

Midland Empire News

BLY HIGH SCHOOL PLANS GRADUATION

George Elliott, who is completing his fifth year as principal of the high school here, announces that the commencement exercises will be held Thursday evening, May 6.

This year's class numbers only four students, Martha Givan, who entered school here in 1936 from the Merrill school has been named valedictorian; Walter Patton, who came to this school from Keno in 1941 is salutatorian; Barbara Hall Lybrand, who has spent her entire 12 years of school here; Ruth Marie Coke, who came here in 1940 from Alpa, Calif.

There will be no guest speaker for the commencement exercises. The seniors will each give brief talks. Elliott will award the diplomas, awards, the Krog trophy for the outstanding basketball player of the year, and the Crane trophy to the student judged the most outstanding in citizenship. The class has chosen the American Beauty rose as their flower, and their motto "It Isn't the Gale, But the Set of the Sail, That Determines the Way You Go."

After some discussion and considerable delay the student body decided to put out an annual, and a staff was chosen by Mr. Elliott and work rushed through. The book is expected back in

Bly by May 1. The staff of the annual is as follows: Editor-in-chief, Martha Givan; assistant editor, Walter Patton; business manager, Lenora McMillan; sales manager, Wallace Ward; classes, Mary Boyton; boys' sports, Gordon Sykes; art, Shirley Harris; school activities, Marie Coke.

Martha Givan has served as student body president this year.

Merrill

Teachers of the Merrill schools were entertained at dinner and cards at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe LaHota Sunday evening, with places marked for Mr. and Mrs. Eber E. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunckley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Oehlerich and daughter, Mary Jane, Mrs. Grace Hughes, Mrs. Ora Burkes and Mrs. Frances Cannell.

The public is invited to a card party sponsored by the Girls Athletic association of the high school, to be held Friday evening, April 2, in the high school gymnasium. Play will begin at 8 o'clock and the 25 cent admission will cover refreshments also.

The Library club will meet Thursday afternoon, April 1, and no April foolin' in the club rooms. Subject for discussion is the "United Nations," and roll call will be answered with a current event.

Four families met Saturday night for an impromptu potluck supper at the E. A. McCollum home. The party, one of several, included Mr. and Mrs. Claud Moreland and Sharon, Mr. and

MALIN DOUBLES RED CROSS QUOTA

MALIN — Malin's Red Cross war fund quota of \$800 has been more than doubled, it was announced Wednesday by Mayor A. Kalina, chairman who has once again seen Malin folks put over a campaign with a bang. Few families or individuals were missed by the committee which stated, at a meeting held in the high school Wednesday morning for a final check up, that response was far more generous than anticipated. The final count was \$1255.

A few local residents contributed in Klamath Falls or Merrill or "we could have beaten that," the mayor stated.

Assisting Mr. Kalina were Mrs. T. A. DeMerritt, Mrs. John Ratliff, Joe LaClair and A. E. Street.

TRANSPORTS IMPORT

Many ships which take men and supplies from the U. S. to overseas points are bringing back shiploads of needed goods. Backhauls from Australia, New Zealand, South Pacific and North Africa already are yielding wool, hides, sausage casings, copra, copal gums, zinc concentrates, nickel, chromium, cork, manganese and other items.

Mrs. H. C. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. McCollum and Mr. and Mrs. Don Palmer.

UEL DILLARD RESIGNS FROM MERRILL BANK

MERRILL—Uel Dillard, manager since July, 1941, of the Merrill branch, First National Bank of Portland, announced his resignation Wednesday to become effective at once. Dillard has been in the employ of the bank since 1930 and only recently purchased the Dawson ranch in the Henley district. He will devote his entire time to his farming interests.

R. E. DeLap, affiliated with the same banking institution at The Dalles, where he served as assistant manager, has arrived to succeed Dillard. DeLap has been employed by The Dalles bank since 1931. Mrs. DeLap and two children will remain for the present with Mrs. DeLap's mother in Portland, planning to move to Merrill in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Dillard have made their home here for many years. Dillard has attended both elementary and high schools here. Mrs. Dillard has been actively associated with the Merrill Library club.

The arrival of James Merrillees of Medford was also announced. Merrillees succeeds Thomas W. Chatburn Jr., cashier, who left recently to enter the service.

Always read the classified ads.

Camp Director



Wes H. Klusmann, who arrived here Thursday morning for meetings with the local Boy Scout camping men, is national director of camping and activities for the Boy Scouts of America.

EDUCATION PAYS HARTFORD, Conn., (AP)—The state legislature's education committee has rather conclusive evidence that special classes for mentally handicapped children are benefitting those assigned to them.

State Education Commissioner Alonzo G. Grace told the committee: "Some of the pupils are now making more than the teachers."

I ask no more of life than to be able to see the miserably re-sounding fall of the vulgar, intentional fuhner of Berlin and of his whole bankrupt system.—Czech President Eduard Benes.

CAMP DIRECTOR OF BOY SCOUTS CONFERS HERE

Wes H. Klusmann, national director of camping and activities for the Boy Scouts of America, arrived in Klamath Falls this morning from San Jose, Calif., where he attended a conference of Pacific coast camp directors and government men to work out plans for this year's camp facilities.

While here, he will meet with the local Boy Scout camp committee headed by Arnold Gralapp, to discuss plans for this year's program. At Friday noon he will speak before the executive board at the Willard hotel.

Klusmann became national director of camping and activities of the Boy Scouts of America on July 1, 1941, following more than three years' service with the national office as assistant director of camping and activities and ten years professional experience in scouting with the Los Angeles area council where he served as director of camping and special events.

Klusmann specialized in social welfare studies at the University of Southern California. He was scoutmaster of Troop 125, Los Angeles, for two years. He served as boys' work director of the Church of All Nations in Los Angeles from 1921 to 1924 and for the next four years was ex-

Food Main Topic of Darwin Wissenback's Letter Home From German Prison Camp

"Boy! When I get home am I going to eat!"

Food was mentioned frequently in the two letters which have reached Mr. and Mrs. James Wissenback of Shady Pine from their son, Darwin, now a prisoner of war in Germany. This is one of the first, if not the first, letters received directly in Klamath Falls from a prison camp.

Darwin's first letter was written December 29, from Dulag Luft. In this letter he writes:

"I imagine by now you know I am a prisoner of war. Now don't worry about me, I'm well and we are treated pretty good, get enough food and have plenty of warm clothes. The Red Cross sees to that. I was shot down December 20 near Paris, France. I parachuted out and landed OK except for a couple of broken ribs and a shot in the arm. Oh! just a nick. It's practically well now. Ribs are a little sore yet, but they'll be all right soon."

"I may not be here long, I think you can get in touch with the Red Cross and find out where I am, then you can send me a package. I need a razor, toothbrush, toothpaste, socks, shirts and chocolate candy. I won't be able to write as often as I did as we are only allowed to write a limited amount. Sure hope I get a letter from you soon. Hope you had a nice Christmas

and I am wishing you a happy New Year. Love, Darwin."

In the second note, Darwin writes that he has been transferred to Stalag. "I am well and getting along OK. The Red Cross gives us clothes to wear. If you send me a clothing parcel, I could use some socks and a razor, towels, etc. Don't send anything expensive as it takes a long time for parcels to get here and chances are I might not get them. Above all I hope you send me some chocolate, cigarettes and things to eat. Boy! when I get home am I going to eat. When you don't get things to eat that you are used to having you sure do miss them."

"Don't know how long I will be at this camp. Hope not long. There are rumors that we might move to an American prison camp. Don't worry too much about me. I will write as often as I can. Write soon. Love, Darwin."

FOLLOW THE LEADER

NEW YORK, (AP)—When a Long Island railroad train turned up five minutes late, Motorman John J. Skelly said a small fox terrier with unusual sangfroid was to blame.

The dog on the tracks at the Rego park, Queens, station and trotted ahead of the creeping train for a mile and a half. Skelly blew the whistle a few times but became discouraged. The dog always barked back.

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