birthday party was given at the Whitehead home just south of Cave Junction on the Redwood highway for J. S. Whitehead and G. L. Martin. Games kept the guests hilarious until a late hour. Lunch was served and everyone enjoyed the evening. Those present were:

Mr. and Mrs. George L. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hein, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Collman, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Hays, Mrs. Irene Ellis, Nellie Hayden, Leona Lillis, Louise Henry, Irene Hoffman, Lucy and Irene Whitehead, Eddie Martin, Frank Schiska, Ben George, Gordon Leonard, E. Ibin Stuart, Paul Fattig, Ken Carson and Ted Athey.

Kerby Rod and Gun Club Has Meeting

Last Thursday evening, the Kerby Rod and Gun Club met at the station and discussed the situation facing the club at Bolan lake. During the last month, the club has planted several thousands in the lake and unless a dam is constructed to hold them in the lake will be of no avail.

Volunteers offered to go to the lake and construct a dam that will prevent the fingerlings from migrating to parts unknown. The fishing with the club and the dam is expected to be completed and the fish saved by next Sunday.

A turkey shoot Thanksgiving is being planned and further information on this interesting event will be available at the clubs next meeting, to be held in the Ritz Tavern, Kerby, Monday, November 11.

P. T. A. Has Interesting Meeting at Kerby

Last Tuesday evening members of the Parent Teachers association and friends gathered in the I. O. O. F. hall at Kerby. There was a good program after which they held the drawing for a quilt.

A fish pond took the interest of the children. Coffee, cider and doughnuts were served in the dining room.

The room where the program was given was decorated with beautiful rugs and quilts, some of which were over fifty years old.

The program in charge of Mrs. C. L. Schumacher was as follows: Piano solo, Mrs. Cora Barnes; reading, Charlette Badden; skit by three girls, Mrs. E. Whiteman, Frances Jones and Grace Thrasher; piano solo, Mrs. Cora Barnes; reading Mrs. Sue Martin; skit, Adelaide McCrady and Fay Tycer, and a piano solo by Mrs. Cora Barnes.

Party Given for Mrs. Pearl Redelf

Last Thursday evening, Mrs. I. B. Hearing of O'Brien, gave a surprise party for Mrs. Pearl Redelf, a recent new comer in the valley. It was an occasion celebrating Mrs. Redelf's birthday and was a complete surprise.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Galeno, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Balzke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Meade Cardinal, Mrs. Cook and sons, Gifford and James, Mrs. Alice Caine and daughter, Lois, Oscar King, Lou Mussigbrod, Elmer Massey, Martin Gipple and the hosts, M. and Mrs. I. B. Hearing.

Support the Fire Department.

News Items From Kerby High School

The honor roll for the first six-weeks has several names on it, but we hope to see a great many more added to the present list as time goes on. The first six weeks is rather hard on the students, because they must settle down to their regular routines after a summer of vacation and they find studying is very hard to do—concentration almost impossible. However, most of the students are ready for work now and the honor roll should be larger next time as well as the list of those who deserve honorable mention.

Honor Roll

Grace Thrasher, average 1.20. Barbara Hensley, average 1.25. Charlotte Bandden, average 1.50. Faye Tycer, average 1.50. William Hensley, average 1.50. Vera St. John, average 1.50.

In order to be on the honor roll one must have a grade of one in at least two subjects and must not have a grade of two in more than two subjects. Those whose names appear on the list of honorable mention have no grade below a two in any subject.

Honorable Mention

Chester Martin, Faye McLain, Ralph Messenger, Phyllis Jones, Myrtice Jones, Delbert Hill, Wanda Burch, Ray Bergmann, Henry Mellow, Vivian Pullen, Bernice Allen, Dorothy Hogue, Jeanne Villair.

Girls League met Wednesday afternoon and discussed various important items, among which was the question of whether or not Kerby Girls League should join the state league. The plan was greatly favored and the girls are going to become members of the larger organization if possible.

The program opened with group singing led by Mrs. Whiteman, after which the following program was presented:

Flag Salutation, group; reading of the minutes, Grace Thrasher; tap dance, Dorothy Thrasher, accompanied by Audrey Wilbur; tap dance, Virginia Thrasher and Hiede Sachse, also accompanied by Audrey Wilbur; reading, "Sally in Our Alley," Delia Winn; piano solo, "Shanty in Old Shanty Town," Luette Phillips.

Refreshments were served by the committee in charge and the meeting closed after the girls had sung several rounds.

Coming Attractions At Cave City Theater

For Friday, Nov. 5th, Manager Jones of the Cave City Theater has booked "Way Out West" where Laurel and Hardy go wild and woolly in their first western—the Hal Roach-M-G-M feature length comedy.

It might be described as the "Daze of the Gay 90's" as the intricate antics and laughter-getting proclivities of the international lean and fat duo are unreel in those thrilling and glamorous picture days.

For Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6 and 7 the much discussed "Saratoga" is booked.

This picture is released in response to requests from thousands who have written they are eager to see Miss Harlow's last picture. The producers—once they were assured that the public urgently wanted to see "Saratoga"—found it a simple matter, though a clever twist in direction, to finish the picture and retain all of its high entertainment.

"Saratoga" is an exciting story by the authors of "San Francisco"—Anita Loos and Robert Hopkins. You will find "Saratoga" one of the most important, outstanding entertainments of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hunt were in Rogue River, recently and during their visit were honor guests at a birthday party given by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hunt. Miss Gladys Hunt of Medford, and Lois Hunt of Cave Junction, sisters, were there for the occasion.

Survey of Power Line To O'Brien

F. L. Brewer of the California-Oregon Power company, who attended the Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday, made the members of the club a definite promise to tell the members at their next meeting to be held Tuesday, November 9th, whether the company would build the line to O'Brien or not.

Mr. Brewer asked the people of the valley to be a little patient, stating that building light and power lines took considerable study and the expenditure of some four or five thousand dollars. He said there were several places where the same projects were being contemplated and they all would figure up to 40 or 50 thousand dollars, and this expenditure necessarily had to be studied from every angle and could not be done in a hurry.

He stated that the survey crew was now working on the Holland-Oregon Caves line, which the government had ordered built, and when the crew was through with this job they would be put to work on the extension of the line to O'Brien. When asked when that would be, he stated within three or four days.

Mr. Balzke stated that he either had to know immediately whether the company was going to build the line or not as he had to prepare for light and if the company was not going to build he would have to repair his present plant for winter use, but he did not want to go to this expense if the company was going to build.

When asked deliberately when definite information could be had on whether or not the company would build the extension, Mr. Brewer said he could give this information at the next Chamber meeting. This satisfied all the members of the Chamber and those who were fighting for the extension, and the subject was finished for the day.

Blake Miller was called on for a report on the school bus question and he asked F. W. Jones, principal of Kerby high school, to tell the Chamber what could be done, as far as he knew.

Mr. Jones said he did not desire to cast any reflections on anyone, either in or out of the school, but on coming to this district was surprised there was not an adequate bus line for the pupils to go and come from school. He was asked if a bus line could be arranged to carry both grade and high school pupils, and it was his opinion that such a procedure could be arranged, and stated that it was being done, or had been done in other localities. Technicalities of book-keeping of grade and high school would have to be separate, of course, but he could not see why both groups of children could not use the same bus or whatever means of transportation was provided.

Several questions were asked of Mr. Jones and he did the best he could, in his position, to answer them, and gave the members considerable constructive advice and assistance on the bus question. He stressed the fact that bus transportation helps to get pupils to school on time, an important feature for school regulations. He also added that the average cost of transporting pupils for a four or five mile trip was approximately 11 cents per day, the average cost being about 20 to 25 dollars per year per pupil.

O. E. Jones gave the information, coming from the county school superintendent's office that there were 360 children attending school in the valley.

A motion was made that two lady taxpayers be added to the school bus committee, which was passed.

C. Y. Arnold gave a report on the water conservation question for Roy Wells, who could not attend.

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