

LONELY LIFE LED BY FOREST RANGERS

Antarctic explorers are not the only persons that keep lonely vigil in snowbound fastnesses. It appears from information recently obtained through the U. S. forest service, forest rangers in a few remote forest stations high in the mountains are in many cases cut off for long periods from communication with the outside world.

Such modern "Crusoes" are stationed at points like Big Canas ranger station in the North Umpqua district of Oregon at Diamond Lake. Others are at Lake of the Woods in the southern Cascade mountains and on Spirit Lake at the base of Mt. St. Helens on the Columbia national forest of Washington. Winter caretakers also are left at Toll Gate in the Blue mountains on the Umatilla national forest. These men are charged with the duty of protecting the land's property, preventing snow damage where possible and in other ways assisting in the forest service program.

They lay in stocks of provisions in late fall and literally "hole in" for the winter, according to the forest service. In many instances the snow blanket reaches a depth of from 8 to 12 feet and this of course makes the only means of travel. Observations made by these outposts regarding deer and other wild life often are helpful in determining policies for better game protection. Reports on depth of snow made to the weather bureau are of value in forecasting spring floods and water supply for irrigation.

Radio has been a great boon to the solitary lives of these caretakers. Most of them are equipped with the small semi-portable forest service sets which, at scheduled intervals, can contact the outside world over short wave connections. Telephone lines usually are out of commission after the first heavy storms, foresters state.

At points like Lake of the Woods and Spirit Lake, occasional skiing parties from outside break into the routine of these lonely outposts, but in most cases the winter-long vigil in the vast white wilderness is undisturbed.

MALIN ITEMS

MALIN, Ore.—Chiloquin high school's affirmative debaters met the Malin negatives for a non-decision meet in the Klamath Falls city library Saturday afternoon to debate before other debaters of both teams, Bessie Kamarad and Iola Haley spoke for Malin.

An exchange of teams will be made with Klamath Falls Tuesday afternoon when speakers will talk before the student bodies of both high schools in preparation for the county tournament in March.

February 4 has been set as the tentative date for the annual Parent-Son banquet to be sponsored by the Future Farmers of America of the high school.

G. H. Bronson, president pro tem of the newly organized Malin Townsend club, attended a session held in Klamath Falls Friday night for presidents and secretaries of all clubs of the county. The meeting was called for establishment of a headquarters organization in Klamath Falls from which county clubs may receive instructions.

The local club will meet Tuesday night in the Broadway hall for election of permanent officers and to hear Willis Mahoney, mayor of Klamath Falls, in what is said to be his last speech in the county on the Townsend question.

Mrs. C. S. Garrett is spending a few days with relatives in Grants Pass.

Eleven students, eight girls and three boys, placed on the semester honor roll of the high school with the highest honors going to Vivian Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Martin. Vivian boasts a record of four straight ones in all subjects and the highest possible mark in citizenship also. The grades exempted her from all semester examinations.

Others who made the honor roll included Bessie Kamarad, Florence Saunders, Anne Kos, Beth Glick, Barbara Grafton, Helen Kamarad, Ehle Reber, Margaret Starnes, Lou Petrasek and Ernest Short.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Carlson, who have spent the past several months here during Carlson's employment on the new Tulelake-Alituras feeder highway, have left for Stockton, Calif., where he will continue with the highway service.

Mrs. Ted DeMerritt has been called to Sacramento by the illness of her mother. She will remain in the south for a month.

Mrs. Roland Parks will entertain the Happy Hour club Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Merle Loosley has returned from a recent visit to Chicago and other Illinois points where she spent two weeks with relatives. Mrs. Loosley is a weaving pupil of Mrs. H. L. Weir's and is accumulating a splendid exhibit of hand woven linens, woolsens and cottons. All of the work is done on a hand loom owned by Mrs. Weir, who has passed on her knowledge of the ancient art to Mrs. Loosley. The actual weaving of the thread into material is a fascinating study as well as the study of the innumerable old patterns handed down for generations that are used in the work.

A. M. Thomas, former state legislator, attended the open meeting of the Merrill grange Monday evening at which Morton Tomkins, state grand executive committeeman, was the speaker.

President to Send Greetings to Birthday Balls

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29. (AP)—President Roosevelt will interrupt his own birthday party tomorrow night to speak words of greeting over the radio to those attending more than 7,000 birthday balls throughout the country.

As usual, the president will observe his birthday with his "gang." For years he has had dinner on January 30 with intimates of his service as assistant secretary of the navy and as democratic vice presidential nominee in 1920.

Mrs. Roosevelt is arranging a birthday cake today with the 34 candles to designate the number of years of the anniversary—34.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (AP)—An army of dancers, expected to total more than 5,000,000, will celebrate President Roosevelt's 54th birthday anniversary tomorrow night at dances and parties in all parts of the nation.

With everything from barn dances in rural communities to formal balls in the larger cities scheduled, Colonel Henry L. Doherty, chairman of the ball committee, estimated today that more than 6,000 parties will be held.

As in the last two years, the proceeds again will be used in the fight against infantile paralysis. Seventy per cent of the proceeds will be applied in the communities where the birthday dances are held; the other 30 per cent will be

used in connection with the Warm Springs foundation in Georgia. Information at the birthday ball headquarters here indicate that every variety of celebration will be held.

Cabinet members and others prominent in Washington officialdom, are among the patrons at the birthday ball to be held in the nation's capital.

Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of the president, will be the guest of honor at New York's principal ball at the Waldorf-Astoria.

In Boston, the festivities are being given a bright touch by show girls appearing in a revue there, who are selling tickets, and who will officiate at the ball.

Comedian Eddie Cantor will add to the fun at the party in Brooklyn, where "chairman" of the affair is 8-year-old Shirley Pekny, herself a sufferer from infantile paralysis.

In Rockford, Ill., 21 persons whose birthdays also fall on January 30, will help the president celebrate tomorrow night. The main ball in Milwaukee will be featured by a three-ton birthday cake. A baby show will be held in conjunction with the ball at El Centro, Calif.

All of the 6,000 or more parties will be linked at 11:30 p. m., eastern standard time, when the president speaks from Washington on a nation-wide radio hook-up.

SALEM, PORTLAND MILK RISE DUE

PORTLAND, Jan. 29. (AP)—The Oregon milk control board announced that the minimum price of milk will be advanced one cent a quart in the Salem and Portland markets on Feb. 1.

The action followed a series of meetings in various market areas. An increase in the price received by grade B producers was requested last September. Farmers grew more insistent after the unusual cold weather in October.

Early in December various condensaries advanced the price paid for milk for manufacturing purposes to a point higher than the price being paid producers for grade B milk for the bottle and can trade. Many farmers told the control board they would be obliged to seek a condensary market, diverting their daily milk shipments from the cities, unless an increase was granted.

The new price schedule applies only to the Salem and Portland markets, but the board indicated it may be applied to all areas if those markets conform to similar basic requirements now in effect in Salem and Portland.

Flying fish do not fly; they glide.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES INCREASE

SALEM, Jan. 29. (AP)—Already this year the state liquor commission has taken in more from license fee receipts than during the entire year 1935, it was announced late yesterday.

The commission has received \$199,000 from licenses on retail beer, package wines and beer, wholesalers, breweries and other sources. Receipts last year were only \$165,000.

The commission said the increase was due to the action of the 1935 legislature in increasing the fee for retail beer establishments from \$15 to \$35.

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FARM OWNERSHIP RECEIVES PRAISE

Oregon has a noteworthy record in respect to changes in farm ownership, according to L. R. Brethaupt, agricultural extension economist at Oregon State college. Government statistics show that for more than two years Oregon has led all states in the union in percentage of voluntary transfers and has had the lowest percentage of forced transfers of any north-west state, Brethaupt says.

Figures show that during the year ending March 1, 1935, 5.28 per cent of the farms in Oregon changed hands—2.84 per cent being voluntary sales and trades and 2.44 per cent owing to tax, mortgage and related defaults. The number of voluntary transfers has increased steadily during the past three years, while forced transfers have decreased rapidly.

Commenting on the reasons for these trends, Mr. Brethaupt said that the increase in farm price from the 1932 level of 46 per cent of the 1926-1930 average to 55 in 1933, 60 in 1934 and 68 per cent in 1935, had a good deal to do with improving the farm situation. He also attributed much of the enviable record in regard to farm ownership changes, however, to the very effective work of the voluntary farm debt adjustment committee appointed by the governor for the purpose of assisting farm debtors and their creditors in making debt adjustment and refinancing arrangements.

"Led by O. M. Plummer as chairman of the state committee, and with the assistance of the county agricultural agents, these committees have been working at work for more than three years giving advice and help to all who asked for their aid," Brethaupt said. "Without compensation, they have

rendered a service of greater importance than is generally realized."

Spring Bonnets Make Appearance at Paris Shows

By Adelaide Kerr
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)
PARIS, Jan. 29. (AP)—Spring bonnets, inspired by the headress of Margot, King Henry's IV's queen, made their debut today in the 1936 fashion shows.

Ostrich feathers and gay flowers added the striking effects which most of feminine Paris has seen for several seasons.

Black straw bonnets, dipped in a peak over the forehead, were encircled with ostrich feathers curled over one ear or trimmed with bright, shiny flowers perched along the brim.

Veils were an outstanding feature, consisting this season of coarse, stiff, black mesh, sometimes fashioned in a circular cut extending down to fasten under the chin. The Queen Margot influence again prevailed in black net neck ruffles worn by several models.

Street clothes included navy frocks accented with white organza, jabots under grey or navy velvet coats designed in slender silhouettes, having small collars and big-topped sleeves.

SMITH'S ADDRESS 'FUNERAL ORATION'

NEW YORK, Jan. 2. (AP)—To Senator William E. Borah, Alfred E. Smith's liberty league address was "the most eloquent and the most pathetic funeral oration that I have ever heard."

Addressing a "Borah-for-President" rally last night in Brooklyn, the Idahoan said:

"It was your brilliant and dis-

tinguished ex-governor speaking over the dead body of the Chicago platform. Nothing like it since Marc Anthony stood over the body of Julius Caesar.

"And as the adroit orator of the evening drew back the shroud from the dead platform and pointed to the numerous wounds inflicted by those whom he called traitors, you could hear the anti-Roosevelt democrats and the regular republicans cheering to the echo.

"But, republican friends," Borah continued, "let us not make the fatal mistake of assuming that this election will turn upon the question of a dead platform. It must turn on a living platform."

DANA CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED MEAD

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 29. (AP)—Endorsement of Marshall N. Dana, Portland newspaper man, for appointment as United States commissioner of reclamation to succeed Dr. Elwood Mead, has been extended by Idaho reclamation interests. Dr. Mead died Sunday.

The action in his support was taken at a meeting here attended by R. B. Scatterday of Caldwell, Harry Yost of Boise, and a score of other men prominent in Idaho reclamation work.

YAKIMA, Wash., Jan. 29. (AP)—John W. Haw, agricultural agent for the Northern Pacific, appears to have the most support of national reclamation association leaders for appointment as suc-

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cessor to Dr. Elwood Mead, as commissioner of reclamation, according to H. Lloyd Miller of Sunnyside, the association vice president.

Haw leads Marshall N. Dana of Portland by a scant margin in the

telegrams that have poured in from all western states from association members.

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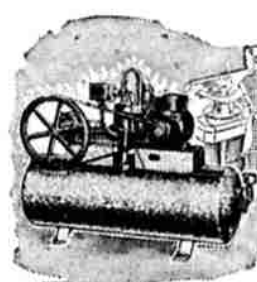
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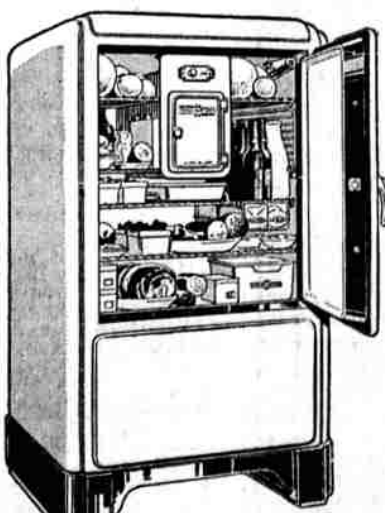
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