

Midland Empire News

MERRILL HITS NEW HIGH ON DEFENSE BONDS

MERRILL — The sale of defense bonds was boosted this week to a new high according to reports released by Alonzo Hodges, Merrill postmaster, and Uel Dillard, manager of the Merrill branch, First National bank of Portland.

While Hodges has not totaled his sales for the past week his sales on Thursday totaled \$5025 including two \$50 bonds; six \$100; four \$500 and four \$1000, the total based on the sale price and not on the maturity value.

Dillard during the week sold eight \$25 bonds; eight \$50's; one \$100; four \$500 and two \$1000 bonds, a total of \$4700.

Sale of bonds has jumped materially since America's entry into the war.

Merrill Officer, Wife Slightly Hurt in Accident

MERRILL — Chief of Police and Mrs. Ed Davis, enroute to Klamath Falls Friday afternoon escaped with only minor injuries when their coupe capsized from the highway near the "S" curve at the Chinn ranch, crashed into a fence and backtracked into a deep barrow pit partly filled with water. Assisting motorists who saw the accident aided in removing the victims from the car which held both with their heads under water. It is reported that a truck pulled into the highway in front of the Davis car, which struck a soft shoulder. Several other accidents, two of them fatal, have occurred at almost the same spot in the past few weeks.

BONANZA COUNCIL PLANS BLACKOUTS

BONANZA — The Bonanza city council held a special meeting last Friday evening in order to get lined out in an effort to get blackout and other emergency precautions working in keeping with activities of the rest of the county.

This was the first meeting of the council since it was elected last April. Mayor William Becholdt being absent, the meeting was conducted by chairman of the council, Lloyd Beebe. In order to raise enough money to purchase a siren and have some fund to draw on for any expenses in connection with the defense program the council voted to raise the tax on the beer parlors to \$50. The tax for many years has been \$5 a year, and is the only tax imposed on any business by the town proper, leaving the town without any source of revenue except for some police and county revenue, and very little working emergency funds. Other plans were discussed to raise additional money if necessary. It was decided to send the local marshal, Dan Werner, to the police school for civilian defense in Medford in January.

Three more air raid wardens were appointed in addition to Bill Hartley, who was appointed by the county civilian defense officials. The others are Alva Maxwell, Dewey Horn and Moss Bertram.

WOMEN'S BRIDGE CLUB HOLDS MEET

SPRAGUE RIVER — The Sprague River Women's Bridge club met Thursday, December 18, at the home of Mrs. Will Zadow. Two tables of bridge were played with Mrs. Jack Williamson emerging with the prize for high score. After the bridge session refreshments were served to the following guests: Mrs. Curtis Heidrich, Mrs. C. A. Fuller, Mrs. Eileen Croly, Mrs. Jack Williamson, Mrs. Claude Masters, Mrs. Roland Parks, Mrs. Clarence Ough and the hostess, Mrs. Will Zadow.

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Annual Christmas Get-Together Held At Fort Klamath

FORT KLAMATH — The annual Christmas tree and entertainment given for the community was held Friday night in the CI clubhouse, when the hall was packed with a large crowd for the affair.

A very interesting program was presented by the local grade school children under the direction of their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Race, the latter being in charge of the musical numbers on the program. A Christmas cantata and tableau with special lighting effects was particularly well received.

At the close of the program, gifts were distributed from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree, and all present received a sack of candy, nuts and fruit.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice are planning to spend the holidays with relatives near Portland.

Fort Klamath

John Maben returned home Thursday from the Hillside hospital in Klamath Falls, where he has been a patient suffering from a siege of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palmer are parents of a baby daughter, born Tuesday night. The new arrival weighed eight pounds and has been named Alma Lee. Mrs. Palmer is the former Miss Adrienne Zumbur.

Ernest Rostel, formerly of Crater Lake national park, and now employed as a publicity agent by the Rocky Mountain national park, was the house guest on Thursday night of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Castel.

Miss Ruby Smith left Friday morning by car for her home in Gray's Harbor, Wash., where she will visit relatives for some time. Miss Smith is employed as cook by the Algoma Lumber company at their local hotel and is on vacation now from her duties. Local logging operations were shut down for the winter months last week, when a crew of men finished skidding the last lot of logs in the woods.

With the closing of the local hotel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whitney will again make their home there for the winter, when Whitney will act as caretaker during the shutdown of logging operations.

Blaine Brattain, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Brattain, arrived home this week to spend the Christmas and New Year vacations with his parents and brother Bob.

Mrs. Joe Taylor spent last weekend in Portland visiting with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida Wightmann.

The old high school building in Fort Klamath is being made over into a school gymnasium for the local grade school pupils, a crew of men sent out by the county school superintendent having nearly finished the work. The old gymnasium building previously used by the children had been condemned as unsafe, and as the old high school building on the same grounds has not been in use for several years since disbanding of the local high school, it was decided to repair and refinish the interior, converting the building into a gymnasium.

Bonanza

A cablegram was received from Clyde Wooten at Midway island, December 21, in which he stated all was still o. k. at the island.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bayne were the honor guests at a farewell party given by the Odd Fellows and Rebekahs at the IOOF hall last Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Bayne left Wednesday for Wyoming where Mr. Bayne's parents reside. They

solld their home here to Joe Dewey.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Bray recently bought the Gust Werner place from Joe Dewey who purchased it from the Werners some time ago.

All public meetings in town have been cancelled since the closing of school last Wednesday due to a case of scarlet fever in town. As far as can be learned no new cases have occurred. The special PTA Christmas program, the school program, the Junior Follies and the FFA dance were scheduled for the past week and were cancelled or postponed.

Mrs. Nellie Wood left for Oakland, Calif., last Tuesday after being ill at her home for the past two weeks. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Willis of Oakland arrived last Saturday to take her back with them. Her house has been rented to the E. V. Ayres family who expect to move in soon.

Miss Lois Becholdt arrived at her home from the university at Eugene Friday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Becholdt.

The Bonanza Woman's club held its annual Christmas party at the library last Tuesday evening with Mrs. Ruth Mulleneax and Mrs. Mabel Maxwell as hostesses.

Mrs. Taylor Host At Pinocle Club

FORT KLAMATH — Mrs. Joe Taylor was hostess to members of her pinocle club on Monday evening, when she entertained with a Christmas party at the Fort Klamath hotel. Following dinner at 7 o'clock, cards were played until a late hour, with Mrs. Roy Deffenbacher being awarded high score, Mrs. Duke Wilbur, second high, and Mrs. A. C. Gienger, the traveling prize, at the close of the game.

The Yuletide motif was carried out in table decorations, individual favors and card accessories.

Guests of Mrs. Taylor were: Mrs. William Page, Mrs. Orville Schroeder, Mrs. Roy Deffenbacher, all of Fort Klamath, and the following women from Chiloquino: Mrs. A. C. Gienger, Mrs. Duke Wilbur, Mrs. George Flury and Mrs. Benson Mitchell.

Tulelake

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith are parents of a seven-pound son, born December 18. Smith is associated with the biological survey headquarters here.

Teachers of the Tulelake elementary school left last week-end for various Pacific coast points to spend the Christmas holidays. Classes will be resumed January 5. Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Keefe plan to spend the period here. Mrs. Heberlein went to Sacramento, Frances Wilcox to San Jose, Marjorie Hackman to San Francisco, Patricia Ramsden to Oakland, and Mr. Kolbenson to San Francisco.

Jerome Keefe, whose brother, Lieut. James R. Keefe is commander of the navy mine sweeper Cockatoo in Pearl Harbor, heard this week that his brother suffered no injury in the Japanese raid of December 7. Lieut. Keefe with Mrs. Keefe and a small daughter live half way between Pearl Harbor and Hickam field probably were in the path of the bombers although the message made no mention of destruction in the immediate vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Merton J. Brown will have as guests on Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barkwell and Mr. and Mrs. Pat McGinley. Ardyce Brown plans to leave soon after Christmas for Berkeley where she will enter Armystrong's College of Business and Stanley Brown, only son of the Merton Browns, will leave about the same time for Seattle where he will accept employment in the Boeing aircraft factory.

Young Brown has returned to Tulelake recently from Los Angeles where he took six months training in the Douglas airplane plant.

Mr. and Mrs. Loeth S. Dunlap are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Lynn Keller, Mr. Keller and baby grandson near Los Angeles.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23 (P)—Canadian defense headquarters announced today that Brigadier J. K. Lawson, commander of the Canadian contingent taking part in the defense of Hongkong, had been killed and that Canadian casualties had been heavy.

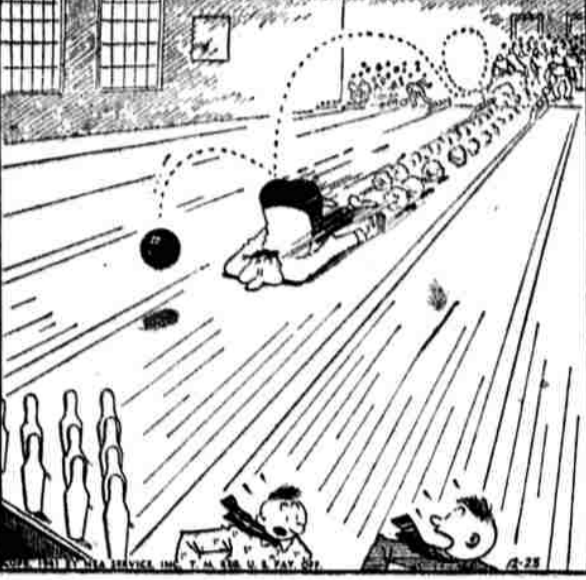
Also killed was Col. P. Henesy, one of Lawson's staff.

Lawson led his Canadians into the oriental outpost in mid-November to take part in the first real fighting Canadian forces have seen in this war.

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Navy Officers Tell Stories Of Hawaiian Plane Attacks

HONOLULU, Dec. 23 (AP)—Graphic first hand narratives of what happened at Pearl Harbor December 7 were told with dramatic coolness today by three naval officers who had leading parts in the titanic defense of giant warships against a sky full of Japanese planes that pounced on them suddenly "from out of nowhere."

These are some highlights of the stories they told:

Divebombers, contested only by anti-aircraft fire, pulled out of their dives as low as 300 feet and dropped bombs that ripped men's uniforms from their bodies with blasts that "swished like stiff wind through foliage."

Men shielded ammunition with their bodies when the heat from many fires became perilously intense.

During the early morning attack, a marine said to an officer: "Pull this piece of metal out of my back." It was a bomb splinter so hot the officer had to use a rag to remove it. The marine returned to his machine gun and remained on duty until late that afternoon.

One captain, horribly wounded, refused to leave the bridge of his ship and commanded the burning vessel until he died. Then the other officers who had remained with him swung hand over hand on a rope to another ship.

A lieutenant commander who took charge of his ship after the executive officer was knocked overboard by a blast, said, "we were just finishing breakfast at 7:55 when the alarm sounded over the loud speaker:

"Japanese planes are attacking us. To your battle stations."

"I went toward the bridge. The captain was just ahead of me. Very heavy explosions were soon shaking the ship and she started taking a list. Communications were disrupted and we established a messenger service.

"Bombs were coming down. The captain groaned and said, 'I've been hit.' He staggered a few seconds and dropped to his knees. I asked, 'where are you hit?' and he said, 'in the stomach.' I saw he was mortally wounded but sent for the pharmacists mate to give him first aid.

"By this time fires had broken out in various parts of the ship. I was concerned for the safety of the magazines and had some plugged and some flooded.

"Searching parties were organized and the wounded were put into small boats. Practically all of the wounded were taken off.

"I was anxious to get the captain to a hospital and got a stretcher and lincs. The captain emphatically refused. He said he wanted to stay where he was.

"There were huge oil fires on the water and it was a dangerous situation for surface ships.

"All this time the ship was subjected to aerial torpedoing, heavy dive bombing and also to high horizontal bombing and machine gun strafing.

Torpedoes Effective

"We were under constant attack until 9:15 in the morning. There must have been a total of 70 planes.

"The aerial torpedoes were most effective. The pilots came in very close—about 30 or 40 feet above the water—and were skillful. They didn't care much, just so they got their attack in, but I didn't see a single so-called

Pinocle Club Meets at Fort

FORT KLAMATH — Mrs. James Van Wormer entertained at her home on Wednesday with the regular weekly luncheon and afternoon of cards of her pinocle club.

Following luncheon served at 12:30, two tables of pinocle were in play during the afternoon, with Mrs. Spencer Radcliffe receiving high score, and Mrs. Fred Zumbur, second high, at the close of the game.

Present for the afternoon were: Mrs. Willard Beckman, Mrs. Tom Duche, Mrs. Orville Schroeder, Mrs. Fred Zumbur, Mrs. Spencer Radcliffe, and the hostess, Mrs. Van Wormer. The next meeting will be held after the holidays, on January 7, when Mrs. Beckman will entertain the group.

FIREMEN START TOY DELIVERIES

Firemen started the delivery of hundreds of dolls, doll buggies, wagons, tricycles and scores of miscellaneous toys early Monday morning and by Tuesday night felt they would complete their job of playing Santa Claus to needy children throughout the city and suburban areas.

Names of 375 boys and girls were on a long list prepared by the firemen and not a child was to be neglected. Last year the firemen distributed toys to 533 children. Names continued to come into the fire station late Tuesday and those in charge of toys said they would distribute toys as long as the supply held out.

Downey Favors Daylight Time For Conservation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (P)—Senator Downey (D-Calif.) wants nationwide daylight saving time for the protection of public welfare and the conservation of essential resources, and he has proposed that the senate put itself on record as of the same mind.

Senator McNary (R-Ore.), however, questioned whether a simple resolution of the nature Downey introduced was in itself enough to authorize setting clocks ahead an hour in each time zone, and whether actual legislation might be necessary.

For that reason, the senate minority leader objected to immediate consideration of Downey's resolution by which congress would "express approval of any steps by the president on the war department, acting under wartime powers, to change the time standard.

The Californian declared that both the president and the war department desired daylight saving time. The Pacific coast in particular, as an "arena of war," and the nation generally would benefit from the procedure. Downey argued, through the preservation of fuel and electric power and the reduction of after-dark accidents.

Funeral

SALEM, Dec. 23 (P)—County offices were closed from 1 to 3 p. m. today for the funeral of U. G. Boyer, who was county clerk from 1913 to 1941. He died Saturday.

'DAY OF PRAYER' ASKED BY F. D. R.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (UP)—President Roosevelt Monday designated New Year's day as a national "day of prayer" and asked Americans everywhere to entreat divine guidance for "a victory of liberty and peace."

He proclaimed that the nation is "confident in our devotion to country, in our love of freedom, in our inheritance of courage. "But," he said, "our strength, as the strength of all men everywhere, is of greater avail as God upholds us. . . .

"We need His guidance that this people may be humble in spirit, but strong in the conviction of the right; steadfast to endure sacrifices and brace to achieve a victory of liberty and peace."

"The new year of 1942 calls for the courage and the resolution of old and young to help win a world struggle in order that we may preserve all we hold dear," the president said.

He urged everyone to pause on New Year's day to observe it "as a day of prayer, of asking forgiveness for our shortcomings of the past, of consecration of the tasks of the present, of asking God's help in the days to come."

Highway Reports Available Despite Weather Data Curb

Oregon motorists will still be able to obtain accurate reports on road conditions despite wartime restrictions on the release of weather reports, the Oregon State Motor association reported this week.

The association said that present restrictions are directed primarily at current reports and data compilations. The weather bureau is authorized, however, to give warning of impending cold waves, and may announce maximum and minimum temperatures and precipitation exceeding one-tenth of an inch.

With winter conditions possible at higher elevations accurate road information is becoming more necessary to the motorist. The automobile club reports that it will continue to provide this service, as well as data on snow conditions at Oregon's popular winter sports areas for the benefit of ski enthusiasts.

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