

Midland Empire News

Colorful Masonic Ritual Presented At Prisoner Rock

TULELAKE—Beneath a canopy of stars, more than 1500 Masons of the Pacific coast jurisdiction gathered in the natural amphitheater on top of Prisoner Rock south of here Saturday night to witness conferring of the third degree in Masonry by Silver Trowel lodge, No. 29, Phoenix, Ariz., upon its own candidate, Kenneth Eugene Meadows. In the mystic silence of the night, the ceremonial was climaxed by the impressive patriotic program offered by Dr. Roscoe L. Clark, past master of Provident lodge, Sacramento, and master of ceremonies.

Thirty-one states and Panama were represented, delegates being registered from Maine and Connecticut on the east, from many of the states of the middle west and the south and from every state in the Pacific coast jurisdiction.

As the sun sank behind the hills that rim the western horizon, fifteen hundred voices sang "America," fitting prelude to the impressive ceremony to follow.

During the degree ritual, the candidate was presented with an engraved silver trowel, gift of Canby Cross lodge, Tulelake.

Intermission, and soft lights in red, white and blue played across the rocky background of the hill to catch and hold Miss Lucille Ehorn, Sacramento, operatic soprano, who in doctored garments of some ancient Indian tribe, sang "Pale Moon" and "Land of the Sky Blue Water," her colorful voice echoing and re-echoing from the lava trimmed backdrop. Miss Ehorn was presented also by Dr. Clark at the initial Modoc degree ceremony held in 1938.

The stanzas of "God Bless America" were sung as a closing note by Robert Velland, Sacramento, with the assemblage singing the chorus. Mervyn Stone, Sacramento, at the ancient organ.

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brought by Forbestown lodge, accompanied both artists. As the final notes died away, the flag was presented at the altar by Colonel Nelson M. Holdeman, commandant at the Veterans' home at Yountville, Calif.

William B. Ogden, Los Angeles, grand master of California, was received by Charles Baldwin, Alturas, inspector for the seventh Masonic district and Ogden in turn introduced the grand lodge officers of Nevada and other western states.

Reception and entertainment committees were alert to meet every need of the hundreds who gathered for the ceremonial, planning visits to the Lava Beds national monument, to Medicine lake where the chamber of commerce picnic on Sunday attracted hundreds of guests and to Crater lake and other points of interest in northern California and southern Oregon.

Traps of the Tulelake-Butte Valley Sportsmen's association were open both Saturday and Sunday drawing a full quota of enthusiasts and farms in the basin drew the interest of the visitors also, many of whom were entertained in private homes.

With attendance more than gratifying and enthusiasm of the guests far above anticipation, it is probable that still another ceremony will be held here at some future time.

Guests were greeted by E. M. Mitchell, worshipful master of Canby Cross lodge.

A vote of appreciation is extended to the California Oregon Power company for assistance with lighting effects, to Fluhers bakery, Klamath Falls, for use of the microphone, to residents of the Klamath and Tulelake basins who offered accommodations to the guests, to C. Alex Clements, who presided over the microphone during the evening and to all members of committees who assisted.

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MERRILL LODGE CONFERS DEGREE

At a meeting of Merrill lodge, No. 187, of the IOOF, the first degree was conferred on one candidate and officers of the order were installed.

For the installation, Thomas P. Barry, D.D., D.G., was master, J. B. Kidwell, D.D.G., ward, Velton Haskins, D.D.G., secretary, and C. S. Davis, D.D.G., treasurer.

GRANGERS TO PICNIC AT MEDICINE LAKE

All county and subordinate granges of Siskiyou, Shasta, Trinity and Modoc counties, besides many others, are expected to be represented at a grange picnic at Medicine lake on August 3, 4 and 5.

The meeting place will be on clean pasture land at the lake's edge, 6000 feet above sea level, and near the famed Modoc lava beds.

State Grange Master George Sehlmeier and other state notables are expected. Many Oregon grangers will probably join in the outing.

GET TOGETHER CLUB HOLDS MEET IN MACDOEL

DORRIS—The Get Together club met Friday afternoon at the Goode home at MacDoel. Mrs. Raglund, Mrs. Hipe and Mrs. Stahl were the hostesses. A short business meeting was held early in the afternoon, then games were played. At the close of the affair refreshments were served.

Quite a few of the regular members were absent. Those who were present were Mrs. Bert Lang, Mrs. George Otto, Mrs. Elsie Ramsey, Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Al Humphrey, all from Dorris. From Tennant came Mrs. Fine, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Marshall.

The next meeting of the Get Together club will be held at Mrs. John Thackara's residence at Third and Butte streets, Dorris, with Mrs. Thackara, Mrs. Lang and Mrs. Otto as hostesses.

LAKE SPORTSMEN ASK ANTELOPE PERMIT EXTENSION

LAKEVIEW—The sportsmen of Lakeview have asked the game commission to issue 1000 antelope permits this year to extend the season from three to 10 days. The commission has been granting 500 permits a year for several years but has had very poor luck in disposing of them because of the season being restricted to three days. The animals have become so thick outside of the Hart Mountain refuge due to the failure to kill 500 a year that the community believes that the number of permits should be doubled and a longer season granted so that California sportsmen can be induced to take out licenses.

PALO ALTOANS ENTERTAINED IN DORRIS

DORRIS—This past week Mr. and Mrs. Alva Briggs of Sam's Neck, Mr. Franklin of Macdoel and Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Todorvic of Palo Alto were guests of the Ole Skoog family. During the evening moving pictures were enjoyed showing home pictures of Palo Alto, others of Vancouver, Wash., Boulder Dam and of Japan—all of which had been recently visited by Dr. Todorvic who had taken the pictures.

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WHALE FOOD MAY YIELD GLYCERIN

SEATTLE, July 16 (AP)—Whole oceans full of whale food may be turned into high explosives to aid the army and navy in defending the United States, if the federal government accepts results of a University of Washington zoologist's researches, made public here.

Prof. Trevor Kincaid announced he had perfected a process for obtaining glycerin, basic component of nitroglycerin, from the teeming sea animals called plankton.

They look like microscopic shrimp and are a principal article of diet for whales. Approximately 10 per cent of the dried weight of plankton is glycerin.

Whale oil provides much of the glycerin used in manufacturing high explosives, Kincaid said, but he predicted extinction of whales unless the rest of the world adopts the whaling conservation methods followed by Uncle Sam.

Kincaid's process eliminates

the waste from the national defense picture. Whales store the glycerin from plankton in their blubber. Kincaid goes direct to the barely visible plankton, and stores their glycerin in tanks ready for whatever ammunition emergency might arise.

Commercial fishing for plankton is practical, under his method (which he would reveal only to the United States armed forces as a patriotic duty), and awaits only the construction of a harvesting vessel, he said.

They abound in such uncountable infinitude that they change the color of large bodies of water, and they multiply so rapidly the supply never can become extinct, Kincaid said.

They could be harvested by passing the sea water through fine screens, just like the whales sieve them through their baleen, and could be dried, and the glycerin extracted, aboard ship, Kincaid added.

If the United States government decides to take a hand, a new industry may be born. And another scientist will be credited with patriotic service rendered without expectation of reward.

Calling all wives! Cheer up hubby!—Wieland