

# Midland Empire News

## BLACKOUT IN MERRILL HITS RECORD PAGE

MERRILL — If the time element is any indication of the success of a blackout Merrill stands at the head of the ladder it is believed for speed. Called at 9:30 Sunday night by the whistle of the fire siren operated by Ben Faus, fire chief, every light in the main business blocks was out in two minutes. One or two lone lights on the outskirts of town remained on but the town was in total darkness in seven minutes. It is believed that the one or two who did not instantly comply were uninformed.

Co-ordination of the heads of the committee responsible for the success of the venture, first for Merrill was highly commended by others familiar with the need for cooperation. The public too came in for its share of praise since not a light flashed until the all-clear signal was given at 9:50 O. V. Reeves, chairman of the air raid precaution division and Ed Davis, chief of police were largely responsible for the smoothness with which the program was brought to conclusion.

The town is preparing for participation in the proposed county blackout and another trial blackout for Merrill alone is not anticipated in the near future.

### Weyerhaeuser

WEYERHAEUSER CAMP 4 — Mrs. Chester Hayes, the former Tillie Johnson and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Johnson who is with her husband in Honolulu planned to return with him to spend Christmas with her parents. This may be impossible, due to the war, unless they are already on their way.

Irvin Hagman of Quartz Mountain is spending the week at the Jerry Johnson home.

Jerry Bringle was serving on a submarine stationed at Panama and expected to spend a few weeks in the Virgin Islands the last word his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Bringle heard from him before hostilities began. Billy Bringle is at Hamilton field.

Carl Hollingworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hollingworth is at Nicholas field in the Philippines, and no word has been heard from him this week.

Sherman Wolfolk, brother of Mrs. Art Cooper has been employed recently on Midway Island, and has sent no direct word as to his safety.

George Frye is recovering from an operation at the Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Donahoe are parents of a new baby girl born in Ashland November 30. She has been named Patricia Lou.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Dietz of King Cole have named their son, who was born in Ashland several weeks ago, Robert Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gilmore and Mr. and Mrs. George A. McDonald of Klamath Falls spent Tuesday evening at the Karl Friedrich home.

Mrs. Vern Bue and children of Ashland spent Saturday at the W. M. Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Friedrich and children visited Sunday with Mrs. Friedrich's father, J. D. Hammond at Macdoel.

### Mt. Laki

MT. LAKI — The Henley grange will hold its regular meeting Wednesday night, December 17, at the grange hall. The new officers will be in their chairs.

Walter Enman will be chairman of the panel discussion.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Berry returned Thursday from their honeymoon at San Francisco.

Linda DeLap is improving from an attack of quinsy.

Charles Drew Sr., submitted to an operation last week at a Portland hospital.

Lieut. Karl Dehlinger, stationed at Fort Roberts, Calif., notified his parents last week he would leave any moment for service. Mrs. Dehlinger and daughters Sandra and Sharon will visit here and with her parents near Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles DeLap St. of Klamath Falls are making their home with their son, Charles DeLap Jr.

The Ladies Aid will meet Wednesday, December 17, at the home of Mrs. Wendell Walright in Klamath Falls. A Christmas gift exchange will be held.

## Youth Held on Concealed Weapon Charge in Dorris

DORRIS, Calif., Dec. 16 (AP) — Justice of the peace Les Chase said Kenneth L. Brockman, 23, was held in jail here Monday on a concealed weapons charge pending investigation by the FBI.

Chase said Brockman was arrested Saturday by state police, who found three concealed guns, blasting fuse, a photographic outfit and pictures of strategic northern California harbors in his automobile.

Brockman was sentenced by Chase to \$25 fine and 10 days in jail on the concealed weapons charge.

## STUDENTS TO GIVE YULETIDE OPERETTA

MERRILL — "Scrooge's Christmas Carol" an operetta, will be presented by students of the six grades of the elementary school on Thursday evening, December 18, when everyone in the Merrill community will be a guest at the big community Christmas tree in the high school gymnasium. Treats will be on hand for old and young and the old Christmas carols will be sung.

The operetta is being coached by Itay Oelerich, principal of the grade school, Mrs. Ella Loomis, Miss McVey and Miss Thorne. The Merrill Service club assisted by the Presbyterian church and other civic organizations is to be responsible for the treats.

School will be out Friday evening for the Christmas holiday, classes will be resumed on December 29 and students will be permitted a one-day holiday on New Years.

## Get Together Club Of Merrill Holds Christmas Dinner

DORRIS — Seventeen members of the Get Together club and seven guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Hodgeman's last Friday afternoon. After the dinner members and guests went to the Harry Young home on Fourth street for the business session and Christmas tree and brief program. Gifts were exchanged and the new members welcomed into the club.

Members present from Dorris were Mrs. Harry Young, Mrs. Elsie Ramsey, Mrs. Paul Goodwin, Mrs. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Al Humphrey, Mrs. Stahn, Mrs. Bert Lang, Mrs. John Thackara, Mrs. Lillie McDonald, and Mrs. Marshall; Mrs. Short and Mrs. Ott from Tulelake; Mrs. Raglund from Modoc Point; Mrs. Kandy and Mrs. Holmes from Klamath Falls; Mrs. Goode from Macdoel and Mrs. Parker from Tennant. The next meeting will be held January ninth at the home of Mrs. Goode in Macdoel.

## "Kid" Party Held By School Girls

LAKEVIEW — The Lakeview high school girls' league sponsored a "Kid" party at the high school auditorium Friday evening, December 12. Upper class girls dressed as boys and "dated" the under class girls, who dressed in gaiters and short dresses. The girls danced and played games. Many mothers and teachers were present.

### LAKE TEMPERATURES

The water at the bottom of all deep lakes in temperate regions remains permanently at 4 degrees Centigrade, or 39 1-5 degrees Fahrenheit.

## BIG VALLEY WITNESSES BLACKOUT

BIEBER — The greater part of Big valley, dependent on the REA-sponsored Surprise valley electrification corporation for light and power, was subjected to a surprise blackout for two hours Friday night when the current was shut off without warning.

The town of Lookout, the Zamboni lumber mill and dozens of ranches around Lookout and Bieber were plunged into darkness. The mill was stopped and A. Zamboni said its workers were endangered by the failure of power for pumping water to its boilers.

A farm center meeting was in progress in Punkin Center hall when the lights went out. Someone hunted up a lantern and the meeting proceeded.

The Surprise Valley corporation generates its electricity in a powerhouse at Alturas and has transmission lines extending in all directions from there.

Bieber and Nubieber were not blacked out; they get their current from the Pacific Gas and Electric company.

## Dorris Women's Club Holds Card Party Wednesday

DORRIS — The Dorris Federated Womans club held a very enjoyable benefit card party at the Community hall Wednesday evening with 12 tables of whist in session. At the close of the evening sandwiches and coffee were served by the committee in charge. The door prize of a turkey was won by Mrs. Frances Anderson. Ed Anderson won the high score prize for men and Mrs. Jack Ahrens the high score prize for the women. There were ties for both the men's low and the ladies' low but Mr. C. E. Motschenbacher drew the consolation for the men and Mrs. George Otto the consolation for the women.

Representatives of the Womans club appeared before the city council and asked for a new electric range for the community kitchen and were authorized to get one not costing over \$115.

## Waves Batter Wrecked Steamer

ASTORIA, Dec. 16 (AP) — Waves battered the wrecked Matson steamer Mauna Ala into the sands of Clatsop spit today.

Cracked into two pieces, the 480-foot vessel, which ran aground during a blackout Wednesday night, was settling noticeably. Observers estimated the bow had sunk 12 feet into the bottom.

The bow and stern had been washed 75 feet apart. Hundreds of beachcombers carried away cargo and parts of wreckage. Among the prizes were hundreds of Christmas trees.

## Nubieber Mill Closes Down

BIEBER — The associated lumber and box company's mill at Nubieber closed down for the winter Saturday night. It was stated at the mill office that the 1941 cut of lumber totaled 20,600,000 board feet and was larger than any previous year's output of the plant.

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## JAP PER CENT BIG IN WESTERN STATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16 (AP) — The three Pacific coast states of California, Oregon, and Washington contains 88.5 percent of the total Japanese population in the United States, according to 1940 census returns released by the department of commerce.

The mass of this Japanese population is concentrated in 16 counties within or near important industrial and shipping centers.

Furthermore, these 16 counties contain 93,200 Japanese or 73.4 percent of the nation's total. The percentage of alien or foreign-born Japanese in this limited area also is high, reaching 72 percent of the total foreign-born Japanese in the nation.

California has 93,717 Japanese, of whom 33,569 are foreign-born, this population is concentrated most heavily in Los Angeles county which has over one-third of the state's total with 36,866 Japanese, of whom 15,391 are aliens.

Oregon's Multnomah county holds more than half of the Japanese in that state with 2390, of whom 968 are aliens.

In Washington, King county has two-thirds of that state's Japanese population with 9863, of whom 3896 are foreign born. Pierce county is the only other Washington county with more than 500 alien Japanese.

## UNIVERSITY WOMEN MEET IN LAKEVIEW

LAKEVIEW — Christmas Around the World was the theme of the program at the regular monthly meeting of the American Association of University Women who met here Saturday noon at the Hot Springs hotel. President Miriam Gilbert presided.

A musical program composed of a Christmas cantata featuring the various Christmas carols around the world was presented by Mrs. Ralph Cole.

Those taking part were Mrs. Louise McConalogue who sang the Dutch Carol; Miss Betty June Rogers, the Chinese; Miss Evelyn Rogers, the French; Miss Marilee Wilson, the Norwegian; Mrs. Forrest Jones, Spanish; Mrs. Moore, English and Mrs. Ralph Cole the German. Following the musical program Miss Pearl Hall gave a very interesting talk on her recent trip into Mexico where she spent several months attending the Mexican university of Mexico City. The group will hold their next regular meeting on January 17.

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## Klamath Boy Scouts Collect Large Amount of Paper

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has been collected by Klamath Falls Boy Scouts in their current drive, Area Executive Gilchrist announced Monday. The campaign will continue indefinitely, Gilchrist said. He asked that anyone having waste

paper to give away to call the Boy Scout office at 6918. Scouts will pick up the paper on Saturday.

A carload will be shipped to Portland next week, the Scout leader disclosed.

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