

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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BOYS: WANT TO START SCOUT TROOP? LOOKY

Ralph Huber and George Morey sent out a call this week to all boys in the Illinois Valley interested in starting a Boy Scout troop here, to meet with them in the Auxiliary rooms of the American Legion hall at 7:30 p. m. Monday, January 6.

The troop, under Morey and Huber, will be sponsored by the Glenn Morrison Post, American Legion. Both Morey and Huber have had considerable experience in scouting, and are anxious to have a first class troop in the Valley.

Initiation fee for new Scouts is 50 cents, and, it was pointed out, dues will be negligible.

Both the Senior and Junior Chambers of Commerce have pledged support to the Legion in sponsoring a troop, and the leaders have promised to outline a full and active Scouting program to make the activity attractive to eligible youngsters.

OPTIMISM SEEN FOR 1947 BY CAL-ORE. POWER

Prediction that the southern Oregon-northern California area served by the California Oregon Power Company will see substantial population growth and increased economic activity in 1947 was voiced today by A. S. Cummins, president of the company. This optimistic view is based upon the record of the past year, which covered the first full year of reconversion from war to peacetime economy.

The lumber industry accounted for a major portion of increased business during the past year, Cummins said, although a marked improvement has also been apparent in agriculture, mining and general business. Like many other concerns, COPCO has been faced with material and manpower shortages which have made it impossible for the company to fully meet fast growing demands for electric service.

Prediction of future growth and prosperity of this area was also based upon a widespread interest throughout the United States in Oregon which, from a physical viewpoint, is one of the last frontiers. Polls conducted in other sections of the nation and analysis of new population here clearly (Please turn to last page—)

LOCALS

By EDITH FARLIEN

BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout enrollment night will be Monday, January 6 at 7:30 p. m. at the American Legion hall. Let's make a good showing, boys!

HAROLD SICK

Ranger Harold Bowerman has been on the sick list for the past week. So glad you're better, Harold.

XMAS WITH MOREYS

Arthur Frost, brother of Mrs. George Morey, spent Christmas at the Redwood Ranger station.

HURT IN ACCIDENT

First aid was given to little Barbara Jean Stevenson at the Redwood Ranger station Sunday for a deep cut on the face sustained in an auto accident. She was then taken to the hospital by Winston Tuttle, where surgery was performed. Hope you'll be okay, little lady!

FETE BRIDE & GROOM

Henry and Ethel Webb gave a lovely dinner party at Sam Miller's Camp Muir for daughter Lois and hubby Bob. Of course there had to be a bee-oo-tiful wedding cake to honor the kids. Just ask Sam and Jiggs how delicious the cake was.

Installation St. John's Day By Masons

Members and guests of Belt Lodge No. 18, AF&AM, assembled Friday, December 27 at the Kerby Masonic hall to honor the annual St. John's Day with a banquet and the installation of officers elected for 1947.

Freeling Sawyer, as installing officer, conducted the ceremony, which included the installation of Arthur Kellert as worshipful master, Scott Turner, senior warden; Claude Masters, junior warden; A. C. Barnes, secretary; George Morey, senior deacon; Kenneth Robinson, junior deacon; Phil Sawyer, junior steward and Lucius Robinson, chaplain.

Kellert installed Freeling Sawyer as treasurer. Installation of two absentees, Hal Moore as senior steward and Bill George, tyler, will be conducted at a later date.

The ceremony was followed by a turkey dinner with all the trimmings, prepared by Mrs. Clay Ramsey.

COMMUNITY CHURCH YOUTH ELECTS NEW LEADERS FOR 1947

The young people of the Cave Junction Community Church met Sunday night, December 29 to install the newly elected officers for the group, under the sponsorship of Mrs. Sherier.

The new officers are Diane Morey, president; John Smith, vice president; Paul Sherier, secretary-treasurer; Margaret Smith, song leader; Joy Lee, pianist.

The Sunday School attendance Sunday morning was below normal, owing to the large number of sick folks in the community, also to the absence of many of teachers and pupils off on Christmas holidays. Among those out of the Valley were Mr. and Mrs. Art Dews, who were in Portland; the Cross family in Idaho; the Nicholsons in Nebraska; the Pickett family in Whittier, California and the Welch's not yet returned from Texas.

Theme for Rev. Gray's sermon for the morning was "A Backward Look, Taking Inventory of Profits and Losses," based on Phil. 3:13, and among other things noted were the increase in numbers, converts, gifts, larger equipment and above all, the deepening of spiritual interests.

The Christmas logs, with red candles, which added to the Christmas program were the work of Mrs. Harry Mills, who spent several days making them.

The sermon for next Sunday, January 5, will be "A Forward Look," with the setting of new goals for the New Year. The Holy Communion will be administered.

NEVER CAN TELL

George Allen received first aid on Christmas Day for a cut right between the eyes. George Morey gave first aid, but what we would like to know is what caused the cut—huh, George?

THE OLD ARMY GAME

Cornet Brown left for Los Angeles and points south. He will attend a reunion of his buddies of the 11th Airborne division in L. A. on New Years Day . . . Careful, brother!

BACK TO DUTY

Bob and Lois White left Cave Junction December 26 for San Diego where Bob reports back for duty in the Navy. If the housing shortage is not too extreme Lois will remain until hubby is discharged. Yood luck, kids!

HOME FOR XMAS

The Frank Hamiltons had their daughter Celeste and hubby Eston Lough down for the holidays. They hail from Prineville. Sure, Ken, we all know she is your sis.

It's Up To You Now, Kid

Comes again the time of year when the little fellow with the three-cornered britches comes along and kicks the living daylight out of the old gent with the beard and the hour glass.

Usually, when the little fellow appears, we are prepared to expect big things from him. Every year, we hope he will mark an epoch of some kind. We want him to bring the beginning of a great new age; we want him to show us the ending of an old one. Of one thing, we can be sure—the little fellow CAN make real history before he grows his long beard and has to make way for another about his size.

So, with his permission, let us send the following New Year greetings to these people:

THE 80TH CONGRESS: In the hope that the swing back to the Republican side will bring an end to willy-nilly bureaucracy, and full production will be accomplished by an end to government strangulation.

JOHN L. LEWIS: Oh, come on, John, grow up.

THE CAVE JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL: This should be a great year. Choose the right path, then stay on it and go straight ahead.

HARRY TRUMAN: If you're going to leap, take a good look first.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MANUFACTURERS: The hope that you finally discover that you aren't kidding anybody, and stop passing all the buck to the unions and the government. Wash your own face first.

MOLOTOV AND JIMMY BYRNES: The world will be watching and waiting this year; with the proper judgment and understanding on the part of both of you, the future peace of the world will necessarily be founded. Use your heads.

AND TO EVERYONE: Let us wish not only a happy and prosperous New Year, but let us vest ourselves with our share of the responsibilities in making our community a little better by our having lived in it.

The little fellow will grow up fast, having shouldered the burden carried by the old man he has so unceremoniously kicked off the deep end. May he carry it well, and may his disposal of the burden be long remembered as wise and just to all men.

TAKILMA Newsies

By MRS. L. G. ALLER

CHRISTMAS UP NORTH

Al Hobart, of the Upper Illinois River, and his mother, Mrs. Dora Smith, drove to Rochester, Washington to spend Christmas with Mrs. Smith's granddaughters and their families. Our old friend Bert Hobart was there too.

MORE CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brewold and daughter Lois spent Christmas Day on the ranch at Hillsboro. Ernie went along, but says he did his merry-making in Portland.

EVENING WITH FRIENDS

Louis and Ax Aller spent a pleasant evening Tuesday evening with some new friends, Sugar & Pat and Ruth & Jack, the new owners of the Redwood Cafe near Wonder. Ruth and Jack Wilson are just out from Chicago and think our mild winter is swell.

XMAS WITH SISTER

"Tune" Johnston is in Alturas, California spending the holidays with her sister.

SHARE BAIRD'S BIRD

The McLeans of Kerby ate Christmas turkey with their daughter, Faye Baird and her family, big Chuck, little Chuch and Phyllis.

VFW AUXILIARY HAS KEY TO MYSTERY 655

The ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary are anxious to clear up a mysterious Number 655, whom they speak with guarded tongues in connection with their Treasure Chest.

So, if you know anything of the mystery number, get in touch with the Auxiliary; they hold the key to the secret.

JayCee Meet Monday At Woodland Inn

The next meeting of the Illinois Valley Junior Chamber of Commerce is scheduled for next Monday, January 6, at the Woodland Inn, it was announced this week. Meeting time, 7:30 p. m.

Heading the order of business will be plans for the first local observance of the annual JayCee Founders' Day banquet, to be held January 27.

VISIT PARENTS

Al and Ruth Williams spent Christmas with Ruth's foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lodwick, in Anacortes, Washington. We expect them home in time for work when Brewold's mill starts up again along about the first of the year.

First Home Basketball Friday Night

The Kerby High School basketball team will play host to the quintet from Jacksonville High in the first conference game of the season on the home court, Friday night, January 3.

The local five has taken the measure of Gold Hill and Prospect in their first two starts, and will be ready for their newest opponent when they gallop onto the floor.

Coach John "Ripsaw" Grahl has been polishing his gang this week in practice sessions and hopes to show Valley fans a well-oiled squad for this fray.

Lennis Johnson has spark plugged the team in the first two contests, ably assisted by Willis and Baird, playing a cool game at forward spots, and Smith and Dickerson constantly in the enemy's hair in the guard positions. Brewer and Maurer, at center and guard, have given good accounts of themselves in backing up the first-string outfit.

Grahl and his men are expecting a big local attendance for their first home appearance.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Jan. 3—Jacksonville, here
Jan. 4—Eagle Point, here
Jan. 7—Rogue River, there
Jan. 10—Talent, here
Jan. 17—Phoenix, here
Jan. 18—St. Mary's, there
Jan. 24—Butte Falls, here
SECOND HALF
Jan. 25—Prospect, here
Jan. 31—Gold Hill, here
Feb. 1—Jacksonville, there
Feb. 7—Eagle Point, there
Feb. 8—Talent, there
Feb. 14—Rogue River, here
Feb. 15—Phoenix, there
Feb. 21—St. Mary's, here
Feb. 22—Butte Falls, there.

Selma News

By AUNT HATTIE

VISITORS FROM CALIF.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wilson were visitors at the William Dobie home last week. The boys are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Pres Wilson, formerly of Selma, now of Greenfield, California.

XMAS WITH PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. James Brooks and daughter, of Langlois, spent Christmas with Mrs. Brooks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Buckles.

HOME FOR HOLIDAY

Arthur Wheeler, Mailman 3/c, Mare Island Naval base, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wheeler.

DOLORES HOME

Dolores Lockhart is spending the holidays at home here.

RETURNS FROM VISIT

Betty Meservey has returned from a month's visit with friend and relatives in Washington.

EARL KING HOME

Earl King, who has been away for several weeks in California, has returned home.

ABOUT THE FROSTS

Lester and Bob Frost left Monday for Yreka to bring back a truck load of feed. Ray Frost, who has been quite ill, is up and around again.

CHRISTMAS IN CALIF.

The Sheriffs have returned from southern California where they spent Christmas with relatives.

IN GRANTS PASS

Mr. and Mrs. Canfield were Grants Pass shoppers Saturday.

TO MOVE TO WASH.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Kelly have sold their home here and have purchased another in Everson, Washington, about 5 miles from the Canadian line, where they plan to move soon.

MRS. McBRIETY PASSES FRIDAY AT HOSPITAL

Mary Valen McBriety, 62, longtime resident of the Illinois Valley, died Friday, December 27, at 9 a. m. at the Josephine General hospital. Mrs. McBriety had made her residence at Takilma for the past 42 years, having been a resident of Oregon for 45 years.

She was the widow of Michael J. McBriety, who passed away April 4, 1946.

Born at Austerson, Sweden, May 28, 1884, Mrs. McBriety came to the United States at the age of 4, settling at Council Bluffs, Iowa. While she was still a child the family moved to Ashland, and then to the Illinois Valley in 1904.

Mrs. McBriety is survived by three daughters, Mrs. C. T. Owens of Gold Beach, Mrs. C. A. Hale of Kerby and Mrs. Wendell Webb of Cave Junction; two sons, Michael McBriety of Takilma and Carl McBriety of Cave Junction; three sisters, Mrs. C. D. Cameron of Grants Pass, Mrs. R. A. Ellis of Central, Colorado and Mrs. Fred Merrill of San Diego; and one brother, John Valen of Takilma.

Funeral services were held Sunday, December 29 at 2 p. m. at the Community Church in Cave Junction. The Reverend George Gray officiated. L. B. Hall Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Interment was in the Community Cemetery in Kerby.

Valley Gets Snow Saturday Night

Residents of the Illinois Valley who have been dreaming of a white Christmas may have been disappointed by the sunshine on the 25th, but may have some consolation in the fact that Santa Claus missed the snow by only three days.

The snowfall began early Saturday evening, and continued to fall lightly during the night. None, however, fell Sunday, and it melted quickly.

No serious mishaps due to the snow were reported.

In This Corner . . .

Although this has been a good year for old A. E., we aren't here to crow or moan about the past; the future must be taken care of.

The new year is always as good a time as any to take a look into the future and to decide what to do with it. We stick out no necks, and make no new resolutions; our old ones are still good.

We are under no illusions as to the part a newspaper plays in the life of a community. Large or small, it is just as much a servant of the public as the telephone and power companies, to name a couple. We are here not to dictate, but rather to convey information.

Our sole purpose in the life of the community is communicated in the masthead every week: "Published in the interests of the Illinois Valley and surrounding communities." Let that be a renewal of our original resolution.

Of course, we are in this business because we like it, and this is the way we have chosen to make our living; but this purpose is completely subordinated by our realization of our duty to the place in which we live. The interests of the majority of the citizens of this community will always take precedence in everything we undertake through this newspaper. That was our policy in 1946, and so will it be in 1947.

All we want to do is to give you a good newspaper. If we can make a living doing that, so much the better . . . Alter Ego.