

800 MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED AT MOSS BEDS

ALTURAS — Operations at the peat moss beds will commence as soon as weather conditions permit, according to the proprietors, Archie Hart and James Paterson. It is expected that 800 men will be employed at the plant and beds during the summer.

A processing plant is now being installed in the old round house in likely where the moss will be prepared for shipping.

Peat moss is very rare in the United States and it was necessary for the company to build all their machinery as there are no known manufacturers of equipment of this kind in the country.

There are 400 acres of this valuable material at the deposit near likely, with the average depth being seven and one half feet. The area contains approximately 1000 tons per acre and with normal operation will last for 20 years.

The moss is used for such purposes asparagus pads, fertilizer, bandages, etc. It is claimed that asparagus placed on these pads, will grow several inches while in transit to market.

MERRILL BRIEFS

MERRILL — Merrill post American Legion will be held Monday night by the Merrill fire department at a banquet in the community hall. Social obligations of the two organizations are divided on a yearly program, the first men entertaining the Legion one year and the Legion playing host the next year.

Mrs. Bobbie Icenbice and a party of Women of the Moose gallopers, surprised Mrs. Rose Van Meter in Malin Thursday afternoon when they arrived for a round of pinocle and tea. High score went to Mrs. Louisa Icenbice and the consolation to Mrs. Pearl Harris.

The gallopers included Mesdames La Hota, Louisa Icenbice, Clyde Van Meter, Marie Vacknitz, Agnes Schriener, Lena Parker, Letta Stolt, Ollie Ratliff, Earl Kester, Gertrude McCormick and Pearl Harris. Next in line for a tea is Mrs. Agnes Schriener when Mrs. Van Meter will sponsor a trip to her home.

The fund for financing the trip of the Merrill basketball Huskies to the district tournament in Ashland the last of this month was boosted \$19 by the public card party sponsored by members of the squad and others interested in sending the boys. Both bridge and pinocle were in play.

The attractive refreshment table was centered with deep purple iris and daffodils carrying out the school's color scheme of purple and gold.

In bridge honors went to Mrs. B. Kidwell and E. Van Ness Johnson and the consolation awards to Mrs. J. R. Steele and Mr. Livingston.

Top honors in pinocle went to Mrs. Pearl Harris and Tom Barry and consolation to Mrs. Melvin Bowman and Robert Cristner. The door prize went to E. E. Kilpatrick.

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OUR HOME TOWN

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Merrill Rebekahs had a busy session this week with committees which will function this year appointed by the noble grand, Mrs. Hazel Lilly. Mrs. Mae Anderson, chairman of the good of the order committee will be assisted by Mrs. Marian Hunnicutt and Mrs. Leona Beasley.

Mrs. Mary Pope will serve as chairman of the publicity committee assisted by Mrs. Geraldine Cox and J. Leland Pope.

Five dollars was donated to the state president for the linen and silverware chest for the Odd Fellows home at Portland and the announcement of a silver offering to be taken up at the next meeting was made, the proceeds to be turned into the educational fund.

Mrs. Georgia Moore, president of the Three Links club asked that all members come to the next meeting prepared to ask one question on any topic.

Following the regular lodge session, Mrs. Warren Fruits gave a detailed and interesting history of Oregon, the state flag and how it came to be made, in commemoration of the day, February 14, 1859, that Oregon was admitted to the union.

An interesting educational feature of the next meeting will be offered by Mrs. Maude Faus who will recall the history of Old Fellowship and the Rebekah order. At the same session Warren Fruits will speak on the educational foundation.

A social committee headed by Mrs. Lewis Kandra served refreshments from a table centered with red hearts and red and white tapers. Refreshments carried out the same color scheme. Mrs. Kandra was assisted by Mrs. George Offield, Mrs. Tom Barry, Mrs. Marion Hunnicutt, Mrs. Ray Merrill, Mrs. Nellie Takacs, Mrs. Margaret Kandra and Mrs. Bernice Dixon.

Mrs. L. M. LaRue of Shannon lodge, Winona, Missouri was a guest.

MINING COMPANY PLANS TO BECOME CLOSED CONCERN

ALTURAS — The Hi-Way mining company, which is developing a claim property north of here, is to become a closed corporation, according to M. Williams, one of the lessees.

Charles Lederer, attorney for the company, is at present in San Francisco where he expects to purchase a return to be used in extracting the quick silver from the ore.

Williams states they have discovered native mercury in the shaft now being sunk and has great hopes for the venture being a big producer when full operations are under way.

TULELAKE GREET TWO NEW BABIES

TULELAKE — Two new arrivals registered at the Tulelake hospital this week with the first child, a daughter, being welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kitterman on February 2. On February 5, Mr. and Mrs. Walter John Olexer welcomed a son. The little boy had the honor of being born on the birthday of an aunt and of his grandmother Olexer. The mother is the former Dorothy Crawford and the new arrival is the first child in the family.

VALLEY PROJECT TO BE EXTENDED

ALTURAS — Plans for the extension of the Surprise Valley reclamation project to serve Paisley and the Chewaucan valley north of Lakeview in Oregon are under way.

The corporation is now serving ranches in Modoc and Lassen counties as well as a portion of Goose lake valley from where the extension to Paisley, if made, would hook up.

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BANQUET FEATURES BOY SCOUT WEEK

MERRILL — Commemorating National Boy Scout week, February 8-15, dads and sons of Merrill gathered for a banquet Tuesday night in the annex of the Presbyterian church with places marked for 70 guests, including Rev. E. V. Haynes, Klamath Falls, commissioner for cubbing in the Modoc council area. Warren Fruits acted as toastmaster with responses by Dr. F. E. Trotman who explained "Why I Am Glad That I'm a Dad."

In answer Vernon Bowman gave "Why I Am Glad That I'm a Son." Fruits, active for many years in Boy Scout work, was presented with his 10-year veteran's scout pin.

An instrumental trio, with violins and accordion was presented by Melvin Bowman, Vernon Bowman and Donald Bowman. Clyde Mitchell and Clifford Mitchell, brothers, played a mandolin and guitar duet. Four club boys gave two club yells and members of Merrill Boy Scout troop Number seven under the direction of Lloyd Lewis, senior patrol leader, gave a first aid demonstration.

Patriotic table appointments were used as a background for the dinner served by Mrs. Wilbur Robinsonette's group of the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church.

LAKEVIEW PREPARES BOY SCOUT BANQUET

Plans for the annual father and sons banquet to be held Tuesday evening, February 12, are fast nearing completion, according to C. J. Clause, general chairman of the event.

The banquet will be a feature of National Scout week and will mark the thirtieth anniversary of the founding of Boy Scouts. R. C. Groesbeck, Klamath Falls attorney, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Other numbers on the program for the evening will include a dance skit by pupils of Bernice Butler's dancing classes; a violin duet by Genevieve Graves and Norma Ogle, accompanied by Lois Clause; vocal selections by several high school boys and several musical numbers by Kudna Brothers orchestra.

West Klamath

Miss June Rudd and Mrs. Marion Holliday were dinner guests Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Zinn and family.

Mrs. C. L. Holliday, Mrs. Marion Holliday and Mrs. C. B. Thurman attended the Lionsess bridge party held at the Willard hotel. Mrs. Marion Holliday held high score in auction bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Phelps and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sherrier in Chiloquin.

The regular meeting of the Three G club was held Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. S. McClelland. After a short business meeting the afternoon was spent sewing. Dainty refreshments carrying out the Valentine motif were served by the hostess. Those present were Mrs. Marion Holliday, Mrs. Clyde Phelps, Mrs. C. B. Thurman, Mrs. Dan Massett, Mrs. Emmitt Baker and Mrs. L. L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester L. Smith and Jerry and Jack spent the weekend visiting relatives and friends at Butte Falls.

Mrs. Thelma Newton has made several trips to Portland to visit with her mother, Mrs. George

STEWART, DURING HER RECENT ILLNESS.

Mrs. George Stewart is recovering from an auto accident received while in Portland. She is now able to sit up a while daily. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Perkins and family spent Sunday visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jack Perkins.

LOAN GROUP HEARS FINANCIAL REPORT

TULELAKE — Financial reports at the annual meeting of the Tulelake National Farm Loan association revealed that in 1939 \$26,100 was distributed among 13 applicants for Federal Land Bank loans by the local association bringing the grand total since the association was organized six years ago to \$232,500 among 108 borrowers. During the same period 130 applicants received \$203,500 in commission loans.

In accordance with a ruling inaugurated last year, all directors of the association serve three year terms with two directors Fred E. McMurphy and Ivan Rose re-established on the board after having served one year terms under the old ruling. Carl Gentry, present chairman of the board and E. W. Staunton serve until 1941 and Guy Porterfield until 1942. Executive officers are elected from the five directors. McMurphy will serve as vice president and Rose as the loan commissioner.

The fiscal year of the association ended January 1, 1940.

DORRIS FEDERATED WOMEN'S CLUB HAS FEBRUARY MEETING

DORRIS — The Dorris Federated Women's club held its first meeting in February on Thursday with the hostesses being Mrs. G. S. Avery, Mrs. I. H. Robinson, Mrs. Al Humphreys and Mrs. Stanley Allen. "Mirror Magic" was the theme for the afternoon's program. Before the meeting convened a committee meeting was held of the chairmen of all the club committees to make arrangements for the proposed grab bag which the club has planned for the near future. As the president was not present at the meeting as well as only a few of the chairmen no decisions were made.

The next meeting of the club will be held the evening of February 22 and will be a benefit card party. The hostesses for that affair will be Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Ahrens, Mrs. Farrar and Mrs. Helen Bedillon.

DORRIS PTA HEARS SPEECHES, MUSIC AT THURSDAY MEET

DORRIS — The attendance on Thursday evening for the Parent Teachers program at the Dorris grammar school was not as large as was expected. Paul Evans opened the session by a well defined talk on Founder's day. This was followed by an excellent address by Supervisor of Schools Deering who spoke on closer relations between the pupils, teachers and parents.

For the musical program which followed Patty Avery and Joy Motschenbacher gave the Cane Dance. Dolores Sevit gave a splendidly rendered "Gettysburg Address." Miss Lowell, instructor, presented group singing composed of several of the grades.

Closing the evening's entertainment Mrs. C. G. Meyers presided at the piano while everyone sang "America." The hostesses served refreshments to those present.

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COLOR SCHEME SPREADING OUT IN LATE AUTOS

FLINT, Mich., Feb. 12.—The national automotive color scheme is undergoing decisive change. No longer is the industry culpable of the criticism: "You can have any color automobile you want as long as it is black."

In fact, according to records of the Buick division of General Motors, only one out of three Buick cars purchased in these modern times is black. The other two may be various shades of blue, green, grey, maroon, brown, cream or two-tone combinations of two or more of these colors.

That is the ratio in which buyers of new Buick cars have taken their colors since introduction of the 1940 models last fall. Analysis of customer color options on 112,569 cars, covering 1940 models, entered in production through January 1, shows a substantial increase in the preference for colors with a corresponding drop in demand for black cars.

While black still predominates, with 33.9 per cent of all cars so specified, it has steadily yielded position. Only a few years ago virtually 80 per cent called for black. Last year the percentage had dropped to 40. This year another seven per cent of Buick customers have gone over to the brighter side, and the trend is being watched with interest by design students.

Color preferences vary according to locality, the analysis showed. A tabulation of Buick deliveries in the eastern area covering the large New York market and the Atlantic seaboard states, shows 47.3 per cent of purchasers choosing black cars.

On the Pacific coast the heavy demand is for color. In this area, black cars accounted for only 15.8 per cent, with light blue and two-tone green each accounting for 11.5 per cent, and light grey 8.5 per cent.

The four-door sedan continues to be the most popular body type by a wide margin, accounting for 69 per cent of Buick production thus far. With the new coupe bodies of sufficient dimension now to permit full width rear seats and six passenger capacity, demand for this body type has shown marked increase. Coupes now account for 16.2 per cent of Buick output, exceeding two-door sedans which constitute 10.5 per cent.

PLANS FOR SPRING TALKED AT MEETING

DORRIS — The Good Neighbor club of the Full Gospel Community church met Thursday at Mrs. Pat O'Malley's home. Those present were Mrs. Paul Evans, Mrs. C. G. Meyers, Mrs. Tom Dugan, Mrs. Cora Gibson, Mrs. Freda McCoy, Mrs. Minnie Ege-line, and the hostess, Mrs. O'Malley.

The afternoon was spent in sewing and making plans for the spring work. Delicious refreshments were served at half past four.

DOG LOGIC

EVANSTON, Ill.—Prof. Baker Brownell of Northwestern university took along his bull terrier, Tim, when he posted a letter recently.

Tim, who likes to chase cars, was hit by one just as his master reached the mailbox.

A few days later dog and master went to the mail box. Brownell was sure Tim now would be frightened of automobiles.

Not at all—but he was scared stiff of the mail box.

ROTARY CHIEF TO VISIT CLUB HERE



H. Cline Fixott

Dr. H. Cline Fixott of Portland, governor of this district of Rotary International, will be in Klamath Falls next Friday on his official visit to the Rotary club of this city.

Dr. Fixott is a dentist in Portland, a member of the Rotary club there, and was elected governor of the 101st district at Rotary's 30th annual convention in Cleveland last June.

President Mitchell Tillotson and Secretary R. D. Eller of the Klamath Falls Rotary club and the 80 other members of the club will confer with Rotary Governor Fixott on matters of club administration and activities. The Rotary club of Klamath Falls was organized in 1922 and now meets weekly at the Hotel Willard.

Rotary Governor Fixott was one of the nearly 200 men who were elected to serve Rotary's 5000 clubs and 210,000 Rotarians in 80 countries and geographical divisions of the world.

AUTO EXPENSE MAY BE EXEMPT FROM U. S. INCOME TAX

Motorists making out their federal income tax statements are allowed exemptions for expenses necessary in the maintenance and operation of their automobiles, the legal department of the Oregon State Motor association reminds Oregon motorists.

Deductions in computing taxable income include the following:

State gasoline taxes—motorists must furnish a complete record for this item as the department of internal revenue will not accept estimates. The tax in Oregon is five cents per gallon.

All sums paid as registration fees during the year—this includes licensing.

Any loss sustained from the outright sale of the car. This does not include any trade-in deals on the purchase of another car.

Any loss occasioned by damage to a passenger automobile used for pleasure. This must be an actual loss to the person claiming exemption—if the loss has been compensated by insurance it is not deductible.

Any amount expended for personal injury damages that has not been compensated for by insurance is a deductible item—this is true, however, only if the car were being used for business at the time of the accident.

Any interest paid on money borrowed for the purchase of a car—including financing charges specifically covering the interest on the loan.

All operating and maintenance expense, including depreciation, on passenger cars used wholly for business—or on a pro-rata basis where used less than half the time for pleasure. This has been construed to cover insurance costs.

Motorists are warned by the association that the federal gasoline tax and federal taxes on new cars, lubricating oil, tires, tubes and accessories are considered by the department of internal revenue as manufacturer or distributor taxes and not as deductible consumers' taxes.

The amount paid for the purchase of an automobile for either business or pleasure has been ruled to be a capital expenditure and not deductible, but the depreciation incurred in its use for business is a deductible item as mentioned before.

Any employee receiving mileage or gas allowance can claim no exemption for automobile operation unless this allowance has been declared a part of his income.

ELEMENTARY, WATSON

SALT LAKE CITY (P)—One by one, three limbs were hacked from the cherry tree in William T. Reid's garden. Then the trunk was mutilated.

The depredations continued despite a watch by a police squad. The mystery finally reached the fish and game commission.

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DATE CHOSEN FOR ROUNDUP MEETING

LAKEVIEW—February 18 has been chosen as the date for the annual meeting of the Lakeview Roundup association, according to Gordon Barrie, president of the 1939 Lakeview show. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect new officers who will put on the 1940 show.

Gordon Barrie, who has served as president for the past two years, has not announced to date whether or not he will consider serving a third term. Under Barrie's management the show has prospered. Many new features have been added to the show including some of the best horses and riders from the rodeo circuit and the open range. A cash reserve of \$411.52 is on hand to be used to start the 1940 show.

HIGH-PRICED TOAST

BOSTON (P)—Convicted of stealing two loaves of bread—value 20 cents—John Richmond, 42, was fined \$25 by Judge Robert W. Frost.

Richmond paid it promptly, peeling the bills off a roll which police said contained \$219 in cash and \$50 in checks.

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