

Midland Empire News

SEVEN MILES OF DIKE WORK IS COMPLETED

TULELAKE—A crew of between 100 and 150 CCC enrollees from Camp Tulelake under the direction of Project Superintendent J. R. Blatch has completed seven miles of dike on the Lower Klamath lake biological project that when completed will provide 30,000 acres of nesting area for migratory waterfowl. Thirty-five miles of dike are to be built, the work being expected to take two years to complete.

Dikes range from five to eight feet in height and will be wide enough for one-way traffic for patrol duty. All surfaces to be used for traffic are to be graded with the water side of the dikes to be rip-rapped with rock. Eight units or lakes will be built, each to be constructed for individual flooding and drainage.

Equipment being used at present include two bulldozers, one

scraper, one elevating grader, three drag lines, nine dump trucks, three tractors and eight flat beds.

Water from the Tulelake pump will be pumped via tunnel into the area when construction is completed.

HAYDEN ADDRESSES TULELAKE ROTARY

TULELAKE—B. E. Hayden, superintendent of the Klamath reclamation project, was guest speaker at this week's meeting of the Rotary club and outlined future plans for the project, giving a comprehensive view of irrigation prospects for the entire Klamath and Tule lake basins.

The meeting was presided over by Floyd Boyd, and plans were mentioned for a big Christmas party to be held December 23 instead of on the regular meeting date which falls on Christmas day. Dick Moore will be chairman and gifts and a lot of fun will be in order.

"Hod" Eller, Klamath Falls, guest of the club who distributed a number of attractive calendars, was fined a whole dollar for "advertising." Minor fines went to a number of others who disregarded Rotary rules.

Dr. Wilbur Hayden and A. A. Rodenberger were appointed to work out plans for a community project to be carried out during the Christmas season and Clark Fesler was appointed a committee of one to promote interest in attendance at the district Rotary convention to be held in Sacramento next May.

Guests for the day were Mr. Eller, Hayden, Paul Landry, Dr. George Merryman, Lloyd Emery, Bill Dinsmore, Jack Martin, Wilson Wiley, Pat Patterson and Ed Boge, Klamath Falls, Fred Fisher, Malin, and Chester Fraley, Tulelake.

Pinehurst

PINEHURST—Mary Lou and Carmen Oliver of Klamath Falls spent the Thanksgiving holidays with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. DeCarlow and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sims motored to Bend Friday. They returned Sunday accompanied by Mrs. Sims' mother, Mrs. Mar, and brother, Forrest Mar, who will visit for several days.

Richard Allison, who has been a patient at the Community hospital in Ashland, returned to his home Monday.

Clarence Peterson and Edwin Wiley left Saturday for San Diego, Calif., with a load of Christmas trees.

J. E. Patterson returned to Berkeley, Calif., Monday after spending the past week at his home in Pinehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Cogswell are recovering from a siege of influenza and several others in the community are ill.

Several women of the neighborhood are taking turns in cooking and serving hot lunches for the north Pinehurst school.

Mrs. H. E. Miller and Wesley Peters of Ashland and Mrs. Bill Atfing and small daughter, Evelyn of Placerville, Calif., were dinner guests of relatives at Pinehurst Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Miller visited friends in Ashland Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Husted and children of Lincoln, were Thanksgiving dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. DeCarlow.

Mrs. Ella Hunter is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. H. E. Miller at Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. DeCarlow were transacting business in Medford and Ashland Wednesday.

That the death rate from tuberculosis in Oregon has dropped from 95 per 100,000 in 1915 to 29.8 in 1939, proves the efficacy of the health educational program led by Christmas seals.

TULELAKE SCHOOL TO PRESENT PLAY

TULELAKE—Two Indians, two desperate bank robbers, a sheriff and three pretty girls who came west to run a dude ranch complicate the scenes in the high school junior play to be presented Friday evening, December 6 in the high school gymnasium. The play, a three-act comedy called "The Mystery of Crazy Canyon Ranch" is being coached by Miss Doris Benson and Clair Elmore.

Members of the cast and the characters they represent include Marion Bond who plays Georgia; Nona Long, Jennifer; Evelyn Haas, Anne; Derwood Dahle, Peter; Raymond Porterfield, Jim; Dean Callas, Wild Eyed Willie; Harvard Bitter, Standing Cow; Wilona Jayne, Minnie; Jack Golden, Elijah; Edna Marie Griffith, Phoebe; Frances Rose, Miss Prim.

The curtain rises promptly at eight o'clock and tickets are being sold by the students at 35 cents for adults, 25 cents for students and 10 cents for children.

BIEBER MINISTER IN AUTO ACCIDENT

BIEBER—Rev. Arley D. Breckenridge of McArthur suffered a shoulder injury and a forehead cut and his wife and their five-year-old daughter were bruised, when their automobile was struck from the rear by a car driven by Charles A. Rickson of Chico Tuesday night on the state highway two miles east of McArthur. The Breckenridge sedan, containing also two younger children, was overturned, and both cars were badly damaged.

A motorist whose car was meeting the others when they collided, took the Breckenridges to Fall River Mills for doctoring. They later went home.

State Patrolman R. E. Cable said Breckenridge admitted his tailight was out.

Poe Valley

William Breighaupt and son Paul, are both on the sick list at present. Friends wish them a speedy recovery.

Francis Freuer is getting some fall plowing done this week.

Lucia Webber was a caller at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bessie Holzhausen, Saturday.

Curtis Hoyle was a caller at the Chet Barton ranch one day this week.

The Poe Valley club ladies held their meeting at the home of Mrs. Pete Holzhausen Tuesday.

A card party was held at the community hall Friday evening.

The Hill brothers drove some cattle through the valley to Merrill for feeding one day this week.

Wanda Croft is taking care of Gertrude Ross for a while.

B. Tucker bought a new car recently.

Lorenzo Holzhausen was a caller at the John Hope ranch Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Alturas were in the valley Monday on business. Their son and a granddaughter accompanied them.

Mr. Noonan is on the sick list with a bad attack of flu. Cubee Roberts is doing his chores for him.

Vic Brown and Bill Breighaupt are having their potatoes sorted for shipment this week.

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Writer Witnesses Greek Shelling of Italian 'Lost Army'

By JAN YINDRICH

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SOMEWHERE IN THE PINDUS MOUNTAINS NEAR THE GREEK-ALBANIAN FRONT

TIER, Nov. 29 (U.P.)—(By Telephone via Athens to Zurich)—

Remnants of the Italian "lost division" which filtered through the Pindus mountains at the beginning of the Greco-Italian war

in an attempt to capture the Grecian town of Metsovo were being shelled into surrender Tuesday night.

The roar of Greek mountain batteries under trees and bushes reverberated as they shelled this last batch of Italians resisting the Greeks on Greek soil.

I walked along the road over which Greek and Italian shells were being hurled at each other.

The crackle of machine-gun fire pierced the clear mountain air but the shooting came from the other side of the bush-covered mountain.

Between bursts of shell-fire, the bells on a flock of sheep tinkled merrily. A shepherd calmly watched his flock, unperturbed by the clouds of earth and smoke thrown up by the bursting shells.

Alongside of the road a soldier in a green tin hat approached an infantry officer with whom I talked. The soldier asked for a few men to help three Greek soldiers overseeing 86 Italian prisoners down the road—part of the remnants of the "lost division."

Three additional men soon were dispatched to herd in the prisoners who were headed by a wizened captain. He showed signs of shell-shock and carried a thin steel cane. He still had his revolver.

They all talked cheerfully and claimed they were Albanians although they were wearing the green Italian uniform.

I was told they all came down from their mountain positions and surrendered.

While the officers were being disarmed a group of about 200, who also claimed they were Albanians, came along the road, guarded by four Greeks nonchalantly carrying rifles over their shoulders.

With them came two Greeks carrying the body of a Greek officer on a stretcher. The body was covered with an old coat.

None of the prisoners spoke any language except Albanian, so I was unable to question them. They all looked cheerful and the officers shook my hand.

A toothless old peasant woman, clad in a black dress, her head covered with a white cloth, spat insults at the prisoners as they passed where she was perched high on the wooden saddle of a donkey.

I was told that Greek troops in this sector had drawn a horseshoe around the Italians, who, it was estimated, comprised two regiments of infantry with artillery. The fascists were resisting strongly as the rapid fire from the Greek batteries rattled at the Italian holding positions just on the other side of the same mountain on which the Greeks were stationed.

The Italians are shelling a village they evacuated Sunday in order to destroy an ammunition dump they left behind.

At 1 p. m. three Italian bombers flew over at great height, apparently seeking Greek batteries which were firing morning-long. For half an hour the planes circled around the red and brown mountains forming the Pindus range.

The planes were identical with the bombers I saw in Spain. I counted 50 bomb bursts as the planes circled lazily in the blue sky with anti-aircraft

shells bursting just behind their tails.

Clouds of thick black smoke rose 60 feet high from a neighboring mountain top.

I forded a stream and climbed a rock-strewn ravine and valley spotted with shell craters, littered with spent shell nose caps.

Occasionally there was the whine of a stray bullet.

It took me two hours to reach the former headquarters of the Italian 42nd regiment, which was hidden among the pine trees.

The Italian planes still were in the sky but now there were four and they still were dropping bombs which echoed in terrifying fashion through the valley.

A Greek artilleryman lay moaning on a blood-soaked stretcher under a tree, his right arm smashed by an Italian shell. His right ankle was covered by a bloody bandage.

An army doctor attempted to check the flow with bandages and administered morphine while the bombs still fell relentlessly around the neighboring hills but the doctor found time to warn me to take cover.

As I sat on a box of ammunition I smelled chloroform. The moaning gradually stopped.

Italian artillery continued to rumble over the mountains in reply to the quick-firing Greek guns.

Mules loaded with equipment approached and took cover under the pine trees, undisturbed by the bombardment.

For more than four hours I climbed the mountainside but the shelling continued.

As I left nine Italian planes flew overhead, making for their base in Albania after they had exhausted their bomb supply.

THE DRIVING SNOWS

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn. (P)—Cars driven by Elmer Snow of New Britain, and Walter Storm of Cambridge, Mass., collided head-on here after one of the machines skidded on pavement made slippery by the first snow-storm of the season.

Tuberculosis, a "catching" disease, is not quarantined in this country, as are other communicable diseases.

SEARS ARMY MEN RECEIVE BENEFITS

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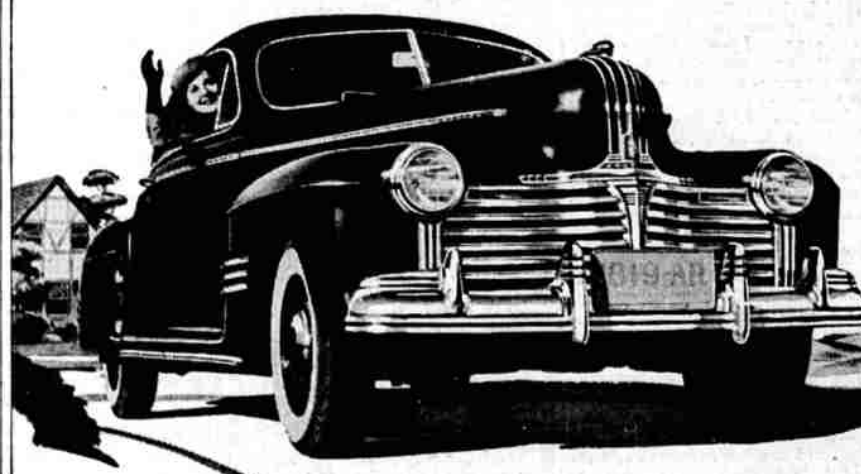
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