

ALTURAS HAS OPTIMISM FOR COMING YEAR

ALTURAS, Calif.—In spite of the general economic depression a spirit of optimism prevails in this community.

The general feeling is best expressed in the speech of a local banker when he advised business men of this community to "keep your chests out and hold your heads high."

Merchants of this city report the first half of January as better than it was one year ago in the volume of business.

In common with the rest of the Klamath empire, the greatest cause for rejoicing is the precipitation of the present winter.

By-Laws Adopted By East Side Club

MILLS ADDITION.—The new East Side club of businessmen and residents of East Klamath adopted its by-laws at the last meeting, Tuesday, February 2.

Charles M. Reynolds was appointed chairman of the entertainment committee. Other appointments, including the board of directors, and the by-laws were withheld until the next meeting.

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NUMEROUS SOCIAL GROUPS FORMED

LANGELL VALLEY, Ore.—(Special)—The community club and the Women's club are the oldest organizations in the valley.

The Langel Valley grange is one of the busiest of the organizations. It takes an interest in the social and economical welfare of the community, and is steadily growing in influence.

An athletic club was organized last year. Most of the young men of the valley belong to this group.

The St. Barnabas guild and the Young People's Fellowship are both organizations under the Episcopal church.

Last summer the Camp Fire girls was organized with eleven members. Although just getting started in their work, they have started in on basket making and had a number of hikes.

Missionary Paper Written from China

MERRILL, Ore.—A short program was given at the meeting of the Missionary society at the manse Wednesday afternoon, which included a paper on Syria.

Banquet Held By Crater Ski Club

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—The Crater Lake Ski club sponsored an enjoyable banquet at the Fort Klamath hotel, Thursday evening.

New Applications Received by Grange

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—Fort Klamath grange, 775, held its regular business meeting in the clubhouse, Tuesday evening, February 3.

The following nine new applicants for membership were received: Alice Vera and Herbert Edwards, E. Adria Page, Charles Zumburn, Harold Mook, Eugene Rowell, John Utter and Eugene Johnson.

During the lecturers' hour, two interesting talks were given, "India, Past and Present" by Lindsay C. Risemore, and the second on the Sino-Japanese situation by Miss Mary Hunt.

Refreshments were served by a committee of six grange members.

STUDENTS NAMED FOR ANNUAL WORK

MERRILL, Ore.—The Merrill high school is entering on the last semester of the school year, and several new students have entered for the term.

Students who have charge of the annual for Merrill high school are Doris Kanter, editor; Melvin Erwin, business manager; Junior Anderson, assistant manager; Lawrence Frazier, athletics; Dorothy Haskins, administration and classes; Leona Kidwell, pictures; Mabel Finchum, literary and jokes; Fannette Offield, activities.

Grange At Fort Visited by Officers

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—The grange of Fort Klamath was visited Friday by Charles C. Hulet, state master, and J. C. Farmer, national lecturer, when a pot-luck luncheon was held at the club house in their honor.

It was an open meeting and was attended by many non-grangers of the community. Speeches were given by the two visitors. Mr. Hulet and Mr. Farmer left for Henley to attend lecturers' school which was held Friday evening.

Davis Critically Ill At Canadian Home

DORRIS, Calif.—W. R. Davis, formerly owner of the ranch known as the Mitchell ranch at Mt. Dome, is ill at his summer home in Canada.

He has suffered two paralytic strokes and is helpless. It was impossible to remove him to his Ashland home, and little hope is held for his recovery. Mr. and Mrs. Davis were pioneers of this section.

SKYLINERS THRILL PLAYGROUND CROWD

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—Snow conditions were perfect Sunday for skiing and tobogganing and a large crowd took advantage of the winter playground north of Fort Klamath.

Several ski jumpers from the Skyliners at Bend were present and gave the onlookers many thrills in their spectacular jumps and spills on the new jump which was recently completed by Henry Gordon for the Crater Lake Ski club.

A small ski jump is to be constructed for amateurs, and toboggans are supplied by the club for the new slide. Hot coffee and lunch was served by the club during the afternoon.

Sewing, Cooking Schools Are Held

MERRILL, Ore.—A sewing school, in charge of Mrs. J. S. Johnson, was held at the high school Tuesday afternoon. Those who attended were Misses W. F. Jinnette, H. F. Tolle, W. F. Hill, C. A. Barrow, M. Hartle, C. N. Haskins, C. Bowman, H. P. Blanton, Craven, Otto Ellis and R. L. Beasley.

Tuesday evening, Mrs. Johnson conducted a cooking school at the high school cafeteria, which was also well attended. These schools are to continue during the winter months.

The potato school, conducted by Mr. Johnson, local agricultural teacher, met Tuesday evening at the high school, when the use of various implements were demonstrated.

Pie Social, Dance Planned for Feb. 13

FORT KLAMATH, Ore.—Plans for another old-time dance and pie social, Saturday evening, February 13, were made at a meeting of the C. L. club. Each lady is asked to bring a pie. No admission price will be charged.

It was decided to indefinitely postpone the series of card parties, owing to the inclement weather. At the next meeting, February 13, a white elephant sale will be held and a pot luck luncheon will be served.

House Burned On May Wells' Ranch

DORRIS, Calif.—Saturday afternoon the house on the May Wells' ranch, west of town, burned to the ground, when Mrs. Wells, mistaking gasoline for kerosene, attempted to start a fire.

Nothing was saved from the building, which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wells.

LAKE COUNTY CITY HOST TO HARLAN, NORTH

LAKEVIEW, Ore.—E. C. Harlan, secretary of the Eugene chamber of commerce, and W. C. North of Portland, district manager for the New York Life insurance company, were dinner guests Tuesday night of the Lake county chamber of commerce.

Mr. Harlan, who is traveling over the state in the interest of the state chamber of commerce, outlined the plans of the state chamber for the coming year. Mr. Harlan pointed out the many ways Oregon will benefit from the big tourist migration to the Pacific coast this year for the American Legion, Rotary and Shrine conventions, and for the Olympic games.

The severe drought during 1931 has resulted in thousands of inquiries from the middle west for agricultural land in Oregon. This information is most welcome for even in the Willamette valley counties the amount of land under cultivation has been steadily decreasing because the farmers are specializing, and thereby cutting down their acreage.

Mr. North, who recently spent a month touring the east and south, described how the depression has affected that part of the country. At the conclusion of his talk his listeners all agreed that Oregon has suffered far less than most of the United States during the past few months.

Meeting of Grange Held at Macdoel

MACDOEL, Calif.—A meeting of the Macdoel grange was held February 3, when the lecture hour was filled with songs and readings by Miss Holt and Frankie O'Kane. Jack O'Kane read "Pigs is Pigs," and Fern Young entertained with a saxophone solo.

A discussion of the new grange paper was held, and plans were made for the next card party, to be held February 19.

Keno Items

KENO, Ore.—Mrs. H. Welch is conducting a women's gym class at Weyerhaeuser camp 2 every Monday and Wednesday at 2:30.

Earl Scherer, of Bend, has been visiting with friends and relatives for several days.

Ralph Whipple, a high school student of Weyerhaeuser camp, has been ill with pneumonia for the past week.

Mrs. Alfred Carlson is ill at the Hillsdale hospital with an attack of heart trouble.

Prosperous Year Predicted For Langel Valley Due To Snowfall

LANGELL VALLEY, Ore.—The coming year will be a prosperous one in Langel Valley, according to all present indications. In comparison with the past few years there has been an unusual amount of snow fall, both in the valley and in the mountains, and there will be plenty of irrigation water for both the Clear Lake project and the Gerber Dam system.

The north side of the valley is supplied with water from Gerber Dam. Some of this water is also used on the opposite side of the river in the lower part of the valley by means of a siphon. The water from Clear Lake is allowed to run down the channel to Malone Dam from which it is let out in small amounts for the irrigation of the South Side of the valley. An electric lift was put in on the H. J. Ticknor ranch last year for the purpose of supplying water for the higher ditch.

Wild Hay Raised

A good deal of wild hay is raised in the upper part of the valley in the swamp. Alfalfa and grains are raised in the other parts of the valley and there are a number of fine dairy herds besides beef cattle.

This community is a part of the Bonanza Union high school district and is represented by three directors. There are two grade schools in the valley—one at Lorella and the other at Upper Langel, both taking students up to the seventh grade.

Dance Postponed By Langel Club

LANGELL VALLEY, Ore.—The dance given by the Langel Valley Women's club has been postponed to February 27, because of the basketball games this next week. Another dance is to be given by the Bonanza town team of basketball on February 20 at the community hall.

Leap Year Dance Given by Grange

KENO, Ore.—The Keno grange gave a leap year benefit dance when the ladies had to invite, call for and entertain the men who furnished the supper. A fashion show, with men acting as mannequins, was the feature of the program. Miss Edna Kerns was in charge of the dance arrangements.

The ladies of Weyerhaeuser camp, 2, were entertained by a dancing party, given at the Community hall by the men. The Weyerhaeuser Wranglers entertained with several songs and Bob Gadhois sang two numbers.

Animals Starving In Worden District

WORDEN, Ore.—A large number of animals in the district are starving on account of the deep snow, which has covered all feed. A band of horses and cattle, pastured in the swamp, is out of food. Several bands of quail are starving because their food supply has been cut off.

COMMUNITY CHEST FORMED AT DORRIS

DORRIS, Calif.—The proceeds of the benefit basketball games, sponsored by the Butte Valley high school, January 15, together with a smaller fund furnished by the Butte Valley State bank, have been combined in a fund known as the Butte Valley community chest, and is presided over by several committees whose duties are to see that help is provided in cases of actual need and want.

The committee is composed of the following members: W. G. Hagenstein, chairman, W. T. Atkin, Mrs. L. E. Dennis, C. W. Revell, A. N. McDonald, H. L. Nelson and M. A. Gilmer.

Laundry Purchased By Lawrence Kerwin

DORRIS, Calif.—Lawrence W. Kerwin has purchased the Dorris Steam Laundry from C. E. Motechbacher and assumed the management February 1. Mr. Kerwin will conduct a dry-cleaning establishment in connection with the laundry.

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