

## Midland Empire News

### EDWIN PICKARD PAID HONOR BY ADIN RESIDENTS

ALTURAS — On Friday, Jan. 26, more than 100 neighbors and business associates of Edwin S. Pickard paid honor to him at a public surprise party and reception given in the Women's club hall at Adin under the auspices of the 20th Century Club ladies.

zens of the community. L. G. McDowell of Alturas, Modoc's probation officer, whom Pickard succeeded as postmaster and editor of Adin's newspaper, the Adin Argus, making the presentation speech for the ladies.

Card tables were available for those who wished other amusement besides visiting. At mid-night a buffet supper was served by the club ladies, under the management of Mrs. Mae Manotti, their president. One large cake was decorated as a Christmas package with imitation frosting string and stamp. A large wooden postcard was passed around for signatures of those present.

In the corner of the postcard was the address of the sender, W. S. People, Adin, Calif., and the addressee, Edwin S. Pickard, and on the back this inscription:

"In appreciation of your many years of faithful service as our postmaster and to wish you health and happiness in the years to

### Retires



Here is Edwin Pickard who is retiring as postmaster at Adin, Calif., after serving since 1903. Modoc county friends and neighbors held a big surprise party in his honor recently.

come. Sincerely your friends, W. S. People."

Mr. Pickard, postmaster since 1903, was retired this month because of age limit, he being 74, and his place was taken by Floyd Harvey. He is the son of Charles Harvey, a pioneer of Adin, and has been clerking in the Harper store.

Mr. Pickard has left his successor a high standard in good service to his community and in holding unreservedly the greatest respect and esteem of young and old alike during that service. Also during this 37 years he edited and published the town weekly newspaper, the only republican newspaper in Modoc county. While Mr. Pickard did double duty as postmaster and editor and booster for all community good, he was always non-partisan, fair and impartial. He has a reputation for being even tempered.

Mr. Pickard gave a brief resume of the changes in Adin since he came there from Lassen county, the old J. E. Niles flour mill was gone but the flourishing Edgerton saw mill had taken its place. The state highway has replaced muddy streets, a good state bridge replaced the old ones several times menaced or washed away by floods, livery stables were replaced by garages. There were two hotels in the old days which were the lively centers of activity when Alturas was a day's drive from Adin, and horse stages and horse-drawn vehicles traversed the dirt roads, full of chuck holes from freight teaming. One of these pioneer hotels, the City hotel, burned a few years ago. Adin has been ravaged by several fires, but new buildings have been replaced for the burned ones. Rural electrification has lighted the streets and homes.

Mr. Pickard said, "Adin was home and a grand place to live," and that he would continue in his duties as editor of the Adin Argus. He isn't ready to rest all the time as yet.

Mr. Pickard has a wife, Mrs. Ann Shepherd Pickard, her family being one of the early pioneer families of Modoc. He also has one son, Neyman Pickard of a former marriage, who is employed by the Surprise Valley R. E. A.

Several friends from Alturas, former associates or employees in his newspaper office, attended the reception.

### WOCUS

Burrough O'Brien who has been sick is some improved.

Norma Hurtgen is able to attend school again.

Dennis Welton, of Forestburg, S. D., is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Anderson.

Vern Uhrine had the misfortune to break a bone in his foot. He is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Uhrine of Pelican City.

The ice on the pond certainly has furnished plenty of fun for the youngsters and oldsters. Several hundred people skated here over the weekend.

Mr. Buckner injured his hand quite seriously while shooting a .22 calibre rifle. The gun jammed.

Paul Buck is constructing several cabins on his property.

Mrs. Ellis McGee motored to Modoc Point Sunday, where she visited friends.

M. Moshove, of Sacramento, Calif., is remodeling his house which he plans to lease.

Mrs. James Helms called on Mrs. McGee Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Allison and son, Jimmie, of Hot Springs, S. D., are visiting at the home of Mrs. Alphonso's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Welton.

Louis Pinon underwent an operation Wednesday morning at the Klamath Valley hospital. Friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sherrick announce the birth of a daughter at the Klamath Valley hospital. The little girl has been named Susan Angela.

### MERRILL CHURCH TO PRESENT PLAY

MERRILL — "A House on the Sand," one act drama by Elliot Fields, will be presented among a number of other features by men of the Presbyterian church the evening of February 15 in the high school gymnasium. Fun provoking numbers are scheduled with those of more serious nature, according to Rev. Lawrence Mitchellmore.

### SILVER LAKE TO BUILD NEAR OLD FIRE SITE

SILVER LAKE — P. A. Gruber is laying the foundation for a new business building on the Fremont highway. Gruber, who has operated a poolroom here for several years, lost the building he occupied, in a fire of unknown origin last fall. Known as the Shamrock, it was one of the oldest buildings in town.

The site of the new building is very near the location of Silver Lake's first general merchandise store, which burned in the tragic fire of Christmas eve, 1894. In

that fire, caused by the explosion of an oil lamp, 40 persons lost their lives and three more were fatally injured. Trapped by the flames in a hall above the store where a Christmas program was being held, nearly half of the total population of the little frontier settlement perished. Just across the street still stands the town's first hotel where the injured were carried for treatment on that night of terror. It is vacant and falling to decay like the rotting hull of a derelict ship.

### "ICE" FISHING

EDENTON, N. C. (AP)—High winds blew the Rocky Hook creek out of its course near here, and a cold wave, setting in almost immediately, froze the stream.

Youngsters with buckets, saws and hatchets gathered a harvest of fish, ranging up to 15-pound white bass.

Rumania has decided to defy Russia, now that the soviets look like anything but a bear.

### BOUNDARY DISPUTE STIRS TULELAKE

TULELAKE — A petition relative to proposed city boundary changes, signed by twenty-five property owners, was accepted by the city council Monday night preparatory to filing suit in superior court for establishment of permanent boundary lines and dedication of streets and alleys. Boundaries as originally established at the time of incorporation were not acceptable in proceedings under way which lay the groundwork for installation of city water and sewerage systems. A hearing on the proposed changes will probably be held 30 days after the suit is filed.

With Mayor Lou Booth and Councilman Otis Roper absent from the session no other city business came up for discussion.

### BOOTH IS ON VACATION FOR TWO WEEKS IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE AND ROPER WAS AB- SENT ON BUSINESS. COUNCILMAN A. A. RODENBERGER WAS MAYOR PRO TEM. A STATED MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 5.

### MALIN CHAMBER HOLDS BANQUET

MALIN — The annual chamber of commerce banquet has been definitely planned for Tuesday, February 20, it was announced Friday by Irving Capek, chamber secretary. February 15 had been set as the tentative date.

About 300 guests will be served with the membership drive now under way netting 200 members, giving the local organization the largest membership of any civic organization in the south end.

The dinner to be served in the high school gymnasium will be prepared by the Helping Hand

society and turkey is on the menu. The program, as yet not completely worked out will be highlighted by the Gay Nineties orchestra of Klamath Falls.

### PRINEVILLE MAN HELD IN TULELAKE

TULELAKE — A hearing before Justice of the Peace Clyde Barks, for Rolland G. Watt, Prineville, Oregon, scheduled for Monday was postponed until the ruling covering the case is passed on by Attorney General Warren, Sacramento. Watt was arrested several days ago by Gus Kehrer of the California highway patrol after a 23 mile chase over the Canby-Hatfield highway. A misdemeanor charge was filed.

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