

Midland Empire News

MERRILL SETS GOAL FOR BIG YULE PROGRAM

MERRILL—A sack of treats from Santa for everyone in the Merrill community, big and little, is the goal of committees working on plans for the community Christmas tree highlighting of the annual school program that will usher in the holiday spirit in Merrill.

The big tree will be set in the high school gymnasium with Mrs. Claud Moreland as chairman of the decorating committee. With her corps of assistants Mrs. Moreland will put the finishing touches to the tree on Wednesday afternoon.

Representatives from the Grange, Library club, Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Altar society, Ladies' Aid, Loyal Order of Moose, Women of the Moose, Merrill post, American Legion, auxiliary, Service club, and Lost River Garden club are asked to meet in the home economics room of the high school at 1 p. m., December 18, to help fill sacks with candy and nuts. The central committee announces that 1000 sacks are to be filled.

Contributions have been generous with Calvin Haskins, R. L. Dalton, Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick and Percy Pierce on the committee which announces that if any organization or individual who would like to help swell the funds has been overlooked, that donations may be left either at the Dairy store or at Sanford's. Lieutenant Robert C. Upchurch turned over \$17 to the committee, contributions from enrollees of the Merrill CCC camp who have been invited to the program.

Chiloquin

CHILOQUIN — Mrs. Robert Francis left Thursday for Doris, Calif., where she plans to visit for a few days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. White.

A fire due to a faulty flue, at the F. G. Vandyske residence in West Chiloquin, caused several hundred dollars damage, Sunday evening. Mr. Wheat who occupies the house, was not at home at the time of the fire. Water and chemicals used in extinguishing the blaze caused considerable damage to furniture.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle DeFord of Seattle visited in Chiloquin last week at the home of DeFord's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Armstrong of Klamath Falls visited in Chiloquin last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lambo.

It is reported that Del Bond, popular butcher at the Geiner grocery will leave soon to take over his father's market in Coquille.

The ladies of the Altar society of the Mount Carmel church in Chiloquin will sponsor their annual turkey card party on Tuesday, December 17, in the local parish hall. A small admission charge will be asked and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The "C" club of Chiloquin high school presented its annual smoker Wednesday in the local high school gymnasium. The boxing events were as follows: main event of the evening, Ernie Courville, champion USS Tennessee vs. Bud Barkley; preliminary events, James Wright vs. Shorty Taylor; Jimmy Hicks vs. LeRoy Barkley; Joe Miller vs. Benny Angland; Red Freeze vs. Champ Ince; Robert Carson vs. Leo Minoto; Gaylord Hatcher vs. Kirk Hanlan; "Chief" Hather vs. Lionel Swindler. One wrestling match was also presented, Donald Gray vs. Harold Hatcher.

The yearly event has proved to be very popular both with the students and town people and a large crowd was in attendance.

Poe Valley

The wild geese which were very plentiful here for several weeks this fall have left for parts unknown since the beginning of the cold snap.

John Nork who is attending school in Salem will be home Friday, December 19 for a two weeks vacation.

Clarence Webber took his dog to Tulelake the last part of the week for medical attention.

A card party was held at the community hall here Thursday evening.

Mr. Reed was in the valley

the first part of the week checking on the soil conservation.

The Poe Valley people almost froze up here the last few nights. The thermometer registered zero Friday night the 13th.

A grain buyer was here from California one day this week.

Bert Voght is getting his barn singled. Pete Holzhauser is doing the work.

George Davis is trucking some potatoes to Olene for Vic Brown.

Neil Webber is also a little better at the present writing.

Our mailman had some car trouble here Thursday when the battery in his car went dead. He called for help.

FAVIL WEST HEADS TULELAKE 20-30

TULELAKE—Favil West was elected president of the Tulelake 20-30 club, in session Thursday night, with Vern Jensen to serve as vice president. John Urbach, secretary; John Mills, treasurer; and John Hamilton sergeant at arms. Installation is scheduled for soon after the first of the year. West succeeds Al Porter as president. New board members are Melvin Whitaker, Clarence Deious and Henry Fallers. The club will finance a theatre party at the Marcha theatre Christmas morning for underprivileged children of the Tulelake community with Santa Claus to appear with treats and toys.

A dinner and program is planned also when ladies of the members will be feted at the Tulelake hotel next Thursday night. The club is hauling wood from Dorris and offering it for sale to finance the Christmas activities.

SPRAGUE RIVER HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS MEETING

SPRAGUE RIVER — A special meeting of the Sprague River high school student body was held in the assembly Thursday, December 12.

The first order of business was the planning of an ice skating party for Sunday night, December 15. The party was to be held on the pond in the Sylvan Crume place.

The nominations for yell leader included the following: Ardeth Roff, William Wolford, Mary Lou Gage, Dolores Cody and Joanne Little. After a close election Mary Lou Gage was named yell leader for this year.

The adoption of the name "Warriors" for athletic teams took place. It was voted to have the emblem of an Indian chief above the name. The idea of the name "Warriors" is to be carried out at rallies at which the yell kings will dress in war dress regalia.

A new change was voted in the school colors from silver and blue to blue and gold.

The last order of business concerned the room Christmas program. It was voted to exchange names and buy presents not to exceed 35 cents in value.

DRIVER'S MEMORY BRINGS ARREST OF TRUCK DRIVER

BIEBER, Calif.—When P. T. Colman of Redding ran into rocks on the highway pavement and damaged his car, he remembered a truck he had seen stopped at that point on Big Valley Mountain the previous time he passed that way.

Colman told the highway police about it and State Patrolman R. E. Cable brought John V. Edwards of Nampa, Idaho, a truck driver, into court on Colman's complaint. Edwards pleaded guilty of leaving the rocks in the road and Justice W. B. Philiber of Bieber fined him \$2.50. Cable said Edwards agreed to pay for the damage.

Midland

Mrs. J. B. Burnett returned home Saturday from Willow Ranch, Calif., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Hickman and son Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Young and family have moved to the George Wilkin's home at Spring Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Molschenbacher are visiting friends and relatives in Roseburg, Ore.

Mrs. Laura Bunell visited with Mrs. Elizabeth Young Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry and family of Mt. Laki, spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Heavlin.

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CHRISTMAS EVENT SET WEDNESDAY

SPRAGUE RIVER — The annual Sprague River school Christmas program and treat will be given in the Sprague River gymnasium Wednesday night, December 18.

The program will consist of a short opera entitled, "The Charcoal Burner." This play was written by the children of the English classes and will feature the following pupils in the leading roles: Joe Martin as the father, Virginia Goddard as the mother, Velma Pool and Emil Lundgren as the children. The Christmas story will be unfurled with all of the favorite Christmas songs woven in.

Between the acts of the opera the toy orchestra will play, the glee club will sing, the choral readers will give the poem, "The Night Before Christmas," and Miss Florence Stone will play a violin solo.

Those in charge of the program are: Mrs. Forrest Monroe, Miss Marie Michels, music; Miss Grossman and Miss Stone, dramatics; Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Parks and Mrs. Hobbs, art and properties.

Following the program, treats of candy, oranges and nuts will be given to approximately 300 children. The treat is sponsored by the ladies auxiliary of the IEU. Money was donated by various organizations in the town.

ELKS CHRISTMAS PARTY SCHEDULED

LAKEVIEW — The annual Elks Christmas party for the children of Lake county will be held Sunday afternoon, December 22, at the high school auditorium. John Blair is in charge of the event, and a committee of Elks is assisting him in the filling of the hundreds of Christmas boxes which will contain candy, popcorn balls, peanuts and an orange.

The following program has been arranged for the enjoyment of the children and their parents:

"Christmas Fantasy," high school orchestra.

"Away in a Manger" and "Jingle Bells," third and fourth grades, North school.

Poem, "The Arrest," Leland Jacobs and Harry Angstead.

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "O, Come All Ye Faithful," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" and "Silent Night," Central school, seventh and eighth grades.

Violin solo, "Jingle Bells," Barbara Dunham.

"Up On the Housetop" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem," South school, third and fourth grades.

"Joy to the World," audience. Entrance of Santa Claus.

SKATING SEASON HITS LAKE COUNTY

LAKEVIEW—Old and young alike are enjoying the first ice skating of the season since the recent cold snap has frozen over the water in the ponds at Hunters hot springs. The cold spell came on so fast that the ice was frozen over quickly, leaving it as smooth as glass and without a ripple. Skating parties are the order of the day as well as night when skating is done by the light of huge bonfires built from old inner tubes. Approximately 200 were skating at one time last evening.

A New Jersey gal went to prison for insulting Old Glory. Not a bad idea: the bars and stripes for those who don't respect the Stars and Stripes.



WOODMEN DIDN'T SPARE THE TREES—The future looks gay and glittering for these trees—part of the Pacific Northwest's annual harvest of Christmas trees now under way—and Dec. 25 will find them bowed down with tinsel, candles and colored ornaments. This harvest was on the J. Hofert land near Shelton, Wash. Trees ship to all parts of U.S.

OFFICERS ELECTED BY OES AT MERRILL

MERRILL—Mrs. Florence De Merritt, Malin, was elected worthy matron of Prosperity chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, Thursday night, succeeding Mrs. Leota Trotman, Merrill.

Other elected officers who will be installed at a joint ceremony with the Masonic officers, Tuesday night, December 17, following a banquet in the basement of the Presbyterian church, Malin, include: Theodore A. DeMerritt, worthy patron, who succeeds Homer Heaton, Merrill; Mrs. Madge Carey, Merrill, associate matron; Joe Halousek, Malin, associate patron; Mrs. Margaret Harbison, Bonanza, conductress; Mrs. Hazel Kalina, Malin, associate conductress; Mrs. Thelma Stukel, Merrill, secretary; and Mrs. Ann Fruits, Merrill, treasurer. Appointive offices will be filled by the new matron.

Installation will be open. All reservations for the 6:30 turkey dinner to be served by the Helping Hand society must be made prior to the date to either Mrs. Trotman or to Mrs. DeMerritt.

SERVICE LEAGUE HEARS REPORT ON SPRAGUE BAZAAR

SPRAGUE RIVER — The bi-monthly meeting of the Women's Service league of Sprague River was held Thursday, December 12, at the home of Mrs. Joe Young.

The chief business of the day was a report of the success of the bazaar which was held December 7 in the gymnasium. A financial checkup showed that the profits will run in the neighborhood of \$75.

Plans for a branch library for Sprague River were discussed, resulting in the formation of a project to be carried out by the club.

Mrs. Ivan Pankey, president of the organization, acted as chairman. The following members were present: Mrs. Hedrick, Mrs. Paul Fuller, Mrs. Norman Wilcox, Mrs. Earl Atchinson, Mrs. Jack Martin, Mrs. Leonard Leiper, Mrs. Steve Crowe, Mrs. Ipe, Mrs. Jack Phifer, Mrs. Kenneth Newlun, Mrs. Riley, Mrs. Roland Parks, Mrs. C. H. Moore, Mrs. William Milliron, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Lee Hosely and the hostess, Mrs. Joe Young.

EDUCATIONAL JACKPOT OREGON, III., (P)—Oregon township schools benefitted from a slot machine raid.

Judge Philip Nye ordered that \$242.76 taken from the machines be placed in the Ogle county treasury, the money to be used for school expenses.

Extension Unit News

FORT KLAMATH

Fort Klamath extension unit met at the clubhouse under the leadership of Mrs. W. I. Howland and Mrs. Otto Leever. Luncheon consisted of several of the casserole dishes demonstrated under the topic of the day, "One Dish Meals."

Only seven members attended the meeting, the flu accounting for several absences. The unit would welcome other homemakers of Wood River valley, the next meeting being on January 9 and the subject being "Weight Control."

WATER BONDS FOR TULELAKE SIGNED

TULELAKE — Water bonds, signed from the printer were fresh Thursday night by Mayor E. L. Booth and Harold Roath, city clerk to be returned to attorneys of Orrick, Dahlquist, Ness and Herrington, bonding company of San Francisco and cash for payment of all indebtedness on the newly installed system will be available at once.

FIRST CITIZEN

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (P) — Ross McIntyre, food and produce company executive and retiring president of the chamber of commerce, is Portland's new first citizen. Selection of McIntyre as the city's outstanding citizen of 1940 was announced Saturday by the Portland Realty board.

BIEBER SCHOOL CLOSED BY FLU

BIEBER, Calif.—Bieber grammar school, which closed last Thursday because thirty of its pupils had influenza, failed to reopen Monday as scheduled, and was ordered to remain closed until Dec. 18. Principal Edison Lakey said the number of absentees had increased to 44, more than one-third of the total enrollment.

Bieber high school, which also closed Thursday, reopened Monday with only five students absent.

HUNGAR FENCER LOSES FIRST OF SEVEN HONOR DUELS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 16 (P) — Gen. Marton Lipcey, the Hungarian parliament's star fencer, lost the first of his seven duels Thursday to Hungarian Nazi opponents who feel he insulted the honor of their ideology.

Lipcey suffered a cut running from ear to mouth in four hard rounds with Ludwig Gruber. He will wait until the wound heals before taking on his next opponent.

CHILOQUIN WOMEN POSTPONE CANTATA

FORT KLAMATH—Owing to the fact that Fort Klamath grange holds its annual Christmas tree and program on Tuesday evening, the regular grange meeting night, the Christmas cantata, "The Christ Child," scheduled to be presented here by a group of Chiloquin women, has been postponed until the following evening, Wednesday, December 18, it is announced.

The cantata will start at eight o'clock, and will be given in the C. I. clubhouse. There will be no admission charge, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Increased British Activity In Mediterranean Held Sign Of Ample Reinforcements

By Rear Admiral Yates Sterling, Jr., U. S. N. (Retired)
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NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UP)—Great Britain's increased activity in the Mediterranean points to considerable reinforcements of naval and air forces in that area.

The blockade of the Dodecanese islands; the air help to Greece in throwing back the Italian invasion; the holding of the Italian fleet in its naval bases; the blockade of the Italian lines of communication across the Adriatic, and across the Mediterranean with Libya, thus cutting off the Libyan forces from needed supplies and reinforcements, are cases in point. This latter blockade was largely responsible for the recent success of British troops at Sidi Barrani.

In general, Britain's naval offensive in the closed sea points to a determination to end the war against Italy as soon as possible, even if the defense of England must suffer.

Italy has a large air force, large enough, it was thought, to overwhelm British air forces in the Mediterranean, yet the RAF seems not only to be holding its own, but taking the initiative against the enemy.

This must curtail RAF operations against air raiders over the British Isles.

But England is concentrating on the Mediterranean.

The most unusual thing in this war is the activity and success of the royal air force. It is claimed Germany has double or even greater the number of planes, leaving out Italy, which brings several thousand more; yet the RAF has enough planes to settle with the Italian air forces in the Mediterranean; to bomb the Italian forces in Africa; to fight the German air force over England, although this force has been sadly curtailed; to bomb German cities at night; and to raid the captured seaports of Europe from Norway to France.

The RAF between achievements elsewhere is guarding British commerce coming and going on the empire's service.

The British navy and air force are carrying on in all parts of the world. Morale is high. Both services are following the precepts of Admiral Nelson: "No captain can go far wrong if he puts his ship alongside that of an enemy."

STATE DECEMBER TRAFFIC DEATH TOLL SLUMPS

SALEM, Dec. 16 (P)—Oregon's traffic death toll of six during the first ten days of December was the lowest in four years, Secretary of State Earl Snell said Tuesday.

There were 16, 15 and 12 traffic victims in the similar periods of 1939, 1938 and 1937. December generally is the worst month for traffic accidents. The small number this year was the result of clear weather, Snell said.

FATALLY BURNED

PORTLAND, Dec. 16 (P) — Vernon Elsner, 38, was fatally burned yesterday after his bedding caught fire, the coroner's office reported. He apparently fell asleep while smoking, the report said.

WORLD'S COSTLIEST SUBWAY OPERATING

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 (UP)—The world's costliest transit line—with a maze of underground passageways which could be converted into the world's largest single bombing shelter—went into operation one minute after midnight Saturday.

The line is the two-and-a-quarter-mile Sixth avenue spur of the city's \$800,000,000 independent subway system. It cost \$59,650,000 to build and equip, approximately \$27,000,000 a mile, and presented engineering problems of a nature and complexity never before encountered.

The spur was built in 57 months without a cent of federal money and, despite unprecedented hazards, with only one fatality.

A feature of the new line is a nine-block underpass, which pedestrians may use without charge.

This 1300-foot tube, longest underground pedestrian lane in the city, will accommodate thousands in bad weather and would be invaluable in the event of air raids.

Anyone so inclined could exist indefinitely in the Sixth avenue line without ever emerging to the sun. Shops, restaurants, and eating places are numerous in the underground maze, and some 56 public telephones are available in the pedestrian tube and the various stations.

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Called "Snicker Doodle", this wonderfully delicious coffee cake is as pleasing to the appetite as it is easy to make. It's a tested and approved recipe from the famous Laboratory Products of Mutual Citrus Products Co., Anaheim, California.

SNICKER DOODLE

(Always use standard measuring cups and spoons. ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE LEVEL.) To measure flour, press firmly into measuring cup or spoon level off with spatula. To measure shortening, press firmly into measuring cup or spoon level off with spatula. Do not jar cup. To measure liquid, set cup on level surface. Fill to required mark.)

- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup butter or other shortening
- 1 cup milk
- 2 1/2 cups sifted flour
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 2 tablespoons M.C.P. Powdered Lemon Juice
- 1/4 cup currants
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon

1. Cream shortening and sugar.
2. Add egg, milk, and beat.
3. Sift flour, salt, soda, and Powdered Lemon Juice together 3 times, then pile lightly into cup; level off with spatula.
4. Mix well and add currants.
5. Pour into good sized shallow pan and cover with topping of 1/4 cup sugar and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon blended together.
6. Bake in moderate oven, 350 degrees, about 35 minutes.

M.C.P. Powdered Lemon Juice is available at grocers in 3-oz. cans (the juice of 6 lemons) at 2c each, and in the 8-oz. economy cans (the juice of 16 lemons) at 25c each.

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