

ORPHANS SHARE FOOD WITH OTHER CHILDREN

Mrs. Amy Burt of Bend Tells of Joyous New Years.

Mrs. Amy Burt, of Bend, has charge of eight hundred fifty boys in an American orphanage in Corfu, Greece. Last Christmas when these boys heard that native children were hungry they took their own pitifully meagre holiday allowance, added to it money earned by the older boys in picking olives, and invited one hundred children more unfortunate than themselves to a feast. The feast was to be a good square meal of beans and meat, delicacies unknown to their guests, with candy, figs and nuts in little bags, decorated with an American flag, as an extra treat. Paper chains, greens, a Christmas tree, Santa Claus on a camel were part of the scheme.

"The great day finally came," writes Mrs. Burt to J. J. Handsaker, of the Near East Relief, Portland, "and at half past ten the guests arrived, truly a pathetic group, ragged and thin and white faced. They were met by an equal number of the boys—two from each table—who took them by the hand and brought them to the gaily decorated hall. It was really touching to see the loving care with which the littlest ones were picked up and carried—one or two frightened and yelling at the top of their lungs—and all treated with the greatest courtesy and attention. After the program, generally voted a success, the little guests were led under the big Christmas tree and given Christmas bags, along with their host, and then on down to the dining room where the young waiters had the bountiful dinner of meat and beans ready. It was a gorgeous dinner, really, with seconds all round and the bag of sweets and nuts to top off with—and the guests had the first and best of everything. It was good to see. All the dignitaries of Corfu civil, military and ecclesiastic, together with most of the English people were present and enjoyed seeing the children quite as much as the program. The next morning I took occasion to ask the boys in assembly meeting what was the very nicest thing—what they had enjoyed most the day before—expecting to hear candy or the camel perhaps, but instantly from all parts of the room came 'the little Greek children.' It was a nice day."

CHILDREN'S DEATH WARRANT SIGNED

Oregon Man Gives Reasons for Unusual Action—Protests Execution.

Referring to a threatened reduction in food and other supplies to Near East orphanages as a death warrant, Barclay Acheson, formerly of Portland, writes as follows to J. J. Handsaker, State Director of the Near East Relief, Portland: "I hope that you in Oregon understand the grave significance of the reduction in appropriations effective May first. It is no more nor less than a death warrant."

"We know that when the New York Committee voted that cut of 25% they did it simply because the treasury was empty, and we also know that the treasury is empty because of the millions of dollars which we were compelled to spend out here for the relief of more than a million people fleeing from their homes last year. But no matter what the cause, it means death—or worse—to children in Near East Relief orphanages."

"The folks who have been uprooted from their homes are not to blame for this condition, and certainly the children are not. In the mad scramble to escape from Turkey during the time set by the Turks, at least 100,000 people died. The death rate would have been trebled but for America being on the job. There was nothing for us to do but to extend aid as far as possible, even at the cost of all our reserve fund—and more. Now it is a fight with us to keep the children in the orphanages, and if the 25% cut is made May first, it means that some of the children you played with when you were out here two years ago will be turned on the streets to die."

"If those who read Acheson's message will respond to the limit of their ability, I am confident that Oregon's part of the children will remain in the orphanages until able to make their own way, as they must, at the age of sixteen," states Handsaker. The Near East Relief office is at 613 Stock Exchange, Portland.

Same Miscellaneous Left-over News

All of the following news matter on this page was crowded out of last week's Enterprise:

Halsey Happenings, etc.

S. S. Hayes of Portland visited his brother, D. J. Hayes, a few days.

Mrs. Nettie Taylor of Portland has been the guest of her mother, Mrs. M. M. Ward, and brother, Albert Miller, a few days.

Raleigh Templeton and family passed through Halsey Tuesday for their home in Coburg after a visit to Mrs.

Templeton's sister, Mrs. Joseph Hanley of Portland, who is dangerously ill.

Harry Bressler finished his work as section foreman at Lyons and returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. C. G. Hamer of Saginaw visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chancy Sickels, for a few days.

Miss Pearl Pehrson, a student at O. A. C., arrived Wednesday to spend the spring vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Pehrson.

Mr. and Mrs. Zone Rudd of Albany and Mrs. Thad Young of Portland called at the M. V. Koontz and J. W. Drinkard homes Wednesday. Mr. Young was also here in the evening.

Wednesday Mrs. C. J. Straley and children went to Albany where they were met by Mrs. Esther O. Rike of Corvallis, and spent the afternoon shopping. Mrs. Rike returned to Halsey with them for a short visit.

No amount of space filled with words could tell the story of the "Mount Hood Loop" road, what it is and what it will be, as does the outline map, page 1. Everybody who examined it will know what the loop is when it is mentioned, as it so frequently is, in the current news.

Open Forum

The community meeting at the city hall was a decided success, if one may judge from the crowded house and the interest and enthusiasm shown. Many prominent business men from surrounding towns were present and gave some splendid talks.

Fred Callister of Albany, president of the Open Forum of Linn county, had charge of the meeting. After a selection by the orchestra and an invocation by Rev. Mr. Tucker of Albany, Dr. Poling led in a community sing and it was good to hear such a large number of voices blended in "America" and "Old Black Joe."

Dr. Poling then gave a stirring address, followed by shorter talks by Wayne Stanard of Brownsville, Attorney Shanks of Lebanon, Leonard Gilkey of Scio, Mr. Philpott of Harrisburg and James Bryant of Riverside. The business men of Halsey were then called upon and C. H. Koontz, D. Taylor, C. C. Jackson and A. J. Hill responded.

Cake and ice cream were served at the close of the meeting and the remainder of the time spent socially.

A community meeting to be at Foster, March 24 and another at Shedd, March 28 were announced.

Oregon Occurrences

Authority for a per capita payment of \$150 to the Indians of the Klamath agency in Oregon was granted by the secretary of the interior. The amount to be distributed is approximately \$183,000. About 1320 Indians will share in the payments.

The state of Oregon will be limited to ten votes at the national democratic convention to be held in New York next June, regardless of how many delegates are sent to the meeting, according to a legal opinion handed down by the attorney-general.

In an address before the Klamath Falls chamber of commerce Colonel C. C. Thompson, superintendent of the Crater Lake national park, stated that records of parks for last year showed Crater Lake the only self-supporting national park in the United States.

A charter amendment authorizing the issuance of \$987,000 of bonds to cover 75 per cent of the cost of acquiring rights-of-way for wide bridge approaches was adopted by the voters of Portland at the special city election held March 4 by 5654 majority.

Discussion of the labor situation in Oregon and outlining some plan whereby workers may be distributed to the best advantage of both employer and employe, will feature a meeting of the seasonal employment commission to be held in Portland Saturday.

An order for a special election to be held in Lane county May 16 at the time of the primaries to vote upon the question of levying a special tax of 2 mills to raise Lane county's share of the cost of constructing the Pacific highway bridge over the Willamette river at Harrisburg was made by the county court.

There were two fatalities in Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending March 13, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission. The victims were: Louis Larson, Holbrook, foreman, and D. B. Wagner, Molalla, edger. A total of 615 accidents were reported during the week.

Ray C. Steel, federal game warden of Oregon and Washington, has released 200 ducks and geese from cold storage traps, left by Medford sportsmen, contrary to the game and storage laws of the country. The game was sent to the poor farm and other institutions in Jackson county to be used for food for the inmates.

After almost a year of controversy over the appointment of a director of hatcheries for the commercial fish commission of Oregon, Hugh Mitchell of the federal bureau of fisheries was appointed to the position. Since the removal of R. E. Clanton last year the work has been handled by Carl D. Shoemaker, master fish warden, with the assistance of Harland D. Holmes as supervisor.

Three confessions were obtained by H. H. Pomeroy, state fire marshal, and other officers from Dr. James Otis Kenyon, Milton dentist, that he wrote threatening letters to Dr. A. D. Woodmansee, also of Milton, and twice set fires in the latter's office. The fires that caused damage of approximately \$4500 to the contents of Dr. Woodmansee's office occurred November 8, 1923, and January 31, 1924.

No road district, whether within an incorporated city or outside, has the authority to levy a tax for improvement of a city street, was the decision handed down at Astoria by Circuit Judge Campbell in the case of A. G. Spexarth against Clatsop county and its officers. The action was brought to test the validity of the special levy of \$100,000 made by the Astoria road district meeting last fall to pay a portion of the cost of improving Taylor and West Bond street.

Laying of rails on the Eugene-Klamath Falls line of the Southern Pacific has been completed a total distance of 37 1/2 miles, according to announcement made by William Sproule, president of the Southern Pacific company. Rails have been laid a distance of 6 1/2 miles beyond Oakridge on the north end of the so-called Natron cut-off, and for a distance of 31 miles north of Kirk, at the south end of the new improvement. This leaves 81 miles to be completed.

J. L. Clough, 79, one of the best known characters of Douglas county, died at his home in Canyonville. Mr. Clough was one of the stage drivers who braved danger and hardships on the Oregon-California trail in the days before the railroad. He went through many thrilling experiences in the rough life of that day.

The special city election at Silverton February 25 has been declared illegal and the measures carried have been set aside. Recorder Service was said to have overlooked the necessity of sending out pamphlets containing the measures to be voted upon to all of the voters before the election, as required by state law.

Fourteen boys of Westport were summoned to appear before the juvenile court at Astoria to answer charges of larceny. The lads, whose leader is but 15 years of age, have been breaking into box cars, taking candy as well as hams, other eatables and soda water from them and the local stores for use during their excursions into the woods.

The question of the validity of the state law which provides that licenses for fishing in the Columbia river shall be issued only to citizens of the United States will be tested in the courts. It is reported at Astoria. Attorneys have been employed to bring court action, but what the nature of the suit will be has not been announced. It is understood, however, that the constitutionality of the act will be attacked on the ground that it is class legislation.

A wagon drawn by the same power that moved pioneers westward across the continent in early days, slow but reliable oxen, was in Bend last week on the final lap of a 3000 mile trip from Connecticut to Oregon. The oxen were driven by J. C. Berrang, who is accompanied on his slow trek across the United States by his wife. Berrang said he had headed the oxen toward the western prairies and mountains on December 1, 1920. The trip of the Berrangs will end at Medford where the Berrangs intend to make their home.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce has petitioned to intervene in support of a movement initiated by the public service commission of Oregon to obtain construction of a railroad line intended to lessen the distance between eastern Oregon points and San Francisco by 400 miles. The petition was forwarded to the Interstate Commerce commission. The action will be heard at Portland March 26. The railroad line is requested from Crane westward to a connection at Odell with the Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific.