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Esterly Mine Purchased Last Week

A large mining deal that has been pending for months, was closed last week when R. F. Oliphant and associates purchased the famous Esterly mine at the old Waldo mining town.

The Esterly mine was noted as one of the biggest producers in the state for hydraulic operations, and until a couple of years ago, has been in production for many years. The mine was owned by G. W. Hale of Chicago.

This mine, which is rich in gold and platinum, mined half the platinum produced in the United States a few years back, and has always been a big producer of this precious metal.

We have been informed that Mr. Oliphant and his associates will resume operations as soon as arrangements can be made. Mr. Oliphant will take charge perhaps this week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Babcock have been in charge of the mine since it has been closed down. They will move to Brookings where they have become interested in the lily bulb business, and will make their future home at the coast city.

The Esterly mine is composed of some 2,000 acres and the old residence on the property has been one of the show places in the valley since its construction.

NEWS FROM OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

A BOMBER COMMAND BASE, SOMEWHERE IN INDIA—Promotion of Cpl. Jefferson I. Warfield to the grade of sergeant has been announced at the headquarters of a XX Bomber Command squadron with which he is serving at this base in India.

Sergeant Warfield, a bombsight mechanic, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence K. Warfield of Ye Rustic Inn, Cave Junction, Oregon. Previous to entering the army Sergeant Warfield was employed as an expeditor by the Douglas Aircraft company.

Mr. and Mrs. Warfield have recently purchased Ye Rustic Inn where they wanted a home for their children to come back to. They have two boys of their own and two son-in-laws in the service. One son-in-law was killed in the battle of Midway.

Babcocks Given Farewell Dinner Party

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Babcock who have made the Esterly mine their home for the past four years, and are leaving soon for Brookings to reside permanently were honored with a farewell dinner Tuesday evening with about 30 guests present.

Instead of an outdoor picnic as planned, weather not permitting, card tables were attractively set around the very spacious living room and a sumptuous buffet-style dinner was served at 7 o'clock, followed by a social hour, cards and games.

A lovely gift was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Babcock by Mrs. Harry O. Smith on behalf of all those present.

COMING EVENTS

Community Church Missionary group, third Thursday of the month.

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

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

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

Illinois Valley Garden club meets the fourth Friday of each month. Belt Lodge, A. F. & A. M. meets fourth Saturday each month.

New Policy At Cave City Theater

Bernard Roberts, owner of the Cave City theater, and E. Y. Taylor, resident manager, make an announcement this week that will bring much pleasure to the theater going public in the valley. Beginning next week the theater will show pictures every Wednesday and Thursday as well as Saturday and Sunday nights.

Saturday and Sunday

For this week end, the feature picture is "Thousands Cheer," with nearly all of MGM's stars in the picture. They include Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly, Mary Astor, John Boles, Mickey Rooney, Judy Garland, Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell, Ann Sothern, Lucille Ball, and all the other top notches belonging to this popular studio. And that isn't all, three great bands are appearing in the picture, Kay Kyser, Bob Crosby and Benny Carter's bands have considerable to do about amusing the picture loving public, and MGM's famous dancing girls are another feature.

Walter Winchell in New York says of the picture, "It's so good the sponsors must regret not naming it 'Millions Cheer'." It must be good when Winchell speaks out.

Wednesday and Thursday, August 9th and 10th

The big feature for the middle of the week is "Claudia," hailed as one of the year's classics.

Laughable, lovable Claudia, the young wife whose domestic ups and downs delighted Broadway audiences for two years, is brought to the screen by 20th Century-Fox under the original title of "Claudia" in the person of Dorothy McGuire, who portrayed the heroine on the stage. The film also features Robert Young as David, Claudia's husband, and Ina Claire as Mrs. Brown, Claudia's mother.

Claudia is the young wife who lives with her husband in a rambling Connecticut farm house. Her sense of budget is sublime—and the general ease with which she meets domestic difficulties by simply ignoring them has become as classic as a June bride. Claudia is the American girl—the girl who saunters about her home in low-heeled shoes, girlish dresses and collegiate cardigans.

"Claudia," the stage show ran in New York for three years, and Dorothy McGuire played the leading role with the stage show. Critics say the picture is better than the stage show.

Grange Held Big Picnic Last Sunday

Last Sunday was an ideal day for a picnic, and the members of the Illinois Valley Grange and their friends gathered at the Forest Service's Grayback recreational park for a potluck dinner and a day of outing and pleasure.

The gathering was only planned since the last Grange meeting held July 31st, but for a quick planned gathering, it was one of the most enjoyable and well handled picnic for some time.

Clarence Sawyer, master of the Grange and his committee did a remarkably fine job of it, and some 250 residents gathered at the camp to enjoy the afternoon.

When lunch was finished, some games were enjoyed, horseshoe pitching being one of the favorites. Some played cards and others just visited and had a good time chatting with their neighbors.

The Grange can be highly complimented on the success of the picnic and the weather man was indeed kind to give the picnickers such a remarkable fine day. More of these kind of picnics and get-togethers should be given this summer. They are morale builders and are greatly enjoyed by those who attend.

Robert N. White, SK/3c, arrived home on a furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh White of the Forest Ranger station.

Miners To Hold Meet Saturday

Saturday evening, August 5th, the miners of the valley are asked to attend a large mass meeting held for their special purpose by the Siskiyou Minerals association.

Every miner in the valley who reads this article should communicate with every miner they know and try to get them to attend the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to acquaint the miners with what is being done for them by the association.

The association has been highly complimented by other organizations for the results they have already attained for the mining industry in Southern Oregon and also Northern California. They have had several letters from others asking what they can do to further the work being done by the Siskiyou Minerals association.

The miners of this section should hear all this from the officers of the association and other important announcements that will be made. The miners of the valley are also going to be asked to elect their own member to the board of directors of the Siskiyou Minerals association. Each district is going to have a representation on the board, and the officers of the association will ask the miners who attend the meeting Saturday to elect their own man for this position.

The above is only a smattering of the important things which will be discussed at the meeting, which MUST start on time, 8 o'clock, at the American Legion hall in Cave Junction, so the meeting will be over by the time the dance starts. Get there by eight bells and help yourself by helping the association.

LEW HAMMER SELLS GROCERY

One of the surprises of the year to old time valley residents was the announcement this week that Mr. and Mrs. Lew Hammer had sold their pioneer grocery store at Selma. Mr. and Mrs. Hammer have operated this store for many years and Mr. Hammer drove a truck down the Illinois river once a week for a long time supplying miners and others who could not come to Selma to trade.

Mr. Hammer gained a lot of publicity and recognition for services he gave those down the river who were unable to make the trip to his store, carrying provisions and taking their mail to them. The miners will never forget what Lew has done for them, and they will miss him and his pleasant smile and affable personality.

The new owners are Mr. and Mrs. James Champion of South Gate, Calif., and they also have Mrs. Champion's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Kemp. The new owners took charge this week and will reside temporarily in the building next door to the grocery store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hammer did not sell their residence, and will remain in Selma. Mrs. Hammer will take a good rest, but we are of the opinion Lew will take some time off to fish and hunt, but he won't be able to take it very long, just resting. He'll have something to do even if he has to go to his chrome mine.

Selma residents will greatly miss the Hammers who were respected and liked about as much as anyone in the valley.

ANOTHER DANCE SATURDAY AT LEGION HALL

The dances given by the American Legion have become so popular and well attended they have scheduled another one for this coming Saturday night, August 5th. The Swingsters orchestra will furnish the music and good eats will again be served by the Ladies Auxiliary.

—BUY WAR BONDS—

Garden Club Calendar Planned

The July meeting of the Illinois Valley Garden club was held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry O. Smith on Caves highway, with assisting hostesses Mrs. C. G. Morris, Mrs. John W. Smith, Mrs. Sam Bunch and Mrs. Mattie Seyferth.

Members turned out in full force with two guests present, Mrs. Edith Kuhns of the "Little Garden Club" of Portland, a house guest of Mrs. J. J. Villair, and Mrs. Forrest Dunham of O'Brien, near the State Line.

Garden Calendar was ably presented by Mrs. L. W. Monroe.

Mrs. Chris Wendt was installed in her new position as secretary. About the rooms were greatly admired white glads with deep red centers in huge containers, and assorted phlox and glads.

Refreshments of punch and dainty cakes were served from tables centered with an arrangement of glads, very effective against the lovely lace covered cloth with crystal service.

Concluding the afternoon program guests made a tour of the garden to view the colorful perennial border.

The new programs for the coming year will be ready for distribution this month and some very interesting meetings are planned for the club.

Couple United In Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Martin announced the marriage of their daughter, Janet Elaine to Private James H. Coan of the USA on July 18th. The double ring ceremony was performed by the Rev. Leslie Harney, uncle of the groom in the Federated Community church in Carson City, Nevada.

The bride wore a blue suit with black accessories and corsage of red roses and gardenias. Her only attendant was Mrs. Jeanette Phillips, of Reno, sister of the groom.

An informal reception at the parsonage followed the ceremony. After a short honeymoon Mr. Coan returned to his post in North Carolina. Mrs. Coan is employed in Oakland and will continue to reside at the Blue Triangle club for the duration. The marriage is the culmination of a romance begun last year when the couple were students at OSC in Corvallis.

Rooters Club Well Attended

Thursday, July 24th, the Illinois Valley 4-H Rooters club held their regular meeting with all members present. The meeting was held at 8 o'clock in the Illinois Valley Grange hall at Bridgeview.

Roll call was answered by each member telling some interesting things they had learned about the raising of pigs. Discussions and games were enjoyed during the evening.

John Williams is the leader of this young pig club, and from the interest manifested by the youngsters who comprise the membership, this club promises to be one of the real live wires in the county.

Monday, August 7th is the date for the next meeting in the same place and same hour. Members are requested to bring a new member, and visitors and parents are cordially invited.

CHARLENE WALTON,
President.

Mrs. Harriet Quinby and Mrs. Grace Gordon, returned from several days spent in Grants Pass on business. Last Tuesday they purchased a seven room modern house and expect to take possession of their new home about Sept. 1. They are now living in the building formerly occupied by the Variety store.

Airplane Crash Kills Pilot; Machine Burns

Kerby News Notes of General Interest

BY ADAH JONES

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McLean had as guest over the week end, their nephew Donald Sparks of Ohio. Donald is in the service and is taking special training at Oregon State College.

Mrs. Hollis Anderton and son Jimmie returned to Klamath Falls Tuesday after spending several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Anderton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dessinger and also with her daughter Carol who has been making her home with her grandparents.

Clay Ramsey received a painful cut on his leg just above the knee Monday, while falling timber for the Puget company. This happened the first day he had been able to work for several days.

"Our Gang" 4-H cooking club held a meeting and picnic at the home of Dena Jones on Monday. This club was carried on during the spring months of school under the leadership of Dena Jones and Grace Baird. Eva Mae Kessell, assistant county demonstration agent was present to help the girls finish their record books. Present were Roxa Lee Caza, Lorraine and Barbara Howell, Marian Starks, Dena Jones and Miss Kessell.

Miss Dorothy Thrasher of Grants Pass is spending the week with her father, George Thrasher, who is now living at the former Anna Wittrock home.

Mrs. Jack Brady of Grants Pass

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Jumpers Get Thrill In Big Plane

The past week saw the smoke jumpers in action on five forest fires, three on the Siskiyou, one on the Klamath, and one on the Umpqua National Forest. The fires were held to a total of less than two acres.

The highlight of the jumping occurred Monday when an air transport plane operating from the Marine base at Corvallis landed at the Illinois Valley airport, picked up five jumpers, jumped two men near Tannen mountain and three men in a remote portion of the Umpqua national forest. This was the first time that an airplane of the DC-3 class has landed at the local airport. This plane is a two-motored ship and is the type of plane that carries paratroopers and has a capacity of some 28 persons. It is the largest plane that has ever landed on the local airport.

The ship had eight Marines aboard when she landed and on leaving had an additional five smoke jumpers. When the smoke jumpers left the ship, it proceeded to its base near Corvallis.

Thus far parachute jumping to fires is proving itself very well. A total of 85 individual jumps, practice and fire, have been made locally this year with but one injury sustained and the injured man is back in shape and jumping.

With the S&M Flying Service airplane operating off the local field considerable fire reconnaissance has been made in this area. The plane carries a full complement of jumpers who will jump to fires when and where they are found. Newspapers have been dropped to Pearsoll peak, Canyon peak, Chetco peak, Bolan mountain and Lake mountain with 100 per cent recovery, thus proving the feasibility of supplying remote stations by air.

The first accident that has ever happened at the Forest Service's Illinois Valley airport, struck the valley residents with surprise and sorrow last Wednesday afternoon, when the airplane that has been used for the Smoke Jumpers crashed with the pilot Fred Frank at the controls and when the plane hit the ground it burst into flames and was completely destroyed, killing the pilot instantly.

The accident happened about 2:55 p. m. The plane had been grounded for repairs and appeared to be in good condition. A crew of three Smoke Jumpers with Jack Heintzelman, crew manager, and the pilot started for a fire in the early afternoon. The plane was about 30 feet off the ground when the engine stopped and the pilot pancaked easily to the ground and the crew got out of the plane.

Heintzelman asked that the pilot make a test run before the crew went back into the plane. It was on this test run that the accident happened. The plane rose to about 200 or 250 feet when the engine stopped again, throwing the plane into a stall to the left and it crashed west of the airport.

When the plane struck and immediately burst into flames, there wasn't anything the crew could do but look on, and it made them sick to know they were helpless.

The plane was a private one belonging to the S. & M. Flying Service, and Fred Frank was a partner in the company and was under contract to furnish planes for the Forest Service.

Baby Fawn Caught In Mowing Machine

Mrs. John Williams brought into our office a very young fawn that got in the way of a mowing machine last week and the machine caught one of the fawn's front feet and cut some tendons.

John Williams, who was running the machine, quickly stopped the machine and took the youngster to the house and it was brought to Dr. Collman who made a splint for the animal and now it is doing fine and walks around begging for something to eat. It is the prettiest young fawn we have seen for a long time, and is now a regular house pet.

We visited the Esagar place (the former McCann ranch and we noticed there wasn't an animal on the place that would run away from you. We remarked about this, and we were informed that all the animals were pets, even the high priced full blooded boar was gentle and like to have his ears scratched.

No wonder the young fawn quickly became a household pet, and it now roams around like any household cat or dog. Esagar and Williams run the ranch. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of the Esgars.

LEGION TAKES IN SIX NEW MEMBERS

Wednesday night at their regular meeting Glenn Morrison Post No. 70, American Legion took in six new members, Owen Maddox, Cecil Fessler, Jim Griffin, Gilbert Walsh, Gordon Leonard and Herbert Falkenhym.

The members voted to repair the roof and Ralph Baumberger, chairman of the committee on the repairs was instructed to get the necessary material for the job.

All members at the meeting agreed to be on hand at 8 a. m. Sunday, August 20 to help do the work. It was suggested that all members of Post No. 70 be notified and requested to be there at that time and date so the roof might be repaired before the fall rains start.

A motion to build a locker room to store the colors and papers of the Legion was voted down until the roof was fixed. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 16 and all members are requested to be present.