

### Ashland Citizen Urges Closer Cooperation With Klamath Co. Ranchers

To the editor: After spending a week in the Klamath country I am convinced that we Rogue River valley residents are not taking full advantage of the opportunities for co-operating with our neighbor on the other side of the Cascades. The things referred to are chiefly recreational, but some good commercial bets also are being overlooked, such as the exchange of full fruit and potatoes. The latter make good stock feed and can be bought over there for a dollar a ton, while Klamath housewives would be glad to get the cull apples and pears which go to waste here.

In spite of the low price of Rogue river apples, Columbia river orchardists not only undermill us in Klamath Falls, but some of their fruit is trucked from there here and sold to Medford dealers. Klamathons complain that many Rogue river apples are not properly graded and packed, while an Ashland grocer reports seeing wormy apples selling in Klamath Falls for \$1.30 to \$1.80 per box, fruit which would be kerosened by Jackson inspectors.

The Lava Beds of Klamath. A brief visit Saturday to the famous Lava Beds, 38 miles south of Klamath Falls, convinced me that most southern Oregon residents have missed seeing one of America's greatest natural wonders. Although cold November wind and rain cut my visit short, I saw enough in a couple of hours to amaze and delight any nature lover. Over 300 caves have been discovered in this wonderland and one of them explored for three miles.

Forest Ranger Brainard, at the Indian Wells station, showed me through one of those interesting subterranean caverns, which were formed by streams of lava flowing after surrounding material had solidified. In addition to common black cinders and lava rock, there are many curious formations of various colors and shapes. Finest Chimneys, west of Shoshon butte, are marvelous fumaroles. In places the molten lava hardened into a resemblance of molasses, while in other places it looks like miniature stalactites. The intense heat of escaping gases burned the chimney walls in spots which remind one of furnace fire brick. The age of the lava beds is estimated to vary from a few hundred years to many millions.

Medford people may learn all about the lava beds from Professor Doerr, expert geologist, at Crater Lake park headquarters.

There are two entrances to the lava beds. The nearest one is at the lower end of Tule lake bed, at

to Howitzer point, a Gillem's Bluff butte. Here a CCC camp occupies the former site of U. S. army headquarters during the Modoc Indian war. To reach this place, turn off the highway two miles east of Merrill and drive south 15 miles. The forest station is 10 miles farther south. The east entrance is reached by turning off the highway 11 miles south of Tule Lake town, which is 28 miles from Klamath Falls, then driving 14 miles west to the lava beds. No food, gas or other supplies are sold at the lava beds, but guides may be arranged for by phoning or writing the ranger at Indian Wells ranger station via Merrill.

S. P. Supplies Water. Tule Lake is a typical frontier town of 1,500 claimed population without paved streets, water system or sewers. Water for drinking and cooking is furnished free by the Southern Pacific, which ships in a 10,000-gallon tankful every other day. The soil there is so soft that a seven-foot layer of cinders on Main street has been washed down to ground level. In sinking a 2,000-foot well the city bored through 1,500 feet of soil, believe it or not.

The best source of information I found at Tule Lake are Ed Davis, publisher of the Reporter; Bill Anderson, agricultural inspector, and Flo Boyd, implement dealer. Those boosters urged me to stay for the Legion goose-bake and dance the previous Saturday night, when I first visited that wild and woolly border town. The feed sold for a buck a plate and the shindig another iron man, and was largely attended. The Tule Lake district is lousy with legionnaires, hundreds of surrounding homesteads being occupied by ex-service men, some of whom have paid for \$180 land with one crop of spuds.

No Depression or "Okies" While visiting a Merrill rancher, Troy Qualis, he paid \$14 to phone to his brother in Arkansas about their stock mother, then started the next morning on a 2,000-mile drive over desert and mountains to visit her, taking along his wife, three married sisters and four children in his Chev sedan. Troy and his partner, Roy Heaton, are two "Okies" who came to Oregon shortly after the present hard times began, when they were 19 and 20 and had only a few hundred dollars. After working four or five years for wages they raised potatoes on rented land for two years, then bought a \$16,000 farm. During nine depression years they have accumulated over \$30,000 worth of property, which rather refutes the common complaint that

young people have no chance to get a start nowadays. Better Opportunities Today William Kittredge, largest stockman in the Northwest, says that young men have a better chance now to make money than when he began getting a toe-hold in mother earth. He used to work for \$20 a month and board, now pays back-arcos \$48 to \$60. Kittredge has 40,000 acres of irrigated land in Washington's operations appears in the current issue of the American Herdifer Journal. This very successful stockman is president of the Production Credit association at Klamath Falls and has a 100-percent reputation for character and business ability. Charles McMullen, secretary of the

association, attended a district meeting at the Hotel Medford last week. OWEN H. BAERNHILL, Ashland, Oregon FOOTBALL PLAYER IS SHOT BY CO-ED Fort Collins, Colo., Dec. 1.—(AP)—A Colorado State college co-ed fired a bullet into the chest of her football-playing sweetheart because, Deputy Dis-

trict Attorney Winton M. Ault said, they had reached "the parting of the way." Twenty-one year old Walter (Bud) Lyons, 195-pound fullback on the Aggie team, is in critical condition at the Larimer county hospital. He was struck by one of three shots fired yesterday by Jois Jeanne Vannorsdel, 19, a sophomore with whom he had been keeping company for eight months, Ault said. The bullet punctured Lyons' lung and a fragment lodged under his left shoulder blade. The shooting occurred at the girl's apartment.

DESPONDENT LADY TAKES OWN LIFE Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Death of Mrs. Sadie Henderson, 60, found drowned yesterday in Scofield slough, about four miles from Reedsport, was pronounced suicide today by Coroner H. C. Stearns, who reported a note had been found in the woman's home, telling of

her intention. The note, the coroner said, gave no reason for the act, but it was believed she was despondent over continued ill health. She recently had been receiving treatment in a Marshfield hospital. After attending to her household Wednesday morning, Mrs. Henderson apparently walked to the slough, tied a rope to a bush and to her right ankle and waded into the water where her body later was found in a sitting position in about five feet of water, the coroner said. The body was found and recovered by her husband, Ace

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