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Ed Dailey Passed Away Sunday Morn

One of the oldest pioneers of the Illinois Valley passed away last Sunday morning, as Edward Dailey, who had just celebrated his 78th birthday the day before, died at 9:30 a. m. in the Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass.

Ed, as all his friends called him, had been ailing for some time, and was taken to the hospital last week by "Shorty" Phillips, and reports from the hospital Friday were to the effect that he was getting along all right, but old age and infirmity called him home Sunday morning.

Edward Dailey was born on the Illinois river at the old Rancheree creek, now the creek is named after his father, Dailey creek, August 14, 1865. When a very young boy the family moved to their ranch, now the Maurice Sauer place, where Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hoskins reside. There Ed was raised to or near Kerby all his life.

Mr. Dailey was a member of Belt Lodge No. 18, A. F. & A. M., and was the oldest member of the order when he died. He served as Master of the Lodge two different years, and was treasurer for 9 years, before that acted as secretary for a number of years. He was also a charter member of Western Star Chapter, O. E. S., and to our knowledge was the only charter member of the chapter living.

He was buried Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock in the Kerby I. O. O. F. cemetery with full Masonic honors, Roy Wells acting as Master of the ceremony.

Surviving him are T. J. Dailey, brother, Roseville, Calif.; Mrs. Jessie M. Warren, step-daughter, Salem, Oregon; Mrs. G. Dimmick, step-niece of Oroville, Calif., and Arthur Hinkle, step-son, of Jacksonville, Oregon.

Mrs. Jessie M. Warren, accompanied by Mrs. Earnest Hinkle, came to attend the funeral as did Mrs. G. Dimmick, other relatives could not be reached in time for the funeral.

Like his father, who was a miner in the early days of the county, Edward followed in his footsteps for a long time, but later turned to farming. For the past several years he has lived at his home in Kerby.

Mr. Dailey was one of the old pioneers of the county, and with his passing goes a wealth of history of olden times in this section that he could have given to a historical genius that would have made interesting reading to anyone who would be interested.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Smith drove to Grants Pass last Tuesday to get Harry O. Smith Jr. who arrived from his station in the east. He will visit his parents for a few days before returning to his duties.

"Dig your well before you are thirsty." Buy Bonds before too late.

COMING EVENTS

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the first Wednesday of each month.

Aircraft Demonstration school Mondays and Thursday, Redwood Ranger Station Crew House, 8 p. m.

H. E. U. meets every second Tuesday of the month.

The Missionary Society meets the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Community church, Cave Junction.

Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce meets every Tuesday noon the Cave City Coffee Shop.

O'Brien Women's club meet on first Friday of each month.

Ladies' Auxiliary meet the first and third Wednesday of each month.

"JOURNEY FOR MARGARET" COMES THIS WEEK END

The Cave City theater presents this week the highly rated picture of "Journey for Margaret." In the way that "Mrs. Miniver" depicted the effect of the war upon the people of England, so does "Journey for Margaret." The same understatement, the reserve, the realism and the calmness, the directness of presentation and the plainness of performance yield the same effectiveness.

Robert Young surpasses himself as an American correspondent stationed in London during the bombings, one of which injures his wife (Laraine Day) in such wise as to thwart impending motherhood. He stays on after she returns to America and interests himself in caring for children orphaned by the bombers, two of whom attach themselves to him emotionally. He adopts them and brings them to America. The manner of the doings of these things distinguishes them far beyond the promise of this synopsis.

Road Work Underway In Illinois Valley

Road work in the Illinois Valley is under way at this time, Pete Fredrickson, road commissioner, said Wednesday. County roads are being widened and graded in many places.

As soon as creeks are at their lowest, crews will start cleaning out channels in preparation for winter floods, Fredrickson said.

Forest Men Make Trip to Happy Camp

Siskiyou National Forest Supervisor H. C. Obye, Redwood Forest Ranger Harold Bowerman and Fritz Grunow, of the local station, drove over the Happy Camp road last Monday to Happy Camp where they picked up Ranger Ernest Sutcliffe of the Klamath National Forest. After which the party drove over the Thompson creek road to Tannen lake.

The men made a study of the grazing conditions of the Thompson creek end and east fork of Indian creek cattle allotments.

Road conditions, trail and telephone maintenance were also inspected.

Mr. Obye hiked from Tannen lake to Bolan lake to make a further study of the cattle range and inspect Bolan peak lookout station. Later he was picked up by the party who drove back through Happy Camp and up to Bolan lake, then returning to the Redwood ranger station in Cave Junction.

Conditions generally were found satisfactory, but the fire hazard is high, and all the forests are dry and until rain comes, the forest officials are crossing all their fingers and toes, hoping that no fires occur.

The East fork cattle range on the Siskiyou National Forest was found to be in good condition, and will accommodate about 85 head of cattle this summer.

VALLEY THRESHER STARTS TO WORK

This week Freeling and Clarence Sawyer and Harry O. Smith started their threshing machine and expect to keep busy threshing grain. When the grain is finished, the machine will go to work on Lardino clover seed. The boys expect to be busy for the next two months.

Crop conditions are exceptionally good in the valley this year and crops generally are bulging and the yield will be far above the average. Practically no rust this year to cut down the grain yield, which will also contribute to a bumper crop.

Fewer Fires In Siskiyou Forest Area

None of the 18 fires reported in Siskiyou national forest this year have been man-set, Kermit W. Linstedt, assistant forest supervisor, said Tuesday as he urged citizens to redouble their vigilance in keeping Oregon green. Only two acres have been burned in the 18 fires.

Sixteen of the 18 fires reported so far occurred in July and all were set by lightning. Based on averages for the past five years Siskiyou forest can normally expect 72 fires before the end of the year but by extreme care, this figure can be cut, Linstedt stated.

Sixteen of Siskiyou forest fires have been under one-quarter of an acre and the remaining two, less than 10 acres. None have burned beyond 10 a. m. of the day following report of the fire. In fact in the whole region, only five acres out of 397 have been out of control longer than the morning following discovery.

Siskiyou national forest is one of the 19 included in this region of Oregon and Washington forests. According to the summary monthly fire report released July 31, by the forest service, 301 fires have been set by lightning this year so far, compared to 257 in 1942.

Smokers were responsible for the next highest number of fires 33, compared to 31 last season. Railroads came third with 13 this year, seven last. Lumbering, campfires, debris burning and miscellaneous accounted for others.

Only four fires in the entire region have been of incendiary origin this season; none for similar period last year.

A total of 8,242 acres have been burned this season in the national forests of Oregon and Washington compared to 1,884 acres last year at this time. A 6,587 acre fire in the Umatilla forest during July accounted for the jump over last year's figures.

Moving Picture at Deer Creek Grange

Harold Bowerman, ranger of the Redwood Ranger station, who is showing several reels of pictures at the Illinois Valley Grange tonight, will take the same pictures and run them at Deer Creek Grange hall this coming Saturday night.

These pictures are very interesting and should be seen by all the residents of the valley. If you did not see them at the Bridgeview hall Thursday night, you should go to Deer Creek Saturday and see them.

Deer Killed on Redwood Highway

Johnny Clarke of the Farmers Market, Grants Pass, picked up a deer on Rough and Ready flats this week, that had been hit by a truck or car, and was left by the side of the road.

Clarke picked the deer up and brought it to the Redwood Ranger station, where it was dressed and put in cold storage and turned over to Officer Joe Madras of the state police.

Mike Wells Now In the Marines

Mike Vernon Wells, 20, became a marine corps private at Portland last Monday when he was inducted for the armed services. He is the son of Roy Wells, Box 293, Route 1, Cave Junction. He leaves for training on August 30.

Private Wells is a former Kerby high school student. Last year he was employed as a crane operator with the naval operating base at Honolulu, T. H.

Misses Margaret and Ann Morris were shopping in Medford last Tuesday.

Employees Asked To Do More

Every concern in Oregon will be asked to cooperate in bringing its employee personnel to fuller participation in the payroll deduction program before the Third War Loan gets under way Sept. 9, according to E. C. Sammons, state chairman of the war finance committee.

Need for all employees and employers to understand the "figure it out yourself" program of the war finance committee and its connection with the major effort to win the war is stressed by Mr. Sammons.

The "Figure it out yourself" plan is as simple as it sounds. It is merely this: You compute your family income by the month, total your monthly expenses, and arrange for the difference to be put in war bonds through the payroll savings plan.

"These are not idle proposals," says Sammons. "They are as vital to final success as any part of the war program. Our boys at the front, those in convoys on the high seas, those in maneuvers preparing to go, are all concerned with one question: 'What can I do to help?' The 'Figure it out yourself' program is the ordinary citizen's answer to this same question. Loyal Americans are acting now."

Observation Post News

We are still hearing many repercussions from Aircraft Warning Service Week, and it seems that one of the outstanding events of the week was the picnic held in Clackamas county by the Oregon City Kiwanis club to honor the members of the Ground Observer Corps who had 500 or more hours of service. A number of pictures were taken at this picnic and one picture in particular created a great deal of comment. Most of you have no doubt heard of the famous Sgt. Sheehan, Sector Sergeant for one of the Portland area districts, and the picture in question showed the sergeant seated after filling his plate. The fact that Sgt. Sheehan was leaving the following day on his furlough may have accounted for it, but one look at his plate in the picture would make one think that there was no food left in Kansas. The Sunflower State is Sgt. Sheehan's home.

Sgt. George Selles, one of the Eugene Area Sector Sergeants practically ran a one man chalet during AWS week. He gathered together several films about the Ground Observer Corps, and held open meetings on the streets in a number of towns. One of these films Sgt. Selles had to narrate himself for ten minutes, so he has become eligible to be a Barker at a carnival or tent show when the war is over.

Sgt. Rawson in the Roseburg area covered the waterfronts down around Coos county there so that the observers at all of his posts were recognized for their efforts over the past months for the fine work they have been doing for the Aircraft Warning Service. Several fine cooperative pages saluting all of the observers in Coos county were run in the Marshfield papers.

The Fairview Post has 89 observers, ten of whom have their 500-hour awards, and more than 17 have earned their 100-hour award bands. The post nominated Jack Cardwell as their outstanding observer for his continuous punctuality ever since the post began. Jack serves from midnight to 6 a. m. and has only been absent once, and then his wife Freida, who also has her 500-hour award served in his place. The success of the Fairview Post is due to the willingness of its observers and

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Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Frank Winters of Millville, Cal., visited at the home of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Del Bigelow.

Mrs. Martin Sachse and daughter Rosemary, returned last week from San Francisco, where they visited Mr. Sachse and Heide, who are both employed in the bay city. Hans Park, brother of Mrs. Sachse is a guest at her home from Los Angeles for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Bigelow have purchased the Maple Court and will start making improvements of the grounds and buildings very shortly. They bought the court from Mrs. James Kanaly of Grave Creek.

Boys leaving the valley for physical examinations for induction into the armed service last Friday were Jay Hays, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hays, Rob Roy McLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McLean; Luther Sherier, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Sherier; Mike Wells and Walter Goldsby.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chandler who have been living in a house near Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hassler, left last week for the coast where Mr. Chandler expects to have employment.

Mrs. Herbert Marchant and daughter Pearl, Mrs. Harry Elroy and daughter Ethel and Grace Baird left Sunday for hop yards near Grants Pass, where they expect to remain during the hop harvest.

A number of books have been brought to the Kerby library from the public library in Grants Pass recently and placed on the shelves for borrowers. They range from picture books for the small children and graded books, stories and even career books for grade school and high school ages. Grown-ups who care to read can satisfy a variety of interests not only in the books from Grants Pass but Kerby library has some new books and many of the old favorites. The library is open on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7 to 9 p. m. The younger readers are especially invited on Friday of this week as a small gift is promised to the regular customers. Mrs. Ferd Jones will be in charge of the library until school starts when the time will be changed to afternoon hours.

Mrs. Jesse Warren, and Mrs. Ernest Henkle of Salem and Mrs. Elnora Dimmick of Oroville, Cal., left Wednesday after coming to Kerby to attend funeral services of Ed Dailey. Mrs. Warren is a step daughter, and Mrs. Dimmick a step-niece of Mr. Dailey. All were guests of Mrs. Dollie Duncan during their stay in Kerby.

Miss Paula Fox with her mother have been guests at the home of Mrs. Fox's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lackey Sr., and others of the Lackey family the last few days, leaving for their home in California on Wednesday. Coming with them to Kerby was Betty Lackey who has spent the past few weeks with relatives in Southern California.

WALDO MOTEL AT O'BRIEN SOLD LAST WEEK

Last week end, a real estate transaction was consummated whereby Mr. and Mrs. M. Demarast, of Yakima, Wash., purchased the entire holdings of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Balzke, owners of the Waldo Motel at O'Brien.

The new owners took immediate possession and are now operating the motel and store. Mr. and Mrs. Balzke are now domiciled at the Lone Mt. Valley resort, and will make this their future home for some time to come.

The transaction included the grocery store, the gasoline pumps and all the cabins belonging to the property.

Happy Camp May Get New Electric Line

New activity in the mining industry and development of government building, together with a natural increase in population, has raised this sleepy, picturesque village into a beehive of activity in the past few months.

Many problems which heretofore never presented themselves for consideration are now in the forefront, with Chamber of Commerce backing.

One of the most frequently discussed and most needed is the extension of adequate electric power facilities to Happy Camp and vicinity.

California Oregon Power Company representatives recently discussed this matter with M. A. Crabtree, engineer in charge of the government housing project which is nearing completion.

As a result a new survey is being made to determine actual power requirements. The housing project, according to Mr. Crabtree is designed for a fifty thousand kilowatt hour requirement.

Other actual and potential consumers already on the spot include the following: Six store buildings, 3 garages, barber shop, bake shop, 5 rooming houses, 2 hotels, motion picture house, ice plant, 2 schools, 2 churches, 6 cabins and hotel at the camp grounds, 3 apartment houses, Forest Service station with 12 buildings, large dance hall, 2 dairies, oil distribution plant, between 175 and 200 large and small houses, post office, miscellaneous buildings, warehouses, etc.

This new survey has brought to light some interesting facts.

While the local population, scattered as it is, is hard to count, merchants estimate there are between 1,500 and 2,000 persons who shop and trade in Happy Camp. Post office figures show over 800 people get their mail in Happy Camp, and this does not include the many others served by rural delivery. With these figures including only the heads of families it is reasonable to assume that Happy Camp and vicinity embraces a population of several thousand persons.

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OFF TO LEGION STATE CONVENTION

Les Henry, commander of the American Legion Post No. 70, accompanied by Elwood Hussey, Mrs. Mildred Taylor, president of the Ladies Auxiliary, and Mrs. Millie Trefethen, and Mrs. Marie White, left Tuesday morning in Elwood Hussey's automobile for Baker, Oregon where the state convention of the American Legion will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets the same dates. Those leaving were all delegates to the convention except Mrs. White who was taking the trip as an alternate delegate.

Principal speakers will be Governor Earl Snell and Roane Waring, of Memphis, Tenn., national commander.

A joint memorial service will be held Friday.

The party expects to return home Sunday night.

WHAT THE LEGION AUXILIARY IS DOING

A group of Auxiliary and Legion members surprised Mrs. Mary E. White at her home in Takilma last Sunday afternoon, the occasion being to celebrate her birthday which had occurred on the previous day. A long table was laid, the center piece being a beautiful cake inscribed "Happy Birthday, Aunt Mary". A gift, a handsome purse, was laid at Aunt Mary's place. Later the group enjoyed looking over old pictures and hearing of old times. It was a pleasant afternoon and all were sorry when the time came for returning home.