

BLACK CHANNEL TO BE DREDGED BY IDAHO GROUP

Foots Creek Mining Operation To Require Large Investment in Machinery.

Dredging operations are now underway at the Black Channel mine in the Foots Creek district, with 20 men employed and more to be added. Murphy Brothers, Idaho mining operators, plan to install approximately \$150,000 worth of machinery including 23 steel pontoons, some of which are now in place.

The dredging, covering 1,500 acres, will take five or six years, according to Attorney George W. Nelson, who with Attorney L. M. Curl, of Albany, were instrumental in straightening out the tangled affairs of the property.

F. A. Bates, the former owner, has no further interest in the mine and now resides at Albany. Attorneys Nelson and Curl sold the property for Bates.

The mine under the Bates management was a stormy chapter in Jackson county affairs during the Banks-Fehl turmoil period. Banks at one time leased the property and left a large number of labor liens against it after a short operation.

Tillamook, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for George W. Wallace, 80, pioneer Tillamook county dairyman, fatally burned at Nampa, Idaho, December 15. Camps from a pipe ignited his clothing.

LEPKE CONVICTED AS HEAD OF DRUG SMUGGLING RING

Swarthy Racketeer is Still Facing Narcotic and Bribery Charges Sentence.

New York, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Swarthy Louis (Lepke) Buchalter, 42, who will be sentenced January 2 for conspiracy to violate the narcotics laws, still faced today narcotic and bribery charges under which he could be sentenced to a maximum of 164 years in prison and \$180,000 in fines.

Judge John C. Knox told William Kleinman, Buchalter's attorney, that "you should know how you are going to plead on these other charges by January 2" but Kleinman did not indicate how his client would plead.

Termed Top Man
A federal court jury convicted Buchalter of conspiracy last night after hearing the government describe him as "top man" in a \$10,000,000 international syndicate which smuggled drugs into the United States illegally from France, Japan, China and other countries in 1935-36-37.

Max Schmuckler, a co-defendant, was convicted of the same charge, but David Kardonick, the third co-defendant, was acquitted.

The government maintained that attractive women, in the syndicate's pay, had brought forbidden narcotics into this country in trunks, in several instances.

The object of a nation-wide manhunt last summer with rewards totaling \$50,000 on his head, Buchalter surrendered quietly to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover here last August 25. He had been a fugitive two years after running out on a \$10,000 bail.

TILLAMOOK MAN SUCCEUMBS HERE

Burr L. Beals, 75, of Tillamook, Oregon, passed away in a Medford hospital, at 3:45 p. m. Wednesday, after a short illness. Mr. Beals was born at Pine Valley, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1865. He had been in Medford for the past two months visiting his daughter, Mrs. Helen Ebinger.

Other survivors are Mrs. Silvi Carrara, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. W. A. Dunlap, Los Angeles, Calif.; Burr L. Beals, Jr., Portland, Ore., and Max L. Beals of Portland.

Remains will be transferred to Tillamook this evening for services and interment. Peril Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

DAHACK VERDICT REACHED QUICKLY

The justice court jury which yesterday returned a verdict of guilty against Irwin Dahack,

Lake Creek district resident, charged with possession of deer meat, deliberated about fifteen minutes. Homer Holden was foreman. The court imposed a six months suspended sentence upon recommendation of the district attorney.

The deer meat involved was seized December 4 by state police officers, armed with a search warrant. A few minutes later, Zera E. Dahack, a brother or Irwin, was killed in a gun fight with the state policemen, when he demanded return of the confiscated meat.

NELLIS SHIPMENTS START WEDNESDAY

First shipment of Winter Nellis pears purchased by the Canadian Canneries, Ltd., (western division) of Mission, B. C., will be made next Wednesday, and the second will be made January 2, it is announced.

The Canadian concern purchased 300 tons of Medford Winter Nellis for canning purposes. Approximately 400 tons of the variety remain unpacked in local storage plants.

Work of making the boxes in which the pears will be shipped loose is now underway. The boxes, numbering 5000, will later be used as containers for the canned product.

TUTTLE HIGH IN RIFLE SHOOTING

By scoring 190 x 200 on his offhand targets, Shelby Tuttle counted a total of 395 out of 400 and first place in last night's four-position handicap shooting at the rifle range.

Friday evening the pistol division of Medford rifle club will fire slow and timed fire qualification targets and Sunday afternoon the range will be open as usual for pistol and rifle practice.

Complete rifle scores in last night's handicap shooting were:
Shelby Tuttle 395
Mrs. Ivan Waddell 390
Ivan Waddell 388
C. C. Gail 388
Ed Lull 385
Lew Conger 381
Phil Whitlock 379
J. D. Bolton 378
Mrs. C. C. Gail 372
Herman Farra 369
S. M. Tuttle 367
Otto Howard 365
Roscoe Edwards 364

SUSPENDED SENTENCE FOR EAGLE PT. PAIR

Fred Lorentzen, Jr., and Jasper Foster, residents of the Eagle Point area, charged with burglary not in a dwelling, were each given a year's suspended sentence when they appeared this morning before Judge H. D. Norton in circuit court, on pleas of guilty.

They were specifically charged with taking an electric iron wrapped in a tea towel from the Frank Edmundson home at Butte Falls.

Early last August the pair were returned here from Long Beach, Calif., where they were arrested, and have been in the county jail since.

MRS. WOLGAMOTT HURT WHEN AUTO HITS LIGHT POLE

Mrs. Margaret Wolgamott, 42, employee of the Pine Cone, sustained head lacerations and an injured knee when the car in which she was a passenger crashed into a power pole in front of 622 South Central avenue shortly after midnight this morning.

She was confined in Sacred Heart hospital today, but was expected to be sufficiently recovered to return to her home this afternoon, hospital attendants reported.

The driver of the car, Emil V. Westvong of 304 Edwards street, told investigating city policemen that he went to sleep at the wheel, after driving from Yreka with the car heater on. He was

injured only slightly, as was Lowell V. Pratt, another passenger.

The machine struck a pole in the parking strip on the west side of the street, police reported, damaging the car considerably. Mrs. Wolgamott was taken to the hospital in a taxicab, but other occupants of the vehicle were not badly enough injured to require medical attention.

Antelope

Antelope, Dec. 21.—(Spl.)—Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Thomas, of Winlock, Wash., were surprise visitors, Sunday, of the Bill Walsh family. Mrs. Thomas is a sister of the Walsh boys, whom she hadn't seen for ten years. Their visit will be of particular interest to old-timers, who will remember that Mr. Thomas ran a freight line over the Green-spring mountain when the road was little more than a trail. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were en route

to San Pedro, Cal., to spend the holidays with their daughter.

Ben Frederberg, father of Mrs. John Greb, was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bigham and family attended the play at Eagle Point Wednesday night.

Her home beautifully decorated for the occasion, Mrs. Carl Blair, assisted by Mrs. Elmer Hurd, entertained the Ladies' Social club December 20. A heavily-laden Christmas tree bore gifts for all members and guests present. Special gifts were presented by the hostesses to the babies attending. In addition to the large number of regular members, the following visitors enjoyed the gala affair: Mrs. Stephenson and daughter, and Mrs. Harry Wright of Brownboro, Mrs. Lottie VanSoy of Eagle Point, Mrs. Betty Stelle and children of Medford, Mrs. Clarence Bleil of Modesto, Cal., and Mrs. Hubert Smith.

Phoenix

Phoenix, Dec. 21.—(Spl.)—An operetta, "The Trial of Joan and John," given by the grade

school pupils of Phoenix, will be presented in the school gymnasium Thursday, December 21, at 8 p. m. Miss Saville J. Riley, music supervisor, is directing.

The annual Christmas program of the Presbyterian Sunday school will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday, in the church auditorium. Included in the special Christmas program are dialogues, women's chorus numbers, junior girls' presentation, choir numbers with incidental solos by Patricia Purry and Gail Thompson, play by the junior group, tableau by the intermediate department, solo by R. A. Beedy, Christmas carols, presentation of white gifts, and treats for Sunday school members in the auditorium.

Since so few days remain to buy and use Christmas seals, Mrs. R. A. Beedy, local seal sale chairman, asks that those who have not yet returned their money or unused seals do so at once. The response has been very generous this year and the committee is anxious to close the books soon after the first of the year.

Installation of 1940 officers of Phoenix and Griffin Creek Granges will take place at the meeting of the Phoenix Grange, Tuesday evening, December 26.



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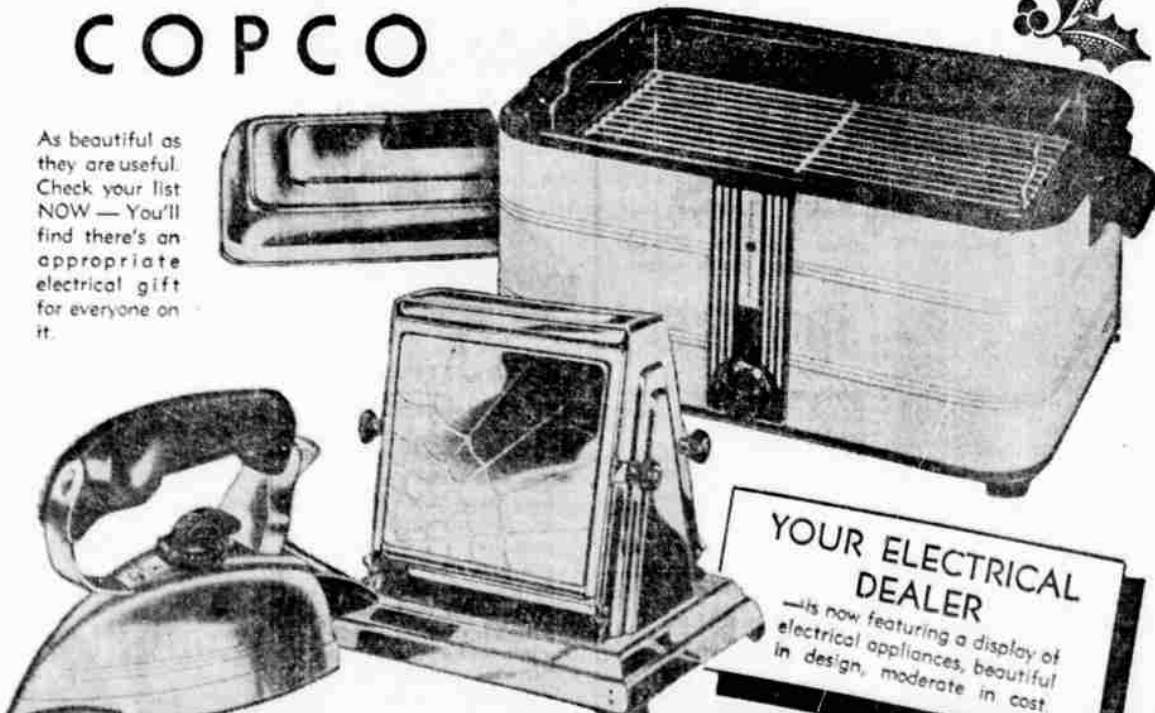
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