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Eastern Stars Elect New Officers

Mrs. Myrtle Larsen was elected worthy matron and A. C. Barnes was elected worthy patron of Western Star Chapter No. 64, O. E. S., at the Masonic hall in Kerby Tuesday evening. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Freida Messenger, associate matron; Olaf C. Larsen, associate patron; Mrs. Helen Ulrich, conductress; Mrs. Mabel Darger, associate conductress; Mrs. Blanche Robinson, secretary and Mrs. Jessie Leonard, treasurer. Appointive officers will be announced later.

After the business meeting a very interesting and humorous program was presented with Chapter members participating in recitations, duets, dialogue and skit in a "back to school days" background, under the very efficient supervision of Mrs. Harry R. Floyd as school marm. For their talented and accomplished efforts Mrs. Santa Claus (Mrs. Lew Hammer) was ushered in and distributed bags of nuts and candies to the pupils and visitors.

Program was as follows:
Recitation—Sue Martin.
Reading—Ruth Wendt.
Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars—Olaf Larsen.

Duet, Jingle Bells—Jessie Leonard and Anna Athey.
Skit, "Santa and Uncle Sam"—Effie Smith and Francis Smith.

Recitation—"I Am Four Years Old" was given by a very, very determined Blanche Robinson.

Then all adjourned to the banquet room where pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee were served by the refreshment committee, Mrs. Jessie Leonard and Mrs. M. C. Athey assisted by Mrs. Floyd. The Christmas spirit filled the atmosphere. The table beautifully decorated with gay colored ornaments, candles, frosted cones and Santas, adding much to the festive occasion.

Installation of Eastern Star officers and Masonic officers will be held next Monday, December 27. The St. John's day dinner will be served promptly at 1 o'clock.

Masons to Attend Church In Body

Sunday, December 26th, all Masons in the valley are requested to go to church. This request comes from Grand Master Hobb, said M. C. Athey, master of Belt Lodge No. 18, and he hopes all Masons in the valley will comply with the request. It is the closest day to St. John Day, and that is the particular day for observing.

Rev. Gray has a special sermon prepared for this occasion, and the Masons are requested to gather outside the Cave Junction Community church and go in a body.

Services will start at 11 a. m., so you are requested to be on hand by that time.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, Dec. 25—Christmas.

Saturday, Jan. 1.—New Year.

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

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

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

KERBY HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By DONNIS SAUER

Last Friday evening the Freshman class held their party at the high school. The Freshmen and the invited guests enjoyed games and refreshments which were served by Alfreda Vahrenwald, Louise Mansfield, and Betty Kaufman. The Science room was decorated in Christmas fashion by Dena Jones, Carol Anderton and Sylvia Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Baird and Mrs. Welch were the chaperones.

Tuesday evening the Kerby High basketball team was again defeated by the Smoke Jumpers. Wesley Vahrenwald and Jack Sowell graduates of the Class of 1943, acted as referees.

Miss Ruth Ganiere visited school Wednesday to give the Home Economics Class a talk on Contagious and Infectious Diseases. She covered both the symptoms and immunizations on these. This was Miss Ganiere's last talk in Josephine county for sometime as she has been transferred to Multnomah county.

Thursday morning the Sophomore class put on a program in the English room. After the program, to which the entire Student Body was invited, all of the classes joined together singing Christmas carols.

Thursday afternoon the annual Christmas program and gift exchange was held in the Science room. A short skit was given by the Seniors, "The Three Christmas Bouquets." Characters: Barbara, Yvonne Payne; Aunt Mary, Alice Smith; Katie, Donnis Sauer; Tom, Lee Hassler; Dick, Glenn Halm; Harry, David Hanna. After the play Grace Iverson and Sylvia Wilson sang a Christmas song and this was followed by a "Christmas Carol Pageant." The reading in the pageant was done by Charlene Miller. After the gift exchange the school was dismissed for the Christmas vacation and the students will not return to school until January 3, 1944.

NO 1944 STICKERS NO GASOLINE

Pointing out the fact that certificate of motor vehicle registration are needed to obtain gasoline and tire rationing coupons, Secretary of State Bob Farrell today reminded motorists to apply early in order to assure prompt processing of their 1944 vehicle registration applications.

"Without proper vehicle registration certificates, gasoline ration books and tire certificates cannot be obtained," Farrell said. "For that reason alone, Oregon motorists will want their 1944 registrations in order from the first of the year."

"However, owners who send their applications to the motor vehicle division late in December, may have to wait until after the first of the year for their registration certificates and windshield stickers. Inability to obtain adequate help for processing applications and the mail congestion during the holiday period will cause this delay."

The 1944 registration stickers now are being mailed out to Oregon applicants and they may be attached any time after Dec. 15. The old 1943 stickers must be removed when the new ones are attached. The stickers validate the 1942 license plates which must be retained on the vehicle.

There is Hope

OUR OWN community, like the rest of the world, has been shaken by the thunder of guns. This thunder echoes in our ears as we once more celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace.

Yet this newspaper sees no irony in the scars of war and the message of hope that is Christmas.

For it is the everlasting hope of Christmas that makes it such a vital force in our lives. That hope is one of a never ending period of "Peace on Earth"

While it is true that the columns of this paper since last Christmas have been dominated by the effects of the war lords on our normal way of living—we know that the peace-loving "little" men of goodwill far outnumber the evil.

These "little" people are the citizens of this community and other communities like it. And it was for these same "little" people that Christ came into this world 1943 years ago.

So Christmas belongs to them and not to those who plunge the world into darkness.

Let this true spirit of Christmas dominate your thinking and you can say to all your friends as we now say to you—

A Merry Christmas

Great Show Coming This Week End

Fibber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, with a host of other notables are coming to Cave Junction Saturday and Sunday at the Cave City theater for their Christmas offering, and what a show.

From start to finish Fibber and Molly with Charlie McCarthy thrown in for good measure keep the audience in an uproar for the entire length of the famous comedy, "Here We Go Again."

During the performance, Edgar Bergen, (who in reality is Charlie McCarthy) makes a totem pole talk that is rated tops. Many of the valley fans have seen this picture and say it is one of the best they have seen.

Who is there among us who does not like to see and hear a good ventriloquist? Edgar Bergen is rated the best in the world, and this is taking in a whole lot of territory, but nevertheless he has this reputation, for his Charlie McCarthy has made the whole world laugh more than any other performer. Bergen with Charlie is a riot.

And then Fibber McGee and Molly work overtime making the evening a hilarious one for all who see this remarkable picture. Most all of us are familiar with Fibber and Molly on the radio. Well, the radio is tame compared to "Here We Go Again."

The theater is going to be crowded both Saturday and Sunday evenings, even though it is Christmas, for a lot of us will want to go some place after that Christmas dinner, and this show is just the place to laugh off a hearty meal. We'll be seeing you!

BUY MORE WAR BONDS

Post-War Program Heard at Yreka Mining Council Meet

Western Mining Council took on some of the 49th state spirit last week end when it met at Yreka Inn with J. B. Hall in charge.

Captain J. D. Hubbard, California's representative in the congressional survey of western iron deposits, brought a message from Governor Warren concerning his post-war program including decentralization of the steel business, establishment of plants in the west and the reopening of the gold mines.

As an aid to gold mining, information on the formation and operation of a placer mining district under the California law passed in 1933, was sought. Steve S. Green of the Klamath River association, named six hydraulic properties in the Happy Camp area that could form a district, totalling 10 million yards of 20c to 35c gravel. He said there are two other possible districts on Elk Creek and Thompson Creek.

The Council's request for an amendment to the Scrubham stockpile bill, which would allow operators who could supply ore of the proper specifications to participate in the program, was discussed. The bill in its present form would restrict delivery of ore to those who operated during the war.

A. B. CORNELL DIES OF HEART ATTACK

A. B. Cornell, prominent Grants Pass insurance man, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Grants Pass last Sunday evening. He is survived by his wife, Mary; a son, Carroll M., of the Cornell Fender Works and a daughter, Mrs. H. Loeff of Los Angeles. A brother and two grand-children also survive. Mr. and Mrs. Cornell were well known in the valley.

Funeral services were in charge of the L. B. Hall Funeral home.

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Spies and children, Jeanie and Tommy left for Eugene Wednesday where they will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

Dave Webb of Kerby and son George of Loomis, Calif., were on business in Grants Pass Saturday. In the afternoon they made a trip to Patrick's Creek to inspect their cinnabar and chrome holdings. George returned to his home in California, Monday, after spending several days visiting his father and Mrs. Webb.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernard Lackey and son Donald and sister Betty Lackey came this week from Sacramento, where they have been for several months. They are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Laskey, and other relatives. Vernard has been called to army service and will leave in January.

Employees of the Puget Timber Company are all wearing big smiles this week in anticipation of the big turkey dinner they will have on Christmas day. The turkeys are gifts of the company.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Schwarzer accompanied Mrs. J. H. Wittrock on her return from Tempe, Ariz. They arrived Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Schwarzer were spending the winter in Arizona. Their home is near Paulina, Oregon, where they have a large ranch. They have been friends of the Wittrocks the past two winters when both families were neighbors at Tempe.

Miss Mable Wittrock arrived in Kerby Monday to attend the funeral services of her father, J. H. Wittrock. Mable is employed in civil service in Portland and will return Sunday.

Ken Morrison writes from Alameda, California where he is with the Navy flying corps and has been doing a lot of flying the past month. On December 1st, he became 2nd class petty officer and was assigned to the flight crew, as flight engineer. He may get home for New Years.

Ken went into the Navy just a year ago and after being at San Diego a few weeks was sent to Norman, Oklahoma, for three months training, then to La Guardia field, New York. In September he was sent to Naval Air station in Alameda, California.

Ken is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrison of Takilma, and a graduate of Kerby high school.

Valley Ranch Gets Aberdeen Angus Cattle

Seven head of registered Aberdeen Angus cattle arrived by truck from Los Angeles this week, five yearling heifers and a bull for the J. H. Pomeroy Deer Creek ranch, and one bull for the John L. Wade ranch near Kerby. The cattle are from the Woodlawn Farm, Creston, Ill., and were shown at the Ogden, Utah and Los Angeles stock shows. "They are the finest animals I have ever seen," T. W. Kennedy, manager of the Pomeroy ranch said Thursday.

Another 31 registered animals are expected to arrive by train in the near future from Edmonton, Canada, for the Pomeroy ranch, the manager stated. The Pomeroy ranch will have 65 registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, one of the finest herds in the state, it was reported.

State Guard Dance Was Huge Success

Company A, 18th Battalion, Oregon State Guard, held their annual Christmas party and dance last Saturday, Dec. 18. From the great number of complimentary remarks, it ranked as one of the best ever held in this community.

Over one hundred and fifty children were presented with a generous bag consisting of oranges, nuts, cracker jack and candy. A number of prizes were given to the kiddies. At 9:45 p. m. the dancing began to the tune of Sgt. Freeman's orchestra. Corporal (Happy) Douglas done a grand job tootin' his tooter. Sgt. B. Miller walked away with the door prize, a beautiful wool blanket. Sgt. W. Doney and Pvt. A. Kellert were detailed as M. P.s, but due to an exceptionally happy and orderly crowd had very few duties to perform during the evening. Including the children over 400 persons were present during the evening. A detail of 23 guardsmen turned out Thursday evening to decorate the hall for the occasion and did a grand job. The hall was decorated with evergreens and red and green crepe paper trimming including two snowy Christmas trees.

Sgt. C. Tucker was in charge of supper ticket sales and needless to say he done a good job. 150 people were served chicken supper and a numbers had only cake and coffee as the canteen ran out of food and Sgt. Tucker with the help of other guardsmen spent the rest of the evening trying to contact people who had bought supper tickets who were not served, in order to refund their money.

The net income of the dance, after paying expenses and government tax will amount to approximately \$175.

The officers and men of Co. A feel that the local American Legion Post No. 70 have been more than generous in donating the use of their building for community affairs, and for a home for the State Guard Unit, therefore they have decided to equally divide the profits of this dance with the Legion so that they may use it toward making the repairs the building so badly needs. Captain Baumberger wishes to thank the public and Company A for making this the successful event that it was.

S. D. A. CHURCH TO SING CAROLS

Christmas carols will be sung at the Seventh Day Advent church early next Sunday morning at 8 o'clock sharp.

The church cordially invites all the residents of the valley to join in singing Christmas carols.

Miss Lois and Howard Taylor, accompanied by Miss Jewell Miller of Long Beach, Calif., arrived early Thursday morning to spend the holidays with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. William and Shirley, accompanied by Mrs. Delbert O'Brien and daughter, Patsy, were in Grants Pass last Saturday transacting business. They also visited Mrs. Emma Trefethen who is confined in the Josephine General hospital.

The growth of new wood in American forests is equivalent to approximately 1,000 board feet per second.