

Midland Empire News

'SUCKER' PARTY HAS FISH MOTIF

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River Pinocchio club enjoyed a "sucker" party Sunday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Merrill.

The entire afternoon was carried out in the spirit of a fish atmosphere. After a pollack sea food dinner, the group enjoyed five tables of pinocle. Prizes consisted of five gold fish, canned sardines and fishing tackle. Mrs. Ivan Pankey won women's high prize, while Roland Parks took high for the men. Women's low went to Mrs. John Little and men's low to George Hobbs. There were a number of special prizes, which turned out in most cases to make a sucker out of the winner.

Those attending the social afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. John Little, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pasolt Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Pankey, Mr. and Mrs. George Hobbs, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Parks, Miss Marie Michels, Miss Mildred Shipman, Joe LaHoda, C. C. Heidrich Jr., A. L. Book, and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Merrill.

Southern Farm Life Told By Returned Travelers

SPRAGUE RIVER — Life in the southern states of Texas and Louisiana is undergoing a great change over the past few years, was the opinion of Reginald Brister, Sprague River high school junior, who returned Saturday from a 6700 mile trip to the southern states.

Reginald accompanied his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brister, his brother, James, and Leonard Isaac on the trip which included a month's visit with friends and relatives in Texas and Louisiana.

Very few farms are being cultivated, reported Brister. All of the farm hands are building army camps, are enlisted, or are working in oil fields or defense industries. One can travel for hundreds of miles and see only scattered farms under cultivation, where several years ago all were being tilled.

"The only farm being run in the agricultural vicinity of my grandparents, was a 400 acre farm operated by a trust bank. The 400 acres were sowed mostly in potatoes," stated the student.

Cotton is becoming a rare crop in many areas where it predominated in past years. Ex-farmers complain that the land

is worn out; cotton is too cheap and workers who will work for the low wages offered cannot be had.

The Bristers remarked that they were glad to be back to Oregon, which was about the best looking state they saw during their six weeks of travel.

MERRILL, MALIN SKITS PLANNED

MERRILL — March 26, in the Merrill high school gymnasium at 8 o'clock is the time set for Merrill and Malin to present their skits from which judges select one from each community to enter the county skit festival to be held in Klamath Falls Friday, March 28.

Groups entering numbers include the following: Tawanka Camp Fire group, Ladies Aid, Merrill Extension unit of home economics, the Keystone class of Merrill, the high school, and the grange from Malin, according to Ray Oehlerich, chairman of the Merrill-Malin section.

MERRILL FAMILY BACK FROM IDAHO

MERRILL — Mr. and Mrs. A. J. King and son Keith and daughter Marjorie returned Sunday, March 23, from a 10-day vacation trip to Twin Falls, Idaho, where they formerly lived and operated a farm for 13 years. The Kings spent some time in Nampa with King's parents, a sister in Boise and a brother in Twin Falls.

The return trip was extended on to the coast through the redwoods to Eureka, Calif., where they visited a few days with their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Yapple.

The Kings reported fine straight roads in good condition through Lakeview and Burns to Nampa, making the trip in excellent time. Mrs. King said they slowed down on the way home after passing a serious wreck on the Coast highway where a car had gone over a

high cliff with a sheer drop into the sea. A wrecking car was having difficulty in bringing in the car, she said.

STOLEN MUSKRAT PELTS LOCATED

TULELAKE — Muskrat pelts, 373 of them, part of 450 recently reported stolen from R. Woodman, and T. Skens of Tulelake, Calif., were discovered in the loft of the Tulelake high school shop, the early part of last week. FBI men and local authorities of the game refuge, investigating the case of the pelts stolen February 7 from the Woodman home, indicated that the skins were valued at nearly \$800.

JACK LONDON'S THE SEAWOLF
COMING—PINE TREE

YOUTH ESCAPES INJURY IN FIRE

TULELAKE — Aurel Hanchett, son of Mrs. Tom Newton of Tulelake, narrowly escaped serious injury when he attempted to drive a blazing truck from the potato cellar at the Newton home last Saturday night. The gasoline tank exploded, showering the youth with burning fragments and forcing him to abandon the truck. Fortunately he escaped with only a minor burn on the leg.

The fire then spread to the rafters and straw roofing of the cellar and resisted efforts of the

Tulelake fire department and neighbors to put it out until considerable damage was done to the cellar, and some potatoes remaining in the bins. The truck was a total loss. It was believed the fire started from a short in the wiring of the truck.



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TULELAKE PEOPLE PLANT 300 TREES

TULELAKE — Under the leadership of the Tulelake chamber of commerce over 300 Chinese and Siberian elm trees were planted along Modoc avenue Sunday, March 16. The trees were purchased from the Winema gardens and were planted under the supervision of Mrs. Almo Newton, owner of the gardens. At noon a lunch was served the workers at the Nichols cafe by Mrs. Nichols, assisted by members of the community.

Those assisting in the planting were: Al Porter, Barney Crumb, J. W. Carlisle, Tom Adduct, Faviel West, Howard Dickson, R. M. Prior, Tony Groppe, E. L. Booth, Johnny Cortez, A. A. Rodenberger, Virgil King, Rance Stover, R. Westvold, and K. E. Schueta.

Auxiliary Fetes Merrill Legion

MERRILL — The American Legion auxiliary women of the Merrill post entertained their husbands and other members of the Legion with a chicken dinner Tuesday evening, March 18, at the Legion hall, in honor of the 22nd anniversary of the American Legion. Pinocle and conversation provided the entertainment.

Mrs. Ernest Buck, president, and Mrs. Bob Dutton, secretary, registered for emergency defense all the auxiliary members present. Mrs. Elmer Stukel baked and presented a birthday cake to the Legion president, Ernest Buck.

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