

THIRTY SKI EXPERTS AWAIT GUN AT FORT KLAMATH

BEST SKI TALENT IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST TO RACE TOMORROW

List of entrants and their experience, listed; Over thirty participants will be Ready when starting gun cracks

Ski experts, the best in the Pacific northwest and northern California, will be lined up tomorrow morning ready for the starter's gun.

From California, from all parts of Oregon and from Washington, have come contestants who will strain every muscle, every tendon, and their last ounce of will power and nervous energy towards the honor of being first.

A complete list of the entries was announced today by the arrangement committee of the ski race. Exactly thirty will be on hand.

Following is the list of entries:

Versto Is Good.
Andy Versto, gigantic Norwegian, and a lumber piler well known on the coast, came to Klamath County from Wisconsin where he has competed successfully in many skiing events and especially in the jumping contests. Andy broke both ankles in landing from a leap of 148 feet, several years ago, but is not crippled to an extent that he will not run the big contest on Feb. 22.

Small But Fast.
Arthur Peckham, Fort Klamath, 26 years old and one of the smallest entrants in stature, weighing only 140 pounds, came to this country from Grand Rapids, Mich., a few years ago. Peckham is employed at climbing poles for the Klamath Tel. and Tel. Co., and spends much time in winter on skis as hunter, trapper and guide. Peckham has a wonderful pair of very strong legs developed from years of skiing and climbing poles and is expected to make some of the really big Swedes, Norwegians, and Scandinavians get up and hump to keep ahead of him.

Big Man.
Wm. Faus, Klamath Falls: a great big husky weighing in the neighborhood of 200 pounds made the trip to Fort Klamath to enter in the ski race yesterday. From the looks of Mr. Faus he will not be left behind for the want of power, and if he can develop any speed he will surely stand a good chance of getting within the money.

Harry C. Francis, Klamath Agency: A young man coming recently from Idaho to this reservation is employed by the Forest Dept., of the Indian Service at this Agency. Francis is the favorite of all of the Govt. employees and is being backed by them to slip a ski under the first prize in the forthcoming event. He is strictly an out of doors man and has competed successfully in skiing events in Idaho before coming to Klamath.

Gail McNett, Clisco, Calif.: an old hand in the art of skiing and has spent one week here in active training before the race.

Erkki Sylvanne, Portland: Mr.

Sylvanne is very interested in the ski race and has inquired if the course will be over canyons, gullies and ravines. Judging from questions, asked in his letters he is an old timer on skis and has competed in many events. The race committee is expecting Mr. Sylvanne to show up here in a few days to commence active training.

Old Heads.
Chris Kostol and Nels Skjerna, Bend, Ore.; both of these men from Bend and believed to be old friends and always active in out door sports and athletics. Zumbrum follows the woods in summer as a timber worker and in winter spends his time in the mountains as a trapper and of course is constantly on skis then. His fine physical condition together with his active training secured while running his long trap lines near Ft. Klamath, will add much to his chance of winning the race.

Manfred Jacobson, McCloud, Calif.: The people of McCloud, Calif., are depending on the prowess of Manfred Jacobson to journey up here and bring home the bacon in the shape of the first prize of \$250.00 to be paid to the winner of this race.

Otto Jeldness, Medford: Mr. Jeldness will represent Medford in the coming event and has reserved hotel accommodations here for the night of the 21st. He has had some training recently and is in good form. Thinks that he can arise from a good sleep here and make the run to the Lodge and return ahead of all other contestants.

W. Nordquist, Klamath Falls: Has been in American only a few years. Mr. Nordquist was champion of the Swedish Army, and was undefeated in skiing races and other ski contests. Competed successfully with champions from the Navy and Marines of Sweden.

John Salo, Klamath Falls: (Continued on Page Seven.)

Ideal Weather For Event Is Latest Report

"Conditions are ideal for the ski race." This was the cheery word voiced by Tony Castel, secretary of the Fort Klamath community club, over long distance wire today. "It rained cats and dogs yesterday," Castel said, "but last night, it turned cold and there is a thick crust on the snow that will make the surface just right. "We're all busy up here getting ready for the biggest event that ever hit this country. Remember, he said and tell 'em that everybody is invited to come."

They Don't Mind This Portage



Hundreds Will Attend Great Ski Carnival

Between four and five hundred residents of Klamath Falls, plan to journey to Fort Klamath tomorrow morning to witness and take part in the first annual winter carnival of the Klamath country. Elaborate preparations are being made by the forward looking and progressive little community in Wood River valley. Throughout the day, there will be something doing at every minute. Sleights will be in readiness at the Fort to transport visitors to the toboggan slide, some 1100 feet long, which is located near Fort Klamath. It is impossible to reach the slide by automobile.

COMMUNITY OF 225 CENTER ATTRACTION PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Entertainment planned for hundreds of visitors; Fort Klamath Country arrived at new era of development

Tomorrow, a small community of 36 families, will occupy the public spotlight not only in Klamath, but up and down the coast. For tomorrow is the day of the much heralded Fort Klamath-Crater Lake ski race for which thirty expert skiers are anxiously awaiting the starting gun.

Whatever the weather, whatever the outcome of the race, the ski race will ever exemplify the heights which a community may attain through a unanimity of effort.

Fort Klamath is a little hamlet of 35 permanent families, located in Wood River valley, a wonderful tract of land comprising 40,000 acres of fertile meadow land. The total population of the district is but 225. No Noticeable Development.

There has been no noticeable development during a long period with exception of an increase in summer tourist travel lured by scenic attractions and the completion of The Dalles California highway. For many years before the coming of the highway Fort Klamath was snowed in and isolated from the outside world for 5 months each year. Now with a good road maintained by the State Highway commission the year round and only a short distance from the main line of the Southern Pacific, Fort Klamath is connected with the outside world.

With transportation facilities and handicaps removed it is only natural that Fort Klamath and the Wood River valley may now keep pace in development with other sections. The coming of highways and railroads, however, has not changed the climatic conditions much and since this place is blessed with a long winter season and deep snow, fall the idea is to capitalize this attraction and start winter sports for Klamath County.

With that idea in mind the Fort Klamath Community club is sponsoring Klamath county's first carnival of winter sports, featuring the big ski race to Crater Lake lodge and return. This idea of winter sports has met with such popular approval that the first attempt here will be a huge success and it is believed that there is great possibility of it developing into a tremendous project, attracting hundreds of visitors from many places and affording an excellent opportunity to advertise to the world resources, industries, and opportunities.

A few weeks ago when the proposition of a ski race was first discussed it was thought of as only a small community affair and furnish a day of sport for a few local skiers and a little amusement and thrill for Ft. Klamath. Now the proposition has developed into a county affair with contestants in the ski race coming from many places all over the Northwest. The idea of the ski race to Crater Lake Lodge originated in the mind of John Maben, caretaker of the Lodge who it is thought was getting lonesome for visitors and wanted a little sport.

Fort Klamath is the least developed of Oregon what the west is to the United States. It is undeveloped; where the young man can develop with the country; can in fact be his own machine, and not a part of the machine. Tony Castel, secretary of the Fort Klamath Community club said.

"We are desirous of more settlers because we know it is better, for society, for our children, but we who have called anything like that of 80 acres a calf pasture, or the little field for saddle horses, feel that we will soon be cramped up to 200 or 300 acres. We hate to give up the bigness. "The majority of our ranchers are descendants 1500 old pioneer families of western Oregon, migrated across the Cascades with cattle and settled to become the pioneer families of east of the Cascades. "The soil of Wood River valley has been pierced by well drills to the depth of 320 feet without coming in contact with anything harder than the surface dirt. "It has been said by men experienced in cheese making that the feed and general conditions here are ideal for Swiss Cheese making. "The coming of highways and railroads has its pleasant and its sad aspect. It means we will see our efforts crowned with success, that we are about to

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Speed! Speed!



Here is how the skiers will look as they swing into the home stretch at Fort Klamath tomorrow night.

K.C.H.S. Students Will Witness Race

Much to the satisfaction of students, Klamath County high school will be dismissed Tuesday enabling many to attend the ski race held at Fort Klamath tomorrow.

The students will take advantage of the enticing winter sports by tobogganing and enjoying the other means of entertainment during the exciting moments when all will be waiting for the returns for the nationally-known ski event.

Those planning on attending are: Esther Veatch, Lorraine Mordoff, Gilbert Fleet, Ray Mordoff, Zed Barnes, Jack Orrell, Glen Fields, Melvin Engle and William Smith.

Schools Close

School children throughout Klamath county in the city and county schools will observe tomorrow, Washington's birthday, which has been declared a holiday.

With this announcement scores throughout the county are making plans to attend the winter carnival of sports at Fort Klamath.

Shirley Returns

L. O. Shirley, federal prohibition officer, has returned to Klamath to spend several days here in law enforcement work. Recently promoted and transferred to Seattle, Shirley's duties have increased. Jackson county and Klamath county have been placed in his jurisdiction.

SKI RACE PRIZES

1st:—\$250.
2nd:—\$100.
3rd:—\$50.
Special prizes: radio set offered by the Baldwin hardware company, Remington rifle, offered by the Klamath hardware company.

Scout Executive To Address Forum

John H. Piper, regional scout executive for the Pacific northwest section, will address the chamber of commerce forum luncheon next Wednesday noon. It was announced today. A delightful program will be presented by local scouts.

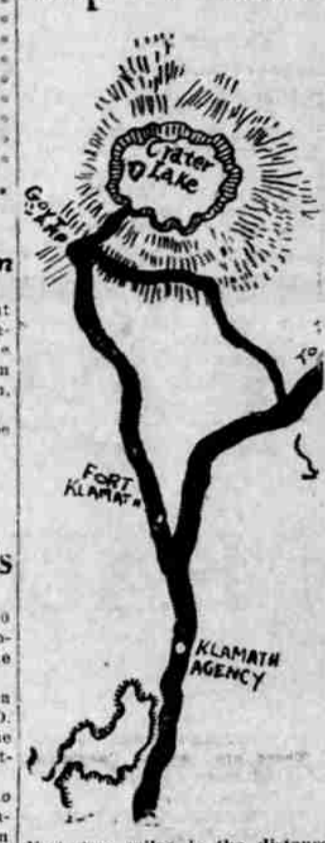
County Offers Help On Roads

Klamath will match the \$5,000 raised by the Indian service toward the construction of the Chiloquin-Braymill road.

This was the assurance given by the county court to Leroy D. Arnold, superintendent of the Klamath-Inditer reservation Saturday afternoon.

However, the court declined to take part this year in the construction of the road from Braymill up Sprague River to Boatz. It was pointed out that other road projects had precedence over this proposal.

Map Of Course



Forty-two miles is the distance which contestants in the Fort Klamath-Crater Lake ski race must cover in the great winter sport event tomorrow. The above map gives an indication of the course and adjacent country.

MUST TAKE TRAIN

Residents of Bend who plan to attend the race were advised by the state highway department to drive on The Dalles-California highway to a point north of Sand Creek mountain and there catch the south bound train to Chiloquin.

Heavy snows of the past few days have resulted in the closing of the highway on Sand Creek mountain for the first time this winter. Heavy snow plows will have the road cleared within the next few days.

Trio Of Skiers Led Search Party For Lost Youths

Steve Antonson, Mark Wergandt, and Otto Hagen of the Guide Ski club of Hood River, occupied the public spotlight this winter when two young men were lost in a blizzard on Mt. Hood.

The trio led search party after search party in search of the two boys. Finally one, a young fellow named White, was saved. The other succumbed in the fastness of the mountain.

Court Orders New Gas Pump

A 350 gasoline tank and a gasoline pump will be installed at the Klamath county machine shops as a result of an order to this effect made last Saturday by the county court.

The court inaugurated a new rule whereby employees using gasoline in county work must sign a receipt, thus doing away with the script book system.

The court also announced a new ruling governing widows' pensions. Beneficiaries of pensions must hereafter submit receipts on how their pension is expended.

RULES, REGULATIONS OF SKI RACE ARE LIBERAL

- The course of this race will follow the Crater Lake highway to Crater Lake Lodge and return, contestants will be required to keep within one half mile of this course.
- Any advantageous detours known to the Race Committee within the half mile limit will be flagged for the benefit of the contestants.
- Each contestant upon arrival at Crater Lake Lodge will be required to register with the attendant in charge before starting the return trip.
- The race will start promptly at 8 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, February 22, 1927.
- The start will be made from The Fort Klamath Community Hall, or if snow conditions prohibit, from the nearest snow line on the course.
- Any style, make, pattern, or length of ski may be used and any footwear, clothing, ski harness, or brakes in the form of straps or ropes may be used.
- Contestants will not be allowed to exchange skis on the trip, and will make the entire trip on the same skis.
- Either one or two poles may be used.
- Any contestant rendering assistance to an opponent shall be disqualified from winning the race.
- Any contestant receiving aid or assistance from any person other than an Official of the Race Committee will be disqualified from winning the race.
- Any intentional interference with the progress of a contestant shall be judged a foul, and any contestant so interfering in any manner with an opponent shall be disqualified from winning the race.
- Failure of a contestant to comply with the rules shall disqualify from winning the race.
- The Judges of this race will judge all features of the race in accordance with the rules and any decisions rendered by them shall be final.
- This is to be absolutely a free for all race with no entrance fees.
- Entry books closed at 5 o'clock p. m. February 18, 1927.
- Metal skis will be barred.

THE FIRST GOAL



Crater lake lodge, above, is the first objective of the skiers in tomorrow's race. It is located twenty-one miles from the Fort.

Ice and Snow Defied by Shimmy Queen



Cold? Not at all, if you are shimmying to the best of blues! Gilda Gray has said this for years, and in Toronto recently she was given a chance to prove her contention was not much "hot air." Did she prove it? Love above!

Ski Race Program To Keep Things Hopping

- PROGRAM.**
- 8 a. m. Start of the 42 mile ski race to Crater Lake Lodge and return.
 - 8:30 Free for all amateur skiers, three mile heat race, best two out of three. Twenty minute rest periods. Two liberal prizes.
 - 2nd Event: 220-yard ski dash, for ladies only. Two liberal prizes.
 - Second heat, three mile heat race.
 - Tug o' War.
 - 3rd. Event: Tug of War on skis, \$1000 in snow bank currency to the winning team.
 - 4th. Event: 220-yard ski race for boys and girls, 12 years and under. One prize to boy and one prize to girl.
 - 5th. Event: One half mile dash for amateurs. Bar all winners of heat race. Two liberal prizes.
 - 6th. Event: One half mile snow shoe race for men. One prize, Snow Shoe Race.
 - 7th. Event: Snow shoe race for ladies. One prize.
 - 8th. Event: Mixed race: 400 yards, free for all. 200 yards on skis and 200 yards on snow shoes. Two liberal prizes.
 - Ski jiving all during the morning programme.

AFTER NOON. SNOW BATTLE.

- 1st. Event: Big snow battle between snow forts representing Portland and San Francisco.
- 2nd. Event: snow modeling. Liberal prize for the best snow image.

Dancing will be in progress all during the afternoon. Transportation will be available to the toboggan slides all day.

Ski jiving all during the afternoon programme. Klondike Camp never closes.

NIGHT. DANCING.

Dancing. Presentation of prizes to winners of all events.