

# Klamath Characters Discussed At Meet

### Personalities of Early Days Included in Interesting Talk By Mrs. Robert Odell at DAR Session

Stories of the early Klamath country, colorful, and sometimes hair-raising, were unfolded by Mrs. Robert Odell on Monday evening as she talked about "Persons and Personalities of Klamath," at the regular meeting of Eulaula chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, held at the home of Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg, organizing regent of the chapter.

Mrs. Odell told about Commodore Nosler, the mysterious man who lived in a mysterious house on the hills above Ship-pington, about twenty-five years ago. The Commodore played the violin, and young and old were welcome to come to his place for an impromptu dance any time. Any man without a partner could dance with one of the female figures, carved out of wood, and mounted to rollers. Shelves filled with books which proved to be only books carved from wood, and many other curious furnishings, served to add to the air of mystery and illusion which surrounded the man and his dwelling. No one knew where he came from or why.

Methods used by the early would-be land barons down around the peninsula section of the lower Tula lake country to keep out any possible rivals for pasture lands, was a story about which Mrs. Odell had first-hand information. On one occasion a herd of wild and vicious bulls was turned loose on the prospective settler's acres, who promptly reported to the baron that he had better come and look after his herd as they were dying rapidly. On investigation the animals were found to be dying from the effects of a small piece of lead. According to report, the remedy was successful, and the new settler was allowed to carry on his affairs without further molestation.

A snake story had to do with a stranger who came to Klamath Falls one warm spring day, walked into "the brick store" on Main street, then the community center, said something about the number of snakes everywhere. No one in the store had ever seen a snake, it seems. The stranger went out again to look around, came back talking about snakes again. Still no one in the store had ever seen a snake in Klamath Falls. In desperation the newcomer went outside, pulled out a revolver, fired away at each snake head coming up, or tail going down, saying, "Mr. Snake, either you are in an awful fix, or I am in one."

Another snake story belongs to an early day school "marm." Little Susie waved her hand frantically toward the teacher, who finally said: "What do you want, Susie?" Susie said: "Teacher, ther's a rattlesnake under your chair." W. R. Frain, now living on the Kenao road, is authority for the stories of highwaymen escapades on the old Topsy grade according to Mrs. Odell. Mr. Frain was reared on the picturesque Frain ranch lying along the Klamath river at the foot of Topsy grade. On one occasion the stage was held up at the foot of the grade, the robbers then rode to the top of the hill, compelling the driver to wait for the outgoing Klamath Falls-Ager stage, and robbed that too. A large rock at the foot of the grade is still known as "Robbers' Roost," because the robbers could successfully conceal themselves behind this rock while waiting for the approaching stage.

One time the highwayman

hid some of his loot under a bridge on the Frain ranch. Wren Frain, an expert woodsman, made a careful study of the boot tracks around the bridge. Years later a house in the vicinity was burning to the ground when Wren noticed a pair of boots under the floor of a porch. He examined them and said to the owner, "This is the pair of boots worn by the man who robbed the stage back in ——" A hang-dog look was the only response. Members and visitors were highly entertained by Mrs. Odell's interesting recital.

Mrs. H. A. Nitschelm, chapter regent, presided during the business meeting. Delegates to the state conference of Daughters to be held in Hood River in March were elected as follows: Mrs. Nitschelm, Mrs. Wattenburg, Mrs. Wilbur A. Jones, Mrs. G. L. Black and Mrs. Charles Joseph Martin. Alternates, Mrs. A. C. Listoe, Mrs. Robert Sloan, Mrs. E. H. Balsiger, Mrs. S. R. Berry and Mrs. Warren Hunt. Mrs. Nitschelm and Mrs. Listoe are delegates to the national congress in Washington, D. C., to be held during the week of April the nineteenth. Mrs. B. C. Thomas, a member of the chapter, is now in Columbus, Ohio, and will be invited to represent the chapter at the national meeting.

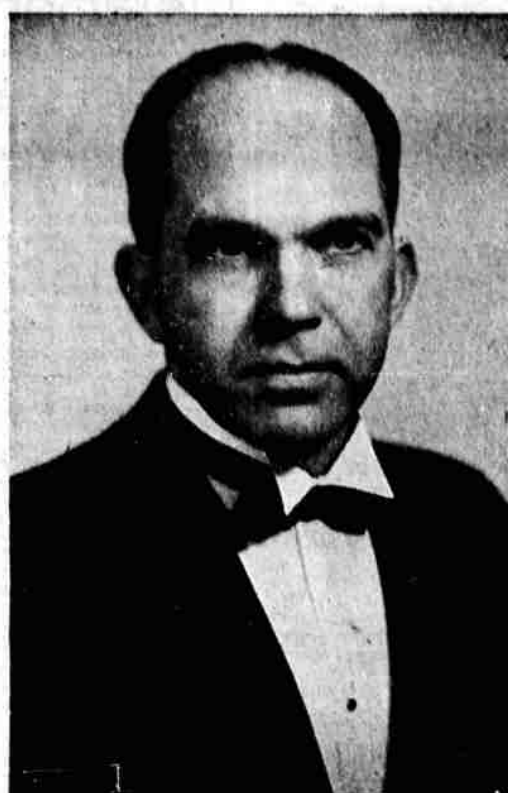
Members present at the Monday meeting were, Mrs. Nitschelm, Mrs. Listoe, Mrs. Wattenburg, Mrs. Balsiger, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Rachel A. Good, Mrs. D. V. Kuykendall, Mrs. E. D. Lamb, Mrs. Thomas Hampton, Mrs. Odell, Mrs. B. E. Hayden, Mrs. Mona Dixon, Mrs. H. E. Morris, Mrs. Harry Ackley, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Harry Goeller, Mrs. S. R. Berry, Mrs. Robert Sloan and Mrs. Charles Joseph Martin. Mrs. Timmons was a guest. Mrs. Listoe was co-hostess. Mrs. Lula Hill and Miss Mary Hill assisted during the serving of refreshments.

## INDEPENDENT STUDY CLUB NAMES OFFICERS

The Independent Study club met Thursday afternoon, January the eleventh, at the home of Mrs. Bess Griggs at 2135 Darrow avenue. New officers elected for the ensuing year were: President, Mrs. Fannie Goddard; vice president, Mrs. Louise Borton; secretary, Mrs. Kathryn Billings; treasurer, Mrs. Estella Smith; flower chairman, Mrs. Bernice Hansen; refreshment chairman, Mrs. Alice Dahlheim; publicity, Mrs. Lizzie Little.

The group voted to honor members birthdays with gifts. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Nettie Good, 2620 Darrow avenue, on January the twenty-fifth. A potluck luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

The Stingerette Club to the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet in the social community hall Tuesday, January the sixteenth for a one o'clock pot luck luncheon. All members are cordially invited.



## OFFICIALS OF KLAMATH MASONIC LODGE

On Monday evening the office of worshipful master of Klamath Lodge, No. 77, AF and AM, was taken by Herschel E. Morris, (left), retiring worshipful master is LeRoy Erdmann, who was presented with a past master's ring by the incoming master. The ceremony was observed before a great many lodge members in the Masonic temple.

—Kennell-Ellis picture.

## St. Olaf Choir To Sing Here

### Famous Singing Group Scheduled Here January 31st

Few musical organizations have enjoyed the unanimous acclaim of the critics as has the St. Olaf choir, scheduled to appear in concert here Wednesday, January the thirty-first at the Pelican theatre under the sponsorship of the Klamath Lutheran church.

This organization, composed of sixty carefully selected voices from the student body at St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minnesota, has repeatedly toured the country from east to west, winning the highest praise from the music critics of leading newspapers in Boston, New York, Chicago, Cleveland, Washington, Denver, Seattle, San Francisco and Los Angeles. Its coming here is in response to urgent requests from many to whom its fame has spread.

The choir has been trained and its concerts are conducted by Dr. F. Mellus Christiansen, whose choral ideals were absorbed in the classes directed by Cantor Gustav Schreck at the University of Leipzig, who was for many years the leader of the celebrated Thomas Church choir.

Sixty men and women form the choir. The unanimity of critical opinion concerning their merit is one of the most astonishing things in America's musical life. Director Christiansen retains only such voices as are free from untidiness and disposition to breathiness, and the result is perfection of balance, precision of attack and release, and flawless intonation. It is difficult to convey to those who have not heard this singing group the likeness and control of the body of tone, for the sixty voices are exactly like one voice multiplied by sixty. Writing in the Chicago Herald-Examiner, Mr. Herman Devries said of the choir:

"It is a group of young people, all of them letter-perfect, pitch-perfect, tone-perfect, text-perfect in the most difficult classic choral music, singing absolutely from memory and without accompaniment, even without the opening assurance of diapason or tuning fork. Their director, Dr. Christiansen, gets effects unlike those produced by any other like organization heard in these parts. Their pianissimo is of wonderful tenacity, finespun as silk, yet never lacking in musical quality. Their dynamics are their own and the ensemble effects are quite flawless. For the benefit of those among our readers who have never heard this choir, let me repeat that it is the greatest of its kind in America, perhaps in the world. One has only to enumerate the qualities that make a perfect choral body—and name them the St. Olaf Choristers, with Dr. F. Mellus Christiansen for their guiding spirit."

Such praise has rarely been bestowed by a nationally-known critic on any organization or individual yet it is duplicated in warmth by his contemporaries in all cities.

WEST KLAMATH — The Tuesday Evening Bridge club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thurman. Those playing were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Metzler, Mrs. Lee Holliday, Mrs. Marian Holliday, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Thurman. High score was won by Mrs. Lee Holliday and low by Mrs. Thurman.

## CALENDAR

**Monday, January 15**  
The executive council of the Business and Professional Women's club meets at the Pelican cafe for a no-hostess dinner, at 6:30 o'clock.

**Tuesday, January 16**  
Benefit performances of "Intermezzo" for Finnish Relief fund at Pelican theatre. One afternoon and two evening performances.

**Wednesday, January 17**  
Wednesday club of St. Paul's church to meet in parish house. Last social meeting before Lent. Hostesses, Mrs. Joseph Fales, Mrs. D. J. Raes, Mrs. Ann Norland and Miss Henrietta Eiern.

Parents and Patrons club members of KUHS, meeting at 8 o'clock. Board meeting at 7:15 o'clock.

**Thursday, January 18**  
Group No. 4, St. Mary's Altar society, "snowball" bridge party in Willard hotel at 8 o'clock. Bridge, pinocle and Chinese checkers.

Regular meeting Prosperity Rebekah lodge at IOOF hall at 8 p. m.

**Friday, January 19**  
Mothers club of Sacred Heart academy to meet in school auditorium, 1:30 o'clock.

**Saturday, January 20**  
Mid-winter dance, Winter Dancing club, Willard hotel.

**Monday, January 22**  
The regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club will be held at Hotel Willard with dinner served at 6:30 o'clock. Elenora Weatherford and the junior girls will be in charge of the program. This will be a "fun" meeting, it is announced.

League of Women Voters, 2 p. m., Library club rooms.

**Thursday, January 25**  
Sojourners to meet at Willard hotel.

St. Paul's Guild in parish house. Potluck luncheon at 1 p. m. Kathryn Hornibrook will review "The Nazarene" by Shelon Asch.

Reading of "Ramona" by Miss Naomi Van Cleave, First Presbyterian church, 8 o'clock. Public invited. Tickets may be purchased from chamber of commerce or at door.

**Saturday, January 27**  
President's Birthday ball, Klamath Falls armory, proceeds for infantile paralysis.

Doernbacher benefit bridge party given by Klamath Falls Women's Library club. General chairman, Mrs. D. E. Van Vector.

**Monday, Jan. 29**  
Reames women to sponsor Sam Gordon, the Kibitzer. A combined meeting of the Minerva and E'th Cuning Book clubs will be held, with Chester Shuler the guest speaker. Mr. Shuler will review, "City of Gold," by Francis Brett Young and will speak upon the technique of reading and how to review a book.

**Tuesday, January 30**  
Reames women to sponsor Sam Gordon, the Kibitzer.

**Wednesday, January 31**  
The famous St. Olaf choir will sing in concert under the

auspices of the Klamath Lutheran church.

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**Saturday, February 3**  
St. Valentine's dance given by Order of Amaranth in Masonic temple at 9:30 o'clock. Annual benefit party given by Lioness club, Willard hotel.

**Monday, February 5**  
Oregon Mothers to meet at home of Mrs. A. M. Collier, Third and Pine streets, 1:45 o'clock dessert. Election of officers.

**Tuesday, February 6**  
Regular meeting of Friendship Court, No. 11, Order of Amaranth, in Masonic temple at 8 o'clock.

**Wednesday, February 7**  
Shrine club to meet for dinner at Willard hotel.

**Saturday, February 10**  
Benefit dance for the Finnish Relief fund at Klamath Falls armory. Special features planned.

**Monday, February 12**  
Second annual Lincoln's Birthday banquet to be sponsored by Klamath County Republican club. Willard hotel at 6:30 o'clock.

## "Ramona" To Be Heard

### Music Scheduled For Interesting Church Affair

Miss Margaret Horton, Miss Phyllis Collier and Miss Patty Fleet, all of Klamath Falls, and Miss Barbara Bentley of Tulelake have been chosen to give the vocal numbers in connection with the reading of "Ramona" to be given by Miss Naomi Van Cleave at the First Presbyterian church Thursday evening, January the twenty-fifth, at eight o'clock.

Stage settings and musical background will carry out the Spanish and Indian theme of Helen Hunt Jackson's famous love story, "Ramona."

In the world's literature Ramona and her proud husband Alessandro have taken their places among the immortal lovers. From their meeting during the sheep shearing at Camulos Rancho through their discovery of love, their flight and miserable treatment by the Americans, the tale moves with relentless certainty toward Alessandro's tragic end.

This is the Ramona story, a story that will live forever in the hearts of those who know it.

In charge of stage settings is Mr. Frank Fleet, who will be assisted by Miss Pearl Jean Wilson and Mr. Horace Stiles. Mr. Jack Barbour is managing the lighting effects.

Miss Marjorie Cheyne, Miss Ruth Hendricks, Mr. Ray Migliaccio, and Mr. Ross Ragland will usher at the recital. Miss Marjorie Kos and Mr. Frank Fleet will take tickets. Mrs. George McIntyre will give the musical prelude and accompany the singers.

Following are the four episodes in Miss Van Cleave's original abridgment of the novel: PART I Ramona and the Senora PART II Ramona and Alessandro PART III The Wanderers PART IV Ramona and Felipe

## Officers Hold Heet

### Herschel E. Morris Named Master of Klamath Lodge

Newly elected officers of the Klamath lodge, number 77, of A. F. and A. M. were installed at the last communication Monday, January the eighth, by J. A. Murphy, past master.

Officers for the ensuing year will be Herschel E. Morris, worshipful master; Lawrence Phelps, senior warden; J. Fred Flock, junior warden; E. M. Bubb, treasurer; Arthur R. Dickson, secretary; William Milne, senior deacon; George Adler, junior deacon; J. M. Pyles, Sr., chaplain; L. L. Erdmann, marshal; Wallace McArthur, senior steward; R. E. Weightman, junior steward; Ted T. Terrel, tyler; and Lynn Moore, organist.

A highlight of the program was the presentation of life membership certificates to retiring master L. L. Erdmann, Herschel E. Morris and Douglas Hovser by past master H. S. Stone. The newly installed master, Herschel Morris, presented a past master's ring to the retiring master, L. L. Erdmann, as a gift from the lodge in appreciation of his service to the order.

THIMBLE CLUB MEETS TUESDAY AT ELY HOME

The Thimble club of Neighbors of Woodcraft met Tuesday afternoon, January the ninth, at the home of Mrs. Ellen Ely on Nevada street.

Dessert was served by the hostess to twenty-two members. A short business meeting was held with election of officers with all re-elected as follows, president, Mrs. Stella Dryden; vice president, Mrs. Edith Eschle; secretary, Mrs. Ellen Ely; treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Hewitt; finance committee, Mrs. Idoline Schupp and Mrs. Noy McDaniel. The third member of the finance committee will be elected next meeting.

Following the meeting five tables of pinocle were at play. Prizes were given to Mrs. Fred Hahn, high; Mrs. Frank Sexton, second high; Mrs. L. A. Eschle, low. Mrs. Dryden was presented with a decorated cake in honor of her birthday. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, January the third at the home of Mrs. Dryden, 610 North Eleventh street with Mrs. Henry Gloystein assisting.

MERRILL OFFICERS TO BE INSTALLED

MERRILL — Newly elected officers of the Merrill Rebekah lodge who were not installed early this month will be installed Monday night, January the fifteenth, it has been announced by Mrs. Hazel Lilly, noble grand. Officers yet to be installed include Mrs. Vivian Haskins, vice grand; Mrs. Geraldine Cox, chaplain; Mrs. Winnie Offield, recording secretary and Mrs. Hallie Doderhoff, musician.

A white elephant offering will supply prizes for beans and other games and cards will be in order.

Mrs. Lilly, Mrs. Mary Pope, Mrs. Hallie Doderhoff and Miss Nevada Schooley, all with birthdays in December, will entertain for members whose birthdays fall this month.

# Dr. Adams Addresses Business Women

### Caroline Vaeretti Chairman of Interesting Program in Willard Hotel on Monday Evening

Dr. F. Cecil Adams was the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's club on Monday evening, January the eighth, at Hotel Willard, discussing the topic of "Compulsory Health Insurance." Caroline Vaeretti was chairman of the program and entertainment, assisted by Lois Rumer, Alice Ruffenclutter and Dorothy Bailey, who used the theme of the New Year in the decorative scheme. New Year kewpies in black haw smiled from the tables and streamers in baby blue and pink ribbons added a gala touch to the scene, while paper fortunes amused the diners.

## Officers Installed

### Mrs. Templar Takes Over Duties As 1940 Matron

Formal gowns in pastel shades added much to the enjoyment of members when the 1940 officers of Aloha chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, went through the ritualistic ceremonies Tuesday evening, January the ninth, at the first regular meeting of the chapter year.

Mrs. Dorothy Templar, worthy matron, and Mr. Lloyd Robison, worthy patron, inspired the members with confidence in their ability to successfully lead the chapter in its undertakings during the ensuing year.

According to the report of Mrs. Ruby Kauson, retiring secretary, Aloha chapter now has 307 members in good standing.

The worthy matron appointed standing committees for the year as follows: Finance: Jessie Mills, Laura Willis, Clairalce Epperson. Instructions: No. 1, Dr. Harold Brown, Christine Murdock, H. E. Getz. No. 2, Loyal B. Hopkins, Catherine Casper, Mae Balsiger.

Examination: No. 1, Earl Palmer, Dorothy Wortley, Leola Heilbronner. No. 2, Oliver Baker, Jennie Hurn, Amelia Hanks. No. 3, L. Heard, Ella McMillan, Edna Kent.

Relief: Nellie Wattenburg, Marguerite Ward, Velma Robison.

Publicity chairman: Irene Markham.

Parliamentarian: May Phinney.

House committee: Chairman, Will Wood, Golden Brown, Kate Peyton.

During the social hour refreshments were served by a committee composed of Mrs. Mae Balsiger, chairman, Mrs. Lillian Arnold, Helen Anderson, Orva Beard, Laura Black, Margaret Biden, and visiting members, Mrs. Virginia Brown and Mrs. Lillian Hagman.

WEED WOMEN ENJOY PARTIES DURING WEEK

WEED—The Young Ladies' Martha Circle met at the home of Mrs. Jean Fidler Monday evening for the regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Rosalie Lee led the devotional services.

After a brief business meeting a very interesting social hour followed at which time the hostess served a salad course. Those present were: Mesdames Jean Carabin, Jewel Rhodes, Mildred Eddy, Nellie Ford, Ada Rice, Langino Schweitzer, Rosalie Lee, Vera Miller, Mable Weed, Betty Scott, and Misses Marietta Brown, Elinor Heberle, Pauline Williams and the hostess, Jean Fidler.

WEED—The home of Mrs. Lester Lea was a beautiful setting for a silver tea when she entertained the members of the Dorcas circle Wednesday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served to Mesdames Vinole Hoy, Lollie Davis, Kay Bryant, Emelia Kegg, Jeno Sheppard, Jim Register, Marion Kerkes, Edna Mitchell, Alice Padner, Gladys Jarvenin, Katherine Johnson, Jewel Rhodes, by the hostess, Mrs. Lea.

CONTRACT CLUB ENTERTAINED AT HEWITT'S

The Thursday Contract club met January the eleventh at the home of Mrs. Bertha Hewitt on Mansanilla street. Luncheon was served by the hostess to Mrs. Idoline Schupp, Mrs. Stella Dryden, Mrs. Pearl Yorkland, Mrs. Beulah Agee, Mrs. Eva Jones, Mrs. Myrtle Dunham, and Mrs. Clara McPherran. High score was given to Mrs. Schupp, second high to Mrs. Yorkland, and the traveling prize to Mrs. Agee. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Schupp on Alameda street.

Winema temple, Pythian Sisters will meet in the KG hall, Wednesday evening, January the seventeenth, at eight o'clock. Dinner will be served at half past six o'clock. Brother Knights and wives are cordially invited. There will be installation of officers at half past eight o'clock. Visiting sisters are cordially invited.

THE WOMEN OF THE MOOSE sponsored a public card party Friday afternoon, January the twelfth, in KC hall with eight tables at play. High score was held by Mrs. Lowe, second high by Harriet McWethery. Guest prize was awarded to Laura Brumble. Refreshments were served at the close of the play.

The alumni committee of the Women of the Moose will hold a regular meeting Wednesday afternoon, January the seventeenth, with a potluck luncheon at the home of Fannie May Thompson, 416 North Ninth street.

The ritualistic committee held a regular meeting Monday evening, January the eighth, at the home of Opal Biehn with twelve members present. It was voted to start a series of card parties, the first to be given on Monday evening, January the twenty-ninth, at eight o'clock in KC hall, to which parts for a play which the committee is to present were given out. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

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### ST. OLAF CHOIR SINGERS

Nora Lunde, Borgny Roe and Velma Grose, members of the St. Olaf choir, carefully studying an intricate phrase in part practice. The famous choir of sixty members will be heard in Klamath Falls at the Pelican theatre on Wednesday, January the thirty-first.